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SCHEDULES & SCOREBOARDS

NO. 17/16 MICHIGAN STATE (4-0, 2-0 B1G)

Sept. 3	at Northwestern (ESPN)	W, 38-21
Sept. 11	YOUNGSTOWN STATE (BTN)	W, 42-14
Sept. 18	at No. 24/RV Miami (ABC)	W, 38-17
Sept. 25	NEBRASKA (FS1)	W, 23-20 (OT)
Oct. 2	WESTERN KENTUCKY (BTN) (HC)	7:40 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Rutgers (BTN)	12 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Indiana	12 p.m.
Oct. 30	MICHIGAN	TBA
Nov. 6	at Purdue	TBA
Nov. 13	MARYLAND	TBA
Nov. 20	at Ohio State	TBA
Nov. 27	PENN STATE	TBA

WESTERN KENTUCKY (1-2, 0-0 C-USA)

Sept. 2	UT MARTIN	W, 59-21
Sept. 11	at Army	L, 35-38
Sept. 25	INDIANA	L, 31-33
Oct. 2	at No. 17/16 Michigan State	7:40 p.m.
Oct. 9	UTSA	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Old Dominion	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	at FIU	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	CHARLOTTE	4 p.m.
Nov. 6	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	at Rice	2 p.m.
Nov. 20	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	12 p.m.
Nov. 27	at Marshall	3:30 p.m.

• All times listed – Eastern. Rankings – AP/Coaches

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TV: Big Ten Network
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 Sideline: Michelle McMahon



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GAME NO. 17/16 MICHIGAN STATE (4-0, 2-0 B1G) 5 VS. WESTERN KENTUCKY (1-2, 0-0 C-USA)

Date.....	Saturday, Oct. 2
Kickoff	7:40 p.m. EDT
Location.....	East Lansing, Mich.
Stadium	Spartan Stadium (74,866)
Surface	Natural Grass
TV	Big Ten Network
Mobile	FOX Sports app
Live Stats.....	msuspartans.com
Tickets	msuspartans.com
Promotions/Events.....	Homecoming
All-Time Series.....	First meeting



Head Coach
 Mel Tucker
MSU Record
 6-5 (second year)
Overall Record
 11-12 (third year)
Record vs. WKU
 0-0



Head Coach
 Tyson Helton
Western Kentucky Record
 15-13 (third year)
Overall Record
 15-13 (third year)
Record vs. MSU
 0-0

FIRST-AND-10 –

• Michigan State welcomes Western Kentucky for Homecoming in the first-ever meeting between the two schools on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7:40 p.m. in Spartan Stadium. The Spartans improved to 4-0 and 2-0 in Big Ten play with a 23-20 overtime win against Nebraska last Saturday and moved up to No. 16 in the USA TODAY/AFCA Coaches Poll and No. 17 in the AP Poll. Western Kentucky (1-2) lost a hard-fought game to Indiana, 33-31, last Saturday night. The game will be televised on the Big Ten Network.

• After a year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Homecoming returns to the Michigan State campus this week. This year's Homecoming theme, "Spartans Journey Together," highlights and recognizes Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee as the 2021 Grand Marshal. Ross-Lee, class of 1973, was the first African American female dean of a U.S. medical school and the first osteopathic physician to hold a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship. This year's Homecoming Parade begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1. The parade starts at the Hannah Community Center, travels down Abbot to Grand River and into campus at the Farm Lane entrance. For more information, please visit homecoming.msu.edu.

• Dating back to 1915, this year marks the 105th Homecoming game for Michigan State. The only years Homecoming games were not held since 1915 were 1943 and 2020. MSU is 68-33-3 (.678) in 104 previous Homecoming games.

• Saturday marks the 25th night game in Spartan Stadium history. With the win over Nebraska, Michigan State improved to 17-7 in night games in East Lansing. MSU's first-ever night game in Spartan Stadium was a 27-13 win over USC to open the 1987 season. For only the second time in school history, Michigan State will play night games in back-to-back weeks at Spartan Stadium (2019, Tulsa and Western Michigan).

• Redshirt junior wide receiver Jayden Reed was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week by conference office announced on Monday. He was also recognized on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll for the second time this season (Week 2 vs. Youngstown State). With MSU trailing 20-13 to Nebraska late in the fourth quarter, Reed returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the game with 3:47 remaining, setting the stage for an overtime win over the Huskers. It marked MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since Nov. 26, 2011 (Keshawn Martin 57 yards at Northwestern). Reed finished the game with 192 all-purpose yards (69 kick return, 62 punt return, 59 receiving, 2 rushing). His 41-yard kick return in the second quarter set up an MSU field goal. He also hauled in four passes for 59 yards, including a 35-yard TD catch from Payton Thorne in the second quarter. Reed ranks second in the Big Ten and ninth in the FBS in all-purpose yards, averaging 146.3 per game. He also is tied for the conference lead with four touchdown catches and ranks among the league leaders in receiving yards (fifth with 84.0 ypg; 336 total) and receptions (17th with 4.0 rpg; 16 total).



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

WEEKLY MEDIA PLANNER

Monday, Sept. 27	Tuesday, Sept. 28	Wednesday, Sept. 29	Thursday, Sept. 30	Friday, Oct. 1	Saturday, Oct. 2	Sunday, Oct. 3
5:30 p.m. Spartan All-Access TV show debuts on FOX Sports Detroit.	Game notes available at msuspartans.com. 12:30 p.m. Mel Tucker's weekly press conference. Audio available on msuspartans. com and Michigan State Spartans official app.	11:15 a.m. Players and assistant coaches available for interviews at Duffy Daugherty Football Building.	7-8 p.m. Mel Tucker radio show on Spartan Media Network and msuspartans.com. 	No media availability.	7:40 p.m. Kickoff vs. Western Kentucky (TV: Big Ten Network/ Radio: Spartan Media Network) MSU head coach Mel Tucker and players available in post-game press conference. 	Off day.

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2021 SEASON

All requests for working press, photo and broadcast credentials for Michigan State's 2021 home football games should be submitted online. Please contact athletic communications office assistant Paulette Martis at (517) 355-2271 for the website. Upon acceptance of application, MSU game day policies and protocols for the 2021 season will be emailed to those individuals.

In accordance with Michigan State University health directives, the following COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place in Spartan Stadium:

- All individuals are required to wear masks indoors in all Michigan State campus buildings. With this policy in place, face coverings must be worn by everyone in attendance when in an indoor area of Spartan Stadium, unless actively eating or drinking.
- The indoor face covering requirement includes, but is not limited to, the concourse of Spartan Stadium, restrooms, elevators, indoor suite and club areas and the press box.
- Face coverings will not be required but are encouraged in the outdoor seating bowl of Spartan Stadium.
- For the safety of guests and staff, working staff will be required to wear a mask in all indoor areas of Spartan Stadium.

These policies are in place to provide the safest possible environment for student-athletes, staff and media members in Spartan Stadium. The MSU Athletic Communications office will update media members throughout the season on any changes in protocols.

POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES

Post-game interviews will take place in person in the north end zone media center. There are two interview rooms in the media center, one for Michigan State and the other for the visiting team.

WORKING CREDENTIALS

Priority for the issuance of credentials will be given to daily print/digital media outlets and radio and television stations which cover MSU football on a regular basis. Upon acceptance of application, appropriate credentials will be either mailed or held for pickup at media will-call, located at Gate F on the west side of Spartan Stadium. The media gate will open three hours prior to kickoff. Members of the media picking up credentials at media will-call will be required to provide photo identification and the name must match the one listed on the credential. Working press tickets contain specific seat locations.

GAME NOTES/POST-GAME MATERIALS

Upon request, a final statistics book, quotes and notes can be e-mailed to media members approximately 90 minutes after the conclusion of the game. To be added to the list, please e-mail football contact Ben Phlegar at phlegarb@ath.msu.edu. In addition, statistics, game notes and quotes will be posted on msuspartans.com after the game.

TUESDAY: WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

A weekly press conference with MSU head coach Mel Tucker will be held each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. during the season.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Outside the weekly press conference, interviews during the week with head coach Mel Tucker or any Spartan players should be arranged through the MSU Athletic Communications Department. All player interviews should be completed by Wednesday. Please contact the MSU Athletic Communications Department for all player interview requests at least 24 hours in advance.

RESOURCES/PROGRAMMING

MSUSPARTANS.COM

The official website of Michigan State Athletics, msuspartans.com, is the most complete source of information on the Spartans, featuring news releases, schedules, rosters, bios, statistics, game notes, photos, videos, archives and more. A weekly football release is posted to the website every Tuesday prior to Mel Tucker's weekly press conference. A complete video from the weekly press conference is available on the website Tuesday afternoon. Additional quotes from players and coaches are available throughout the week on the football page. Each game day, the website will have stats, quotes and notes following the conclusion of the game. Live audio from the Mel Tucker Show and every football game is also available on the website.

SPARTAN VIDEO GOOGLE DRIVE UPDATES

Links to download footage for broadcast television use only will be emailed when footage is made available. For questions or to be added to the list, please contact Ben Phlegar.

SPARTAN MEDIA NETWORK

The Spartan Media Network is the largest and most expansive radio network in the State of Michigan and extends its programming nationally and worldwide via partnerships with SiriusXM and TuneIn radio. Long-term extensions were announced in August 2020 with the three flagship stations that anchor the network: Detroit's WJR 760-AM, Lansing's WVFN 730/WJIM 1240-AM and 94.9 WMMQ-FM.

MEL TUCKER SHOW: THURSDAYS FROM 7-8 P.M.

The Spartan Media Network produces and distributes Mel Tucker's weekly radio program Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. ET. Spartan play-by-play announcer George Blaha hosts this live show, featuring insight from Coach Tucker, special guests, features and phone calls. The Mel Tucker Show can be heard statewide as well as locally on flagship station WJIM Radio (AM 1240) and WMMQ (FM 94.9) and on msuspartans.com.

SPARTAN ALL-ACCESS

Spartan All-Access, presented by Buick, is a sports docu-series providing an exclusive look into Michigan State Athletics, its student-athletes, coaches and the people that make the Michigan State Athletics family what it is. The series airs on FOX Sports Detroit on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. from Aug. 30 through April. The show is also available on YouTube at MSUSpartanAthletics and at msuspartans.com. The show is produced by the Emmy award-winning Spartan Vision team.



Kenneth Walker III leads the FBS in rushing, averaging 138.5 yards per game. According to Pro Football Focus, he also ranks first in yards after contact (427) and tied for first with 16 rushes of 10-plus yards. Walker is averaging 165.7 rushing yards per game against FBS opponents this season.

- Junior running back Kenneth Walker III, a transfer from Wake Forest, is having a dynamic start to the season. Walker leads the FBS in rushing (554 yards; 138.5 ypg) and also ranks third in all-purpose yards (142.3 ypg), fourth in yards per carry (7.3) and scoring (9.0 ppg) and fifth in rushing TDs (5). According to Pro Football Focus, Walker leads the country in rushing yards after contact (427) and ranks tied for first in the FBS with 16 rushes of 10-plus yards. He had a record-setting debut as a Spartan, rushing for a career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in school history – while scoring a career-high four touchdowns to lead the Spartans past Northwestern on Sept. 3. It marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White and the second most by a player in the FBS this season. Walker became just the second Spartan to record more than 250 rushing yards and four touchdowns in the same game (Eric Allen, school-record 350 yards and four TDs vs. Purdue on Oct. 30, 1971). Walker was back at it in the victory at Miami, compiling 172 yards on the ground on 27 carries (6.4 avg.) while also catching three passes for 17 yards, including his first career TD reception on a 7-yard screen pass in the second quarter. Walker is averaging 165.7 rushing yards per game against FBS opponents this season (264 vs. Northwestern; 172 vs. Miami; 61 vs. Nebraska).

- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne leads the Big Ten with 10 touchdown passes and also ranks among the league leaders in passing efficiency (third with 169.4 rating) and passing yards (fifth with 227.2 ypg). He has completed 62.0 percent of his passes (62-of-100) for 909 yards and 10 TDs against just one interception. The Naperville, Illinois, product was named the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week and the Manning Award National Quarterback of the Week for his performance in the win at No. 24 Miami in Week 3. He became just the second Spartan quarterback in school history, joining Connor Cook, to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games during MSU's 38-17 victory against the Hurricanes at Hard Rock Stadium. Thorne also threw for a career-high four TDs in the Week 2 win over Youngstown State, and matched that effort against the Hurricanes by completing 18-of-31 passes for 261 yards and four more touchdowns. Cook threw for four TDs in consecutive games against Indiana and Nebraska in 2015.

- Although the Spartans were held to season offensive lows against Nebraska, Michigan State still ranks among the national leaders offensively. The Spartans are fourth in the Big Ten and 30th in the FBS in scoring offense (35.2 ppg), third in the league and 22nd nationally in rushing offense (215.5 ypg), and fifth in the conference and 34th overall in total offense (453.5 ypg).

- Fifth-year graduate senior Jacub Panasiuk was named the Pro Football Focus National Defensive Player of the Week after a career game vs. Nebraska. Panasiuk had a career-high two sacks, including a strip sack in the fourth quarter, and had seven tackles overall against the Huskers. He leads the Spartans with five tackles for loss this season (23 yards).

- Fifth-year senior Bryce Baringer averaged 58.8 yards per punt (six punts for 353 yards) vs. Nebraska, the second-highest single-game punting average in Big Ten history. Only former Spartan All-American punter Mike Sadler had a higher single-game punting average in the history of the Big Ten (minimum four punts; 59.2 avg. vs. Indiana on Oct. 12, 2013; four punts for 237 yards). Prior to the game, Michigan State and Nebraska honored the memories of Sadler and 2015 Big Ten Punter of the Year Sam Foltz. Sadler and Sam Foltz were both tragically killed in a car accident on July 23, 2016, while working a kicking camp near Waukesha, Wisconsin. It marked the first time Nebraska had played in East Lansing since the tragic accident.

MICHIGAN STATE QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: East Lansing, Mich.
Enrollment: 49,695 (fall 2020)
Conference: Big Ten (East Division)
Nickname: Spartans
Colors: Green and White
President: Samuel L. Stanley Jr.
Athletics Director: Alan Haller
Stadium (Capacity): Spartan Stadium (74,866)
Surface: Natural Grass
Press Box Number: 517-353-0630

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:
Mel Tucker (Wisconsin, 1995)
Record at MSU: 6-5 (second season)
Career Record: 11-12 (third season)
Twitter: @Coach_mtucker
Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator: Chris Kapilovic (second year; Missouri State, 1990)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks:
Jay Johnson (second year; Northern Iowa, 1992)
Secchia Family Defensive Coordinator:
Scottie Hazelton (second year; Fort Lewis College, 1997)
Secondary:
Harlon Barnett (13th year overall at MSU; Michigan State, 1990)
Defensive Line:
Ron Burton (ninth year; North Carolina, 1987)
Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers:
Ross Els (second year; Nebraska-Omaha, 1988)
Tight Ends:
Ted Gilmore (second year; Wyoming, 1991)
Wide Receivers:
Courtney Hawkins (second year; Michigan State)
Running Backs:
William Peagler (second year; Clemson, 2010)
Cornerbacks:
Travares Tillman (first year; Georgia Tech, 2010)

FOOTBALL HISTORY

All-Time Record: 714-470-44 (.599)
First Season of Football: 1896
Bowl Games: 29 (13-16)
National Championships: 6 (1951, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1965, 1966)
Big Ten Championships: 9 (1953, 1965, 1966, 1978, 1987, 1990, 2010, 2013, 2015)
Big Ten Division Championships: 3 (2011, 2013, 2015)
College Football Playoff appearances: 1 (2015)



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

AROUND THE BIG TEN

2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS				
	Conf. Games		All Games	
East Division				
Michigan State	2-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
Maryland	1-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
Michigan	1-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
Penn State	1-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
Ohio State	1-0	1.000	3-1	.750
Rutgers	0-1	.000	3-1	.750
Indiana	0-1	.000	2-2	.500
West Division				
Iowa	1-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
Purdue	1-0	1.000	3-1	.350
Illinois	1-2	.333	1-4	.200
Minnesota	0-1	.000	2-2	.500
Wisconsin	0-1	.000	1-2	.333
Northwestern	0-1	.000	2-2	.500
Nebraska	0-2	.000	2-3	.400



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 1

Iowa at Maryland, 8 p.m. (FS1)

Saturday, Oct. 2

Minnesota at Purdue, 12 p.m. (BTN)

Michigan at Wisconsin 12 p.m. (FOX)

Charlotte at Illinois, 12 p.m. (BTN)

Ohio State at Rutgers, 3:30 p.m. (BTN)

Indiana at Penn State, 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Western Kentucky at Michigan State, 7:30 p.m. (BTN)

Northwestern at Nebraska, 7:30 p.m. (BTN)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, Sept. 25

Bowling Green 14, Minnesota 10

Penn State 38, Villanova 17

Northwestern 35, Ohio 6

Notre Dame 41, Wisconsin 13

Purdue 13, Illinois 9

Maryland 37, Kent State 16

Michigan 20, Rutgers 13

Michigan State 23, Nebraska 20 (OT)

Ohio State 59, Akron 7

Indiana 33, Western Kentucky 31



MICHIGAN STATE-WESTERN KENTUCKY SERIES: NOTES AND STATISTICS

STAT COMPARISON (CONFERENCE RANK, FBS RANK) –

	Michigan State	Western Kentucky
Scoring Offense	35.2 (4/38)	41.7 (1/14)
Total Offense	453.5 (5/34)	507.3 (2/14)
Rushing Offense	215.5 (3/21)	81.3 (13/121)
Passing Offense	238.0 (6/61)	426.0 (1/2)
Time of Possession	25:43 (14/124)	22:46 (14/130)
Third Down Conversions	.348 (13/98)	.577 (1/3)
Red Zone Offense	.944 (1/15)	1.000 (1/1)
Sacks Allowed	2.00 (7/63)	1.33 (4/29)
Scoring Defense	18.0 (8/33)	30.7 (11/104)
Total Defense	396.5 (11/82)	439.7 (11/109)
Rushing Defense	132.5 (9/59)	224.7 (11/120)
Passing Defense	264.0 (13/107)	215.0 (7/62)
Third Down Conversions Defense	.390 (12/75)	.600 (14/129)
Red Zone Defense	.769 (5/44)	.857 (10/80)
Sacks	4.00 (1/5)	1.67 (11/96)
Turnover Margin	1.00 (4/20)	0.33 (6/52)
Fewest Penalty Yards	57.5 (12/74)	49.3 (4/45)

STAT LEADERS–

Michigan State:

Rushing – Jr. Kenneth Walker III (76 carries for 554 yards, 7.3 avg., 5 TDs)

Passing – R-So. Payton Thorne (62-of-100, .620, 909 yards, 10 TDs, 1 INT)

Receiving – R-Jr. Jayden Reed (16 catches for 336 yards, 21.0 avg., 4 TDs)

Tackles – Sr. S Xavier Henderson (42 tackles, 27 solo, 15 assists, 4 TFLs, 2 sacks, 1 INT, 1 PBU)

Western Kentucky:

Rushing – Gr. Adam Cofield (23 carries for 82 yards, 3.6 avg., 2 TDs)

Passing – Gr. Bailey Zappe (87-of-119, .731, 1,224 yards, 13 TDs, 2 INTs)

Receiving – Jr. Jerreth Sterns (23 receptions for 360 yards, 15.7 avg., 4 TDs)

Tackles – Sr. DB Antwon Kincade (26 tackles)



Michigan State's Jayden Reed was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week after accounting for 192 all-purpose yards in the overtime win against Nebraska, including a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown. Reed is tied for the Big Ten lead with four TD catches and leads the Spartans with 16 catches for 336 yards.

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



MSU/WESTERN KENTUCKY SERIES NOTES –

- Saturday marks the first-ever meeting between Michigan State and Western Kentucky.

A QUICK GLANCE AT WESTERN KENTUCKY (1-2, 0-0 C-USA) –

• The Hilltoppers tote a 1-2 overall record into Saturday's MSU Homecoming game at Spartan Stadium. A member of Conference USA, Western Kentucky is playing its second straight Big Ten opponent after WKU hosted Indiana last week, coming up short in a 33-31 loss to the Hoosiers. Western Kentucky opened the season with a 59-21 win over UT Martin on Sept. 2, before a 38-35 loss at Army on Sept. 11. The Hilltoppers had a bye week on Sept. 18 ahead of the Indiana contest on Sept. 25.

• Last time out, Indiana opened a 14-0 lead and had a 20-7 lead late in the second quarter, before WKU closed to 20-14 with 55 seconds before half, but IU kicked a field goal as the first half time expired to take a 23-14 lead into intermission. WKU got within 23-21 early in the third quarter, and then traded field goals to stay within two at 26-24, before Indiana scored a TD with 4:27 to go for a 33-24 advantage. WKU scored a TD with 2:43 left on senior quarterback Bailey Zappe's third TD pass of the game, this time a 19-yard connection with freshman Malachi Corley; however, WKU's ensuing kickoff went out of bounds, giving IU the ball at the 35 and the Hoosiers got a first down and ran out the clock.

• WKU ended with 458 yards of total offense (365 passing and 93 rushing), while yielding 507 to IU (373 passing, 134 rushing).

• Zappe was 31-of-44 passing for 365 yards and three TDs, and didn't throw an interception nor was sacked. He also rushed once for 6 yards.

• Corley was WKU's leading receiver with nine catches for 70 yards and a TD, while junior wide receiver Jerreth Sterns had seven receptions for 82 yards, as Zappe completed at least one pass to 10 different receivers.

• Sophomore safety A.J. Braithwaite led the Hilltopper defense with a game and career-high 15 tackles, including one sack and a forced fumble, earning Conference USA Co-Defensive Player of the Week. Senior safety Antwon Kincade added 14 stops with 0.5 TFL.

• Overall, WKU is averaging 507.3 ypg total offense with 426.0 ypg through the air and 81.3 ypg on the ground. Defensively, the Hilltoppers are allowing 439.7 ypg total offense, with 224.7 ypg rushing and 215.0 ypg passing to the opposition. Western Kentucky is averaging 41.7 points per game, while yielding 30.7 ppg.

• Zappe is 87-of-119 passing for 1,224 yards (14.1 ypc/408.0 ypg) with 13 TDs and two INTs. He also has 11 rushing attempts for 37 yards and one TD. Zappe has completed a pass to 15 different receivers, including three with double-digit receptions and seven different receivers have at least one TD, including five with two or more. Zappe, who threw for more than 10,000 yards at Houston Baptist from 2017-20, ranks second in the nation in passing this season (408 yards per game) and has 13 touchdowns.

• Sterns leads WKU's receiving corps with 23 catches for 360 yards (15.7 ypc/120.0 ypg) with four TDs. Additionally, Corley adds 20 receptions for 184 yards (9.2 ypc/61.3 ypg) with two TDs and junior wide receiver Mitchell Tinsley has 14 catches for 219 yards (15.6 ypc/73.0 ypg) with two TDs.

• Senior running back Adam Cofield has 23 rushing attempts for 82 yards (3.6 ypc/27.3 ypg) and two TDs, while freshman running back Noah Whittington has 14 carries for 74 yards.

• Kincade tops the Hilltopper defense with 26 tackles (13 solo, 13 assists), with 0.5 tackle for loss, while senior defensive end DeAngelo Malone and Braithwaite have 23 stops apiece. Malone has 2.5 tackles for loss with 1.5 sacks, while Braithwaite logged his only sack and forced fumble of the season in the Indiana game.

• Sophomore placekicker Brayden Narveson is 2-for-2 on field goals and 17-of-17 on PATs, while senior punter John Haggerty III has punted four times for a 49.8 ypp average with a long of 61 yards, one of two of 50+ yards, and has three inside the 20.

• WKU head coach Tyson Helton is in his third season at the helm of the Hilltoppers, holding a 15-13 ledger and reaching two bowl games in his first two seasons. While Saturday is Helton's first match-up against Michigan State, he is 1-0 against teams from Michigan, as he led WKU to a 23-20 win over Western Michigan in the 2019 SERVPRO First Responder Bowl in Dallas, winning on a walk-off 52-yard field goal as time expired.

POLLS (Sept. 26)

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Rk.	School	Record
1.	Alabama (58)	4-0
2.	Georgia (4)	4-0
3.	Oregon	4-0
4.	Penn State	4-0
5.	Iowa	4-0
6.	Oklahoma	4-0
7.	Cincinnati	3-0
8.	Arkansas	4-0
9.	Notre Dame	4-0
10.	Florida	3-1
11.	Ohio State	3-1
12.	Ole Miss	3-0
13.	BYU	4-0
14.	Michigan	4-0
15.	Texas A&M	3-1
16.	Coastal Carolina	4-0
17.	Michigan State	4-0
18.	Fresno State	4-1
19.	Oklahoma State	4-0
20.	UCLA	3-1
21.	Baylor	4-0
22.	Auburn	3-1
23.	NC State	3-1
24.	Wake Forest	4-0
25.	Clemson	2-2

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Rk.	School	Record
1.	Alabama (64)	4-0
2.	Georgia (1)	4-0
3.	Oregon	4-0
4.	Oklahoma	4-0
5.	Iowa	4-0
6.	Penn State	4-0
7.	Notre Dame	4-0
8.	Cincinnati	3-0
9.	Florida	3-1
10.	Ohio State	3-1
11.	Arkansas	4-0
12.	Ole Miss	3-0
13.	Texas A&M	3-1
14.	Michigan	4-0
15.	BYU	4-0
16.	Michigan State	4-0
	Coastal Carolina	4-0
18.	Oklahoma State	4-0
19.	Clemson	2-2
20.	UCLA	3-1
21.	Fresno State	4-1
22.	Auburn	3-1
23.	Kentucky	4-0
24.	Baylor	4-0
25.	Wake Forest	4-0

(First-place votes) | Bold indicates MSU opponent

SPARTANS IN THE POLLS

Week	ASSOCIATED PRESS | COACHES		CFP
	AP	COACHES	CFP
Preseason	-	-	-
Sept. 7	RV	RV	-
Sept. 12	RV	RV	-
Sept. 19	20	21	-
Sept. 26	17	16	-



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL STAFF

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:
Mel Tucker (Wisconsin, 1995)
Record at MSU: 6-5 (second season)
Career Record: 11-12 (third season)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks:
Jay Johnson (second year; Northern Iowa, 1992)
Secchia Family Defensive Coordinator:
Scottie Hazelton (second year; Fort Lewis College, 1997)
Secondary: Harlon Barnett (13th year overall at MSU; Michigan State, 1990)
Defensive Line:
Ron Burton (ninth year; North Carolina, 1987)
Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers:
Ross Els (second year; Nebraska-Omaha, 1988)
Tight Ends:
Ted Gilmore (second year; Wyoming, 1991)
Wide Receivers:
Courtney Hawkins (second year; Michigan State)
Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator:
Chris Kapilovic (second year; Missouri State, 1990)
Running Backs:
William Peagler (second year; Clemson, 2010)
Cornerbacks:
Travares Tillman (first year; Georgia Tech, 2010)
Special Teams Analyst: Dalmin Gibson (second year)
Defensive Analyst: TJ Hollowell (second year)
Offensive Analyst: Efrrem Reed (second year)
Offensive Analyst: Nick Ruffing (12th year)
Defensive Analyst: Kevin Vickerson (first year)
Graduate Assistant/Defense: Gerren DuHart
Graduate Assistant/Defense: Bo Els
Graduate Assistant/Offense: Jarrod James
Graduate Assistant/Offense: Jack Tabb
Offensive Intern: Jake Reiling
Defensive Intern: Jake Vang
Special Teams Intern: Kenny Spencer

ADMINISTRATIVE/RECRUITING STAFF

Dir. of Football Operations: Cody Cox (fifth year)
Dir. of Player Personnel: Saeed Khalif (first year)
Dir. of Player Engagement: Darien Harris (second year)
Dir. of Video: Chris Plaster (second year)
Dir. of Football Admin.: Simone Proulx (14th year)
Dir. of Community & High School Relations:
Thomas Wilcher (first year)
Asst. Dir. of Football Operations: Ben Mathers (third year)
Special Assistant to the Head Coach/Operations Assistant: Will Price (second year)
Player Personnel Coordinator: Jensen Gebhardt (first year)
Player Personnel Coordinator: Sean Levy (second year)
On-Campus Recruiting Coordinator: Lauren McCree (second year)
Creative Director: Blaze Watson (first year)
Creative Video: Austin Flynn (third year)
Social Media Manager: Paul Morissette (first year)
Graphic Designer: Jackson Jones (first year)
Asst. Director/Video: Ty Woodruff (second year)
Recruiting Assistant: Andrew Rogers (second year)
Recruiting Assistant: Matt Pick (first year)
Office Assistant: Cindy Mejorado (23rd year)

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING STAFF

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach - Football:
Jason Novak (second year)
Associate Head Strength & Conditioning Coach:
Lorenzo Guess (10th year)
Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach:
Rick Danison (second year)
Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach: Taylor Porter (second year)
Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach: Joe Powell (second year)
Strength and Conditioning Intern: Tyler Beachnau

ATHLETIC TRAINING/NUTRITION/SPORTS SCIENCE STAFF

Dir. of Sports Medicine: Sally Nogle (38th year)
Head Athletic Trainer: Brett Penning (fourth year)
Football Trainer: Jensyn Bradley (first year)
Football Trainer: Lionel Rice (first year)
Director of Football Sport Science: Bill Burghardt (10th year)
Head Football Performance Dietitian: Amber Rinestone (first year)

EQUIPMENT STAFF

Head Football Equipment Manager: Andrew Kolpacki (third year)
Football Equipment Manager: Jacob Crane (first year)
Football Equipment Manager: Ryan Marsom (first year)

ACADEMIC STAFF

Executive Director/Student-Athlete Support Services: Todd Edwards (18th year)
Associate Director: Mandy Chandler (24th year)
Assistant Director: Antwan Joseph (fifth year)



LAST TIME OUT: MICHIGAN STATE 23, NEBRASKA 20 (OT)

• Michigan State defeated Nebraska in overtime, 23-20, last Saturday night at Spartan Stadium . . . the Spartans improved to 4-0 for the first time since 2015 . . . MSU has won the last two games against Nebraska in Spartan Stadium, although the last matchup was in 2014 . . . MSU is 2-1 against Nebraska in Big Ten games in East Lansing . . . MSU is 3-4 vs. Nebraska in Big Ten games . . . it marked MSU's third overall win over Nebraska in series history (Nebraska leads, 9-3).

• Last Saturday marked MSU's 14th overtime game in school history (7-7 overall record) . . . it was MSU's first overtime game since Oct. 28, 2017, at Northwestern (lost 39-31 in triple OT) . . . it was MSU's first overtime game in Spartan Stadium since Oct. 13, 2012 against Iowa (lost 19-16 in double OT) . . . Saturday was MSU's first overtime win since a 16-13 OT win at Wisconsin on Oct. 27, 2012 . . . it was MSU's first OT win in Spartan Stadium since the "Little Giants" win over Notre Dame on Sept. 18, 2010, when Aaron Bates connected on a touchdown to Charlie Gantt to beat the Fighting Irish.

• MSU improved to 17-7 overall in night games at Spartan Stadium.

• Michigan State trailed 20-13 in the fourth quarter before rallying for the victory . . . it marked the first comeback win in the fourth quarter for the Spartans under second-year head coach Mel Tucker.

OFFENSE

• MSU was limited to a season-low 254 yards of total offense (183 passing, 71 rushing).

• Payton Thorne was 14-of-23 passing for 183 yards and one touchdown . . . he threw his first interception on the season in the first quarter . . . Thorne now has 10 TD passes against just one interception.

• Tre Mosley had a season-high six catches for 70 yards to lead the Spartans.

• Jayden Reed hauled in four passes for 59 yards, including a 35-yard TD catch from Thorne in the second quarter . . . Reed finished with 192 all-purpose yards (69 kick return, 62 punt return, 59 receiving, 2 rushing).

DEFENSE

• Xavier Henderson collected a career-high 17 tackles (10 solo, 7 assists) . . . it marked the most tackles by a Spartan in a single game since Montae Nicholson (Oct. 8, 2016 vs. BYU)

• MSU tallied seven sacks and 11 tackles for loss in the game.

• Jacob Panasiuk had a career-high two sacks, including a strip sack in the fourth quarter . . . Panasiuk finished with seven tackles overall.

• Jacob Slade had a career-high eight tackles, including a 5-yard sack, and tied his career best with two TFLs . . . he also had two TFLs in the Pinstripe Bowl victory over Wake Forest in 2019.

• Simeon Barrow posted a career-high seven stops, including a half tackle for loss.

• Chester Kimbrough, a junior transfer from Florida, recorded his first career interception with a pick in overtime; he returned the interception 62 yards.

• Michigan State has forced six turnovers the past two games (four at Miami; two vs. Nebraska with strip sack by Panasiuk in fourth quarter recovered by Jeff Pietrowski; interception by Kimbrough).

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Jayden Reed returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 20 with 3:47 left in the game . . . it marked MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since Nov. 26, 2011 (Keshawn Martin 57 yards at Northwestern).

• Matt Coghlin connected on 3-of-4 field goals, including the fifth game-winning field goal of his career with a 21-yarder in overtime . . . his four previous game winners include a 34-yarder as time expired to beat No. 7 Penn State in 2017; a 21-yarder with five seconds left to defeat Indiana in 2019; a 33-yarder to beat Maryland in 2019; and a 48-yarder with 3:35 remaining to beat No. 8 Northwestern in 2020 . . . Coghlin now has 69 field goals in his career, just two shy of Brett Swenson's school-record of 71.

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



• Fifth-year senior **Bryce Baringer** averaged 58.8 yards per punt (six punts for 353 yards) vs. Nebraska, the second-highest single-game punting average in Big Ten history . . . Baringer had a career-long of 67 yards, a new season-long for the second week in a row after a 65-yarder last week at Miami, and part of a career-best five punts over 50-yard for the night, including three of 60-plus yards . . . he placed two inside the 20 . . . Baringer is averaging 53.2 yards per punt in four games, including four of 60-plus yards and 11 of 50-plus yards, with seven inside the 20 and four inside the 10 . . . he is one of only two punters in the Big Ten and one of five in FBS averaging over 50+ ypp . . . only former Spartan All-American punter **Mike Sadler** had a higher single-game punting average in the history of the Big Ten (minimum four punts; 59.2 avg. vs. Indiana on Oct. 12, 2013; four punts for 237 yards) . . . Prior to the game, Michigan State and Nebraska honored the memories of Sadler and 2015 Big Ten Punter of the Year **Sam Foltz** as Mike's mother, Karen, and sister, Katie, along with Sam's parents Jill and Gerald Foltz, participated in the coin toss. Mike Sadler and Sam Foltz were both tragically killed in a car accident on July 23, 2016, while working a kicking camp near Waukesha, Wisconsin. It marked the first time Nebraska had played in East Lansing since the tragic accident.



2021 COACHING STAFF

• A new era of Spartan football began in 2020 as **Mel Tucker** started his head coaching tenure in East Lansing. Tucker, a 25-year coaching veteran with championship experience, was named Michigan State University's 25th head football coach on Feb. 12 following Mark Dantonio's retirement on Feb. 4.

• Tucker's resume, which began as a graduate assistant at Michigan State under Nick Saban, has an impressive track record of success. The journey that led him back to East Lansing included a head coaching position at Colorado (2019), five seasons as a defensive coach in the Southeastern Conference (2000; 2015-18), 10 seasons in the NFL (2005-14), and four seasons at Ohio State (2001-04). He was a defensive coordinator in the NFL for seven seasons and 11 seasons overall in his coaching career.

• In 153 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 112-41 (.732) record, including 10 postseason bowl games (2000 Peach, 2002 Outback, 2003 Fiesta/BCS National Championship, 2004 Fiesta, 2004 Alamo, 2015 Cotton/CFP Semifinal, 2016 CFP/National Championship, 2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2018 CFP/National Championship), three conference championships, three national championship games and two national championships (2002 with Ohio State, 2015 with Alabama).

• Tucker coached 160 games in the National Football League (64 with Cleveland, 64 with Jacksonville, 32 with Chicago).

• Five of MSU head coach **Mel Tucker's** 10 wins as a head coach have come against AP Top 25 opponents (2021: No. 24 Miami; 2020: No. 11 Northwestern and No. 13 Michigan; 2019: No. 25 Nebraska and No. 24 Arizona State at Colorado). Tucker is 5-4 overall against AP Top 25 opponents (2-2 at Colorado; 3-2 at MSU). He became the first Spartan head coach to defeat a ranked team (AP No. 11 Northwestern) in his first home win.

• Nine of Michigan State head coach **Mel Tucker's** 10 assistant coaches from 2020 are back on the sidelines this fall for the Spartans. Tucker promoted **Travares Tillman** to an on-field role as cornerbacks coach in January after Tillman was a senior defensive assistant at MSU in 2020.

• In addition, **Harlon Barnett**, who is in his 13th season overall on the Spartan defensive staff and second with Tucker, will transition from cornerbacks to secondary coach. Barnett has coached four All-Americans, nine first-team All-Big Ten selections and 10 NFL Draft picks during his time at MSU (2007-17; 2020-).

• **Chris Kapilovic**, who is in his second season as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator at Michigan State, was promoted to assistant head coach in January. Kapilovic, 52, joined Tucker's staff in East Lansing in February 2020 after spending the 2019 season as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator in Colorado. Kapilovic has nearly 30 years of coaching experience, including roles as an offensive coordinator and/or run game coordinator at Southern Mississippi (2008-11), North Carolina (2012-18) and Colorado (2019). He has coached multiple NFL players, first-round draft picks and record-setting offenses during his career.

• **Jay Johnson** is the program's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Johnson, 51, is a veteran coach and administrator of 26 seasons, including 11 as an offensive coordinator at five FBS schools (Michigan State, Colorado, Minnesota, Louisiana, Southern Mississippi) in addition to coaching quarterbacks, running backs and tight ends as a position coach.

STARTS CHART

OFFENSE

Player	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	Total
Jarvis-OL	10	7	3	7	4	31
Campbell-OL	12	5	9	0	-	26
Russo-QB	0	*10	*13	*3	-	26
Horst-LT	-	-	*13	*7	4	24
Reed-WR	-	%12	-	7	4	23
Allen-C	0	7	9	1	4	21
Heyward-TE	0	8	1	6	4	19
Carrick-OG	-	0	11	7	-	18
Nailor-WR	-	1	4	7	4	16
Arcuri-OT	0	0	5	7	4	16
Duplain-LG	-	-	5	5	4	14
Collins-RB	-	0	12	0	-	12
Bueter-OL	0	7	2	2	-	11
Samac-C	-	-	4	6	-	10
Mosley-WR	-	-	1	3	3	7
Gillison-TE	-	0	3	3	-	6
Thorne-QB	-	-	-	1	4	5
Hunt-TE	-	-	-	3	1	4
Walker-RB	-	-	+0	+0	4	4
Hayes-WR	-	0	2	0	-	2
Simmons-RB	-	-	-	1	-	1
Foster-WR	-	-	-	1	-	1
Isaia-OL	-	-	1	-	-	1

* at Temple (2017-20)

^ at Arkansas State (2019-20)

% at Western Michigan (2018)

+ at Wake Forest (2019-20)

Notes:

Jarvis: 31 starts (17 at RG in 2017-18; 3 at LT in 2019; 7 at RT in 2020; 4 at RG in 2021)

Campbell: 26 starts (4 at RG in 2018-19; 1 at LT in 2018; 9 at LG in 2018-19; 12 at RT in 2017)

Heyward: 19 starts (8 at RB in 2018; 1 at RB in 2019; 6 at RB in 2020; 4 at TE in 2021)

Arcuri: 16 starts (5 at LT in 2019; 7 at LT in 2020; 4 at RT in 2021)

Bueter: 11 starts (4 at RG in 2018-19; 4 at C in 2018; 1 as extra OL in 2019; 2 at LG in 2020)

Isaia: 1 start (1 as fullback in I-formation in 2019)

DEFENSE

Player	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	Total
Panasjuk-DE	0	11	13	6	4	34
Henderson-S	-	0	13	7	4	24
Jordan-DE	#1	#10	#8	#2	-	21
Crouch-LB	-	-	*1	*10	4	15
Harvey-LB	-	0	5	7	-	12
Beesley-DE	0	1	0	7	3	11
Slade-DT	-	0	0	7	3	10
Grose-S	-	-	-	4	4	8
Dowell-NB	-	-	0	2	4	6
Barrow-DT	-	-	-	-	4	4
Haladay-LB	-	-	-	0	4	4
Williams-CB	-	-	-	+0	3	3
Kimbrough-CB	-	-	&0	&0	3	3
Mallory-DT	-	-	0	2	-	2
VanSumner-LB	-	*0	*0	*2	-	2
Hunt-DT	-	-	-	1	1	2
Camper-DT	0	1	0	1	-	2

at Duke (2017-20)

^ at Tennessee (2019-20)

* at Michigan (2018-20)

+ at Alabama (2020)

& at Florida (2019-20)

Notes:

Harvey: 12 starts (2 at Will in 2019; 3 at Sam in 2019; 7 at Mike in 2020)

Grose: 8 starts (4 at NB in 2020; 4 at S in 2021)

Dowell: 6 starts (2 at S in 2020; 4 at NB in 2021)



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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#76 AJ Arcuri: r-CURE-e
 #99 Bryce Baringer: bare-IN-gurr
 #8 Simeon Barrow: sim-E-in
 #44 Samih Beydoun: bay-dune
 #4 Matt Coghlin: cog-lynn
 #6 Quavaris Crouch: kwuh-varr-iss
 #10 Ma'a Gaoteote: Ma nah-OE-tay-OE-tay
 #18 Kalon Gervin: cay-lynn
 #73 Jacob Isaia: E-sigh-uh
 #29 Marqui Lowery: Marquee
 #71 James Ohonba: O-huhn-BUH
 #96 Jacob Panasiuk: puh-na-shuke (rhymes with luke)
 #59 Nick Samac: SAY-mack
 #18 Andrew Schorffhaar: SCORE-farr
 #13 Ben VanSumeren: Van SOOM-er-IN
 #43 Cody Waddell: WA-dell

SPARTAN OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Northwestern: Kenneth Walker III
 Youngstown State: Jayden Reed, Payton Thorne,
 Jordan Simmons, Blake Bueter, Kevin Jarvis
 Miami: Jalen Nailor, Kenneth Walker III
 Nebraska: Blake Bueter, Connor Heyward

SPARTAN DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Northwestern: Simeon Barrow, Drew Beesley, Xavier
 Henderson
 Youngstown State: Xavier Henderson
 Miami: Drew Beesley, Xavier Henderson,
 Ronald Williams
 Nebraska: Xavier Henderson, Jacob Panasiuk, Jacob
 Slade, Chester Kimbrough

SPARTAN SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Northwestern: Hank Pepper
 Youngstown State: Jayden Reed, Elijah Collins
 Miami: Bryce Baringer, Tyler Hunt
 Nebraska: Matt Coghlin, Jayden Reed, Donovan
 Eaglin, Parks Gissinger

MSU'S ALL-TIME OVERTIME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result
10/10/1998	Indiana (2OT)	W, 38-31
10/30/2004	at Michigan (3OT)	L, 37-45
9/17/2005	at Notre Dame	W, 44-41
10/1/2005	Michigan	L, 31-34
10/6/2007	Northwestern	L, 41-48
10/27/2007	at Iowa (2OT)	L, 27-34
10/3/2009	Michigan	W, 26-20
9/18/2010	Notre Dame	W, 34-31
1/2/2012	vs. Georgia (3OT)	W, 33-30
10/13/2012	Iowa (2OT)	L, 16-19
10/27/2012	at Wisconsin	W, 16-13
10/1/2016	at Indiana	L, 21-24
10/28/2017	at Northwestern (3OT)	L, 31-39
9/25/2021	Nebraska	W, 23-20

All-Time Overtime Record: 7-7 (.500)

• A 25-year coaching veteran with stints at all levels of collegiate football and the NFL, Scottie Hazelton is in his second season as the Secchia Family Defensive Coordinator. Last season, Hazelton installed a new 4-2-5 defensive scheme for the Spartans. Hazelton arrived in East Lansing after spending one season as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Kansas State in 2019.

• Ted Gilmore coaches the tight ends for the Spartans. Gilmore, who has coached 26 years, has experience at the FBS and NFL ranks and has developed numerous NFL players, draft picks and All-Americans during his career. He was named the 2011 FootballScoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year after mentoring consensus All-American Robert Woods and 2011 Freshman All-American Marqise Lee at USC. Gilmore, 54, previously spent five seasons (2015-19) as the wide receivers coach at Wisconsin.

• Former Spartan great Courtney Hawkins is in his second season as the wide receivers coach, while William Peagler enters his second year coaching the running backs.

• With more than three decades of coaching experience, Ross Els is in his second season as the program's linebackers coach and special teams coordinator. Els, 54, has previous experience in the Big Ten, serving as the defensive coordinator at Purdue in 2016 and four seasons at Nebraska under Coach Bo Pelini from 2011-14.

• Ron Burton, who enters his 29th year of coaching, is in his ninth season on the defensive staff at Michigan State and coaches the defensive line. Burton is the only coach to win the FootballScoop National Defensive Line Coach of the Year Award twice, an honor he won for the second time in 2018 after MSU finished with the top-ranked rushing defense in the country. Burton also won the award during his first season in East Lansing in 2013 when the Spartans claimed the Big Ten Championship, won the Rose Bowl, and finished No. 2 in the FBS in total defense and rushing defense.



OFFENSIVE NOTES

TEAM

• The Spartans are fourth in the Big Ten and 30th in the FBS in scoring offense (35.2 ppg), third in the league and 22nd nationally in rushing offense (215.5 ypg), and fifth in the conference and 34th overall in total offense (453.5 ypg).

• MSU's resurgent rushing attack ranks third in the Big Ten and 22nd in the FBS, averaging 215.5 yards per game. The Spartans accumulated 326 rushing yards at Northwestern – the first time MSU put up more than 300 rushing yards in a game since 2014 (330 yards at Indiana) – and had 272 yards on the ground against Youngstown State and 193 at Miami. MSU is averaging 5.9 yards per carry, 10th best in the FBS.

• Michigan State scored a touchdown on its first play from scrimmage in the first two games of the season. Against Northwestern, junior transfer running back Kenneth Walker III raced 75 yards to the end zone on his first carry as a Spartan, while Payton Thorne found Jayden Reed on a 75-yard touchdown pass against Youngstown State. Dating back to 1944 when school single-game play-by-play records are available, Walker's 75-yard TD marked the first time Michigan State has scored on its first play from scrimmage to start a season. Before the season opener, the last time MSU scored on its first play from scrimmage was on Sept. 25, 2010, against Northern Colorado, as Edwin Baker had a 5-yard run following an interception on UNC's first possession that gave MSU first-and-goal from the 5.

QUARTERBACKS

• Redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne, who started in the 2020 season finale at Penn State, was named the team's starting quarterback in Week 1 against Northwestern after competing with sixth-year graduate transfer Anthony Russo (Temple) during spring practice and preseason camp. Thorne owns a 4-1 record as a starting quarterback at MSU (4-0 in 2021).

• Thorne ranks first in the Big Ten in touchdown passes (10) through the first four weeks of the season. He has completed 62 percent of his passes (62-of-100) for 909 yards and third in the Big Ten in passing efficiency (169.4 rating) and fifth in passing (227.2 ypg). Thorne also ranks third on the team in rushing with a net of 46 yards on 23 carries, although he has gained a total of 110 yards on the ground.

• The product of Naperville, Illinois, was named the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week by the conference office on Sept. 20 and was also recognized as one of the Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 performances of Week 3. Thorne became just the second Spartan quarterback in school history, joining Connor Cook, to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games during MSU's 38-17 victory at then-No. 24 Miami in Week 3 at Hard Rock Stadium. Thorne threw for a career-high four TDs in the Week 2 win over Youngstown State, and matched that effort against the Hurricanes by completing 18-of-31 passes for 261 yards and four more touchdowns. Cook threw for four TDs in consecutive games against Indiana and Nebraska in 2015.



• At Miami, Thorne first found Kenneth Walker III on a 7-yard screen pass for a score in the second quarter, then connected with Jalen Nailor on an 11-yard touchdown in the third quarter. Thorne's third TD pass of the game came on a third-and-7 play early in the fourth as he hit Jayden Reed in the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown. Although Thorne ended up with a net of 4 rushing yards, he scrambled for a 22-yard gain on a third-and-6 play and also converted on fourth-and-1 with a quarterback sneak to propel a touchdown drive late in the fourth quarter to make it 31-17 in favor of MSU. Thorne finished the eight-play, 75-yard drive by finding Nailor in the end zone for a 39-yard pass, one play after getting the first down on the QB sneak.

• In the 42-14 win over Youngstown State in Week 2, Thorne completed 15-of-21 passes for 280 yards and a career-high four touchdowns. It marked the first time a Spartan quarterback threw for four TDs in a game since Brian Lewerke vs. Northwestern in 2017. Thorne also had 19 yards rushing on three carries (6.3 avg.), including a 10-yard TD run.

• In his second career start, Thorne threw for 185 yards on 15-of-25 passing with one TD at Northwestern to earn his first win as the Spartans' starting QB. Thorne also rushed for 28 yards on five carries.

RUNNING BACKS

• Junior running back Kenneth Walker III, a transfer from Wake Forest, is having a dynamic start to the season. Walker leads the FBS in rushing (554 yards; 138.5 ypg) and also ranks third in all-purpose yards (142.3 ypg), fourth in yards per carry (7.3) and scoring (9.0 ppg) and fifth in rushing TDs (5). According to Pro Football Focus, Walker leads the country in rushing yards after contact (427) and ranks tied for first in the FBS with 16 rushes of 10-plus yards.

• Walker had a record-setting debut as a Spartan, rushing for a career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in school history – while scoring a career-high four touchdowns to lead the Spartans past Northwestern on Sept. 3. It marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White and the second most by a player in the FBS this season. Walker became just the second Spartan to record more than 250 rushing yards and four touchdowns in the same game (Eric Allen, school-record 350 yards and four TDs vs. Purdue on Oct. 30, 1971).

• After seeing limited action in Week 2 vs. Youngstown State (seven carries for 57 yards, 1 TD, 8.1 avg.), Walker was back at it in the victory at Miami on Sept. 18, compiling 172 yards on the ground on 27 carries (6.4 avg.) while also catching three passes for 17 yards, including his first career TD reception on a 7-yard screen pass in the second quarter.

• Walker is averaging 165.7 rushing yards per game against FBS opponents this season (264 vs. Northwestern; 172 vs. Miami; 61 vs. Nebraska).

• Sophomore Jordon Simmons, who led the team in rushing as a true freshman with 219 yards on 56 carries (3.9 avg.) in five games, ranks second on the team with 145 rushing yards on 26 carries (5.6 avg.). Simmons recorded his first 100-yard rushing game with 121 yards on 16 carries in the win over Youngstown State in Week 2.

• Redshirt junior Elijah Collins, who led the team with 988 rushing yards as a redshirt freshman in 2019, had three carries for 32 yards and one catch for a 20-yard TD against Youngstown State in Week 2 before leaving the game with an injury. He has not seen game action the past two weeks.

WIDE RECEIVERS

• Redshirt junior Jayden Reed ranks among the Big Ten leaders touchdown catches (tied for first with 4), yards per catch (second with 21.0 avg.), receiving (fifth with 84.0 ypg; 336 yards total) and receptions (16th with 16, 4.0 per game). He leads the Spartans with 16 catches for 336 yards and four TDs.

• Reed was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week on Sept. 27; he was also recognized on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll for the second time this season (Week 2 vs. Youngstown State). With MSU trailing 20-13 to Nebraska late in the fourth quarter, Reed returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the game with 3:47 remaining, setting the stage for an overtime win over the Huskers. It marked MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since Nov. 26, 2011 (Keshawn Martin 57 yards at Northwestern). Reed finished the game with 192 all-purpose yards (69 kick return, 62 punt return, 59 receiving, 2 rushing). His 41-yard kick return in the second quarter set up an MSU field goal. He also hauled in four passes for 59 yards, including a 35-yard TD catch from Thorne in the second quarter.

• Reed caught four passes for a career-high 181 yards against Youngstown State in Week 2; two of those catches came for 160 yards in the first half alone (75 yard TD on first play of the game; 85 yard TD in second quarter). Reed has six 100-yard receiving games in his career (four at Western Michigan in 2018; two at MSU). He also tallied a career-high 264 all-purpose yards (181 receiving, 32 kick return, 48 punt return) against YSU.

2021 HONORS & AWARDS

#64 MATT ALLEN (Gr.-6, C)

- Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Watch List

#76 AJ ARCURI (Gr.-6, OT)

- Nominated for NFF Campbell Trophy
- Senior Bowl Watch List

#86 DREW BEESLEY (Gr.-6, DE)

- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#69 BLAKE BUETER (Sr.-5, OL)

- Senior Bowl Watch List

#4 MATT COGHILIN (Gr.-6, K)

- Athlon Sports Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#6 QUAVARIS CROUCH (Jr., LB)

- Top 100 Impact Transfer - The Athletic (No. 69)

#67 J.D. DUPLAIN (Jr., OG)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#45 NOAH HARVEY (Sr.-5, LB)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#3 XAVIER HENDERSON (Sr., S)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#11 CONNOR HEYWARD (Gr.-5, TE)

- Paul Hornung Award Watch List

#79 JARRETT HORST (Sr., OT)

- Outland Trophy Watch List

#75 KEVIN JARVIS (Gr.-5, OL)

- Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Watch List

#8 JALEN NAILOR (R-Jr., WR)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (second team)
- Athlon Sports All-Big Ten (third team)

#96 JACUB PANASIUK (Gr.-5, DE)

- Pro Football Focus National Player of the Week (vs. Nebraska)
- Athlon Sports Preseason All-Big Ten (second team)
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#10 PAYTON THORNE (R-Sr., QB)

- Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Miami)
- Manning Award National Quarterback of the Week (vs. Miami)
- Davey O'Brien Great 8 performer (vs. Miami)

#5 JAYDEN REED (R-Jr., WR)

- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Nebraska)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Nebraska)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Youngstown State)
- Paul Hornung Award Watch List
- All-Big Ten Preseason Third Team at KR (Pro Football Focus)

#15 ANTHONY RUSSO (Gr.-6, QB)

- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List
- Senior Bowl Watch List

#9 KENNETH WALKER III (Jr., RB)

- Maxwell Award National Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Northwestern)
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Northwestern)
- Big Ten Rose Bowl Player of the Week (vs. Northwestern)
- Doak Walker Award Watch List
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-Big Ten (first team)



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

SEASON CAPTAINS

Will be announced after the season.

GAME CAPTAINS

Game.....	Captain(s)
Northwestern.....	DE Drew Beesley,
YSU.....	S Xavier Henderson, WR Jalen Nailor
.....	K Matt Coghlin,
.....	TE Connor Heyward, S Xavier Henderson
Miami.....	C Matt Allen, S Xavier Henderson,
Nebraska.....	WR Jayden Reed
.....	DE Drew Beesley, S Xavier Henderson,
.....	TE Tyler Hunt, OL Kevin Jarvis
Western Kentucky.....	S Xavier Henderson,
.....	TE Connor Heyward, WR Jayden Reed
Rutgers.....	
Indiana.....	
Michigan.....	
Purdue.....	
Maryland.....	
Ohio State.....	
Penn State.....	

FUTURE SCHEDULES

FUTURE NONCONFERENCE GAMES

2022:
Sept. 3: WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 10: AKRON
Sept. 17: at Washington

2023:
Sept. 2: CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 9: RICHMOND
Sept. 16: WASHINGTON

2024:
Aug. 31: FLORIDA ATLANTIC
Sept. 14: LOUISIANA
Sept. 21: at Boston College

2025:
Aug. 30: WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 6: YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Sept. 20: BOSTON COLLEGE

2026:
Sept. 5: TOLEDO
Sept. 12: CENTRAL MICHIGAN

2027:
Sept. 11: CENTRAL MICHIGAN

2029:
Sept. 8: OREGON

2030:
Aug. 31: CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 7: at Oregon

2032:
Sept. 11: at BYU

• Redshirt junior Jalen Nailor has 10 catches for 141 yards and three TDs. He matched his career high with two TD catches at Miami, including a 39-yard grab in the end zone in the fourth quarter.

• Redshirt sophomore Tre Mosley ranks second on the team with 13 catches for 193 yards; he had a career-long 51-yard reception at Miami and a season-best six receptions for 70 yards vs. Nebraska.

TIGHT ENDS

• Redshirt senior Connor Heyward converted from running back to tight end during preseason camp, and has started the first four games at his new position. Heyward has eight catches for 116 yards and has been a key blocker for the Spartans in their four victories.

• Former walk-on punter **Tyler Hunt** made the position switch to tight end in 2020 and has four catches for 36 yards in four games this season, including a starting assignment vs. Youngstown State.

OFFENSIVE LINE

• Michigan State's offensive line had 152 career starts returning in 2021, which ranked third most in the FBS. MSU has nine players of multiple games of starting experience.

• Michigan State has used the same starting lineup in all four games, but regularly rotates nine offensive linemen in its rotation.

• Redshirt senior Kevin Jarvis leads the way with 31 career starts. He has started at left tackle (three games in 2019) and right tackle (seven games in 2020) during the past two seasons, but has started the first four games of 2021 at right guard, where he started 17 games in 2017-18.

• Jarrett Horst, a transfer from Arkansas State, has started the first four games at left tackle. A member of the Outland Trophy Watch List, Horst started 20 games in 2019-20 at left tackle at Arkansas State.

• Junior J.D. Duplain has 14 career starts at left guard, including all four games in 2021.

• Sixth-year graduate Matt Allen, who only played in one game in 2020 due to a foot injury, has started the first four games at center. He has started 21 overall games at center throughout his career.

• Sixth-year graduate AJ Arcuri started all seven games at left tackle in 2020, but made the move to right tackle this season with the addition of Horst, and has started at his new position all four games in 2021.

• Center Nick Samac, left guard Blake Bueter, right guard Matt Carrick and left tackle Luke Campbell also see regular time in the playing rotation and all have multiple games of starting experience.



DEFENSIVE NOTES

DEFENSIVE LINE

• Michigan State returns both starting defensive ends in 2021 in sixth-year graduate Drew Beesley and fifth-year graduate Jacob Panasiuk.

• Panasiuk has 34 career starts to his credit, most of any active Spartan, including all four games this season. Panasiuk has five TFLs, two sacks, three QB hurries, and one fumble recovery this season. He was named the Pro Football Focus National Defensive Player of the Week after collecting a career-high two sacks vs. Nebraska; he had seven stops overall.

• Beesley left the Nebraska game in the second quarter due to an injury. He has 11 tackles, including 2.5 sacks, in three games of action in 2021.

• Sophomore Jeff Pietrowski, who earned his first career start in Week 2 vs. Youngstown State, has 13 tackles, including 3.5 sacks (14 yards) and 4.0 TFLs (17 yards). He has also recovered a fumble and forced a fumble this season.

• Michigan State has four players with starting experience on the defensive line, including redshirt junior Jacob Slade, redshirt junior Dashaun Mallory, redshirt sophomore Jalen Hunt and redshirt freshman Simeon Barrow. Slade had a career game against Nebraska with eight tackles and has 11 stops overall this season with one sack and two TFLs. Barrow has started all four games and leads all Spartan defensive linemen with 16 tackles (0.5 TFLs).

LINEBACKERS

• Quavaris Crouch, a junior transfer from Tennessee, started 10 games for the Volunteers last season and has started the first four games of 2021 for the Spartans. Crouch ranks third on the team with 25 tackles, including two sacks (10 yards), two QB hurries, one pass break-up, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.



• Redshirt freshman Cal Haladay earned his first career start in Week 1 and has kept his starting role ever since. Haladay is second on the team with 27 tackles.

SECONDARY

• Senior Xavier Henderson has started a team-best 24 consecutive games at safety for the Spartans. He leads the team and ranks fourth in the Big Ten in tackles with 42 (10.5 avg). Henderson recorded a career-high 17 tackles vs. Nebraska, the most by a Spartan since Montae Nicholson in 2016.

• Sophomore Angelo Grose, who started four games as a true freshman at nickelback in 2020, made the move to safety in spring practice and has started the first four games at his new position this year. Grose recorded his first career interception in the win at Miami and ranks fourth on the team with 23 tackles. He is also tied for the team lead with three pass break-ups.

• At nickelback, redshirt junior Michael Dowell (15 tackles, 3 PBUs) has started the first four games; sophomore Darius Snow (13 tackles, 2.5 TFLs) also sees time at the position.

• Senior transfer Ronald Williams (Alabama) has started three of the first four games for the Spartans. He has 13 tackles, including two TFLs, one sack and one interception (vs. Miami).

• Junior transfer Chester Kimbrough (Florida) has started the last three games at corner for the Spartans. Kimbrough recorded his first career interception in overtime in the win over Nebraska. He has nine tackles on the season.



SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

KICKER

• Sixth-year graduate Matt Coghlin has been the team's starting placekicker for the past five seasons, dating back to 2017. He is ranked among the school's all-time leaders in field goals (second with 69) and points scored (third with 343). Coghlin needs just two field goals to tie Brett Swenson (2006-09) for the most in school history (71).

• Coghlin picked up All-Big Ten honors for the fourth time in his career in 2020 (2018, first team, media; 2017 and 2019-20, honorable mention) in addition to earning Academic All-Big Ten honors for the fourth year in a row.

• Coghlin was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week for the third time in his career after going 3-of-4 on field goals in the win over No. 8 Northwestern on Nov. 28, 2020, including the game-winner from 48 yards out with 3:35 left in the game that put MSU on top, 23-20, in the eventual 29-20 victory.

• Coghlin connected on 3-of-4 field goals against Nebraska in Week 4, including the fifth game-winning field goal of his career with a 21-yarder in overtime. His four previous game-winners include a 34-yarder as time expired to beat No. 7 Penn State in 2017; a 21-yarder with five seconds left to defeat Indiana in 2019; a 33-yarder to beat Maryland in 2019; and a 48-yarder with 3:35 remaining to beat No. 8 Northwestern in 2020.

PUNTER

• Redshirt senior Bryce Baringer ranks first in the Big Ten and second in the FBS in punting (53.2 avg.). He's also fourth in the conference with seven punts placed inside the 20 and tied for first with 11 punts of 50-plus yards. He also has four punts of 60-plus yards.

• Baringer averaged 58.8 yards per punt (six punts for 353 yards) vs. Nebraska in Week 4, the second-highest single-game punting average in Big Ten history. Baringer had a career-long of 67 yards, a new season-long for the second week in a row after a 65-yarder at Miami, and part of a career-best five punts over 50-yard for the night, including three of 60-plus yards. Only former Spartan All-American punter Mike Sadler had a higher single-game punting average in the history of the Big Ten (minimum four punts; 59.2 avg. vs. Indiana on Oct. 12, 2013; four punts for 237 yards). Prior to the game on Sept. 25, Michigan State and Nebraska honored the memories of Sadler and 2015 Big Ten Punter of the Year Sam Foltz as Mike's mother, Karen, and sister, Katie, along with Sam's parents Jill and Gerald Foltz, participated in the coin toss. Mike Sadler and Sam Foltz were both tragically killed in a car accident on July 23, 2016, while working a kicking camp near Waukesha, Wisconsin. It marked the first time Nebraska had played in East Lansing since the tragic accident.

RETURNS

• Redshirt junior Jayden Reed leads the team in kick returns (four for 121 yards, 30.3 avg.) and punt returns (three for 97 yards; 32.3 avg.). He returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the game in the fourth quarter vs. Nebraska, marking the first time MSU returned a punt for a score since 2011 (Keshawn Martin, 57 yards at Northwestern, Nov. 26, 2011).

SPARTAN SINGLE-GAME BESTS UNDER TUCKER

Here's a look at the top single-game totals produced by Michigan State during head coach Mel Tucker's tenure (11 total games, 2020-):

Rushing Yards: 326 vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Passing Yards: 325 vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

Total Yards: 595 vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

First Downs: 25, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: 52 yards by Miami (9/18/21)

Fewest Passing Yards Allowed: 170 by Rutgers (10/24/20)

Fewest Total Yards Allowed: 276 by Rutgers (10/24/20)

Fewest First Downs Allowed: 16 by Rutgers (10/24/20)

Sacks: 7 vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Tackles For Loss: 11 vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Turnovers Forced: 4, twice (vs. Miami, 9/18/21; vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

Points (Game): 42, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Points (Half): 35, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Points (Quarter): 21, three times (Penn State, 2020; Youngstown State and Miami, 2021)

Victory Margin: 28 vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Fewest Points Allowed (Game): 14 by Youngstown State (9/11/21)

INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE

1. Paul Edinger (1996-99)	.793 (46-58)
2. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	.780 (71-91)
3. Dan Conroy (2008-12)	.775 (55-71)
4. Michael Geiger (2013-16)	.737 (56-76)
5. Matt Coghlin (2017-21)	.734 (69-94)

FIELD GOALS

1. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	71
2. Matt Coghlin (2017-21)	69
3. Dave Rayner (2001-04)	62
4. John Langeloh (1987-90)	57
5. Michael Geiger (2013-16)	56

TOTAL POINTS SCORED

1. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	377
2. Michael Geiger (2013-16)	357
3. Matt Coghlin (2017-21)	338



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

SPARTAN STREAKS

Consecutive Games Started (Position players)

Xavier Henderson, S	24
AJ Arcuri, OT	13
Jalen Nailor, WR	12
Kevin Jarvis, OL	11
Jayden Reed, WR	11
J.D. Duplain, LG	9
Angelo Grose, S	8
Connor Heyward, TE/RB	7
Michael Dowell, NB	5
Payton Thorne, QB	5

SPARTANS IN THE NFL

Michigan State has 12 former players listed on active rosters for National Football League teams as of Sept. 22, 2021.



Brian Allen, OL	Los Angeles Rams
Jack Conklin, OT	Cleveland Browns
Kirk Cousins, QB	Minnesota Vikings
Andrew Dowell, LB	New Orleans Saints
William Gholston, DE	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Brian Hoyer, QB	New England Patriots
Naquan Jones, DT	Tennessee Titans
Justin Layne, CB	Pittsburgh Steelers
Malik McDowell, DT	Cleveland Browns
Taybor Pepper, LS	San Francisco 49ers
Trae Waynes, CB	Cincinnati Bengals
Khari Willis, S	Indianapolis Colts

Practice Squad:

Joe Bachie, LB	Cincinnati Bengals
Le'Veon Bell, RB	Baltimore Ravens
Brian Lewerke, QB	New York Giants
Matt Sokol, TE	Jacksonville Jaguars
Cody White, WR	Pittsburgh Steelers
Kenny Willekes, DE	Minnesota Vikings
Raequan Williams, DT	Philadelphia Eagles

Inured Reserve:

Darqueze Dennard, CB	Arizona Cardinals
Joel Heath, DE	Detroit Lions
Josiah Scott, CB	Philadelphia Eagles

COACHING STAFF - GAMEDAY LOCATIONS

On the field...

Head coach Mel Tucker
Secondary coach Harlon Barnett
Defensive line coach Ron Burton
Tight ends coach Ted Gilmore
Wide receivers coach Courtney Hawkins
Defensive coordinator Scottie Hazelton
Offensive line coach Chris Kapilovic
Running backs coach William Peagler

In the booth...

Linebackers/special teams coordinator Ross Els
Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Jay Johnson
Cornerbacks coach Travares Tillman



STATISTICAL TRENDS UNDER MEL TUCKER

SPARTAN TRENDS UNDER TUCKER –

Here's how Michigan State has fared during head coach Mel Tucker's tenure (2020-: 11 games):

	2021	Overall
Games played in Spartan Stadium:	2-0	3-3
Games played on the road/neutral site:	2-0	3-2
Games played in August:	0-0	0-0
Games played in September:	4-0	4-0
Games played in October:	0-0	1-1
Games played in November:	0-0	1-2
Games played in December:	0-0	0-2
Games played in January:	0-0	0-0
When leading at halftime:	4-0	6-1
When trailing at halftime:	0-0	0-4
When tied at halftime:	0-0	0-0
When scoring first:	4-0	6-0
When opponent scores first:	0-0	0-5
When scoring 30-plus points:	3-0	3-0
When allowing 30-plus points:	0-0	0-4
When allowing 20-fewer points:	2-0	3-0
When allowing 17-fewer points:	2-0	2-0
When leading after first quarter:	2-0	3-0
When trailing after first quarter:	0-0	0-5
When tied after first quarter:	2-0	3-0
When leading after three quarters:	3-0	5-0
When trailing after three quarters:	0-0	0-5
When tied after three quarters:	1-0	1-0
Overtime games:	1-0	1-0
When gaining more first downs than opponent:	2-0	2-1
When gaining fewer first downs than opponent:	2-0	4-3
When gaining same number of first downs as opponent:	0-0	0-1
When gaining 200+ yards rushing:	2-0	2-0
When opponent gains 200+ yards rushing:	0-0	0-2
When rushing 40+ times in a game:	1-0	2-0
When rushing 35+ times in a game:	3-0	5-1
When outrushing opponent:	3-0	4-0
When being outrushed by opponent:	1-0	2-5
When opponent is held under 100 yards rushing:	1-0	2-0
When gaining 300+ yards passing:	1-0	2-2
When opponent gains 300+ yards passing:	1-0	2-1
When gaining more total yards than opponent:	3-0	4-1
When gaining fewer total yards than opponent:	1-0	2-4
When leading in time of possession:	1-0	2-0
When trailing in time of possession:	3-0	4-5
When splitting in time of possession:	0-0	0-0
When forcing two or more turnovers	2-0	3-2
When forcing three or more turnovers	1-0	2-1
When committing three or more turnovers	0-0	0-4

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



SPARTAN FOOTBALL PROGRAM NOTES

• The Spartans returned 48 letterwinners in 2021, including 26 on offense, 20 on defense and two on special teams. MSU has 31 players returning with starting experience, including 20 on offense and 11 on defense.

• Six Spartan seniors – center **Matt Allen**, offensive tackle **AJ Arcuri**, defensive end **Drew Beesley**, offensive lineman **Luke Campbell**, kicker **Matt Coghlin** and defensive end **Jacub Panasiuk** – are taking advantage of a rare opportunity, staying at MSU for another year with an extra season of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Allen, Arcuri, Beesley, Campbell and Coghlin are all back for a sixth year, while Panasiuk returns for a fifth season.

• Including graduate transfers (CB Spencer Rowland, QB Anthony Russo, P Cody Waddell), MSU has eight players on its 2021 roster in their sixth season of eligibility.

SPARTANS ADD 41 NEW PLAYERS TO 2021 ROSTER, INCLUDING 20 TRANSFERS –

• Michigan State has 41 new players on the 2021 roster. Twenty of those 41 players are transfers, including 17 from FBS programs and 14 from Power 5 schools. Here's a breakdown of the incoming transfers by conference/division:

-SEC (5): LB Quavaris Crouch-Tennessee; RB Harold Joiner-Auburn, CB Chester Kimbrough-Florida; TE Powers Warren-Mississippi State; CB Ronald Williams-Alabama

-ACC (4): WR Christian Fitzpatrick-Louisville; DE Drew Jordan-Duke; CB Marqui Lowery-Louisville; RB Kenneth Walker III-Wake Forest

-Big Ten (3): DE Itayvion Brown-Minnesota; TE Maliq Carr-Purdue; LB Ben VanSumeren-Michigan

-AAC (1): QB Anthony Russo-Temple

-Big 12 (1): P Cody Waddell-Texas Tech

-Pac-12 (1): CB Khary Crump-Arizona

-Sun Belt (1): OT Jarrett Horst-Arkansas State

-Independent (1): LB Samih Beydoun-Army West Point

-Division II (1): DB Kendell Brooks-North Greenville

-Division III (1): CB Spencer Rowland-Wheaton College

-Junior College (1): OT Brandon Baldwin-Independence Community College

MICHIGAN STATE ONE OF THE WINNINGEST FBS PROGRAMS IN HISTORY –

• Michigan State is one of 31 programs in the FBS to win more than 700 games. The Spartans currently rank No. 27 all-time with 714 victories (all-time record: 714-470-44, .599).

ALL IN THE FAMILY –

• Michigan State has a deep family legacy on the 2021 roster, from siblings to fathers to relatives. In fact, nine players and five staff members have direct family connections who played Spartan football, or are alumni of the program.

Legacy: **Matt Allen** (brothers Jack and Brian); **Charles Brantley** (uncle Herb Haygood); **Michael Dowell** (brothers Andrew and David); **Dallas Fincher** (father Mark); **Tate Hallock** (father Ty, brother Tanner); **Jacob Isaia** (grandfather Bob Apisa); **Jacub Panasiuk** (brother Mike); **Darius Snow** (uncle Percy), **Geno VanDeMark** (grandfather Allan).

Brothers: **Jacob/Zach Slade**

Alumni: DB coach **Harlon Barnett** (CB from 1986-89), Director of Player Engagement **Darien Harris** (LB from 2012-15), WR coach **Courtney Hawkins** (WR from 1988-91); Associate head strength and conditioning coach **Lorenzo Guess** (S from 1998-2001; Defensive analyst **Kevin Vickerson** (DE from 2001-04).

TRACKING TURNOVERS

Takeaways (7)	Qtr.	MSU Result
INT-Northwestern (Henderson)	2	TD
FUM-Miami (Pietrowski/Crouch)	1	Punt
INT-Miami (Grose)	2	Punt
FUM-Miami (Beesley/Panasiuk)	4	TD
FUM-Miami (Williams)	4	TD
FUM-Nebraska (Panasiuk/Pietrowski)	4	Punt
INT-Nebraska (Kimbrough)	OT	FG
TOTAL: 7 takeaways for 24 points (4-for-7 scoring)		

Turnovers (3)	Qtr.	Opp. Result
FUM-Northwestern (Joiner)	4	TD
FUM-YSU (Russo)	4	End of game
INT-Nebraska (Thorne)	1	Punt
TOTAL: 3 turnovers for 7 points (1-for-3 scoring)		

MSU: +4 turnovers (+1.00 margin), +17 margin on points off turnovers

*TD occurred on same play; ^ fumble occurred on same play

TOP SINGLE-GAME PERFORMANCES (at MSU)

Elijah Collins Rushing

Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
192	Western Michigan (17)	9/7/19
170	Illinois (28)	11/9/19
109	Rutgers (31)	11/23/19

Noah Harvey Tackles

Total	Opponent (S-A)	Date
14	Wake Forest (1-13)	12/27/19
11	Michigan (7-4)	10/31/20

Jalen Nailor Receiving

Total	Opponent (Catches)	Date
119	Iowa (4)	11/7/20
100	Penn State (6)	12/12/20

Jayden Reed Receiving

Total	Opponent (Catches)	Date
181	Youngstown State (4)	9/11/21
128	Rutgers (11)	10/24/20

Jordan Simmons Rushing

Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
121	Youngstown State (16)	9/11/21

Payton Thorne Passing

Total	Opponent (C-A)	Date
325	Penn State (22-39)	12/12/20
280	Youngstown State (15-21)	9/11/21
261	Miami (18-31)	9/18/21

Kenneth Walker III Rushing

Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
264	Northwestern (23)	9/3/21
172	Miami (27)	9/18/21



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



2021 SPARTAN MEDIA NETWORK RADIO AFFILIATES

City.....	Call Letters
Alma.....	WQBZ (FM 104.9)
Alpena.....	WKJZ (FM 94.9)
Ann Arbor.....	WLBY (AM 1290)
Bad Axe.....	WLEW (AM 1340)
Battle Creek.....	WBCK (FM 95.3)
Benton Harbor/South Haven.....	WCSY (FM 103.7)
Cheboygan.....	WCBY (AM 1240 AM/ FM 100.7/FM 98.1)
Detroit.....	WJR (AM 760)
Flint.....	WWCK (AM 1570)
.....	WWCK (FM 101.3)
Grand Haven/Muskegon.....	WGHN (FM 92.1)
Grand Rapids.....	WBFX (FM 101.3)
Hastings.....	WBCH (FM 100.1)
Iron Mountain.....	WZNL (FM 94.3)
Jackson.....	FOX Sports (FM 101.9)
Kalamazoo.....	WKZO (AM 590)
Lansing.....	WJIM (AM 1240 & FM 106.9)
.....	WMMQ (FM 94.9)
Ludington.....	WLDN (FM 98.7)
Marquette.....	WRUP (FM 98.3)
Midland.....	WLUN (FM 100.9)
Munising.....	WQXO (AM 1400)
.....	WQXO (FM 97.7)
Ontonagon.....	WUPY (FM 101.1)
Port Huron.....	WPHM (AM 1380)
Saginaw.....	WILZ (FM 104.5)
Tawas City.....	WQLB (FM 103.3)
Traverse City.....	WJZQ (FM 92.9)

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SPARTANS BOAST 18 GRADUATES ON 2021 ROSTER –

- Michigan State has 18 graduates on its 2021 roster:

Matt Allen – Food Industry Management (December 2020)
 AJ Arcuri – Packaging (December 2020)
 Drew Beesley – Economics (December 2020)
 Luke Campbell – Kinesiology (December 2020)
 Jack Camper – Agribusiness (Summer 2021)
 Matt Carrick – Advertising (Summer 2021)
 Matt Coghlin – Finance (December 2020)
 Emmanuel Flowers – Communication (December 2020)
 C.J. Hayes – Communication (December 2020)
 Connor Heyward – Communication (Summer 2021)
 Tyler Hunt – Agribusiness (May 2021)
 Kevin Jarvis – Criminal Justice (December 2020)
 Drew Jordan – Evolutionary Anthropology (December 2020 from Duke)
 Jacob Panasiuk – Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science - Human Capital and Society (May 2021)
 Spencer Rowland – Biology (December 2020 from Wheaton College)
 Anthony Russo – Advertising (May 2020 from Temple)
 Cody Waddell – University Studies (Spring 2021 from Texas Tech)
 Powers Warren – Kinesiology/Sport Administration (May 2021 from Mississippi State)

THE 2010s: A DECADE OF SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE FOR SPARTAN FOOTBALL –

- Michigan State recently completed its winningest decade in school history based on total wins, as the Spartans went 92-40 (.697) from 2010-19. The 92 wins were third most in the Big Ten and 13th most in the FBS.

Winningest NCAA FBS Teams: 2010s

Rank	Team	Total Wins
1.	Alabama	124
2.	Clemson	117
3.	Oklahoma	109
4.	Boise State	107
5.	Ohio State	105*
6.	LSU	103
7.	Wisconsin	102
8.	Oregon	101
9.	Georgia	100
10.	Stanford	98
11.	Florida State	96
12.	Oklahoma State	93
13.	Michigan State	92
14.	Northern Illinois	91
15.	San Diego State	90
16.	TCU	87
	Penn State	87

* Ohio State vacated 12 wins from the 2010 season

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



• In addition, Michigan State became the fifth Big Ten program to win at least 90 games in a decade (Ohio State, Penn State, Michigan, Wisconsin) and the 92 wins were the seventh-most ever by any Big Ten team in a decade.

Winningest Big Ten Teams by Decade (by victories, entering 2020s)

Rk.	Team	Wins	Decade	Coaches
1.	Ohio State	105 (105-18, .854)*	2010s	Tressel/Fickel/Meyer/Day
2.	Wisconsin	102 (102-35, .744)	2010s	Bielema/Andersen/Chryst
	Ohio State	102 (102-25, .803)	2000s	Cooper/Tressel
4.	Penn State	97 (97-26, .789)	1990s	Paterno
5.	Michigan	96 (96-13-3, .848)	1970s	Schembechler
6.	Michigan	93 (93-26-3, .775)	1990s	Moeller/Carr
7.	Michigan State	92 (92-40, .697)	2010s	Dantonio
8.	Ohio State	91 (91-20-3, .811)	1970s	Hayes/Bruce
9.	Michigan	89 (89-29-2, .750)	1980s	Schembechler
10.	Penn State	87 (87-42, .674)	2010s	Paterno/Bradley/O'Brien/Franklin

*12 wins vacated in 2010. Actual record: 117-18 (.867)

• During the 2010s, MSU won six bowl games (2012 Outback, 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings, 2014 Rose, 2015 Cotton, 2017 Holiday, 2019 Pinstripe), three Big Ten Championships (2010, 2013, 2015) and three Big Ten Division titles (2011, 2013, 2015). The six bowl wins tied for second most by a Big Ten team in a single decade.

Most Bowl Wins in a Decade - Big Ten Teams

Rank	Team (Decade)	Bowl Wins
1.	Michigan (1990s)	7
2.	Michigan State (2010s)	6
	Penn State (1990s)	6*
4.	Iowa (2000s)	5
	Michigan (1980s)	5
	Ohio State (1980s, 2000s)	5
	Wisconsin (1990s, 2000s, 2010s)	5

* Penn State won seven total bowl games in 1990s, but didn't join Big Ten until 1993

• MSU's .697 winning percentage last decade was the fourth best in school history. MSU was the only school to finish in the top-six of the national polls from 2013-15 (No. 3 in 2013, No. 5 in 2014, No. 6 in 2015) and the 36 wins from 2013-15 marked the winningest three-year stretch in the history of the program.

• In addition, the Spartans have earned 12 bowl bids since 2007, including a school-record four consecutive bowl victories (2012 Outback against No. 18 Georgia, 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings against TCU, 2014 Rose Bowl Game against No. 5 Stanford, 2015 Cotton Bowl Classic against No. 4 Baylor).

BY THE NUMBERS

2

MSU is one of two schools in the country, along with Florida, to win multiple National Championships in both football and men's basketball.

6

MSU's six bowl wins last decade (2012 Outback, 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings, 2014 Rose, 2015 Cotton, 2017 Holiday, 2019 Pinstripe) tied for the second most by a Big Ten team in a single decade.

7

MSU has ranked in the FBS Top 20 in total defense seven times in the past 11 seasons, including six times in the top 10.

9

MSU has been ranked in the FBS Top 25 in rushing defense nine times in the past 11 seasons, including six times in top 10 and twice at No. 1 (2014, 2018).

12

Michigan State has made 12 bowl games in the past 14 seasons.

15

MSU has defeated 16 AP Top 25 teams since 2013 (16-16 record vs. ranked teams last eight-plus seasons).

64

MSU has ranked among the nation's Top 25 in attendance each of the last 64 seasons (not including 2020).

92

MSU won 92 games during the 2010s, third most in the Big Ten and 13th most in the FBS during that time period. That total is also the seventh most in a single decade by a Big Ten team.

152

MSU's offensive line had 152 career starts returning in 2021, which ranked third most in the FBS. The nine players with multiple games of starting experience on the o-line ranked tied for second in the FBS.



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

2021 OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Game	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	WR	QB	TB
Northwestern	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Youngstown State	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Hunt+	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Miami	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Nebraska	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Western Kentucky											
Rutgers											
Indiana											
Michigan											
Purdue											
Maryland											
Ohio State											
Penn State											

+ MSU lined up in a two tight end set

2021 DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Game	DE	DT	DT	DE	WILL	MIKE	NB	CB	S	S	CB
Northwestern	Panasiuk	Hunt	Barrow	Beesley	Crouch	Haladay	Dowell	Gervin	Henderson	Grose	Williams
Youngstown State	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Pietrowski	Crouch	Haladay	Dowell	Gervin	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Miami	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Beesley	Crouch	Haladay	Dowell	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Nebraska	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Beesley	Crouch	Haladay	Dowell	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Western Kentucky											
Rutgers											
Indiana											
Michigan											
Purdue											
Maryland											
Ohio State											
Penn State											



OFFENSE

100-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 173 yards vs. Miami, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)
Opponent: Trey Sermon (112 yards) and Justin Fields (104), Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

150-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 173 yards vs. Miami, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)
Opponent: J.K. Dobbins (172 yards), Ohio State, Oct. 5, 2019 (OSU 34-10)

200-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 264 yards vs. Northwestern, Sept. 3, 2021 (MSU 38-21)
Opponent: Taylor Martinez, Nebraska, 205 yards, Nov. 3, 2012 (NEB 28-24)

150 RUSHING YARDS AT HALFTIME

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 160 yards vs. Indiana, Oct. 13, 2007 (MSU 52-27)
Opponent: Mike Weber, Ohio State, 161 yards, Nov. 11, 2017 (OSU 48-3)

30 OR MORE CARRIES

Spartans: Elijah Collins, 31 vs. Rutgers, Nov. 23, 2019 (MSU 27-0)
Opponent: Karan Higdon, Michigan, 33, Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-7)

40 OR MORE CARRIES

Spartans: Le'Veon Bell, 44 vs. Boise State, Aug. 31, 2012 (MSU 17-13)

TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Spartans: Nick Hill (178 yards) and Jeremy Langford (109 yards), vs. Indiana, Oct. 18, 2014 (MSU 56-17)
Opponent: Trey Sermon (112 yards) and Justin Fields (104), Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

300-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Payton Thorne, 325 yards (22-for-39) vs. Penn State, Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)
Opponent: D'Eriq King, 388 yards (38-for-59), Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)

400-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Brian Lewerke, 400 yards (33-for-56) vs. Penn State, Nov. 4, 2017 (MSU 27-24)
Opponent: Bryce Petty, Baylor, 550 yards (36-for-51), Jan. 1, 2015 (MSU 42-41)

500-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Not accomplished.
Opponent: Bryce Petty, Baylor, 550 yards (36-for-51), Jan. 1, 2015 (MSU 42-41)

TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Spartans: B.J. Cunningham, 115 yards (5 catches) and Keshawn Martin, 115 yards (9 catches) vs. Wisconsin, Dec. 3, 2011 (WIS 42-39)
Opponent: Corey Davis, 154 yards (10 catches) and Daniel Braverman, 109 yards (13 catches), Western Michigan, Sept. 4, 2015 (MSU 37-24)

150-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Spartans: Jayden Reed, 181 yards (4 catches) vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)
Opponent: Charleston Rambo, 156 yards (12 catches), Miami, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)

150-YARD RECEIVING GAME AT HALFTIME

Spartans: Jayden Reed, 160 yards (2 catches) vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)

200-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Spartans: Mark Dell, 202 yards (9 catches) vs. California, Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL 38-31)
Opponent: Ty Fryfogle, 200 yards (11 catches), Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)

10 STRAIGHT COMPLETIONS TO START GAME

Spartans: Brian Hoyer, 10 vs. UAB, Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)
Opponent: Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame, 10, Sept. 19, 2009 (ND 33-30)

10 STRAIGHT COMPLETIONS

Spartans: Payton Thorne, 12 vs. Penn State (first through third quarter), Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)

30 PASS COMPLETIONS

Spartans: Rocky Lombardi, 31 vs. Rutgers (43 attempts), Oct. 24, 2020 (RUT 37-28)
Opponent: D'Eriq King, Miami, 38, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)

SCORED FOUR RUSHING TDS

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, four vs. Northwestern (runs of 75, 3, 5 and 6 yards), Sept. 3, 2021 (MSU 38-21)
Opponent: Larry Johnson, Penn State, four (runs of 11, 78, 11, 38 yards), Nov. 23, 2002 (PSU 61-7)

SCORED FOUR RUSHING TDS IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: *Jehuu Caulcrick, four vs. UAB (runs of 5, 1, 42 and 5 yards), Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)
* tied school record with Blake Ezor (1989 vs. Northwest-ern)

SCORED FOUR TDS

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, four vs. Northwestern (4 rushing), Sept. 3, 2021 (MSU 38-21)
Opponent: Montee Ball, Wisconsin, four (3 rush, 1 receiving), Dec. 3, 2011 (WIS 42-39)

SCORED FIVE TDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, five vs. Eastern Michigan (5 rush), Sept. 6, 2008 (MSU 42-10)
Opponent: Lee Evans, Wisconsin, five (catches of 9, 75, 18, 70, 18 yards), Nov. 15, 2003 (WIS 56-21)

SCORED TD ON FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE

Spartans: Payton Thorne to Jayden Reed, 75-yard TD, Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)

THREW FOUR TD PASSES

Spartans: Payton Thorne, four vs. Miami, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)
Opponent: Shea Patterson, Michigan, four, Nov. 16, 2019 (MICH 44-10)

THREW FIVE TD PASSES

Spartans: *Drew Stanton, five vs. Illinois, Sept. 24, 2005 (MSU 61-14)
* School record
Opponent: Adam Weber, Minnesota, five, Oct. 31, 2009 (MINN 42-34)

THREE TD RECEPTIONS

Spartans: Cody White, three vs. Rutgers (21, 16, 7 yards from Brian Lewerke), Nov. 23, 2019 (MSU 27-0)
Opponent: Pat Freiermuth, Penn State, three (catches of 16, 19, 6), Oct. 26, 2019 (PSU 28-7)

QUARTERBACK WITH TD RECEPTION

Spartans: Brian Lewerke 4-yard pass from Darrell Stewart, Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-17)

NON-QUARTERBACK WITH TD PASS

Spartans: WR Darrell Stewart 4-yard pass to QB Brian Lewerke, Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-17)

80-YARD OR LONGER TD RECEPTION

Spartans: Jayden Reed to Payton Thorne, 85 yards vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)
Opponent: Brandon Peters to Josh Imatorbhehbe, Illinois, 83 yards, Nov. 9, 2019 (ILL 37-34)

80-YARD OR LONGER TD RUN

Spartans: Connor Heyward, 80 yards vs. Maryland, Nov. 3, 2018 (MSU 24-3)
Opponent: Mike Weber, Ohio State, 82 yards, Nov. 11, 2017 (OSU 48-3)

BACK-TO-BACK 200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Spartans: *Javon Ringer, 2008 (Florida Atlantic and Notre Dame)
* First time accomplished in school history

10 STRAIGHT 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES*

Spartans: Jeremy Langford, 2014 (Sept. 27 Wyoming - Jan. 1 Baylor) *
* School record

300 ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 308 yards vs. Florida Atlantic, Sept. 13, 2008 (MSU 17-0)

DID NOT SCORE A TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: vs. Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)
Opponent: Nebraska, Nov. 17, 2018 (NEB 9-6)

DID NOT SCORE AN OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: vs. Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)
Opponent: Nebraska, Nov. 17, 2018 (NEB 9-6)

NEITHER TEAM SCORED A TOUCHDOWN

Nov. 17, 2018, Michigan State at Nebraska (NEB 9-6)

SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: R.J. Shelton, 90 yards vs. Penn State, Nov. 29, 2014 (MSU 34-10)
Opponent: Darius Phillips, Western Michigan, 100 yards, Sept. 9, 2017 (MSU 28-14)

PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Jadyen Reed, 62 yards vs. Nebraska, Sept. 25, 2021 (MSU 23-20, OT)
Opponent: Jahan Dotson, Penn State, 81 yards, Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)

BLOCKED PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Bennie Fowler, 0 yards (recovered in end zone; blocked by Tyler Elsworth, 36-yard return) vs. Wisconsin, Oct. 22, 2011 (MSU 37-31)
Opponent: Matt Hahn, Penn State, 0 yards (blocked by Donnie Johnson), Nov. 19, 2005 (PSU 31-22)

BLOCKED PUNT

Spartans: Dominique Long vs. Tulsa, Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)
Opponent: Troy Jakubec of Youngstown State blocked Bryce Baringer's punt, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)

SPECIALIST SCORED A TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: PK Matt Coghlin vs. Indiana, Sept. 22, 2018 (MSU 35-21)

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL

Spartans: Mike Panasiuk vs. Purdue, blocked Spencer Evans' 41-yard attempt, Oct. 27, 2018 (MSU 23-13)
Opponent: Shaka Toney, Penn State, blocked Matt Coghlin's 46-yard attempt, Oct. 26, 2019 (PSU 28-7)

BLOCKED TWO FIELD GOALS

Spartans: Percy Snow vs. Minnesota, Nov. 11, 1989 (MSU 21-7)

DEFENSIVE EXTRA POINT SCORED

Spartans: Ashton Watson, returned blocked PAT, vs. Indiana, Oct. 29, 2005 (MSU 46-15)
Opponent: Jabrill Peppers, Michigan, returned fumble on 2-point conversion, Oct. 29, 2016 (MICH 32-23)

SUCCESSFUL 2-POINT CONVERSION

Spartans: Brian Lewerke pass to Felton Davis III, vs. Utah State, Aug. 31, 2018 (MSU 38-31)
Opponent: Sean Clifford pass to Parker Washington, Penn State, Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)

INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Mike Panasiuk, 14 yards vs. Wake Forest, Dec. 27, 2019 (MSU 27-21)
Opponent: Haskell Garrett, Ohio State, 0 yards, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

FUMBLE RETURN/RECOVERY FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Kalon Gervin, 0 yards vs. Northwestern, Nov. 28, 2020 (MSU 29-20)
Opponent: Dre'Mont Jones, Ohio State, 0 yards, Nov. 10, 2018 (OSU 26-6)

70-YARD PUNT

Spartans: Bryce Baringer, 78 yards vs. Michigan, Oct. 31, 2020 (MSU 27-24)
Opponent: Drue Chrisman, Ohio State, 74 yards, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

50-YARD FIELD GOAL

Spartans: Matt Coghlin, 51 yards vs. Michigan, Oct. 31, 2020 (MSU 27-24)
Opponent: A. Borregales, Miami, 55 yards, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)

KICKED FOUR FIELD GOALS

Spartans: Matt Coghlin, four vs. Tulsa (38, 47, 44, 40 yards), Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)

MISSED/BLOCKED EXTRA POINT

Spartans: Michael Geiger vs. Penn State, Nov. 28, 2015 (MSU 55-16)
Opponent: Joseph Petrino, Maryland, blocked by Jacob Panasiuk, Nov. 30, 2019 (MSU 19-16)

SUCCESSFUL ONSIDE KICK

Spartans: Kevin Cronin vs. Baylor, Jan. 1, 2015 (MSU 42-41)

Opponent: Kaden Keon, Central Michigan, Sept. 29, 2018 (MSU 31-20)

DEFENSE

HELD TO 25 OR FEWER YARDS RUSHING

Spartans: 15 yards vs. Michigan (23 attempts), Oct. 20, 2018 (MSU 21-7)
Opponent: -73 yards by Tulsa (25 carries), Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)

HELD TO 50 OR FEWER YARDS RUSHING

Spartans: 30 yards vs. Wisconsin (21 attempts), Oct. 12, 2019 (WIS 38-0)
Opponent: 36 yards by Illinois (27 carries), Nov. 9, 2019 (ILL 37-34)

HELD TO 10 OR FEWER FIRST DOWNS

Spartans: 9 vs. Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)
Opponent: 7 by Rutgers, Nov. 23, 2019 (MSU 27-0)

HELD TO 100 OR FEWER YARDS PASSING

Spartans: 79 yards vs. Michigan (7-28), Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-7)
Opponent: 74 yards by Maryland (8-24), Nov. 3, 2018 (MSU 24-3)

HELD TO 100 OR FEWER YARDS PASSING BACK-TO-BACK GAMES

Opponent: 40 yards by Rutgers (6-18-2), Nov. 12, 2016 (MSU 49-0); 86 yards by Ohio State (10-22-0), Nov. 19, 2016 (OSU 17-16)

HELD TO 100 OR FEWER TOTAL YARDS

Spartans: 94 yards vs. Michigan, Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-7)
Opponent: 80 yards by Tulsa, Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)

SHUTOUT RECORDED

Spartans: vs. Rutgers (27-0), Nov. 23, 2019
Opponent: by Indiana (24-0), Nov. 14, 2020

SHUTOUT RECORDED IN SPARTAN STADIUM

Spartans: vs. Rutgers (49-0), Nov. 12, 2016
Opponent: by Indiana (24-0), Nov. 14, 2020

SAFETY RECORDED

Spartans: Team (wild snap recovered in end zone by Ohio State), vs. Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)
Opponent: Team (intentional), Ohio State, Nov. 10, 2018 (OSU 26-6)

PLAYER HAD THREE SACKS

Spartans: Riley Bulough, three vs. Western Michigan, Sept. 4, 2015 (MSU 37-24)
Opponent: Brandon Graham, Michigan, three, Oct. 25, 2008 (MSU 35-21)

SCORED TWO DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

Spartans: Two vs. Penn State (Demetrius Cox 77-yard fumble return; Malik McDowell 13-yard interception return), Nov. 28, 2015 (MSU 55-16)
Opponent: Two by Ohio State (Thaddeus Gibson fumble return; Jermale Hines fumble return), Oct. 18, 2008 (OSU 45-7)

SCORED TWO DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS - SAME PLAYER

Spartans: Two vs. South Florida (Shilique Calhoun 4-yard fumble return; Calhoun 56-yard interception return), Sept. 7, 2013 (MSU 21-6)* (school record)

FOUR INTERCEPTIONS (TEAM)

Spartans: Four vs. Central Michigan (Robinson, Lewis, Bulough, Drummond), Sept. 24, 2011 (MSU 45-7)
Opponent: Four by Boston College, Dec. 28, 2007 (BC 24-21)

FORCED FIVE TURNOVERS

Spartans: Five vs. Michigan, Oct. 7, 2017 (MSU 14-10)
Opponent: Seven by Rutgers, Oct. 24, 2020, 2007 (RUT 37-28)

TWO INTERCEPTIONS (INDIVIDUAL)

Spartans: Shakur Brown, two vs. Northwestern, Nov. 28, 2020 (29-20)

PLAYER HAD TWO FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Spartans: Kenny Willekes, two vs. Tulsa, Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)

PLAYER HAD THREE FORCED FUMBLES

Spartans: Joe Bachie, three vs. Maryland, Nov. 3, 2018 (MSU 24-3)

TEAM/MISCELLANEOUS

BIGGEST COMEBACK

Spartans: *35 points (down 38-3) vs. Northwestern on Oct. 21, 2006, with 38 straight points to win, 41-38.
* NCAA FBS Record

SCORED 40 POINTS IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: 42 points (led 42-7 at half), beat Wyoming 56-14 on Sept. 27, 2014

SCORED 45 POINTS IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: *49 points (led 49-0 at half), beat Eastern Michigan 73-14 on Sept. 20, 2014
* Post-WWII Record.

600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Spartans: 662 vs. Indiana, Oct. 18, 2014 (MSU 56-17)
Opponent: 611 yards by Northwestern, Sept. 29, 2007 (NU 48-41, OT)

500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Spartans: 595 vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)
Opponent: 521, Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

300 YARDS RUSHING

Spartans: 326 vs. Northwestern, Sept. 3, 2021 (MSU 38-21)
Opponent: 322, Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

300 YARDS RUSHING - BACK-TO-BACK GAMES

Spartans: 336 vs. Eastern Michigan, Sept. 20, 2014 (MSU 73-14); 348 vs. Wyoming, Sept. 27, 2014 (MSU 56-14)

400 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: 408 vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)

300 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN FIRST HALF

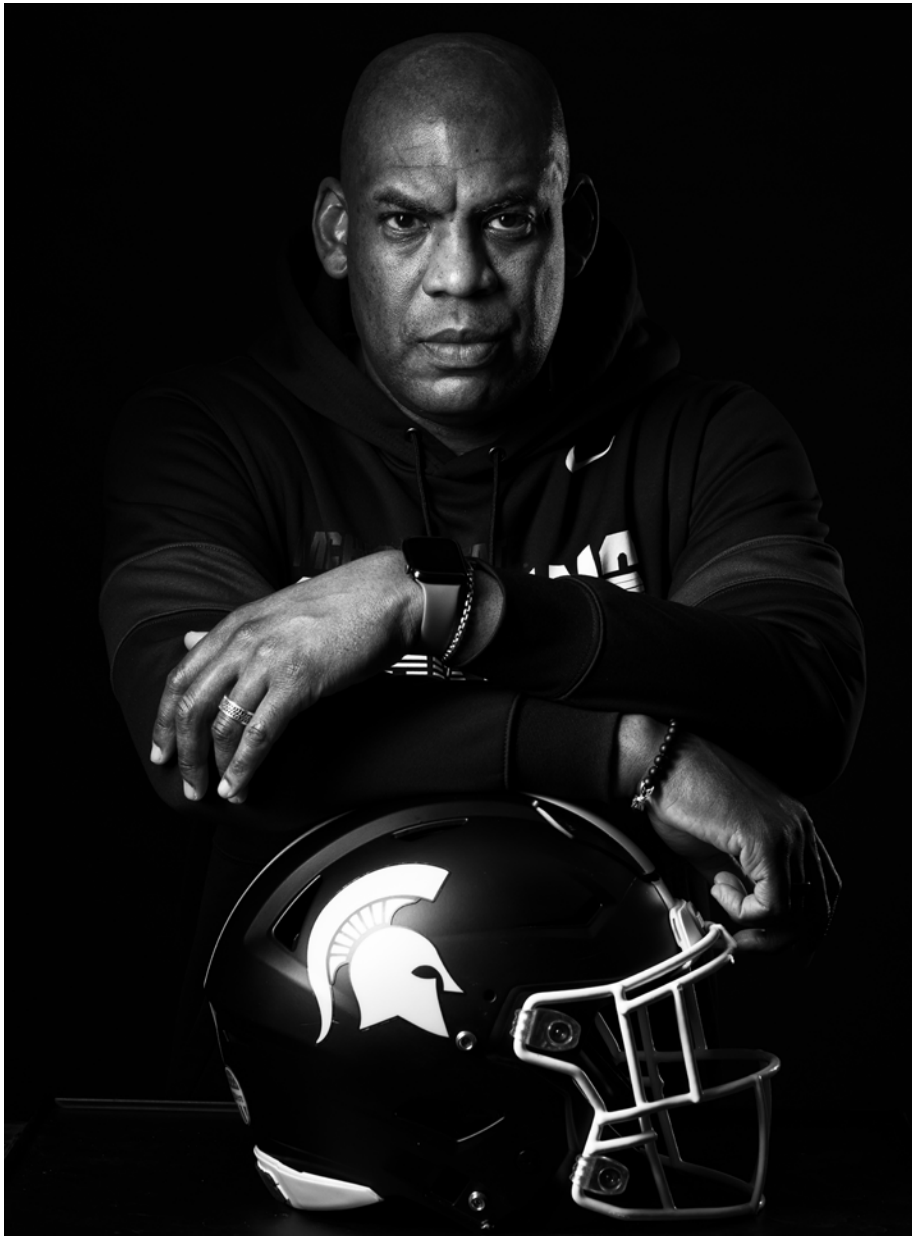
Spartans: 408 vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)
Opponent: 325, Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)

WON GAME ON FINAL PLAY - REGULATION

Spartans: Matt Coghlin, 34-yard field goal as time expired vs. Penn State, Nov. 4, 2017 (MSU 27-24)
Opponent: Brandon Ruiz, 28-yard field goal as time expired, Arizona State, Sept. 8, 2018 (ASU 16-13)



HEAD COACH MEL TUCKER



Mel Tucker, a 25-year coaching veteran with championship experience, was named Michigan State University's 25th head football coach on Feb. 12, 2020.

Tucker's resume, which began as a graduate assistant at Michigan State under Nick Saban, has an impressive track record of success. The journey that has led him back to East Lansing includes a head coaching position at Colorado (2019), five seasons as a defensive coach in the Southeastern Conference (2000; 2015-18), 10 seasons in the NFL (2005-14), and four seasons at Ohio State (2001-04). He was a defensive coordinator in the NFL for seven seasons and 11 seasons overall in his coaching career.

"I love the positives of the Michigan State Football legacy," said Tucker at his introductory press conference. "I cannot be more fired up about being part of this culture; this is a winning culture."

"I promise you that we will do everything to prepare, practice and play relentless and accountable football with toughness and integrity. We will do that. We have much to live up to and much to prove, and I believe the time is right now."

In 153 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 112-41 (.732) record, including 10 postseason bowl games (2000 Peach, 2002 Outback, 2003 Fiesta/BCS National Championship, 2004 Fiesta, 2004 Alamo, 2015 Cotton/CFP Semifinal, 2016 CFP/National Championship, 2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2018 CFP/National Championship), three conference championships, three national championship games and two national championships (2002 with Ohio State, 2015 with Alabama). He coached 160 games in the National Football League (64 with Cleveland, 64 with Jacksonville, 32 with Chicago).

The 49-year-old Tucker is nationally recognized as a top recruiter and developer of talent, working with numerous NFL Draft selections, including 13 first-rounders, and multiple All-Americans and Pro Bowlers. He has been on staffs with some of the top collegiate coaches in the game, including Saban, Mark Dantonio, Kirby Smart and Jim Tressel.

Before even coaching a game at Michigan State, Tucker helped lead the Spartan program through an offseason in 2020 that was filled with challenges. He demonstrated a forward-thinking approach for adjusting to adverse conditions, especially for a new staff, by adapting to the most up-to-date technology while maintaining connection. A member of the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition, he invited numerous local and state government representatives, along with other industry leaders, to speak to the team on a variety of topics, including voting rights and registration, social justice causes and mental health awareness.

Tucker has collaborated with several departments on campus to form partnerships with the football program, including the MSU Burgess Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, which developed a six-week training course educating student-athletes on how to sharpen their entrepreneurial mindset, master business basics and learn the process of creating new ventures. In addition, Tucker has embraced social media as a way to connect with the Spartan fan base and recruits, bringing energy and enthusiasm to the program with his "Relentless" philosophy.

On the field, Tucker became just the second Spartan head coach, joining his mentor Saban, to beat Michigan in his first game against the Wolverines with a 27-23 win at Michigan Stadium over 13th-ranked U of M on Oct. 31, 2020. Tucker also recorded his first Top-10 win as head coach of the Spartans with a 29-20 triumph over eighth-ranked and eventual Big Ten West Champion Northwestern on Nov. 28 in Spartan Stadium.



During his first season as a collegiate head coach at Colorado in 2019, Tucker posted wins against Washington, Stanford, Arizona State, Nebraska and Colorado State en route to a 5-7 overall record. The three Pac-12 wins were the second most by the Buffaloes since joining the conference in 2011. Six players earned All-Pac 12 honors, including first-team linebacker Nate Landman, who ranked fourth in the league with 109 tackles. Colorado's 2020 recruiting class was ranked No. 35 in the nation by 247Sports, the highest for the Buffaloes since 2008.

Prior to accepting the head coaching role at Colorado, Tucker spent three seasons (2016-18) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Georgia. The Bulldogs were 32-9 under Tucker's leadership of the defensive unit and finished in the FBS Top 20 for total defense three consecutive years (No. 16 in 2016; No. 6 in 2017; No. 13 in 2018). One of the staff's top recruiters, Tucker was ranked as the No. 14 recruiter in the nation by 247Sports based off the class he helped signed before the 2018 season.

UGA had a banner year in 2017, finishing No. 2 in the national polls with a 13-2 record after winning the SEC title over Auburn and the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl against Okla-

homa, while playing in the CFP National Championship vs. Alabama. Georgia's defense finished second in the SEC and sixth nationally in both scoring defense (16.4 ppg) and in total defense (294.9 ypg), while also finishing second in the conference in rushing defense. Roquan Smith, who was named a unanimous All-American, won the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker and was the eighth-pick overall in 2018 NFL Draft. Tucker also mentored cornerback Deandre Baker at Georgia, who won the 2018 Jim Thorpe Award, was named a first-team All-American, and was drafted in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft (No. 30 overall) by the Giants. Both Smith and Baker also earned first-team All-SEC honors. In 2021, cornerback Eric Stokes became the third Bulldog drafted in the first round that Tucker coached at Georgia, going to Green Bay at No. 29 overall.

Tucker arrived in Athens after helping Alabama win the 2015 national championship as the assistant head coach/defensive backs coach in his lone season in Tuscaloosa under Saban. Tucker worked with future NFL first-rounders and Pro Bowlers Marlon Humphrey and Minkah Fitzpatrick, along with first-team All-SEC safety and eventual Pro Bowler Eddie Jackson, during the Crimson Tide's national championship season, which included wins over

Florida for the SEC Championship, Michigan State in the CFP Semifinal/Cotton Bowl, and Clemson in the CFP National Championship. It marked the third time Tucker was hired by Saban.

Saban originally hired Tucker for his first job in the coaching profession as a graduate assistant at Michigan State for two seasons (1997-98), where he worked directly under Dantonio, the winningest coach in Spartan history.

Tucker landed his first full-time position in 1999 as a defensive backs coach at Miami (Ohio) for Terry Hoepfner, then reunited with Saban at LSU for one season in 2000 before joining Jim Tressel's staff at Ohio State for four years (2001-04) coaching defensive backs. Under Tressel, Tucker helped the Buckeyes go 14-0 in 2002 while winning the BCS National Championship over Miami (Fla.) in the Fiesta Bowl. Tucker, who was promoted to co-defensive coordinator in his final season at OSU in 2004, helped OSU collect a 40-11 record during his four seasons in Columbus. He also recruited exceptionally well for the Buckeyes, directly helping bring in four future first-round picks (WR Ted Ginn Jr.; WR Anthony Gonzalez; CB Vernon Gholston; DB Malcolm Jenkins) and Troy Smith, the 2006 Heisman Trophy winner. During Tucker's time in Columbus,



Mel Tucker was introduced as Michigan State University's 25th head football coach on Feb. 12, 2020, at the Izzo Hall of History inside the Breslin Center (pictured with his wife, JoEllyn, and sons, Joseph and Christian).



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT COACH MEL TUCKER...

**SAMUEL L. STANLEY, JR., M.D.,
MICHIGAN STATE PRESIDENT**

"Mel Tucker has a strong reputation as an intense and dynamic coach and we're excited to have him bring that energy to MSU. Leading our football program on the field and in their development as student-athletes is no small task and we are confident he is the right person for the job. We look forward to having Coach Tucker join our Spartan family."

**KEVIN WARREN,
BIG TEN COMMISSIONER**

"I am thrilled to welcome Mel Tucker back to the Big Ten Conference as he embarks upon his new role as head football coach at Michigan State University. His integrity, demonstrated work ethic and knowledge of what it means to become a Big Ten champion – both as a student-athlete at Wisconsin and as an assistant coach at Ohio State – will clearly provide him with the skills and experience necessary to lead the Michigan State football program that prepares young men for successful lives upon graduation. Mel epitomizes what it means to be a champion both on and off the field. I look forward to working with Coach Tucker and welcoming his wife JoEllyn, and their sons Joseph and Christian into the Big Ten Conference."

he coached four first-team All-Americans (S Mike Doss, S Will Allen, S Donte Whitner, LB A.J. Hawk) and four first-round NFL Draft picks on defense (CB Chris Gamble, S Donte Whitner; LB Bobby Carpenter, Hawk), along with multiple first-team All-Big Ten selections.

Following his successful stint at Ohio State, Tucker moved up to the professional ranks to coach his hometown Cleveland Browns as the secondary coach under Romeo Crennel, who had previously won a Super Bowl as a defensive coordinator for the Patriots. Tucker was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2008, and the Browns finished the season ranked second in the NFL in interceptions (23) and 16th in scoring defense (21.9 ppg). For his four seasons overall with Cleveland from 2005-08, the Browns ranked fifth in the league with 73 interceptions, seventh in passing yards allowed and gave up the fourth-fewest completions of 25-plus yards.

Tucker continued his coaching career in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was hired by Jack Del Rio to be the defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 2009, then moved solely into the defensive coordinator role for the next two seasons. He served as the interim head coach for the final five games of the 2011 season, in which the Jaguars ranked sixth in the NFL in total defense (313.0 ypg). Tucker returned to Jacksonville for the 2012 season to be the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator under Mike Mularkey.

Tucker spent his last two seasons in the NFL as the defensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears working for Marc Trestman in 2013-14.

A 1995 graduate of the University of Wisconsin with his bachelor's degree in agricultural business management, Tucker was a member of the first recruiting class for Hall of Fame Coach Barry Alvarez. He lettered three times at both cornerback



and safety from 1990-94 and was on the Badgers' 1993 Big Ten champion team that defeated UCLA in the Rose Bowl, 21-16. As a sophomore, he made a game-saving hit in the end zone with time running out that preserved a 19-16 win at Minnesota. He had 47 tackles and four pass deflections in his career (he missed his entire junior season after breaking a leg in fall camp).

Tucker remains close with several Badger teammates who have gone on to make their marks in football, including Troy Vincent (the NFL executive vice president for football operations), Chris Ballard (Indianapolis Colts general manager) and Darrell Bevell (Jacksonville Jaguars offensive coordinator).

He was born Melvin Tucker II on Jan. 4, 1972, in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Cleveland Heights High School, where he was an all-state performer in football and an all-conference basketball player. He is married to the former JoEllyn Haynesworth, who earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois and her law degree from Rutgers University. The couple has two sons born on the same day (Feb. 18) two years apart, Joseph and Christian.





THE TUCKER FILE

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Graduate assistant at Michigan State (1997-98)
- Defensive backs at Miami-Ohio (1999)
- Defensive backs at LSU (2000)
- Defensive backs at Ohio State (2001-03)
- Co-defensive coordinator/defensive backs at Ohio State (2004)
- Defensive backs with Cleveland Browns (2005-07)
- Defensive coordinator with Cleveland Browns (2008)
- Defensive coordinator/secondary with Jacksonville Jaguars (2009)
- Defensive coordinator with Jacksonville Jaguars (2010-11)
- Interim head coach with Jacksonville Jaguars (2011)
- Assistant head coach/defensive coordinator with Jacksonville Jaguars (2012)
- Defensive coordinator with Chicago Bears (2013-14)
- Assistant head coach/defensive backs at Alabama (2015)
- Defensive coordinator/secondary at Georgia (2016-18)
- Head coach at Colorado (2019)



PERSONAL DATA: Born Jan. 4, 1972. Family: wife JoEllyn and two sons, Joseph and Christian.

CONNECT: Twitter: @Coach_MTucker; Facebook: Mel Tucker; Instagram: @Coach_MTucker

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in agricultural business management from Wisconsin in 1995.

HEAD COACHING RECORD: 11-12 in his third season as a college head coach.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: College: Three-year letterman as a defensive back at Wisconsin (1990-92, 1994).

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE: Coach: 2000 Peach, 2002 Outback, 2003 Fiesta/BCS National Championship, 2004 Fiesta, 2004 Alamo, 2015 Cotton/CFP Semifinal, 2016 CFP/National Championship, 2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2018 CFP/National Championship). Player: 1995 Hall of Fame Bowl.

NFL FIRST ROUNDERS: Tucker has coached nine NFL first-round draft picks along with recruiting four others. **COACHED (9):** CB Chris Gamble (Ohio State; No. 28 overall pick by Carolina, 2004 NFL Draft); LB A.J. Hawk (Ohio State; No. 6, Green Bay, 2006); LB Bobby Carpenter (Ohio State; No. 19, Dallas, 2006); CB Donte Whitner (Ohio State; No. 6, Buffalo, 2006); CB Marlon Humphrey (Alabama; No. 16, Baltimore, 2017); S Minkah Fitzpatrick (Alabama; No. 11, Miami, 2018); LB Roquan Smith (Georgia; No. 8, Chicago, 2018); CB DeAndre Baker (Georgia, No. 30, New York Giants, 2019); CB Eric Stokes (Georgia, No. 29, Green Bay, 2021). **RECRUITED (4):** WR Ted Ginn, Jr. (Ohio State; No. 9, Miami, 2007); WR Anthony Gonzalez (Ohio State; No. 32, Indianapolis, 2007); DE Vernon Gholston (Ohio State; No. 6, N.Y. Jets, 2008); CB/S Malcolm Jenkins (Ohio State; No. 14, New Orleans, 2009).

TUCKER'S CAREER RECORD - HEAD COACH

Year	School	Overall			Conference			Finish	Bowl	Rk.
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
2019	Colorado	5	7	.417	3	6	.333	5th (Pac-12 South)	-	-
2020	Michigan State	2	5	.286	2	5	.286	7th (Big Ten East)	-	-
2021	Michigan State	4	0	1.000	2	0	1.000	-	-	-
Totals		11	12	.478	7	11	.389	-	-	-

TUCKER'S CAREER RECORD - ASSISTANT COACH (COLLEGE)

Year	School	Overall			Conference			Finish	Bowl	Rk.
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
1999	Miami-Ohio	7	4	.636	6	2	.750	2nd (MAC East)	-	-
2000	LSU	8	4	.667	5	3	.625	2nd (SEC West)	Peach Bowl Champs	22/-
2001	Ohio State	7	5	.583	5	3	.625	3rd (Big Ten)	Outback Bowl	-
2002	Ohio State	14	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	1st (Big Ten)	BCS National Champs	1/1
2003	Ohio State	11	2	.846	6	2	.750	T-2nd (Big Ten)	Fiesta Bowl Champs	4/4
2004	Ohio State	8	4	.667	4	4	.500	T-5th (Big Ten)	Alamo Bowl Champs	20/19
2015	Alabama	14	1	.933	7	1	.875	1st (SEC West)	CFP Semifinal (W)	1/1
									CFP National Champs (W)	
2016	Georgia	8	5	.615	4	4	.500	T-2nd (SEC East)	Liberty Bowl Champs	-
2017	Georgia	13	2	.867	7	1	.875	1st (SEC East)	CFP Semifinal (W)	2/2
									CFP National Champ. Game (L)	
2018	Georgia	11	3*	.786	7	1	.875	1st (SEC East)	Sugar Bowl*	7/7
Totals		101	29	.777	76	45	.623		10 bowl games (8-2)*	

* Did not coach Georgia in Sugar Bowl

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT COACH MEL TUCKER...

MARK DANTONIO,

WINNINGEST COACH IN MSU FOOTBALL HISTORY:

"I first came in contact with Mel when he was the graduate assistant here at Michigan State for Coach Saban. He did an outstanding job with the defensive backs. When I went to Ohio State to work for Coach Tressel, he asked me who should coach the secondary, and I immediately thought of Mel. He was a part of the national championship staff and has gone on to coach at the highest levels of football.

"Mel is charismatic, brings good energy, and is a very forward thinker. He's also an outstanding recruiter who connects with his players, but also holds them accountable. He's from the Midwest and has a Spartan background with knowledge of the Big Ten.

"I'm extremely excited for Mel and his family. I'm looking to support him in any way possible. Go Green!"

NICK SABAN,

ALABAMA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH:

"I've known Mel Tucker since my days coaching at Michigan State when he was a graduate assistant on our staff. Since then, Mel has made a name for himself as one of the best and brightest coaches in our profession. I believe he will do a tremendous job as the head coach of the Spartans. MSU is getting a guy with infinite class and a great personality, who is smart, works hard, and does it with an incredible amount of enthusiasm and positive energy. Mel is a tireless recruiter who knows the game of college football and understands what it will take to be successful in East Lansing."

BARRY ALVAREZ,

FORMER WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

"Mel was a part of my first recruiting class at Wisconsin and helped us turn the program around. He is an outstanding individual and a really good football person. His background, the people and the programs he has worked for and the success he's been a part of is very impressive. He's been successful at both the NFL and college level. He is truly a quality individual and it is great to have Mel back in the Big Ten Conference."

KIRBY SMART,

GEORGIA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH:

"I worked with Mel at Alabama and when I became the head coach at Georgia, a top priority was to bring Mel along in the defensive coordinator role. In his three years at UGA, he was a great coach, trusted friend and colleague, and role model for our players. Mel helped us build the foundation of the program we have at Georgia and I'm confident he'll be a great fit for the Spartans."



SPARTAN COACHING STAFF

ASSISTANT COACHES



Jay Johnson

Offensive Coordinator/
Quarterbacks
Second Year
Game Day Location: Booth



Scottie Hazelton

Secchia Family
Defensive Coordinator
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Harlon Barnett

Secondary
13th year overall at MSU
Game Day Location: Sideline



Ron Burton

Defensive Line
Ninth Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Ross Els

Linebackers/
Special Teams Coordinator
Second Year
Game Day Location: Booth



Ted Gilmore

Tight Ends
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Courtney Hawkins

Wide Receivers
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Chris Kapilovic

Asst. Head Coach/Offensive
Line/Run Game Coordinator
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



William Peagler

Running Backs
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Travares Tillman

Cornerbacks
First Year
Game Day Location: Booth

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Charles Brantley	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Sarasota, Fla. (Venice)
0	Keon Coleman	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Opelousas, La. (Opelousas Catholic)
1	Jayden Reed	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Western Michigan)
2	Harold Joiner	RB	6-4	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Birmingham, Ala. (Auburn)
2	Drew Jordan	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	TR	Suwanee, Ga. (Duke)
3	Xavier Henderson	S	6-1	210	Sr.	Sr.	3L	Reynoldsburg, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
3	Terry Lockett Jr.	WR	6-0	180	So.	So.	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnehaha Academy)
4	Matt Coghlin	K	5-9	190	Sr.	Gr.-6	4L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
4	C.J. Hayes	S	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)
5	Michael Fletcher	DE	6-6	260	So.	Jr.	1L	Flint, Mich. (Carman-Ainsworth)
5	Hamp Fay	QB	6-5	220	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Hudson Oaks, Texas (All Saints Episcopal)
6	Maliq Carr	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	So.	TR	Inkster, Mich. (Purdue)
6	Quavaris Crouch	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Tennessee)
7	Michael Dowell	S	6-1	215	Jr.	Sr.	2L	North Ridgeville, Ohio (St. Edward)
7	Ricky White	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta)
8	Simeon Barrow	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	So.	RS	Grovetown, Ga. (Grovetown HS)
8	Jalen Nailor	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Gorman)
9	Kenneth Walker III	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Arlington, Tenn. (Wake Forest)
9	Ronald Williams	CB	6-2	185	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Ferriday, La. (Alabama)
10	Ma'a Gaoteote	LB	6-1	245	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
10	Payton Thorne	QB	6-2	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
11	Antoine Booth II	CB	5-11	175	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Jessup, Md. (DeMatha Catholic)
11	Connor Heyward	TE	6-0	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
12	Chester Kimbrough	CB	6-0	180	Jr.	Jr.	TR	New Orleans, La. (Florida)
13	Sebastian Brown	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	So.	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
13	Ben VanSumeren	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Bay City, Mich. (Michigan)
14	Khary Crump	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Culver City, Calif. (Arizona)
14	Noah Kim	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Centreville, Va. (Westfield)
15	Angelo Grose	S	5-10	185	So.	So.	1L	Mansfield, Ohio (Mansfield Senior)
15	Anthony Russo	QB	6-4	240	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Doylestown, Pa. (Temple)
16	Christian Fitzpatrick	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	So.	TR	Southfield, Mich. (Louisville)
17	Tre Mosley	WR	6-2	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Pontiac, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
18	Andrew Schorfhaar	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	So.	RS	DeWitt, Mich. (DeWitt)
19	Itayvion Brown	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	So.	TR	St. Louis, Missouri (Minnesota)
19	Zach Gillespie	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	So.	RS	East Lansing, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
20	Emmanuel Flowers	CB	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Chino Hills, Calif. (Ayala)
21	Davion Primm	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
22	Jordon Simmons	RB	5-11	195	So.	So.	1L	Marietta, Ga. (McEachern)
23	Darius Snow	S	6-1	220	So.	So.	1L	Frisco, Texas (Hebron)
24	Elijah Collins	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (University of Detroit Jesuit)
24	Michael Gravely	DB	6-0	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville)
25	Cole DeMarzo	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	So.	RS	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Hilton Head)
25	Joseph Martinez	WR	5-9	195	Fr.	So.	RS	Holt, Mich. (Holt)
26	Brandon Wright	DE	6-2	240	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Euclid, Ohio (Euclid)
27	Cal Haladay	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Elysburg, Pa. (Southern Columbia)
28	Tate Hallock	S	6-4	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Central)
29	A.J. Kirk	S	6-1	200	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Ohio (Archbishop Hoban)
29	Marqui Lowery	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Louisville)
30	Justin White	CB	5-9	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Agoura Hills, Calif. (Colorado Mesa)
31	Kobe Myers	S	6-1	220	Fr.	So.	RS	Pontiac, Mich. (Blair Academy)
31	Hank Pepper	LS	6-2	205	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)
32	Zach Denha	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Stony Creek)
32	Donovan Eaglin	RB	5-11	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Rosharon, Texas (Manvel)
33	Kendell Brooks	DB	6-0	205	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Swansea, S.C. (North Greenville)
34	Khalil Majeed	S	5-11	190	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Moorestown, N.J. (Suffield (Conn.) Academy)
35	Sam Edwards	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Williamston, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
36	Torrell Williams	DB	5-10	175	So.	Jr.	SQ	Detroit, Mich. (Cranbrook-Kingswood)
38	Spencer Rowland	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Saranac, Mich. (Wheaton College)
39	Evan Johnson	K	5-11	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Okemos, Mich. (Hope College)
40	Powers Warren	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	TR	Minnetonka, Minn. (Mississippi State)
41	Derrick Harmon	DT	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Loyola)

EXP./CLASS KEY – HS: High School; **RS:** Redshirted; **TR:** Transfer; **SQ:** Squad Member; **GR:** Graduate Transfer; **L:** Letters Earned

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
42	Carson Casteel	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Florence, Ala. (Florence)
42	Nick Hunter	WR	5-10	190	So.	Jr.	SQ	Grayling, Mich. (Grayling)
43	Cody Waddell	P	6-1	205	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Elkton, Md. (Texas Tech)
44	Adam Berghorst	TE	6-7	255	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland East)
44	Samih Beydoun	LB	5-11	225	So.	So.	TR	Novi, Mich. (Army West Point)
45	Noah Harvey	LB	6-4	245	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
47	Jackson Morse	TE	6-3	230	So.	Jr.	SQ	East Lansing, Mich. (Davenport)
47	Jeff Pietrowski	DE	6-1	250	So.	So.	1L	Medina, Ohio (St. Edward)
50	Tyson Watson	DT	6-6	275	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Roseville, Mich. (Warren Mott)
53	Brandon Baldwin	OT	6-7	315	So.	So.	JC	Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC)
54	Kyle King	DT	6-3	270	Fr.	So.	RS	Greenfield, Ind. (New Palestine)
55	Zach Slade	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	Sr.	SQ	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
56	Matt Carrick	OG	6-5	325	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Minerva, Ohio (Perry)
57	Evan Brunning	DT	6-5	300	So.	Jr.	SQ	Oxford, Mich. (Oxford)
58	Spencer Brown	OT	6-6	320	So.	Jr.	SQ	Commerce Township, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
59	Nick Samac	C	6-4	310	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Mentor, Ohio (Mentor)
62	Luke Campbell	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
64	Matt Allen	C	6-3	315	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
64	Jacob Slade	DT	6-4	315	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
67	J.D. Duplain	OG	6-4	305	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Strongsville, Ohio (Strongsville)
68	Dan VanOpstall	OT	6-6	305	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Jenison, Mich. (Jenison)
69	Blake Bueter	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Howell, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)
70	Kevin Wigenton	OL	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Colts Neck, N.J. (The Hun School)
71	James Ohonba	OG	6-4	325	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Stockbridge, Ga. (Woodland)
72	Dallas Fincher	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	So.	RS	Kentwood, Mich. (East Kentwood)
73	Jacob Isaia	OL	6-3	310	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
74	Geno VanDeMark	OL	6-5	325	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Lodi, N.J. (St. Joseph)
75	Kevin Jarvis	OL	6-6	325	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Chicago, Ill. (Maine South)
76	AJ Arcuri	OT	6-7	320	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Powell, Ohio (Olentangy Liberty)
77	Ethan Boyd	OL	6-7	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
79	Jarrett Horst	OT	6-6	310	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Middleton, Wis. (Arkansas State)
80	Ian Stewart	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Woodhaven, Mich. (O.A. Carlson)
81	Parks Gissinger	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)
82	Kameron Allen	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Forney, Texas (North Forney)
83	Montorie Foster	WR	6-0	185	So.	So.	1L	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Edward)
85	Cade McDonald	WR	5-11	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
86	Drew Beesley	DE	6-2	260	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Warren De La Salle)
86	Aubrey Dawkins	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	So.	RS	Verona, Wis. (Verona)
87	Jahz Watts	WR	6-0	180	Sr.	Sr.-5	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)
88	Trenton Gillison	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
91	Jack Camper	DE	6-5	250	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Virginia Beach, Va. (IMG Academy)
92	Evan Morris	TE	6-5	240	So.	Jr.	1L	Elsie, Mich. (Ovid-Elsie)
92	Michael Donovan	LS	6-3	230	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Seaholm)
94	Dashaun Mallory	DT	6-2	285	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)
96	Jacob Panasiuk	DE	6-4	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	4L	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park West)
97	Maverick Hansen	DT	6-4	310	So.	Jr.	1L	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison)
97	Tyler Hunt	TE	6-3	235	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Gobles, Mich. (Gobles)
98	Avery Dunn	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	So.	RS	Shaker Heights, Ohio (Shaker Heights)
98	Stephen Rusnak	K	6-1	170	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
99	Bryce Baringer	P	6-3	210	Sr.	Sr.-5	2L	Waterford, Mich. (Illinois)
99	Jalen Hunt	DT	6-4	320	So.	Jr.	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
82	Kameron Allen	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Forney, Texas (North Forney)
64	Matt Allen	C	6-3	315	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
76	AJ Arcuri	OT	6-7	320	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Powell, Ohio (Olentangy Liberty)
53	Brandon Baldwin	OT	6-7	315	So.	So.	JC	Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC)
99	Bryce Baringer	P	6-3	210	Sr.	Sr.-5	2L	Waterford, Mich. (Illinois)
8	Simeon Barrow	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	So.	RS	Grovetown, Ga. (Grovetown HS)
86	Drew Beesley	DE	6-2	260	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Warren De La Salle)
44	Adam Berghorst	TE	6-7	255	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland East)
44	Samih Beydoun	LB	5-11	225	So.	So.	TR	Novi, Mich. (Army West Point)
11	Antoine Booth II	CB	5-11	175	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Jessup, Md. (DeMatha Catholic)
77	Ethan Boyd	OL	6-7	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
0	Charles Brantley	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Sarasota, Fla. (Venice)
33	Kendell Brooks	DB	6-0	205	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Swansea, S.C. (North Greenville)
19	Itayvion Brown	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	So.	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (Minnesota)
13	Sebastian Brown	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	So.	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
58	Spencer Brown	OT	6-6	320	So.	Jr.	SQ	Commerce Township, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
57	Evan Brunning	DT	6-5	300	So.	Jr.	SQ	Oxford, Mich. (Oxford)
69	Blake Bueter	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Howell, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)
62	Luke Campbell	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
91	Jack Camper	DE	6-5	250	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Virginia Beach, Va. (IMG Academy)
6	Maliq Carr	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	So.	TR	Inkster, Mich. (Purdue)
56	Matt Carrick	OG	6-5	325	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Minerva, Ohio (Perry)
42	Carson Casteel	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Florence, Ala. (Florence)
4	Matt Coghlin	K	5-9	190	Sr.	Gr.-6	4L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
0	Keon Coleman	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Opelousas, La. (Opelousas Catholic)
24	Elijah Collins	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (University of Detroit Jesuit)
6	Quavaris Crouch	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Tennessee)
14	Khary Crump	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Culver City, Calif. (Arizona)
86	Aubrey Dawkins	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	So.	RS	Verona, Wis. (Verona)
25	Cole DeMarzo	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	So.	RS	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Hilton Head)
32	Zach Denha	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Stony Creek)
92	Michael Donovan	LS	6-3	230	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Seaholm)
7	Michael Dowell	S	6-1	215	Jr.	Sr.	2L	North Ridgeville, Ohio (St. Edward)
98	Avery Dunn	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	So.	RS	Shaker Heights, Ohio (Shaker Heights)
67	J.D. Duplain	OG	6-4	305	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Strongsville, Ohio (Strongsville)
32	Donovan Eaglin	RB	5-11	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Rosharon, Texas (Manvel)
35	Sam Edwards	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Williamston, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
5	Hamp Fay	QB	6-5	220	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Hudson Oaks, Texas (All Saints Episcopal)
72	Dallas Fincher	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	So.	RS	Kentwood, Mich. (East Kentwood)
16	Christian Fitzpatrick	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	So.	TR	Southfield, Mich. (Louisville)
5	Michael Fletcher	DE	6-6	260	So.	Jr.	1L	Flint, Mich. (Carman-Ainsworth)
20	Emmanuel Flowers	CB	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Chino Hills, Calif. (Ayala)
83	Montorie Foster	WR	6-0	185	So.	So.	1L	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Edward)
10	Ma'a Gaoteote	LB	6-1	245	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
19	Zach Gillespie	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	So.	RS	East Lansing, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
88	Trenton Gillison	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
81	Parks Gissinger	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)
24	Michael Gravely	DB	6-0	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville)
15	Angelo Grose	S	5-10	185	So.	So.	1L	Mansfield, Ohio (Mansfield Senior)
27	Cal Haladay	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Elysburg, Pa. (Southern Columbia)
28	Tate Hallock	S	6-4	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Central)
97	Maverick Hansen	DT	6-4	310	So.	Jr.	1L	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison)
41	Derrick Harmon	DT	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Loyola)
45	Noah Harvey	LB	6-4	245	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
4	C.J. Hayes	S	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)
3	Xavier Henderson	S	6-1	210	Sr.	Sr.	3L	Reynoldsburg, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
11	Connor Heyward	TE	6-0	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
79	Jarrett Horst	OT	6-6	310	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Middleton, Wis. (Arkansas State)
99	Jalen Hunt	DT	6-4	320	So.	Jr.	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)
97	Tyler Hunt	TE	6-3	235	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Gobles, Mich. (Gobles)
42	Nick Hunter	WR	5-10	190	So.	Jr.	SQ	Grayling, Mich. (Grayling)
73	Jacob Isaia	OL	6-3	310	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)

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75	Kevin Jarvis	OL	6-6	325	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Chicago, Ill. (Maine South)
39	Evan Johnson	K	5-11	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Okemos, Mich. (Hope College)
2	Harold Joiner	RB	6-4	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Birmingham, Ala. (Auburn)
2	Drew Jordan	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	TR	Suwanee, Ga. (Duke)
14	Noah Kim	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Centreville, Va. (Westfield)
12	Chester Kimbrough	CB	6-0	180	Jr.	Jr.	TR	New Orleans, La. (Florida)
54	Kyle King	DT	6-3	270	Fr.	So.	RS	Greenfield, Ind. (New Palestine)
29	A.J. Kirk	S	6-1	200	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Ohio (Archbishop Hoban)
3	Terry Lockett Jr.	WR	6-0	180	So.	So.	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnehaha Academy)
29	Marqui Lowery	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Louisville)
34	Khalil Majeed	S	5-11	190	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Moorestown, N.J. (Suffield (Conn.) Academy)
94	Dashaun Mallory	DT	6-2	285	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)
25	Joseph Martinez	WR	5-9	195	Fr.	So.	RS	Holt, Mich. (Holt)
85	Cade McDonald	WR	5-11	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
92	Evan Morris	TE	6-5	240	So.	Jr.	1L	Elsie, Mich. (Ovid-Elsie)
47	Jackson Morse	TE	6-3	230	So.	Jr.	SQ	East Lansing, Mich. (Davenport)
17	Tre Mosley	WR	6-2	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Pontiac, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
31	Kobe Myers	S	6-1	220	Fr.	So.	RS	Pontiac, Mich. (Blair Academy)
8	Jalen Nailor	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Gorman)
71	James Ohonba	OG	6-4	325	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Stockbridge, Ga. (Woodland)
96	Jacob Panasiuk	DE	6-4	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	4L	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park West)
31	Hank Pepper	LS	6-2	205	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)
47	Jeff Pietrowski	DE	6-1	250	So.	So.	1L	Medina, Ohio (St. Edward)
21	Davion Primm	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
1	Jayden Reed	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Western Michigan)
38	Spencer Rowland	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Saranac, Mich. (Wheaton College)
98	Stephen Rusnak	K	6-1	170	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
15	Anthony Russo	QB	6-4	240	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Doylestown, Pa. (Temple)
59	Nick Samac	C	6-4	310	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Mentor, Ohio (Mentor)
18	Andrew Schorffhaar	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	So.	RS	DeWitt, Mich. (DeWitt)
22	Jordon Simmons	RB	5-11	195	So.	So.	1L	Marietta, Ga. (McEachern)
64	Jacob Slade	DT	6-4	315	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
55	Zach Slade	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	Sr.	SQ	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
23	Darius Snow	S	6-1	220	So.	So.	1L	Frisco, Texas (Hebron)
80	Ian Stewart	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Woodhaven, Mich. (O.A. Carlson)
10	Payton Thorne	QB	6-2	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
74	Geno VanDeMark	OL	6-5	325	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Lodi, N.J. (St. Joseph)
68	Dan VanOpstall	OT	6-6	305	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Jenison, Mich. (Jenison)
13	Ben VanSumeren	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Bay City, Mich. (Michigan)
43	Cody Waddell	P	6-1	205	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Elkton, Md. (Texas Tech)
9	Kenneth Walker III	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Arlington, Tenn. (Wake Forest)
40	Powers Warren	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	TR	Minnetonka, Minn. (Mississippi State)
50	Tyson Watson	DT	6-6	270	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Roseville, Mich. (Warren Mott)
87	Jahz Watts	WR	6-0	180	Sr.	Sr.-5	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)
30	Justin White	CB	5-9	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Agoura Hills, Calif. (Colorado Mesa)
7	Ricky White	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta)
70	Kevin Wigenton	OL	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Colts Neck, N.J. (The Hun School)
9	Ronald Williams	CB	6-2	185	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Ferriday, La. (Alabama)
36	Torrell Williams	DB	5-10	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Detroit, Mich. (Cranbrook-Kingswood)
26	Brandon Wright	DE	6-2	240	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Euclid, Ohio (Euclid)

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CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner has played in 35 career games, including 21 starts at center (seven in 2018, nine in 2019, one in 2020, four in 2021) . . . returned for a sixth year in 2021 and participated in spring practice after missing most of the 2020 season with a foot injury . . . named to Senior Bowl Watch List . . . his other older brother, Brian, was also a four-year letterwinner for the Spartans (2014-17) and was selected in the fourth round of the 2018 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams; he will enter his fourth season with the Rams in 2021 . . . graduated with a bachelor's degree in food industry management in December 2020 . . . currently pursuing a second degree in communication.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has started all four games at center, playing 163 snaps . . . started at center in game against Nebraska, logging 29 snaps . . . was starting center for Miami game, playing 45 snaps . . . started home opener vs. Youngstown State, playing 39 snaps, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . started at center in season opener at Northwestern, playing 50 snaps in helping road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards Friday night, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner returns for a sixth season in 2021 . . . has played in 31 career games with 16 starts at tackle (five in 2019, seven in 2020, four in 2021) . . . four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection . . . named to Senior Bowl Watch List . . . graduated with his bachelor's degree in packaging in December 2020.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Started all four games, playing 179 total snaps . . . started Nebraska at right tackle, notching 29 snaps . . . was starting right tackle at Miami, playing 53 snaps of the 73 total offensive snap, sharing top honors on the O-line . . . started home opener vs. Youngstown State at right tackle, playing 42 snaps in helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . started at left tackle in season-opener at Northwestern and played 55 snaps, helping road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Walk-on rejoined the team in 2020 following a year off the active roster in 2019 . . . two-year letterwinner has 70 career punts for 3,004 yards (42.9 ypp), with 25 of 50+ yards, and 18 inside the 20 . . . ranked No. 5 on MSU career punt average (42.9 ypp), No. 21 on career punts list (70) and No. 19 on career punt yards list (3,004) . . . became 24th Spartan punter to reach 2,000 yards plateau and 19th to reach 3,000 yards . . . transferred from Illinois during the 2018 spring semester after redshirting the 2017 season at Illinois.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SENIOR): Tops the B1G and ranks second in FBS in punting with a 53.2 ypp average, one of only two punters in league and one of five in nation averaging over 50+ ypp . . . has 17 punts for 905 yards, with a season-long of 67 yards, one of four overall of 60+ yards, as part of a total of 11 going for 50+ yards, with seven inside the 20 and four inside the 10 . . . boomed six punts for a 58.8 ypp average in Nebraska game, marking career-high average for second week in a row, with a three over 60 yards for the night, part of a career-best five of 50+, as only punt under 50 was shortest punt of 46 yards, with a 67-yarder in first quarter, then a 55 and 54-yarder in third quarter, followed by 65 and 66-yard punts in the fourth quarter, switching field on Huskers, with only one return for -1 yard . . . punted five times at Miami for a then-career-high 54.6 ypp average, with a then-career-high tying four going for 50+ yards, including a then-season-long 65-yarder in the third quarter, adding a 57-yarder and a 52-yarder in the first half to go with a 51-yarder in the third quarter, with two inside the 20 and one inside the 10 . . . punted three times for a 45.0 ypp average vs. Youngstown State, with one getting blocked, with both inside the 20, with a long of 53-yards that was downed at the 4-yard line, adding a 37-yarder that was fair caught at the 13-yard line . . . punted four times for a 47.2 yards per punt average with a long of 57 yards in season-opener at Northwestern, pinning one inside the 10 that was downed at the 1-yard line.

BARINGER'S CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 10, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
Punting Yards: 435, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
Punting Avg. (Min. 4): 58.8, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)
Punts Of 50+: 5, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)
Punts Inside 20: 4, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
Longest Punt: 78, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)

BARINGER'S STATISTICS

PUNTING	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG	I20	I10	50+
2018	4	15	486	30.3	52	4	1	2
2019				-DNP-				
2020	7	37	1,613	43.6	78	9	5	12
2021	4	17	905	53.2	67	7	4	11
Career	15	69	3,004	42.9	78	20	10	25

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BARINGER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	I20	I10	50+
Utah State			-DNP-				
Arizona State			-DNP-				
Indiana	2	68	34.0	35	0	0	0
Central Michigan			-DNP-				
Northwestern			-DNP-				
Penn State			-DNP-				
Michigan			-DNP-				
Purdue	4	154	38.5	44	1	1	0
Maryland	6	173	28.8	52	2	0	2
Ohio State	3	91	30.3	42	1	0	0
Nebraska			-DNP-				
Rutgers			-DNP-				
Oregon			-DNP-				
Totals	15	486	32.4	52	4	2	2

2020

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	I20	I10	50+
Rutgers	2	101	50.5	55	1	0	1
Michigan	5	270	54.0	78	1	1	4
Iowa	6	256	42.7	51	0	0	1
Indiana	6	237	39.5	56	2	2	2
Northwestern	2	48	24.0	37	0	0	0
Ohio State	10	435	43.5	56	4	0	2
Penn State	6	266	44.3	55	1	0	2
Totals	37	1,613	43.6	78	9	3	12

2021

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	I20	I10	50+
Northwestern	4	189	47.2	57	1	1	1
Youngstown State	2	90	45.0	53	2	1	1
Miami	5	273	54.6	65	2	1	4
Nebraska	6	353	58.8	67	2	1	5
Total	17	905	53.2	67	7	4	11



2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has started all four games, playing 175 defensive snaps, posting 16 tackles (seven solo, nine assists), recording career bests in the three of the four games, including first two games, with 0.5 sack and one QB hurry . . . started Nebraska game at defensive tackle and logged career-high seven stops, nearly doubling previous high of four, adding first career sack, as part of playing 60 of 86 defensive snaps . . . was starting defensive tackle at Miami, playing 50 snaps, a new career high for the second straight game, and posting two tackles . . . started home opener vs. Youngstown State, logging career-high four stops and one QB hurry in 34 snaps . . . made Spartan debut in starting season opener at Northwestern at defensive tackle, logging three tackles, earning MSU Co-Defensive Player of the Week team award, in playing 30 snaps.

BARROW'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Sacks: 0.5, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

BARROW'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	4/4	7	9	16	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0

BARROW'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	2	5	7	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	7	9	16	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0



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CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner returns for a sixth season in 2021 . . . has seen action in 36 career games, making 11 starts (one in 2018, all seven in 2020, three in 2021), with 58 career tackles . . . tied for No. 50 on MSU's career sacks list (7.0), and has 14.0 career tackles for loss, along with four pass break-ups, one interception and two forced fumbles . . . also has two career fumble recoveries and both have come in games against Ohio State . . . two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection (third team) by Pro Football Focus . . . graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics in December 2021 and is pursuing a master's degree in sport coaching and leadership.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Ranks 10th in B1G in sacks/game (0.8), and is also tied for 15th in B1G with 2.5 sacks, along with tied for 37th in tackles for loss (2.5) . . . has 11 total tackles (seven solo, four assists) with 2.5 tackles for loss (17 yards), all coming on sacks (2.5), with one forced fumble and one QB hurry . . . notched 0.5 sack as part of three total tackles in Nebraska game, logging 15 snaps in limited action before leaving the game with an injury in the second quarter . . . tied a career-high with 2.0 sacks as part of five total tackles, adding a forced fumble at Miami, in playing 50 snaps, tying for most among defensive linemen . . . did not play against Youngstown State . . . was game captain and started at defensive end in season opener at Northwestern and tallied three tackles, earning MSU Co-Defensive Player of the Week team award, in playing 56 snaps

BEESLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

Tackle for Loss: 2.5, vs. Rutgers (10/24/20)

Sacks: 2.0, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)

Forced Fumble: 1, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, twice (last vs. Ohio State, 10/5/19)

Interception: 1, vs. Northwestern (9/21/19)

Pass Break-Up: 1, four times (last vs. Penn State, 12/12/20)

BEESLEY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2017	3/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2018	10/1	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1-0	0
2019	13/0	9	5	14	6.0-28	1.5-15	1-2	1	1-0	0
2020	7/7	15	12	27	5.5-33	3.0-28	0-0	2	0-0	1
2021	3/3	7	4	11	2.5-17	2.5-17	0-0	0	0-0	1
Career	36/11	34	24	58	14.0-78	7.0-60	1-2	4	2-0	2

BEESLEY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	3	0	3	2.0-9	0-0	1-2	1	0-0	0
Indiana	1	0	1	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0
Wisconsin	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	0	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	1	0	1	1.0-13	1.0-13	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wake Forest	0	1	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	9	5	14	6-28	1.5-15	1-2	1	1-0	0

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	5	1	6	2.5-11	1.0-10	0-0	0	0-0	1
Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Iowa	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	2	3	5	2.5-19	2.0-18	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	1	3	4	0.5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals	15	12	27	5.5-33	3.0-28	0-0	2	0-0	1

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State				-DNP-					
Miami	4	1	5	2.0-14	2.0-14	0-0	0	0-0	1
Nebraska	0	3	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	7	4	11	2.5-17	2.5-17	0-0	0	0-0	1

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: First-year player has made an immediate contribution . . . his uncle, Herb Haygood, was a four-year letterwinner (1998-2001) as a wide receiver for the Spartans and was an All-American kick returner in 2001; Haygood was a fifth-round NFL Draft pick by the Broncos in 2002 and is currently the head football coach at Madonna University.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN): Has played in 71 total snaps in playing significant action in all four games, recording eight total tackles and one pass break-up . . . tallied two tackles in Nebraska game, playing 10 snaps . . . matched career high for second straight game with three tackles at Miami, adding one pass break-up, in playing 24 snaps . . . logged three tackles in a season-high 34 snaps vs. Youngstown State.

BRANTLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)

BRANTLEY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	4/0	8	0	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0

BRANTLEY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State		3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami		3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Nebraska		2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals		8	0	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0



CAREER NOTES: Division II transfer from North Greenville University in Tigerville, South Carolina, joined the program in January 2021 . . . participated in spring practice.

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has played in all four games, posting four tackles (two solo, two assists), with one pass break-up . . . saw limited action on special teams in Nebraska and Miami games . . . logged four tackles with one pass break-up in playing 15 snaps in home-opener vs. Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in season opener at Northwestern, but did not log any stats.

BROOKS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Pass Break-Up: 1, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

BROOKS' STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	4/0	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0

BROOKS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State		2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Miami		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals		2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0



CAREER NOTES: Transfer linebacker from Minnesota . . . nickname is "Tank."

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has two tackles (both solo) . . . has not seen action in last three games (Nebraska, Miami and Youngstown State) . . . made Spartan debut in season-opener at Northwestern, registering two tackles with both coming on special teams.

BROWN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

BROWN'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	1/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

BROWN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern		2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State					-DNP-INJURED-					
Miami					-DNP-INJURED-					
Nebraska					-DNP-INJURED-					
Totals		2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner and fifth-year senior provides starting experience at both center and guard along the offensive line . . . has played in 33 career games, including 11 starts (four at right guard, four at center, one at outside offensive line, two at left guard; seven in 2018, two in 2019, two in 2020) . . . named to Senior Bowl Watch List . . . two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection . . . entered 2018 season as a walk-on but was awarded a scholarship during the bye week.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SENIOR): Has seen action in all four games (99 total snaps) . . . saw action in Nebraska game, tallying 24 offensive snaps . . . saw action in 28 offensive snaps at Miami . . . played 33 offensive snaps against Youngstown State, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . named one of the Spartan Offensive Players of the Week vs. YSU . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 14 snaps.



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner returns for a sixth year in 2021 . . . has played in 35 career games, recording 26 starts (12 at right tackle in 2017; nine at left guard in 2018-19; four at right guard in 2018-19; one at left tackle in 2018) . . . versatile lineman can play either tackle or guard position . . . four-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree . . . earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology in December 2020 and is pursuing a master's in sport coaching and leadership.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has seen action in all four games, playing a total of 99 offensive snaps . . . played 24 snaps in Nebraska game . . . saw action in 29 offensive snaps at Miami . . . played 34 offensive snaps against Youngstown State, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 19 snaps.



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner and fifth-year senior has 29 tackles, with 4.5 tackles for loss (11 yards) and 1.0 sack (5 yards), and one fumble recovery in 28 career games, making two starts (one in 2018, one in 2020) . . . his father, John, was a two-year letterwinner at Duke (1986-87) as a defensive lineman . . . his brother, Blake, was an offensive lineman at South Carolina . . . born June 1, 1998 . . . graduated in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness.

2020 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has played in three games, posting one tackle in 31 total defensive snaps . . . saw limited action at Miami, playing six defensive snaps . . . tallied one tackle in 24 snaps in Youngstown State contest . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern.

CAMPER'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

Tackles For Loss: 1.0, three times (last vs. Penn State, 12/12/20)

Sacks: 0.5, twice (last vs. Ohio State, 12/5/20)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

CAMPER'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	11/1	4	5	9	2.5-6	0.5-3	0-0	0	0-0	0
2019	7/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2020	7/1	5	13	18	2.0-5	0.5-2	0-0	0	1-0	0
2021	3/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Career	28/2	9	20	29	4.5-11	1.0-5	0-0	0	1-0	0

CAMPER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
DEFENSE									
Rutgers	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0
Ohio State	0	4	4	1.0-3	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	2	3	5	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	5	13	18	2.0-5	0.5-2	0-0	0	1-0	0

2021	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
DEFENSE									
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State				-DNP-					
Totals	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Transfer from Purdue has four years of eligibility remaining . . . his mother, Peggy Evans, won Michigan Miss Basketball in 1989 at Detroit Country Day, helped Tennessee to a national championship in 1991, and won a state title as a head coach at Inkster (Class A) in 2011 . . . Peggy scored 47 points in the Class C state championship game over Saginaw Valley Lutheran in 1989, which still stands as a state record for most points scored in a title game . . . Peggy played for the Volunteers and was a three-year letterwinner under Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt from 1990-93 and averaged 11.5 points per game and 6.1 rebounds per game; she transferred to Ohio State and lettered in 1995 with the Buckeyes . . . his father, Cornell Mann, is an assistant basketball coach at Missouri and has also coached at Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Dayton, Iowa State and Oakland; he played college basketball at Akron for three seasons after starting his career at Colorado . . . his stepfather William McMichael, coaches football at Oak Park.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has one catch for 8 yards in playing in three games . . . was in on special teams in Nebraska game . . . saw action on offense and special teams in Miami game . . . made Spartan debut in Youngstown State game and made first reception as a Spartan with an 8-yard catch on an MSU TD drive.

CARR'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)

Receiving Yards: 15[^], vs. Iowa (10/24/20)

CARR'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020 [^]	3/0	1	15	15.0	0	15	5.0
2021 #	3/0	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
Career	6/0	2	23	11.5	0	15	3.8

CARR'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	-DNP-				
Youngstown State	1	8	0	8	
Miami	0	0	0	0	
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	
Total	1	8	0	8	

[^] = at Purdue / # = at Michigan State



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner and fifth-year senior has played in 35 career games, making 19 career starts (11 in 2019, seven in 2020, one in 2021) at right guard, including streak of 10-straight games . . . graduated with his bachelor's degree in advertising in 2021.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SENIOR): Has seen action in all four games, playing 112 total offensive snaps . . . was in on 24 snaps in Nebraska game . . . saw action in 36 offensive snaps at Miami . . . played 34 offensive snaps against Youngstown State, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 14 snaps in helping offense road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards), playing 14 snaps.



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Four-year letterwinner returns for his sixth season in 2021 . . . ranks among MSU's all-time leaders in PAT percentage (tied for first at 100.0, 125-of-125), field-goal percentage (sixth at 73.4, on 69-of-94), field goals made (second with 69), field goals attempted (first with 94), scoring (third with 343), PATs made (tied for sixth with 125) and PATs attempted (seventh with 125) . . . is one of eight Spartan placekickers with 100 PATs . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection by Athlon Sports (third team) . . . became fifth Spartan player with 300 points and first since former teammate Michael Geiger in 2016, reaching the milestone at the Penn State game (12/12/20) . . . set a school record with 18 straight field goals (Nov. 4, 2017 to Oct. 27, 2018), which was also tied for the fourth-longest streak in Big Ten history . . . has earned Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week honors three times in his career (vs. Penn State in 2017, vs. Indiana in 2018, vs. Northwestern in 2020) . . . has five game-winning field goals in his career (34-yarder as time expired to beat No. 7 Penn State in 2017; 21-yarder with five seconds left to defeat Indiana in 2019; 33-yarder with 2:14 remaining to beat Maryland in 2019; 48-yarder with 3:35 remaining to beat Northwestern in 2020; 21-yarder in overtime to beat Nebraska in 2021), and all five have come at home in Spartan Stadium . . . has 20 career games with at least two field goals made, including a stretch of five in row that was snapped at Iowa . . . has 21 career field goals of 40+ yards . . . has earned All-Big Ten honors four times in his career (2018: first team; 2017 and 2019-20: honorable mention) . . . four-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree . . . graduated from the business school with his bachelor's degree in finance in December 2020 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in business analytics . . . his father, Mark, is an Air Force veteran and now a pilot; he flew the team's charter plane to Phoenix, Arizona, for the 2018 Arizona State game.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Third in the B1G and tied for 22nd in FBS in PAT/game (4.5), along with third in the B1G and tied for 17th in the country in PATs made (18) and third in the league and tied for 21st in the nation PATs attempted (18), as well as sharing the B1G and FBS lead for PAT percentage . . . has split uprights on 18-of-18 PATs and 5-of-9 field goals, with two of four misses coming on 50+ attempts, and one getting blocked . . . ranks fifth in B1G in FGs made (5) and fourth in FGs attempted (9) . . . also has 26 kickoffs for a 64.8 ypk average with streak of 22-straight touchbacks snapped in Nebraska game after having to kickoff from the MSU 20 after a penalty, booming kickoff 75 yards to the NEB 5, dating back to his last four of the Northwestern game, then all seven in both Youngstown State and Miami games, and first four of Nebraska game . . . the 22 touchbacks is third in B1G and tied for eighth in FBS, while the 26 total kickoffs is third in the conference and tied for 19th in the country, . . . also has fourth in league in touchback percentage (84.6), along with third in the B1G and 11th in FBs in kickoff average (64.8 ypk) . . . connected on 3-of-4 field goals, including the fifth game-winning field goal of his career with a 21-yarder in overtime of Nebraska game, adding two PATs, as well as five kickoffs with first four going four touchbacks, before streak of consecutive touchbacks came to end after having to kickoff from the 20 after MSU penalty on previous TD . . . made five PATs and was 1-of-2 on FGs at Miami, adding a touchback on all seven kickoffs for second game in a row . . . tied career-high by making all six PATs in Youngstown State win, missing lone FG attempt, a 50-yarder in third quarter, and also had seven kickoffs with all going for touchbacks . . . was 1-for-2 on field goals in season-opening win at Northwestern, missing a 60-yard attempt as time expired in the first half, before splitting the uprights from 37-yards out in the fourth quarter also made all five PAT attempts Friday, finishing with eight points, and also had seven kickoffs for a 62.7 ypk average with four touchbacks.

COGHLIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Extra Points Made 6, three times (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)
 Extra Points Att..... 6, three times (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)
 Field Goals Made..... 4, three times (last vs. Maryland, 11/30/19)
 Field Goals Att. 5, vs. Maryland (11/30/19)
 Field Goal 51, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)
 Touchbacks..... 6, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Points..... 16, vs. Rutgers (11/27/17)
 Game-Winning FG 34, vs. Penn State (11/4/17), 0:00
 21, vs. Indiana (9/28/19), 0:05
 33, vs. Maryland (11/30/19), 2:14
 48, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20), 3:35
 21, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21), 1st OT

COGHLIN'S STATISTICS

SCORING	PAT (Pct.)	FG (Pct.)	TD	PTS	LG
2017	38-38 (1.000)	15-19 (.789)	0	83	46
2018	25-25 (1.000)	18-22 (.818)	1	85	49
2019	31-31 (1.000)	22-32 (.688)	0	97	47
2020	13-13 (1.000)	9-12 (.750)	0	40	51
2021	18-18 (1.000)	5-9 (.556)	0	33	37
Career	125-125 (1.000)	69-94 (.734)	1	338	51

FG BREAKDOWN	-20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Long	Total
2017	0-0	5-5	6-7	4-6	0-1	46	15-19
2018	0-0	5-5	9-10	4-5	0-2	49	18-22
2019	0-0	6-8	8-10	8-14	0-0	47	22-32
2020	0-0	3-3	1-1	4-7	1-1	51	9-12
2021	0-0	4-4	1-2	0-1	0-2	37	5-9
Career	0-0	23-25	25-30	20-3332	1-6	51	69-94

KICKOFFS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB
2019	2	108	54.0	1
2020	25	1,543	61.7	9
2021	26	1,684	64.8	22
Career	53	3,335	62.9	32

COGHLIN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2017					
OPPONENT	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS	
Bowling Green	5-5	0-0	--	5	
Western Michigan	4-4	0-0	--	4	
Notre Dame	1-1	1-1	40	4	
Iowa	2-2	1-2	38	5	
Michigan	2-2	0-0	--	2	
Minnesota	3-3	3-4	42	12	
Indiana	2-2	1-1	23	5	
Northwestern	4-4	1-3	46	7	
Penn State	3-3	2-2	34	9	
Ohio State	0-0	1-1	37	3	
Maryland	2-2	1-1	27	5	
Rutgers	4-4	4-4	46	16	
Washington State	6-6	0-0	--	6	
Totals	38-38	15-19	46	83	

2018					
OPPONENT	TD	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
Utah State	0	3-3	3-3	49	12
Arizona State	0	1-1	2-2	37	7
Indiana	1	5-5	0-0	--	11
Central Michigan	0	4-4	1-1	33	7
Northwestern	0	1-1	2-2	27	7
Penn State	0	3-3	0-0	--	3
Michigan	0	1-1	0-0	--	1
Purdue	0	2-2	3-4	48	11
Maryland	0	3-3	1-1	33	6
Ohio State	0	0-0	2-3	44	6
Nebraska	0	0-0	2-3	34	6
Rutgers	0	2-2	0-0	--	2
Oregon	0	0-0	2-3	34	6
Totals	1	25-25	18-22	49	85

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COGHLIN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS (CONT'D)

2019

OPPONENT	TD	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
Tulsa	0	2-2	4-4	47	14
Western Michigan	0	6-6	3-3	39	15
Arizona State	0	1-1	0-3	--	1
Northwestern	0	4-4	1-2	26	7
Indiana	0	4-4	2-3	44	10
Ohio State	0	1-1	1-2	39	4
Wisconsin		-DNP-			
Penn State	0	1-1	0-1	--	1
Illinois	0	4-4	2-2	46	10
Michigan	0	1-1	1-1	35	4
Rutgers	0	3-3	2-3	46	9
Maryland	0	1-1	4-5	40	13
Wake Forest	0	3-3	2-3	44	9
Totals	0	31-31	22-32	47	97

2020

OPPONENT	TD	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
Rutgers	0	3-3	2-2	49	9
Michigan	0	3-3	2-3	51	9
Iowa	0	1-1	0-1	--	1
Indiana	0	0-0	0-0	--	0
Northwestern	0	2-2	3-4	48	11
Ohio State	0	1-1	1-1	32	4
Penn State	0	3-3	1-1	23	6
Totals	0	13-13	9-12	51	40

2021

OPPONENT	TD	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
Northwestern	0	5-5	1-2	37	8
Youngstown State	0	6-6	0-1	--	6
Miami	0	5-5	1-2	23	8
Nebraska	0	2-2	3-4	27	11
Totals	0	18-18	5-9	37	33

2019

KICKOFFS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB
Indiana	2	108	54.0	1
Totals	2	108	54.0	1

2020

KICKOFFS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB
Rutgers	2	129	64.5	1
Michigan	6	383	63.8	2
Iowa	2	130	65.0	1
Indiana	1	65	65.0	1
Northwestern	6	362	60.3	1
Ohio State	3	192	64.0	2
Penn State	5	282	56.4	0
Totals	22	1,543	61.7	7

2021

KICKOFFS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB
Northwestern	7	439	62.7	4
Youngstown St.	7	455	65.0	7
Miami	7	455	65.0	7
Nebraska	5	335	37.0	4
Totals	26	1,684	64.8	22



CAREER NOTES: Promising first-year player provides talent and speed among wide receiving corps and on special teams.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN): Has appeared in two games (Northwestern, Youngstown State) . . . made first reception of Spartan career in Youngstown State game and played 19 snaps . . . made Spartan debut in win at Northwestern, seeing action mostly on special teams.

COLEMAN'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2021	2/0	1	2	2.0	0	2	1.0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner has seen action in 24 career games, including 12 starts . . . has rushed for 1,118 yards on 268 carries in his career, becoming 46th Spartan player with 1,000 career rushing yards, with five career rushing TDs . . . also had 20 career receptions for 153 yards and one TD. . . was high school teammates on the state championship basketball team with former MSU All-American point guard Cassius Winston.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has played in two of the four games, tallying three carries for 32 yards (10.7 ypc), while adding one catch for 20 yards, scoring first career receiving TD . . . snared first career TD reception on a career-long 20-yard catch and run to end zone in Youngstown State game, adding three carries for 32 yards.

COLLINS' CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 31, vs. Rutgers (11/23/19)

Rushing Yards: 192, vs. Western Michigan (9/7/19)

Rushing TDs: 2, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

COLLINS' STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	3/0	2	8	4.0	0	4	2.7
2019	13/12	222	988	4.5	5	58	76.0
2020	7/0	41	90	2.2	0	14	12.9
2021	2/0	3	32	10.7	0	16	16.0
Career	24/12	268	1,118	4.2	5	58	46.6

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2019	15	99	6.6	0	16	7.6
2020	4	34	8.5	0	17	4.9
2021	1	20	20.0	1	20	10.0
Career	20	153	7.7	1	20	6.4

COLLINS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	2	8	0	4
Totals	2	8	0	4

2019	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Tulsa	8	17	0	9
Western Michigan	17	192	0	58
Arizona State	19	72	1	16
Northwestern	17	76	1	13
Indiana	17	56	1	19
Ohio State	12	63	0	23
Wisconsin	8	16	0	6
Penn State	17	53	0	9
Illinois	28	170	2	40
Michigan	12	27	0	4
Rutgers	31	109	0	23
Maryland	15	41	0	21
Wake Forest	21	96	0	31
Totals	222	988	5	58

2020	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Rutgers	9	3	0	4
Michigan	1	0	0	0
Iowa	6	14	0	5
Indiana	3	5	0	6
Northwestern	13	34	0	13
Ohio State	8	37	0	14
Penn State	1	-3	0	0
Totals	41	90	0	14

2021	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	3	32	0	16
Miami		-DNP-		
Totals	3	32	0	16

2019	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Tulsa	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	1	7	0	7
Arizona State	1	2	0	2
Northwestern	1	9	0	9
Indiana	1	16	0	16
Ohio State	1	2	0	2
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Penn State	3	11	0	7
Illinois	2	7	0	4
Michigan	2	19	0	11
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Maryland	2	23	0	13
Wake Forest	1	3	0	3
Totals	15	99	0	16

2020	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Rutgers	1	3	0	3
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Iowa	1	6	0	6
Indiana	1	17	0	17
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Penn State	1	8	0	8
Totals	4	34	0	17

2021	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	1	20	0	20
Miami		-DNP-INJURED-		
Nebraska		-DNP-INJURED-		
Totals	1	20	0	20

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Transfer linebacker from Tennessee has played in 27 career games (23 for the Volunteers from 2019-20, four for the Spartans in 2021), including 15 starts at linebacker (11 at Tennessee, four at MSU) . . . has 109 career tackles after posting 85 tackles at Tennessee, including three tackles for loss (10 yards), three pass break-ups and two forced fumbles, and has 24 tackles with 2.0 sacks, one pass break-up, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery at MSU . . . named one of the top 100 impact transfers for 2021 (No. 69) by The Athletic

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has started all four games, ranking tied for 20th in the B1G in tackles/game (6.0) and tied for 24th in league in total tackles (24) . . . the 24 tackles are second among the linebacker corps and ranks third overall on the defense, adding 2.0 tackles for loss, both coming on sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, one pass break-up and two QB hurries in 249 total defensive snaps . . . started Nebraska game and posted a season-high tying seven stops, adding 1.0 sack that came on third down to snuff out a Husker drive, and a forced fumble, in playing 81 of 86 defensive snaps . . . logged three tackles, one pass break-up, one QB hurry and one fumble recovery at Miami, recovering fumble on Miami's first drive, in playing 68 defensive snaps . . . notched seven stops and one QB hurry in win over Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in win at Northwestern, starting at linebacker and logging seven tackles, including one TFL, coming on a sack in the third quarter .

CROUCH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11[^], twice (last vs. Texas A&M, 12/19/20)

Tackles For Loss: 2[^], vs. Vanderbilt (12/12/20)

Pass Break-Up: 1#, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Forced Fumble: 1[^]#, three times (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1#, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

CROUCH'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2019 [^]	13/1	13	15	28	1.0-2	0.5-1	0-0	2	0	0
2020 [^]	10/10	30	27	57	2.0-8	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
2021#	4/4	13	11	24	2.0-10	2.0-10	0-0	1	1	1
Career	27/15	56	53	109	5.0-20	2.5-11	0-0	4	1	3

[^] = at Tennessee / # = at Michigan State

CROUCH'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019 [^]

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Georgia State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
BYU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
UT Chattanooga	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Florida	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Georgia	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Mississippi State	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Alabama	2	2	4	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
South Carolina	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
UAB	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Kentucky	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Missouri	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Vanderbilt	0	1	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	13	15	28	1.0-2	0.5-1	0-0	2	0-0	0

2020 [^]

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
South Carolina	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Missouri	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Georgia	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	1
Kentucky	3	8	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Alabama	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arkansas	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	1
Auburn	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Florida	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Vanderbilt	5	2	7	2.0-8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Texas A&M	8	3	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	30	27	57	2.0-8	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	2

2021 #

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	5	2	7	1.0-6	1.0-6	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1-0	0
Nebraska	4	3	7	1.0-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	1
Totals	13	11	24	2.0-10	2.0-10	0-0	1	1-0	1

[^] = at Tennessee / # = at Michigan State



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner looks to have an expanded role on the defense in 2021 at nickelback . . . has played in 24 career games with six starts (two in 2020 at safety, four in 2021 at nickelback), with 53 career tackles, including 0.5 sack, 0.5 tackle for loss, five pass break-ups and one fumble recovery . . . two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection . . . has been admitted to the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State . . . had an internship with a law office over the summer . . . younger brother of former Spartan letterwinners and twins Andrew and David . . . Andrew was a four-year letterwinner (2015-18) and three-year starting linebacker for the Spartans; he was on the practice squad for the Saints in 2019 and made the active roster in 2020 . . . David was a four-year letterwinner (2016-19) and three-year starting safety; he earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from the media in 2017.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has started all four games at nickelback, posting 15 stops, including one tackle for loss, and three pass break-ups, in playing 220 defensive snaps . . . was starting nickelback in Nebraska game, notching five stops in logging 54 snaps . . . started at Miami and tallied three tackles plus a career-high two pass break-ups in 58 snaps . . . started Youngstown State contest, recording three tackles and one pass break-up, in playing in 51 defensive snaps . . . started in season-opening win at Northwestern, notching four tackles, including first solo tackle for loss of career, playing 57 snaps.

DOWELL'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)

Tackle For Loss: 1.0, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Pass Break-Up: 2, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Indiana (9/28/19)

Touchdowns: 1, vs. Indiana (9/28/19)

DOWELL'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2019	13/0	7	8	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1-0	0
2020	7/2	20	7	27	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0	0
2021	4/4	10	5	15	1.0-4	0-0	0-0	3	0-0	0
Career	24/6	37	20	57	1.5-6	0.5-2	0-0	5	1-0	0

DOWELL'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0
Ohio State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	7	8	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Michigan	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	2	2	4	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	20	7	27	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	2	2	4	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Miami	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0
Nebraska	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	10	5	15	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0-0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner has started 14 games at left guard in last three seasons (five in 2019, five in 2020, four in 2021) and has played in 21 career games . . . third-team preseason All-Big Ten selection by Pro Football Focus.

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has started all four games at left guard, playing 158 total snaps . . . started Nebraska game at left guard, notching 29 snaps . . . was starting left guard at Miami and logged 35 offensive snaps . . . started against Youngstown State and played 34 offensive snaps, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . started at left guard in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 50 snaps in helping road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards Friday night, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Transfer wide receiver from Louisville has four years of eligibility remaining . . . his older brother, Dez, played at Louisville from 2017-20 and was selected in the fourth round of the 2021 NFL Draft by Tennessee; Dez had 154 catches for 2,589 yards and 21 TDs in his collegiate career at U of L.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has played in limited action in three games, not playing in Nebraska game, but seeing nine snaps in both Miami and Youngstown State games, along with four snaps at Northwestern.



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player looks to compete for carries at running back.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has six carries for 33 yards in playing in all four games . . . saw limited action on offense and also played special teams in Nebraska game and at Miami . . . named Spartan Special Teams Co-Player of the Week vs. Nebraska . . . earned first carry of Spartan career in Youngstown State game, ending game with six rushes for 33 yards (5.5 ypc) . . . made Spartan debut at Northwestern, playing on special teams.

EAGLIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 6, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Rushing Yards: 33, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

EAGLIN'S STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2021	4/0	6	33	5.5	0	14	8.3

EAGLIN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021		NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING					
Northwestern		0	0	0	0
Youngstown State		6	33	0	14
Miami		0	0	0	0
Nebraska		0	0	0	0
Totals		6	33	0	14



CAREER NOTES: Second-year wide receiver will compete for time in the playing rotation.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all four games, tallying first catch of Spartan career in Youngstown State game . . . was in on six special teams snaps in Nebraska game . . . saw action in 12 offensive snaps at Miami . . . was in on 20 snaps of Youngstown State game, snaring first reception as a Spartan, going for 16-yards and a first down in the third quarter . . . saw action in three snaps at Northwestern.

FOSTER'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Receiving Yards: 16, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

FOSTER'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2021	4/0	1	16	16.0	0	16	4.0

FOSTER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021		NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING					
Northwestern		0	0	0	0
Youngstown State		1	16	0	16
Miami		0	0	0	0
Nebraska		0	0	0	0
Totals		1	16	0	16



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner enters his fourth year with the Spartans . . . has played in 23 career games with six starts (three in 2019, three in 2020) . . . has 18 career receptions for 201 yards . . . high school teammate of Xavier Henderson, who is a senior safety for the Spartans.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all four games, making one catch for 5 yards in playing in 16 snaps . . . saw limited action in Nebraska game and at Miami . . . had one catch for 5 yards while playing in 12 snaps vs. Youngstown State . . . saw action in three snaps at Northwestern.

GILLISON'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs. Wake Forest (12/27/19)

Receiving Yards: 88, vs. Wake Forest (12/27/19)

GILLISON'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2019	12/3	12	147	12.3	0	64	12.3
2020	4/3	5	49	9.8	0	15	12.3
2021	4/0	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.3
Career	23/6	18	201	11.2	0	64	9.6

GILLISON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	0	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	1	12	0	12	
Ohio State	3	34	0	19	
Wisconsin		-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	0	0	0	0	
Illinois	0	0	0	0	
Michigan	2	7	0	7	
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	
Maryland	2	6	0	6	
Wake Forest	4	88	0	64	
Totals	12	147	0	64	

2020	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	
Michigan	0	0	0	0	
Iowa	3	26	0	15	
Indiana	2	23	0	14	
Northwestern		-DNP-INJURED-			
Ohio State		-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State		-DNP-INJURED-			
Totals	5	49	0	15	

2021	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	
Youngstown State	1	5	0	5	
Miami	0	0	0	0	
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	
Totals	1	5	0	5	



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player has made the transition to safety after playing nickelback as a true freshman . . . has played in all 11 career games, making eight starts (four at nickelback in 2020, four at safety in 2021) . . . has 46 career tackles, one interception, one interception and five pass break-ups.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Ranks 10th in the B1G in both passes defended/game (1.0) and total passes defended (4), with three pass break-ups and one interception, ranking tied for 10th in interceptions and tied for 11th in pass break-ups . . . also ranks tied for 24th in B1G with 5.8 tackles per game, ranking tied for 26th in league totalling 23 stops (15 solo, eight assists) . . . also has totaled three pass break-ups in four games, in starting all games at safety, logging 304 snaps, which ranks second on the defense . . . started Nebraska game at safety and registered seven tackles and one pass break-up in playing 85 of the 86 defensive snaps . . . snagged first career interception after starting at safety at Miami, adding three stops in playing 85 of 90 defensive snaps, second-most on the defense . . . started Youngstown State game at safety, notching four tackles and one pass break-up . . . started at safety in season-opening win at Northwestern, logging career-high nine stops, sharing team lead, adding one pass break-up.

GROSE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Tackle For Loss: 0.5, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)

Interception: 1, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Pass Break-Ups: 1, five times, (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Forced Fumble: 1, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)

GROSE'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	7/4	15	8	23	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	1
2021	4/4	15	8	23	0-0	0-0	1-0	3	0-0	0
Totals	11/8	30	16	46	0.5-1	0-0	1-0	5	0-0	1

GROSE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	1	1	2	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Ohio State	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	1
Penn State	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	15	8	23	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	1

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Youngstown State	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Miami	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals	15	8	23	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3	0-0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player has earned a starting position at linebacker . . . has played in eight career games with four starts, with all four coming in 2021 after making first start of career at Northwestern.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Ranks tied for 16th in B1G in tackles per game (6.8), ranked tied for 15th in tackles, totaling 27 stops (six solo, 21 assists), with 0.5 tackles for loss, two pass break-ups, in starting all four games at linebacker and playing 261 overall snaps . . . started at linebacker in Nebraska game and notched career-high with eight tackles, adding one pass break-up in playing 80 of the 86 defensive snaps . . . was starting linebacker at Miami, notching six tackles in playing 83 of 90 defensive snaps, third-most on the defense . . . started Youngstown State contest and posted career-high for second game in a row with seven stops, including 0.5 tackle for loss, in 33 snaps . . . made first start of Spartan career in season-opener, starting at linebacker and logging career-high six stops and adding first pass break-up of career, playing in 65 snaps, nearly tripling last year's season total of 23 plays on special teams.

HALADAY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Tackle For loss: 0.5, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Pass Break-Ups: 1, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

HALADAY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	4/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	4/4	6	21	27	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0
Totals	8/4	6	21	27	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0

HALADAY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern		3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Youngstown State		1	6	7	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami		2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska		0	8	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals		6	21	27	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0



CAREER NOTES: Third-year player competes for time in the playing rotation at defensive tackle.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE): Has posted six tackles in playing in 114 total snaps in playing all four games . . . notched a career-high three stops in Nebraska game, with one tackle for loss, in playing 30 snaps . . . was in on 27 snaps and tallied one tackle at Miami . . . saw action in 26 snaps vs. Youngstown State . . . posted one tackle, including first tackle for loss of career, in playing 31 snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern.

HANSEN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Tackle For Loss: 1, three times (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

HANSEN'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	6/0	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021	4/1	3	2	5	2.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10/1	3	4	7	2.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0

HANSEN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern		1	0	1	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami		1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska		1	2	3	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals		3	2	5	2.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Fifth-year senior and three-year letterwinner has played in 34 career games, making 12 starts at linebacker (five in 2019, seven in 2020), with 109 tackles (nearly even split of 53 solo, 56 assists), including 10.0 for losses (37 yards) and three sacks (18 yards), adding five pass break-ups and one forced fumble . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection (third team) by Phil Steele.

2020 SEASON (REDSHIRT SENIOR): Has played in two games, posting four tackles (one solo, three assists) in playing in 24 snaps . . . did not see action in Nebraska game and at Miami . . . logged three tackles in playing 17 snaps against Youngstown State . . . tallied one tackle in playing in seven snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern.

HARVEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 14, vs. Wake Forest (12/27/19)

Tackles For Loss: 2.5, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

Sacks: 1.5, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

Pass Break-Ups: 2, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

HARVEY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	12/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2019	13/5	19	30	49	5.0-24	3.0-18	0-0	4	0-0	1
2020	7/7	31	23	54	5.0-13	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
2021	2/0	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Career	34/12	53	56	109	10.0-37	3.0-18	0-0	5	0-0	1

HARVEY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wisconsin	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	3	6	9	2.5-11	1.5-8	0-0	2	0-0	0
Michigan	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	3	3	6	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0	0
Maryland	5	3	8	1-8	1.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	1
Wake Forest	1	13	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	19	30	49	5-24	3-18	0-0	4	0-0	1

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	3	6	9	0.5-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	7	4	11	1.5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	4	1	5	1.5-4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	3	1	4	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	3	5	8	0.5-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	6	3	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals	31	23	54	5.0-13	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami				-DNP-					
Nebraska				-DNP-					
Totals	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner leads all active Spartans with 181 tackles . . . also has 7.5 tackles for loss, three interceptions, seven pass break-ups and one forced fumble in 37 career games, making 24 consecutive starts at safety . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection (third team) by Phil Steele . . . high school teammate of Trenton Gillison, who is a redshirt junior tight end on the Spartans.

2021 SEASON (SENIOR): Ranks third in the B1G and tied for 10th in FBS with 10.50 tackles/game, one of only three players in conference and one of only 18 in country averaging double-digit tackles . . . also ranks fourth in league and tied for 11th in nation with 42 total tackles . . . also tied for 14th in B1G in both tackles for loss (4.0) and tied for 18th in TFL/game (1.0) . . . is also ranked tied for 20th in conference in sacks (2.0) and tied for 20th in league in sacks/game (0.5) . . . also tied for 10th in the league with one interception . . . only 2.0 sacks of career came in first two games of season . . . has led or shared team-lead in tackles in all four games and has eight or more stops in all four games . . . started all four games at safety and has team-leading 42 tackles (27 solo, 15 assists) with 4.0 TFLs (17 yards) and 2.0 sacks (14 yards), along with one INT and one pass break-up, in playing in 322 of 338 total defensive snaps, including playing every defensive snap in last two games and all but one in another . . . played all 86 defensive snaps in Nebraska game, posting career-high 17 tackles (10 solo, 7 assists), adding one TFL, marking the most tackles by a Spartan in a single game since Montae Nicholson also had 17 stops (Oct. 8, 2016 vs. BYU) . . . played all 90 snaps at Miami, only defensive player to do so, and led MSU in tackles for third-straight game with eight tackles (all solo) . . . collected the MSU Defensive Player of the Week team award after leading the team in tackles for the second game in a row with eight stops, and also had a 4-yard sack and an acrobatic interception in the second quarter in playing in 63 of the 78 defensive snaps . . . the interception was his first since Nov. 23, 2019 vs. Rutgers and was third career interception . . . was game captain for season-opener and shared top tackle honors with career-high tying nine stops, adding first career sack as part of career-high two tackles for loss in season-opening win at Northwestern, earning MSU Co-Defensive Player of the Week team award, in playing 83 of 84 defensive snaps.

HENDERSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 17, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Pass Break-Ups: 2, twice (last vs. Maryland, 11/30/19)

Tackles For Loss: 2.0, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Sack: 1.0, twice (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)

Interception: 1, three times (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Rutgers (11/24/18)

HENDERSON'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	13/0	9	6	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
2019	13/13	56	27	83	2.0-5	0-0	2-32	5	0-0	0
2020	7/7	24	17	41	1.5-3	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
2021	4/4	27	15	42	4.0-17	2.0-14	1-0	1	0-0	0
Career	37/24	116	65	181	7.5-25	2.0-14	3-32	7	0-0	1

HENDERSON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0
Northwestern	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Wisconsin	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	6	2	8	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	1-32	0	0-0	0
Maryland	4	3	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0
Wake Forest	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	56	27	83	2-5	0-0	2-32	5	0-0	0

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	4	2	6	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Ohio State	3	6	9	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	24	17	41	1.5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	7	2	9	2.0-12	1.0-10	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	2	6	8	1.0-4	1.0-4	1-0	1	0-0	0
Miami	8	0	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	10	7	17	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	27	15	42	4.0-17	2.0-14	1-0	1	0-0	0



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CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner has played in 40 career games, including 19 starts (eight in 2018, one in 2019, six in 2020, four in 2021 / 15 at running back from 2018-20, four at tight end in 2021) . . . shifted to tight end in preseason . . . second among all active Spartans with 2,048 career all-purpose yards, surpassing the 2,000-yard mark in Miami game, and has cracked MSU's top 50 all-purpose list, now at No. 48 . . . has 818 rushing, 501 receiving, 6 punt return and 723 kick return, and nine career TDs (five rushing, four receptions) . . . has rushed for 818 yards and five TDs on 210 career carries . . . has 67 receptions for 462 yards and four TDs . . . has returned 33 kickoffs in his career for 723 yards, ranking No. 16 on MSU career kick return yards list and tied for No. 18 on career kick return list (33), as well as ranking No. 29 on career kick return average (21.91 ypr) and No. 50 on career rushing yards/game list (20.5), while ranking No. 48 in all-purpose yards (2,048) . . . named to the Paul Hornung Award Watch List . . . his late father, Craig, played college football at Pittsburgh before spending 11 years in the NFL with New Orleans (1988-1991), Chicago (1992), Atlanta (1994-95), St. Louis (1997) and Indianapolis (1998); he rushed for 4,301 career yards and was a Pro Bowl selection in 1995 with the Falcons . . . his oldest brother, Cameron, was a 2011 NFL first-round draft choice (No. 31 overall) out of Ohio State and is in his 10th season with the Steelers as a defensive end; he has earned Pro Bowl honors four straight years (2017-20) and All-Pro accolades twice (2017, 2019) . . . also has an older brother, Corey, who played basketball at Georgia Tech (2013-17) . . . graduated in May 2021 with a bachelor's degree in communication.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has started all four games at tight end . . . has eight catches for 116 yards (14.5 ypc/29.0 ypg), in playing 167 offensive snaps . . . started Nebraska game at tight end and had two catches for 39 yards, with both coming on same MSU drive in second quarter, including 24 YAC, with most of them on a highlight-reel and season-long 34-yard catch, leaping over and bouncing off defender, then running over another would-be tackler and getting first down, part of playing 43 offensive snaps . . . was starting tight end at Miami and had three catches for 49 yards, with 44 coming after contact, and two going for first downs, along with two coming on TD drives, including a 24-yard reception for longest catch of season and second-longest of career and longest since 2019, and also had nice double-block on Jayden Reed's 8-yard TD run to seal Victory for MSU . . . started at tight end vs. Youngstown State, playing 31 snaps . . . made career debut at tight end, starting in season-opening win at Northwestern, and snared three catches for 28 yards including a diving acrobatic catch, along with a third-down reception, running over and carrying several Northwestern defenders on way to first down, keeping Spartan drive going MSU's second possession of the game, which concluded with a TD and a 14-0 lead . . . added a 5-yard catch on MSU's opening possession of the third quarter, resulting in TD for a 28-7 Spartan advantage.

HEYWARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 24, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

Rushing Yards: 157, vs. Maryland (11/3/18)

Rushing TDs: 2, twice (last vs. Maryland, 11/3/18)

Receptions: 7, vs. Northwestern (10/6/18)

Receiving Yards: 78, vs. Nebraska (11/17/18)

Receiving TDs: 2, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)

Kick Returns: 7, vs. Ohio State (11/11/17)

Kick Return: 49, vs. Maryland (11/3/18)

Kick Return Yards: 115, vs. Minnesota (10/14/17)

Punt Returns: 1, vs. Minnesota (10/14/17)

Punt Return Yards: 6, vs. Minnesota (10/14/17)

HEYWARD'S STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2017	12/0	3	10	3.3	0	3	0.9
2018	13/8	118	529	4.5	5	80	40.7
2019	4/1	24	79	3.3	0	14	19.8
2020	7/6	65	200	3.1	0	14	28.6
2021	4/4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Career	40/19	210	818	3.9	5	80	20.5

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2017	4	13	3.2	1	7	1.2
2018	32	249	7.8	0	36	19.2
2019	7	52	7.4	1	15	13.0
2020	18	71	3.9	2	13	11.8
2021	8	116	14.5	0	34	29.0
Career	69	501	7.3	4	36	12.5

PUNT RETURNS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2017	1	6	6.0	0	6
2018	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019	0	0	0.0	0	0
2020	0	0	0.0	0	0
2021	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	1	6	6.0	0	6

KICK RETURNS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2017	20	436	21.8	0	55
2018	13	287	22.1	0	49
2019	0	0	0.0	0	0
2020	0	0	0.0	0	0
2021	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	33	723	21.9	0	55

ALL PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOTAL	YPG
2017	10	13	6	436	465	38.8
2018	529	249	0	287	1,065	81.9
2019	79	52	0	0	131	32.8
2020	200	71	0	0	271	38.7
2021	0	116	0	0	116	29.0
Career	818	501	6	723	2,048	51.2

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HEYWARD'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2017				
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Bowling Green		-DNP-		
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	2	3	0	3
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	7	0	7
Washington State	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	10	0	7

2018				
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State	5	42	2	17
Arizona State	5	22	0	11
Indiana	12	23	0	6
Central Michigan	15	48	1	7
Northwestern	5	12	0	12
Penn State	8	44	0	26
Michigan	3	3	0	5
Purdue	2	7	0	5
Maryland	15	157	2	80
Ohio State	4	1	0	5
Nebraska	21	80	0	27
Rutgers	19	81	0	26
Oregon	4	9	0	3
Totals	118	529	5	80

2019				
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	15	43	0	7
Western Michigan	3	13	0	14
Arizona State	3	6	0	4
Northwestern	3	17	0	9
Totals	24	79	0	14

2020				
RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	7	18	0	9
Michigan	13	28	0	5
Iowa	3	10	0	4
Indiana	5	27	0	14
Northwestern	24	96	0	12
Ohio State	8	11	0	4
Penn State	5	10	0	5
Totals	65	200	0	14

2017				
RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Bowling Green		-DNP-		
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Michigan	1	2	0	2
Minnesota	1	-1	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	1	5	0	5
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	7	1	7
Washington State	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	13	1	7

2018				
RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	4	43	0	22
Indiana	1	16	0	16
Central Michigan	4	16	0	12
Northwestern	7	30	0	15
Penn State	4	20	0	11
Michigan	1	8	0	8
Purdue	0	0	0	0
Maryland	1	2	0	2
Ohio State	1	9	0	9
Nebraska	5	78	0	36
Rutgers	4	27	0	18
Oregon	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	249	0	36

2019				
RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	3	28	1	15
Western Michigan	1	7	0	7
Arizona State	1	6	0	6
Northwestern	2	11	0	11
Totals	7	52	1	15

2020				
RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	5	25	0	11
Michigan	2	15	2	13
Iowa	2	12	0	9
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	4	9	0	5
Ohio State	5	10	0	8
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	71	2	13

2021				
RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	3	28	0	16
Youngstown State	0	0	0	0
Miami	3	49	0	24
Nebraska	2	39	0	34
Totals	8	116	0	34



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CAREER NOTES: Transfer from Arkansas State is the starter at left tackle for the Spartans . . . has started 24 career games (started 20 games at left tackle the past two seasons (2019-20) for the Red Wolves; started four games at left tackle in 2021 for the Spartans) . . . named to the Outland Trophy Watch List.

2021 SEASON (SENIOR): Has started all four games at left tackle, playing 133 total snaps . . . started at left tackle in Nebraska game, notching 29 snaps . . . was starting left tackle at Miami, playing 44 snaps . . . started Youngstown State game at left tackle, logging 13 snaps in helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . started in Spartan debut, opening season-opener at Northwestern at left tackle, playing 44 snaps in helping offense road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Redshirt sophomore enters his third year with the program in 2021 looking to compete for a starting role . . . has played in nine career games, with two starts (one in 2020, one in 2021).

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE): Has played in all four games, with one start, logging two tackles in 47 snaps . . . notched one tackle in playing 26 snaps in Nebraska game . . . saw limited action at Miami and against Youngstown State . . . started at defensive tackle in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 11 snaps and recording one tackle.

J. HUNT'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	5/1	4	1	5	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	4/1	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Career	9/2	6	1	7	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



CAREER NOTES: Fifth-year senior and three-year letterwinner has played in 27 career games, making three career starts at tight end . . . switched positions to tight end in 2020 . . . can play a multitude of positions on special teams, including placekicker, punter, kickoffs and holder . . . joined the team as a walk-on in September 2017 . . . graduated with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness in May 2021.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has played in all four games with one start, playing 106 snaps, snaring four catches for 36 yards, with two going for a first down . . . was in on 22 snaps in Nebraska game . . . tallied two catches for 20 yards at Miami, with one going for a first down and both coming on a MSU's FG drive, in playing 38 snaps . . . started Youngstown State game at tight end, playing 19 snaps and catching two passes for 16 yards, with one going for a first down and the other part of a MSU TD drive . . . saw action in 29 offensive snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern.

T. HUNT'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 1, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)
 Rushing Yards: 1, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)
 Rushing TDs: 1, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)
 Receptions: 4, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
 Receiving Yards: 24, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
 Punts: 11, vs. Michigan (10/20/18)
 Punting Yards: 457, vs. Michigan (10/20/18)
 Punting Avg. (Min. 4): 41.5, vs. Michigan (10/20/18)
 Punts Inside 20: 5, vs. Northwestern (10/6/18)
 Longest Punt: 63, vs. Northwestern (10/6/18)

T. HUNT'S STATISTICS

	RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018		5/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2019		13/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2020		5/3	8	78	9.8	0	17	15.6
2021		4/1	4	36	9.0	0	13	9.0
Career		27/4	12	114	9.5	0	17	4.2

	RUSHING	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020		1	1	1.0	1	1	1.0

	PUNTING	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG	I20	I10	50+
2018		5	36	1444	40.1	63	15	2	3

T. HUNT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers			-DNP-		
Michigan			-DNP-		
Iowa		1	7	0	7
Indiana		1	15	0	15
Northwestern		1	15	0	15
Ohio State		4	24	0	9
Penn State		1	17	0	17
Totals		8	78	0	17

2021

	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern		0	0	0	0
Youngstown State		2	16	0	8
Miami		2	20	0	13
Nebraska		0	0	0	0
Totals		4	36	0	13

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner is in his fifth season with the Spartans . . . has played in 36 career games, including 31 starts (21 at right guard, three at left tackle, seven at right tackle / 10 in 2017, seven in 2018, three in 2019, seven in 2020, four in 2021) . . . named to Senior Bowl Watch List . . . earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in December 2020.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has started all four games at right guard, playing in 197 of 257 offensive snaps . . . started at right guard in Nebraska game, notching 53 snaps . . . was starting right guard at Miami, logging 53 of 73 offensive snaps . . . started home opener vs. Youngstown State at right guard, playing 41 snaps in helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . was in on 50 snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern, helping offense road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Transfer running back from Auburn, has played in 21 collegiate games, playing in 17 games for the Tigers from 2018-20 (two in 2018, 13 in 2019, two in 2020), and four for the Spartans in 2021 . . . has 18 career carries for 115 yards and seven receptions for 137 yards (had 15 carries for 103 yards and two rushing TDs, with six receptions for 128 yards and one receiving TD while at Auburn; has three rushes for 12 yards and one catch for 9 yards at MSU)

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has appeared in all three games, primarily on special teams . . . saw limited action at Miami and against Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in season opening win at Northwestern, with three carries for 12 yards.

JOINER'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 4[^], twice (last vs. Arkansas, 10/19/19)

Rushing Yards: 59[^], vs. Arkansas (10/19/19)

Rushing TDs: 1[^], twice (last vs. Arkansas, 10/19/19)

Receptions: 2[^], vs. Teas A&M (9/21/19)

Receiving Yards: 78[^], vs. Ole Miss (11/2/19)

Receiving TDs: 1[^], vs. Samford (11/23/19)

JOINER'S STATISTICS (AT AUBURN)

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018 [^]	2/0	3	9	3.0	1	5	4.5
2019 [^]	13/0	12	94	7.8	1	32	7.2
2020 [^]	2/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2021#	4/0	3	12	4.0	0	8	3.0
Career	21/0	18	115	6.4	2	32	5.5

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018 [^]	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2019 [^]	6	128	21.3	1	78	9.8
2020 [^]	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2021#	1	9	9.0	0	9	2.5
Career	7	137	19.6	1	78	6.5

[^] = at Auburn / # = at Michigan State



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Graduate transfer from Duke has played in 51 collegiate games (played in 48 games for the Blue Devils from 2017-20, including 21 starts at defensive end; played in three games for the Spartans in 2021) . . . compiled 104 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, four fumble recoveries and one forced fumble during his time at Duke . . . played a total of 2,160 snaps with the Blue Devils . . . enrolled at Michigan State in January 2021 and participated in spring practice . . . graduated from Duke in December 2020 with a bachelor's degree in evolutionary anthropology.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has played in three games, logging five tackles and one QB hurry in playing 97 overall snaps . . . logged two tackles in playing 21 snaps in Nebraska game . . . was in on 40 snaps at Miami and notched one tackle and one QB hurry . . . made Spartan debut in season-opening win at Northwestern, notching two tackles in playing 35 snaps.

JORDAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7^, vs. Boston College (9/19/20)

Sack: 1^, seven times (last vs. Florida State (12/12/20)

Tackles For Loss: 1.5^, vs. North Carolina (10/26/19)

JORDAN'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2017^	13/1	7	9	16	3-15	3-15	0-0	0	1	0
2018^	12/10	21	12	33	4-19	2.5-16	0-0	0	0	1
2019^	12/8	7	11	18	3.5-8	1-3	0-0	0	0	0
2020^	11/2	12	23	35	4.5-21	3.5-20	0-0	0	3	0
2021#	3/0	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	51/22	51	56	106	15.0-63	10.0-54	0-0	0	4	0

^ = at Duke / # = at Michigan State



CAREER NOTES: Transfer cornerback from Florida has played in 20 collegiate games (played in 17 games for the Gators (eight in 2019, nine in 2020) and played in three for the Spartans in 2021) . . . has 24 career tackles, with 0.5 tackle for loss, one interception and three pass break-ups (compiled 15 tackles and three pass break-ups at UF; has nine tackles, 0.5 TFL and one INT at MSU).

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has nine tackles (seven solo, two assists) with 0.5 TFL, one INT and one QB hurry in playing 198 total defensive snaps in three games . . . snared first career interception with a pick in overtime of Nebraska game and returned the interception 62 yards, adding one tackle, while playing in 85 of the 86 defensive snaps . . . logged three stops and 0.5 tackle for loss at Miami in 67 snaps . . . made Spartan debut in starting at cornerback in Youngstown State game, making a career-high five tackles in 43 snaps.

KIMBROUGH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Tackle For Loss: 0.5, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Interception: 1, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

KIMBROUGH'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2019 ^	8/0	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
2020 ^	9/0	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
2021 #	3/3	7	2	9	0.5-0	0-0	1-62	0	0	0
Totals	19/3	17	7	24	0.5-0	0-0	1-62	3	0	0

KIMBROUGH'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
DEFENSE									
Northwestern			-DNP-						
Youngstown State	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Miami	2	1	3	0.5-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1-62	0	0	0
Totals	7	2	9	0.5-0	0-0	1-62	0	0	0

^ = at Florida / # = at Michigan State

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player adds depth along the front of the defensive line.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has played 28 overall snaps at defensive tackle in three games, posting two tackles and two pass break-ups . . . logged eight snaps at Miami and registered two pass break-ups, including the final play of game . . . played a season-high 14 snaps vs. Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in season-opening win at Northwestern, registering two tackles and one pass break-up in playing just six snaps.

KING'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Pass Break-Up: 2, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

KING'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	3/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0



CAREER NOTES: Second-year receiver will compete for time in the playing rotation . . . his father, Terry Lockett Sr., grew up in Detroit, and has family members who have graduated from MSU.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in four games, snaring three catches for 17 yards in playing 29 snaps . . . logged one catch for 4 yards at Miami, in playing 12 snaps . . . was in on 15 snaps in Youngstown State game, registering two catches for 14 yards . . . played two snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern

LOCKETT'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Receiving Yards: 14, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

LOCKETT'S STATISTICS

	RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020		6/0	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
2021		4/0	3	18	6.0	0	8	4.5
Career		10/0	4	22	5.5	0	8	2.2

LOCKETT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021

	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern		0	0	0	0
Youngstown State		2	14	9	8
Miami		1	4	0	4
Nebraska		0	0	0	0
Totals		3	18	9	8



CAREER NOTES: Fourth-year defensive tackle has played in 12 career games, including two starts . . . has tallied 17 career tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has played in four games, registering one tackle while logging 98 overall snaps . . . saw limited action in Nebraska game . . . was in on 24 snaps at Miami . . . tallied one tackle in home-opening win over Youngstown State in playing in 31 snaps . . . played in the season-opening win at Northwestern, logging 40 snaps.

MALLORY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

Tackles For Loss: 1.0, twice (last vs. Northwestern, 11/28/20)

Sack: 1.0, twice (last vs. Northwestern, 11/28/20)

MALLORY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2019	2/0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2020	7/2	9	6	15	3.0-9	2.0-7	0-0	0	0	0
2021	4/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Career	13/2	10	7	17	3.0-9	2.0-7	0-0	0	0	0

MALLORY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	1	1	2	1.0-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	2	1	3	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	0	1	1.0-3	1.0-3	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	5	1	6	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	9	6	15	3.0-9	2.0-7	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Third-year receiver has 41 career receptions for 480 yards (11.7 ypc) in 15 career games, with seven starts (one in 2019, three in 2020 and three in 2021) . . . 22-of-41 (.537) of career catches have gone for first down or TD.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE): Ranks 12th in B1G in yards per catch (14.9), as well as tied for 19th in conference in total receiving yards (193) and tied for 25th in total receptions (13) . . . has played in all four games with three starts, snaring 13 receptions for 193 yards (14.9 ypc), adding one rush for 2 yards . . . 6-of-10 (.600) catches have gone for first down . . . snared season-highs of six catches for 70 yards in Nebraska game, with two going for first downs, including a 35-yarder on first play of drive, setting up MSU FG, in playing 41 snaps . . . tallied two catches for 57 yards with a career-long 51-yarder in the second quarter of Miami game, going for a first down, and added one rush for 2 yards on MSU FG drive . . . had one catch for 7 yards in home-opening win over Youngstown State . . . started in season-opening win at Northwestern and snared four receptions, including an acrobatic, one-handed catch, plus a career-long 26-yarder, two of the three that went for a first down, finishing with 59 receiving yards off the four catches.

MOSLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 8, vs. Maryland (11/30/19)

Receiving Yards: 73, vs. Maryland (11/30/19)

Touchdown: 1, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

MOSLEY'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2019	6/1	21	216	10.3	1	23	36.0
2020	4/3	7	71	10.1	0	12	17.8
2021	4/3	13	193	14.8	0	51	48.3
Career	15/7	41	480	11.7	1	51	32.0

MOSLEY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State		-DNP-		
Tulsa		-DNP-		
Western Michigan		-DNP-		
Arizona State		-DNP-		
Northwestern		-DNP-		
Indiana		-DNP-		
Ohio State		-DNP-		
Wisconsin		-DNP-		
Penn State	4	37	0	14
Illinois	3	32	1	18
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	2	24	0	16
Maryland	8	73	0	19
Wake Forest	4	50	0	23
Totals	21	216	1	23

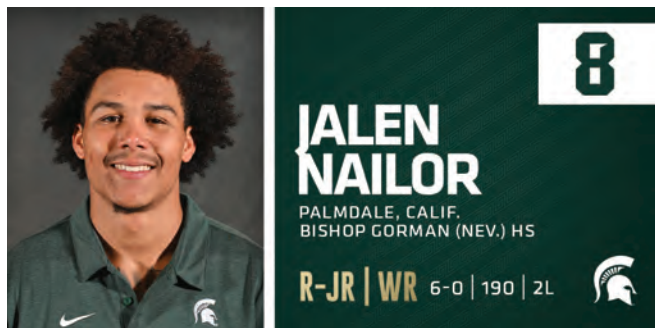
2020

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	1	11	0	11
Michigan		-DNP-INJURED-		
Iowa		-DNP-INJURED-		
Indiana		-DNP-INJURED-		
Northwestern	1	8	0	8
Ohio State	2	22	0	12
Penn State	3	30	0	11
Totals	7	71	0	12

2021

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	4	59	0	26
Youngstown	1	7	0	7
Miami	2	57	0	51
Nebraska	6	70	0	35
Totals	13	193	0	51

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Exciting playmaker has 59 catches for 900 yards and nine TDs in 23 games (eight in 2018, four in 2019, seven in 2020, four in 2021), including 16 starts (one in 2018, four in 2019, seven in 2020, four in 2021) . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection by Phil Steele (second team) and Athlon Sports (third team) . . . is MSU's active leader with 900 receiving yards . . . over last two seasons, 30-of-36 (83.3 percent) receptions have gone for either a first down or TD . . . had a streak of two or more receptions in six-straight games as part of a 15-game streak with at least one catch halted by going without a catch in Nebraska game . . . also has 163 rushing yards and one TD on just 17 carries (9.6 avg.), along with eight punt returns for 48 yards (6.0 ypr) and six kick returns for 125 yards, for 1,236 career all-purpose yards (53.7 ypg) . . . ranks No. 28 on MSU career yards per catch list (15.3 ypc), tied for No. 29 on career receiving TDs (9) and No. 49 in receiving yards (900), needing 100 yards to become 46th Spartan receiving with 1,000 career receiving yards . . . has at least one catch in 20 of 23 total career games played . . . MSU has a 15-8 record when Nailor is in the lineup . . . high school teammate of fellow Michigan State offensive lineman Jacob Isaia.

2020 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Ranked tied for third in B1G top mark and tied for 30th in FBS for receiving TDs (3), as well as 15th in league for yards per catch (14.1), 31st in league in total receiving yards (141) and 30th in receiving yards/game (35.3) . . . has started all four games and has 10 catches for 141 yards with three TDs, adding one rush (-2 yards) and two kick returns (27 yards) . . . 8-of-10 catches have gone for first down or touchdown . . . had at least two catches in first three games, as part of six-straight games with two or more receptions, which is part of a 15-game streak with at least one catch, before streak was halted going without a catch in Nebraska game . . . also had at least one TD catch in back-to-back (Miami and Youngstown State) . . . started Nebraska game and didn't register a reception, adding one kick return for 15 yards, in playing 53 offensive snaps . . . started game at Miami and had four catches for 82 yards and a career-high tying two TDs, both coming in the second half, with an 11-yards TD catch in the third quarter, then a 39-yard TD catch with 4:12 left in the fourth quarter to seal the Victory for MSU . . . started Youngstown State game and had four receptions, for 39 yards, including a 16-yard TD in the third quarter, one of three going for first down or TD . . . started season-opening win at Northwestern, tallying two catches for 20 yards, with both going for first downs, and added one kick return for 12 yards.

NAILOR'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 6, vs. Rutgers (10/24/20)
Receiving Yards: 119, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)
Longest Reception: 75, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)
Receiving TDs: 2, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)
Rushing Yards: 99, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)
Rushing TDs: 1, vs. Indiana (9/22/18)
All-Purpose Yards: 120, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)
Kick Return Yards: 51 vs. Tulsa (8/30/19)
Total TDs: 2, vs. Indiana (9/22/18)

NAILOR'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	8/1	8	138	17.3	2	48	17.3
2019	4/4	15	106	7.1	0	23	26.5
2020	7/7	26	515	19.8	4	75	73.6
2021	4/4	10	141	14.1	3	39	35.3
Career	23/16	59	900	15.3	9	75	39.1

RUSHING	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	9	128	14.2	1	75	16.0
2019	5	27	5.4	0	10	6.8
2020	2	11	5.5	0	8	1.8
2021	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.0
Career	17	163	9.6	1	75	7.1

NAILOR'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Utah State	1	14	0	14
Arizona State	1	4	0	4
Indiana	1	16	1	16
Central Michigan	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Northwestern	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Penn State	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Purdue	3	70	1	48
Maryland	1	8	0	8
Ohio State	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Nebraska	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1	26	0	26
Totals	8	138	2	48

2019	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Utah State	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	2	16	0	9
Indiana	3	79	1	75
Central Michigan	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Northwestern	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Penn State	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Purdue	2	24	0	15
Maryland	1	6	0	6
Ohio State	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Nebraska	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1	3	0	3
Totals	9	128	1	75

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Utah State	0	14	0	0	14
Arizona State	16	4	0	0	20
Indiana	79	16	0	0	95
Central Michigan	-	-DNP-INJURED-			
Northwestern	-	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	-	-DNP-INJURED-			
Michigan	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	24	70	0	0	94
Maryland	6	8	0	0	14
Ohio State	-	-DNP-INJURED-			
Nebraska	-	-DNP-INJURED-			
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	3	26	13	0	42
Totals	128	138	13	0	279 / 34.9 ypg

2019	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Tulsa	3	5	0	3
Western Michigan	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Arizona State	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Northwestern	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Indiana	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Ohio State	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Wisconsin	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Penn State	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Illinois	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Michigan	-	-DNP-INJURED-		
Rutgers	5	27	0	8
Maryland	2	14	0	10
Wake Forest	5	60	0	23
Totals	15	106	0	23



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NAILOR'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS {CONT'D}

2019

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-			
Arizona State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Indiana	-DNP-INJURED-			
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Wisconsin	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Illinois	-DNP-INJURED-			
Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-			
Rutgers	2	11	0	9
Maryland	2	6	0	3
Wake Forest	1	10	0	10
Totals	5	27	0	10

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Tulsa	0	5	17	51	73
Western Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-				
Arizona State	-DNP-INJURED-				
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-				
Indiana	-DNP-INJURED-				
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-				
Wisconsin	-DNP-INJURED-				
Penn State	-DNP-INJURED-				
Illinois	-DNP-INJURED-				
Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-				
Rutgers	11	27	0	0	38
Maryland	6	14	0	0	20
Wake Forest	10	60	0	26	96
Totals	27	106	17	77	227 / 56.8 ypg

2020

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	6	84	1	30
Michigan	2	68	0	53
Iowa	4	119	0	57
Indiana	1	9	0	9
Northwestern	3	99	1	75
Ohio State	4	36	0	17
Penn State	6	100	2	45
Totals	26	515	4	75

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Michigan	2	11	0	8
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	11	0	8

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Rutgers	0	84	18	0	102
Michigan	11	68	0	0	79
Iowa	0	119	0	0	119
Indiana	0	9	0	0	9
Northwestern	0	99	0	21	120
Ohio State	0	36	0	0	36
Penn State	0	100	0	0	100
Totals	11	515	18	21	565 / 80.7 ypg

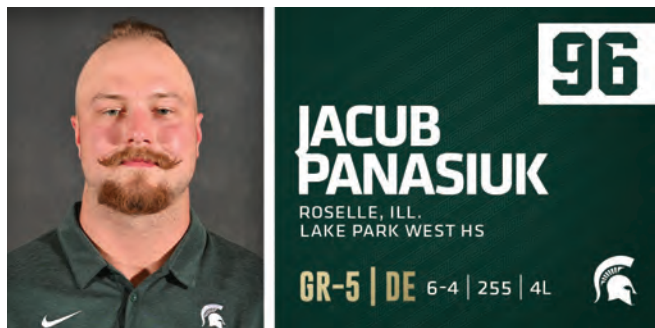
2021

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	2	20	0	13
Youngstown State	4	39	1	16
Miami	4	82	2	39
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	141	3	39

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	0	0	0	0
Miami	1	-3	0	-3
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	-3	0	-3

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Northwestern	0	20	0	12	32
Youngstown State	0	59	0	0	59
Miami	-3	82	0	0	79
Nebraska	0	0	0	15	15
Totals	-3	141	0	27	165 / 41.3 ypg

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



- PFF DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 26, 2021)
- PFF TEAM OF THE WEEK (Sept. 26, 2021)

CAREER NOTES: Four-year letterwinner and three-year starting defensive end has played in 48 career games, including 34 starts, ranking second among active Spartans in both behind placekicker Matt Coghlin (49) . . . returned for his fifth season with the Spartans in 2021 . . . had streak of starting 29 consecutive games, before missing Penn State game in 2020 due to injury, just the second game missed of career . . . has 117 career tackles, including 26.0 TFLs (126 yards) and 11.0 sacks (71 yards) . . . ranks tied for No. 26 on MSU's career tackles for loss list (26.0), while tied for No. 21 in yards from TFL (126), along with tied for No. 21 in sacks (11.0) and tied for No. 23 in yards from sacks (71) . . . also ranked No. 5 on MSU's career forced fumbles list (5), adding three pass break-ups, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection by Athlon Sports (second team) and Phil Steele (third team) . . . his older brother, Mike, was a four-year letterwinner as a defensive tackle for the Spartans (2016-19) and was on the practice squad for the Carolina Panthers during the 2020 season . . . interdisciplinary studies in social science - human capital and society major graduated with a bachelor's degree in May 2021.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Ranks tied for fifth in B1G and tied for 49th in FBS in tackles for loss (5.0) and tied for eighth in conference and tied for 55th in country in TFL/game (1.25) . . . also ranks tied for 20th in league in both sacks (2.0) and sacks/game (0.5) . . . has started all four games and posted 12 total tackles (four solo, eight assists), with 5.0 TFLs (23 yards) and 2.0 sacks (11 yards), with one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and three QB hurries, in playing 211 total defensive snaps . . . had a career-high two sacks in Nebraska game, including a strip sack in the fourth quarter, finishing with seven tackles overall, in playing 66 snaps, earning PFF Defensive Player of the Week honors, producing a 94.1 pass-rush grade and 14 pressures on 39 rushes, according to PFF . . . started game at Miami, notching 48 snaps, in posting a tackle for loss on the game's first play from scrimmage, later adding his first career fumble recovery in the fourth quarter, setting up a Spartan TD deep in Hurricane territory . . . had four tackles, including two for losses (9 yards), vs. Youngstown State . . . started season-opening win at Northwestern, notching one QB hurry while playing in 55 snaps.

J. PANASIUK'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9, vs. Indiana (11/14/20)

Tackles For Loss: 3, vs. Tulsa (8/30/19)

Sacks: 2, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Pass Break-Up: 1, three times (last vs. Iowa, 11/7/20)

Blocked Kick/PAT: 1 (PAT), vs. Maryland (11/30/19)

Forced Fumble: 2, vs. Tulsa (8/30/19)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

J. PANASIUK'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2017	13/0	7	8	15	3.0-12	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	0
2018	12/11	12	19	31	4.5-20	2.0-16	0-0	1	0-0	1
2019	13/13	20	14	34	11.0-58	5.0-32	0-0	1	0-0	3
2020	6/6	11	14	25	2.5-13	1.0-8	0-0	1	0-0	0
2021	4/4	4	8	12	5.0-23	2.0-11	0-0	0	1-4	1
Career	48/34	54	63	117	26.0-126	11.0-71	0-0	3	1-4	5

J. PANASIUK'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2017

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Bowling Green	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	2	0	2	1.0-7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	4	5	1.0-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	1	2	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Washington State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	7	8	15	3.0-12	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	0

2018

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Utah State	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State				-DNP-INJURED-					
Indiana	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Central Michigan	0	2	2	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	0	2	2	0.5-6	0.5-6	0-0	1	0-0	0
Penn State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Purdue	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	0	1	1	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	2	0	2	1.0-6	1.0-6	0-0	0	0-0	1
Rutgers	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Oregon	3	1	4	1.5-6	0.5-4	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	12	19	31	4.5-20	2.0-16	0-0	1	0-0	1

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	4	1	5	3.0-18	1.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	2
Western Michigan	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	1	0	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	2	3	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wisconsin	4	1	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0-0	0	0-0	1
Penn State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	1	2	3	0.5-4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	2	1	3	2.0-7	1.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	2	2	4	2.5-15	1.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wake Forest	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals	20	14	34	11.0-58	5.0-32	0-0	1	0-0	3

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	1	5	6	0.5-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	3	1	4	1.0-5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Indiana	4	5	9	1.0-8	1.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State				-DNP-INJURED-					
Totals	11	14	25	2.5-13	1.0-8	0-0	1	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	1	3	4	2.0-9	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	1	0	1	1.0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1-4	0
Nebraska	2	5	7	2.0-11	2.0-11	0-0	0-0	0-0	1
Totals	4	8	12	5.0-23	2.0-11	0-0	0	1-4	1



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2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN): Has handled long snapper duties in all four games on 46 total special teams snaps, with 27 on field goal formation (18 PATs, nine field goal attempts) and 19 punts . . . successfully snapped on game-winning field goal in OT Victory for MSU over Nebraska, one of four field goal attempts on night, along with six punts and two PATs . . . snapped on five PATs, five punts and two field goals at Miami . . . snapped on six PATs, three punts and one field goal in home-opening win over Youngstown State . . . successfully snapped on five PATs, two field goals and four punts, with many coming in wet, rainy conditions, and added a tackle after a missed 60-yard field goal at end of first half, earning MSU Special Teams Player of the Week team award.



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player who has worked way into rotation at defensive end . . . has played in 11 games (seven in 2020, four in 2021), with one start, logging 17 career tackles, notching 4.0 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks, with one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Ranked tied for fifth in B1G and tied for 23rd in FBS in sacks (3.5) and tied for eighth in league and tied for 28th in nation in sacks/game (0.88), in addition to tied for 23rd in sack yards (14) . . . also tied for 14th in conference in tackles for loss (4.0) and tied for 18th in TFL/game (1.0), along with tied for 23rd in TFL yards (17) . . . has played in all four games with one start, posting 13 tackles with 4.0 tackles for loss (17 yards) and 3.5 sacks (14 yards), with one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in 169 overall defensive snaps . . . posted career-high 1.5 sacks as part of four tackles and registered first fumble recovery of career in Nebraska game, playing 55 defensive snaps . . . notched three stops with one TFL on a sack and added first forced fumble of career, that MSU recovered on Miami's opening drive, in playing 49 snaps . . . drew first start of Spartan career in the Youngstown State game, recording career-high four stops with 1.5 TFL and 1.0 sack, adding one QB hurry, in 38 defensive snaps . . . tallied two tackles in the season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 27 defensive snaps.

PIETROWSKI'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Tackles For Loss: 1.5, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Sacks: 1.5, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Forced Fumble: 1, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

PIETROWSKI'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	7/0	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	4/1	8	5	13	4.0-17	3.5-14	0-0	0	1-0	1
Totals	11/1	10	7	17	4.0-17	3.5-14	0-0	0	1-0	1

PIETROWSKI'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
	Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Iowa	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Indiana	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Ohio State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Penn State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Totals	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
	Northwestern	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Youngstown State	3	1	4	1.5-8	1.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Miami	2	1	3	1.0-2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0-0	1
	Nebraska	2	2	4	1.5-7	1.5-7	0-0	0	1-0	0
	Totals	8	5	13	4.0-17	3.5-14	0-0	0	1-0	1

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



- BIG TEN SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 27, 2021)
- PAUL HORNUNG AWARD HONOR ROLL (Sept. 28, 2021)
- PAUL HORNUNG AWARD HONOR ROLL (Sept. 14, 2021)

CAREER NOTES: Redshirt junior is a starting wide receiver and returns kicks and punts for the Spartans . . . including his time at Western Michigan and MSU, has a combined 2,471 all-purpose yards and is No. 15 among active FBS players in all-purpose yards per game (102.96 ypg) . . . also tied for No. 5 on active FBS and tied for No. 15 on all divisions player rankings for career punt return TDs (2) and No. 8 in FBS and No. 45 in all divisions for punt return yards per game (14.0) . . . has 18 total career TDs (15 receiving, two punt returns, one rushing), ranking No. 75 among active FBS players . . . has collected 1,540 career receiving yards on 105 career receptions, topping the 100-receptions mark at Miami, with 15 career TD catches (eight at WMU, seven at MSU) in 24 games (22 starts) . . . during his time at MSU, 32-of-58 (.552) career offensive touches have gone for a first down or touchdown with 30-of-48 (.625) receptions and 2-of-10 (.200) rushes . . . has six 100-yard receiving games in his career (four at Western Michigan in 2018; two at MSU) . . . transferred from Western Michigan and sat out the entire 2019 season due to NCAA rules, but still practiced with the Spartans . . . named FWAA Freshman All-American at Western Michigan in 2018 . . . named to the Paul Hornung Award Watch List . . . third-team preseason All-Big Ten selection as a kick returner by Pro Football Focus and Phil Steele . . . high school teammates with current Spartans Cade McDonald and Payton Thorne at Naperville Central.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Leads the B1G and ranks third in FBS in all-purpose yards/play (21.4 ypp) . . . ranks second in the B1G and eighth in FBS in all-purpose yards/game (149.5 ypg), ranking second in conference and tied for eighth in country in all-purpose total yards (598) . . . ranks second in B1G and ranks tied for 18th in FBS in yards/reception (21.0 ypc), as well as ranking fifth in B1G and 36th in FBS in receiving yards/game (84.0) and fifth in league and 35th in nation in receiving yards (336) . . . also shares conference lead and tied for 11th in country in receiving TDs (4) . . . ranked tied for fourth in B1G in both scoring (36) and points/game (9.0), ranking tied for 31st in country in total scoring and tied for 37th in points/game . . . of the 48 receivers in country with 300+ receiving yards, has the third-fewest catches (16) . . . has two of top six longest receptions in the Big Ten so far, and is the only B1G player with multiple plays, with catches of 85 and 75 yards, both coming against Youngstown State, with the 85-yarder ranked No. 8 for longest reception in FBS so far this season . . . has the most single-game receiving yardage in B1G and No. 7 in FBS with the 181 yards vs. Youngstown State, as well as No. 2 in B1G and tied for No. 9 in FBS for most all-purpose yards with 248 vs. Youngstown State . . . is only player in B1G and one of only four players in FBS with multiple catches of at least 70 yards this season, along with Utah State's Deven Thompsons, Treyton Burks of Arkansas and Jameson Williams of Alabama . . . is also one of only 16 players in country with a reception of 80+ yards . . . one of three players in B1G and one of 18 players in FBS with a punt return for a TD, also leads B1G and would lead nation in punt return average (27.5 ypr) with 110 yards on four returns, but doesn't reach the minimum amount . . . returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the Nebraska game at 20 with 3:47 left in the game, marking MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since Nov. 26, 2011 (Keshawn Martin 57 yards at Northwestern), after getting scoring started with a 35-yard TD catch in the second quarter, part of hauling in four passes for 59 yards, finishing night with 192 all-purpose yards (69 kick return, 62 punt return, 59 receiving, 2 rushing), including career-long 41-yard kick return . . . scored first rushing TD of career as part of two total TDs on the day at Miami, with an 8-yard rush in the fourth quarter to seal the Victory for MSU, and also had a 10-yard TD catch earlier in the fourth quarter, finishing day with 69 all-purpose yards on 32 yards receiving on three catches with one TD, 17 yards rushing on two carries, with the ground score, and added a 20-yard kick return . . . named to the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll and named an MSU Offensive Co-Player of the Game team award for his performance in the Youngstown State game, as he caught four passes for a career-high 181 yards, snaring two catches for 160 yards in the first half alone (75-yard TD on first play of the game; 85-yard TD in second quarter) . . . it marked the first time an MSU receiver had more than 150 yards receiving in the first half since Tony Lippett in 2014 vs.

Jacksonville State (4 catches for 167 yards) . . . now has six 100-yard receiving games in his career (four at Western Michigan in 2018; two at MSU) . . . also tallied a career-high 264 all-purpose yards (181 receiving, 32 kick return, 48 punt return) . . . started at wide receiver in season-opening win at Northwestern in front of many friends and family from his nearby hometown of Naperville, Ill., snaring a team-bests of five catches for 64 yards, with three of the five going for a first down, adding one rush for 12 yards as four of six touches went for first down.

REED'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 11, vs. Rutgers (10/24/20)
 Receiving Yards: 181, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Longest Reception: 85, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Receiving TDs: 4[^], vs. Miami (OH) (9/29/18)
 Rushing Yards: 17, vs. Miami (FL) (9/18/21)
 Rushing TDs: 1, vs. Miami (FL) (9/18/21)
 All-Purpose Yards: 192, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Kick Return Yards: 89, vs. Indiana (11/14/20)
 Total TDs: 4[^], vs. Miami (OH) (9/29/18)

REED'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018 [^]	13/12	56	797	14.2	8	62	61.3
2020 #	7/7	33	407	12.3	3	55	58.1
2021 #	4/4	12	277	23.1	3	85	92.3
MSU Total	10/10	49	743	15.2	7	85	67.5
Career	24/23	105	1,540	14.7	15	85	64.2

PUNT RETURNS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2018 [^]	12	215	17.9	1	93
2020 [^]	2	14	7.0	0	10
2021 #	4	110	27.5	1	62
MSU Total	6	124	20.7	1	62
Career	18	439	24.4	2	93

KICKOFF RETURNS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2018 [^]	9	116	12.9	0	25
2020 #	16	329	20.6	0	39
2021 #	4	121	30.3	0	41
MSU Total	20	450	22.5	0	41
Career	29	566	19.5	0	41

ALL PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOTAL	YPG
2018 [^]	-9	797	215	116	1,119	93.3
2020 #	17	407	14	329	767	109.6
2021 #	31	366	97	121	585	146.3
MSU Total	48	743	111	450	1,352	122.9
Career	39	1,540	326	566	2,471	103.0

[^] = at Western Michigan / # = at Michigan State

REED'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018 [^]	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
	Syracuse	7	121	1	37
	Michigan	2	17	0	10
	Delaware State	3	21	0	21
	Georgia State	7	101	1	40
	Miami (OH)	7	137	4	33
	Eastern Michigan	6	69	0	23
	Bowling Green	5	72	0	40
	Central Michigan	1	13	0	13
	Toledo	6	103	2	62
	Ohio	2	13	0	8
	Ball State	4	45	0	14
	Northern Illinois	6	85	0	39
	BYU	0	0	0	0
	Totals	56	797	8	62



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REED'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS (CONT'D)

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Syracuse	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Delaware State	0	0	0	0
Georgia State	0	0	0	0
Miami (OH)	0	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan	0	0	0	0
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0
Central Michigan	0	0	0	0
Toledo	0	0	0	0
Ohio	0	0	0	0
Ball State	0	0	0	0
Northern Illinois	1	-9	0	0
BYU	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	-9	0	0

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Syracuse	0	121	0	0	121
Michigan	0	17	9	0	26
Delaware State	0	21	146	0	167
Georgia State	0	101	0	0	101
Miami (OH)	0	137	34	0	171
Eastern Michigan	0	69	-2	3	70
Bowling Green	0	72	7	0	79
Central Michigan	0	13	19	0	32
Toledo	0	103	0	40	143
Ohio	0	13	0	49	62
Ball State	0	45	2	24	71
Northern Illinois	-9	85	0	0	76
BYU	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	-9	797	215	116	1,119 / 93.3 ypg

2020

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	11	128	2	50
Michigan	1	18	0	18
Iowa	1	7	0	7
Indiana	7	63	0	27
Northwestern	2	36	1	21
Ohio State	5	79	0	55
Penn State	6	76	0	37
Totals	33	407	3	55

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	1	-8	0	0
Michigan	3	13	0	7
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Penn State	2	12	0	12
Totals	6	17	0	12

2020#

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Rutgers	-8	128	0	65	185
Michigan	13	18	0	19	50
Iowa	0	7	0	40	47
Indiana	0	63	0	89	152
Northwestern	0	36	4	13	53
Ohio State	0	79	0	83	162
Penn State	12	76	10	20	118
Totals	17	407	14	329	767 / 109.6 ypg

2021

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	5	64	0	23
Youngstown State	4	181	2	85
Miami	3	32	1	13
Nebraska	4	59	1	35
Totals	16	336	4	85

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	1	12	0	12
Youngstown State	0	0	0	0
Miami	2	17	1	9
Nebraska	1	2	0	2
Totals	4	31	1	12

2021#

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Northwestern	12	64	0	0	76
Youngstown State	0	181	48	32	261
Miami	17	32	0	20	69
Nebraska	2	59	69	62	192
Totals	31	336	97	121	585 / 146.3 ypg

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Graduate transfer quarterback from Temple played in 31 games for the Owls from 2017-20, including 26 starts . . . has played in one game at MSU, giving him 32 career games played . . . has completed 60 percent of his passes (541-of-906) for 6,330 yards, 44 touchdowns and 32 interceptions in his career . . . ranks among Temple's all-time leaders in passing yards (third with 6,292 yards), passing TDs (third with 44), passing completions (third with 536) and passing attempts (fourth with 899) . . . has two of the four top passing games in Temple history (No. 3 with 444 yards at No. 9 UCF in 2018; No. 4 with 409 yards vs. Bucknell in 2019) . . . named one of the top 100 impact transfers for the 2021 season by The Athletic . . . named to Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List and Senior Bowl Watch List . . . enrolled at Michigan State in January 2021 and participated in spring practice . . . his uncle, Dan Meier, played football at North Carolina State . . . earned his bachelor's degree in advertising from Temple in the spring of 2020.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Did not see action against Nebraska or at Miami . . . made Spartan debut in Youngstown State win, recording 5-for-7 passing for 43 yards and rushing three times for 10 yards . . . did not see any action in season-opening win at Northwestern.

RUSSO'S CAREER HIGHS (AT TEMPLE)

Pass Completions: 41, vs. Memphis (10/24/20)

Pass Attempts: 63, vs. Memphis (10/24/20)

Passing Yards: 444, vs. UCF (11/1/18)

Passing TDs: 4, three times (last vs. Memphis, 10/24/20)

Rushing Yards: 46, vs. UCF (11/1/18)

Longest Pass Play: 79, vs. Maryland (9/14/19)

Longest Rush Play: 16, vs. UCF (11/1/18)

RUSSO'S STATISTICS

PASSING	G/GS	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	YPG	TD	LG
2017 ^	3/0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0
2018 ^	12/10	198	345	14	.574	2563	213.6	14	70
2019 ^	13/13	246	419	12	.587	2861	220.1	21	79
2020 ^	3/3	92	135	6	.681	868	289.3	9	32
2021 #	1/0	5	7	0	.714	43	43.0	0	16
Totals	34/26	541	906	32	.597	6330	186.2	44	79

RUSHING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2017 ^	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2018 ^	43	63	1.5	3	16	5.3
2019 ^	35	-64	-1.8	2	9	-4.9
2020 ^	22	31	1.4	2	12	10.3
2021 #	3	10	3.3	0	7	10.0
Totals	103	35	0.3	7	16	1.0

^ = at Temple / # = at Michigan State

RUSSO'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018 ^

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0
Buffalo	2	4	0	.500	24	0	18
Maryland	15	25	1	.600	228	1	47
Tulsa	7	20	2	.350	112	0	41
Boston College	20	45	2	.444	255	0	35
East Carolina	21	25	1	.840	254	4	31
Navy	23	31	1	.742	300	1	62
Cincinnati	20	41	3	.488	237	3	43
UCF	31	52	2	.596	444	4	70
Houston	14	22	0	.636	217	0	53
USF	20	34	1	.588	264	0	28
Duke	25	46	1	.543	228	1	29
Totals	198	345	14	.574	2563	14	70

2019 ^

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Bucknell	32	41	1	.780	409	4	51
Maryland	20	37	1	.541	277	3	79
Buffalo	25	51	3	.490	258	3	43
Georgia Tech	9	22	1	.409	127	0	38
East Carolina	23	34	0	.676	208	1	26
Memphis	20	33	0	.606	224	2	38
SMU	18	32	0	.563	171	1	36
UCF	12	24	2	.500	199	2	75
USF	15	21	1	.714	164	0	36
Tulane	22	38	1	.579	221	2	44
Cincinnati	24	43	1	.558	228	1	24
UConn	14	23	0	.609	247	2	63
North Carolina	12	20	1	.600	128	0	60
Totals	246	419	12	.587	2861	21	79

2020 ^

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Navy	21	30	1	.700	206	1	22
USF	30	42	2	.714	270	4	20
Memphis	41	63	3	.651	392	4	32
Totals	92	135	6	.681	868	9	32

2021 #

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern		-DNP-					
Youngstown State	5	7	0	.714	43	0	16
Miami		-DNP-					
Nebraska		-DNP-					
Totals	5	7	0	.714	43	0	16



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner has played in 18 career games, including 10 starts at center (four in 2019, six in 2020).

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has played in all four games, logging 94 total offensive snaps . . . notched 24 snaps in Nebraska game . . . played in 28 snaps at Miami . . . saw action in home opener vs. Youngstown State, playing 28 snaps, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . got action in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 14 snaps, helping road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards Friday night, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Second-year running back will compete for carries in the backfield . . . has 364 career yards on 82 carries (4.4 ypc), adding eight receptions for 61 yards (7.6 ypc), with one career receiving TD . . . his brother, Tyler, was a four-year letterwinner as a wide receiver for Georgia (2016-19).

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all four games, notching 26 carries for 145 yards (5.6 ypc/36.3 ypg), adding three catches for 27 yards and a TD . . . posted three rushes for 13 yards and one catch for 6 yards in Nebraska game, playing eight snaps . . . saw limited action at Miami, notching two carries for 1 yard on seven snaps . . . registered first career 100-yard rushing game with 121 yards on a career-high 16 carries (7.6 avg.) in Youngstown State game, adding one catch for 7 yards . . . scored his first career TD with a 14-yard screen pass reception in the second quarter of the season-opening win at Northwestern, for only reception of the game, adding five rushes for 10 yards

J. SIMMONS' CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 16, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Rushing Yards: 121, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Receptions: 2, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)

Receiving Yards: 14, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

J. SIMMONS' STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020	5/1	56	219	3.9	0	28	43.8
2021	4/0	26	145	5.6	0	24	36.3
Career	9/1	82	364	4.4	0	28	40.4

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020	5	34	6.8	0	13	6.8
2021	3	27	9.0	1	14	6.8
Career	8	61	7.6	1	14	6.8

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



J. SIMMONS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	14	43	0	14
Michigan	14	55	0	28
Iowa	9	34	0	9
Indiana	5	15	0	5
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	14	72	0	16
Totals	56	219	0	28

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	1	13	0	13
Michigan	2	11	0	6
Iowa	1	6	0	6
Indiana	1	4	0	4
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	34	0	19

2021

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	5	10	0	5
Youngstown State	16	121	0	24
Miami	2	1	0	2
Nebraska	3	13	0	10
Totals	26	145	0	24

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	1	14	1	14
Youngstown State	1	7	0	7
Miami	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	6	0	6
Totals	3	27	1	14



CAREER NOTES: Fourth-year player and two-year letterwinner returns as one of the starting defensive tackles . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection by Pro Football Focus (honorable mention) . . . has 39 tackles, including 5.0 for losses and 2.0 sacks, along with three pass break-ups (including two vs. Northwestern, with one in 2020 and one in 2021), in 25 career games, with 10 starts (seven in 2020, three in 2021). . . twin brother of Zach Slade, who is also a defensive lineman for the Spartans . . . economics major . . . attended the same high school as Spartan offensive lineman Luke Campbell.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has seen action in all four games, making three starts, and recording 11 tackles in playing 177 snaps . . . had breakout performance in Nebraska game, notching a career-high eight tackles (five solo, three assists) with 2.0 TFL and 1.0 sack, doubling previous career-best of four stops, surpassing that in solo tackles alone, in 57 snaps . . . was starting defensive tackle at Miami, logging 49 snaps and posting one tackle . . . started in Youngstown State game, posting one stop in 35 snaps . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, logging one tackle and one pass break-up, in playing 36 defensive snaps.

J. SLADE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Tackles For Loss: 2.0, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Sacks: 1.0, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Pass Break-Ups: 1, three times (last vs. Northwestern, 9/3/21)

J. SLADE'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	1/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
2019	13/0	4	10	14	2.5-6	1-5	0	1	0-0	0
2020	7/7	5	8	13	0.5-2	0-0	0	1	0-0	0
2021	4/3	6	5	11	2.0-6	1.0-5	0	1	0-0	0
Career	25/10	15	24	39	5.0-14	2.0-10	0	3	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

J. SLADE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Penn State	0	3	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Wake Forest	1	2	3	2-5	1-5	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	10	14	2.5-6	1-5	0	1	0	0

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Ohio State	0	3	3	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Penn State	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	8	13	0.5-2	0-0	0	1	0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Miami	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	5	3	8	2.0-6	1.0-5	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	5	11	2.0-6	1.0-5	0	1	0	0



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player will compete for playing time at safety and will also see time on special teams . . . son of Eric Snow, who played basketball at Michigan State from 1991-95 and ranks fourth all-time in the Spartan record book with 599 career assists . . . Eric was a second-round NBA Draft selection by Milwaukee in 1995 and spent 13 seasons in the NBA (Seattle, 1995-98; Philadelphia, 1997-2004; Cleveland, 2004-08) . . . Darius' uncle, Percy Snow, was a four-year letterwinner (1986-89) and two-time All-America linebacker for the Spartans and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all four games for a total of 107 snaps, logging 13 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss . . . tallied two tackles in Nebraska game, notching 32 defensive snaps . . . registered career-high four tackles with another career-best with 1.5 tackles for loss at Miami, playing season-high 33 snaps . . . posted career-high four tackles in Youngstown State game, recording 15 snaps . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, notching career-high tying three tackles, including one tackle for loss, in playing 27 defensive snaps.

SNOW'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Tackles For Loss: 1.5, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

SNOW'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	6/0	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2021	4/0	9	4	13	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Career	10/0	11	5	16	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

SNOW'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	2	1	3	1.0-4	0-0	0	1	0	0
Youngstown State	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Miami	3	1	4	1.5-4	0-0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	4	13	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



- BIG TEN CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 20, 2021)
- DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD'S GREAT 8 PERFORMANCES OF WEEK 3 (Sept. 20, 2021)
- MANNING AWARD TOP 8 (Sept. 20, 2021)
- MANNING AWARD QUARTERBACK OF THE WEEK (Sept. 23, 2021)
- MAXWELL AWARD "WHO'S HOT" LIST (Sept. 23, 2021)

CAREER NOTES: Third-year quarterback has 13 career TD passes on 110-of-185 (.595) passing for 1,491 yards in his two years as a Spartan signal-caller, with three INTs, adding 93 career rushing yards on 48 carries with two TDs . . . currently No. 2 on MSU's career pass efficiency list (146.0), No. 6 for passing yards/game (186.4) and tied for No. 9 on career pass completion percentage list (.595) . . . also ranked No. 29 on MSU's career passing yards list (1,491), becoming 33rd MSU QB to reach the 1,000-career passing yards plateau, along with No. 26 for career completions (110), No. 30 for career passing attempts (185) and tied for No. 26 on career passing TD list (13) . . . is 4-1 as the Spartan starting quarterback (4-0 in 2021; 0-1 in 2020) . . . comes from football bloodlines, as his grandfather, John, coached at Wheaton Central High School and Wheaton-Warrenville South High School before spending 13 seasons at Division III North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, and is in the North Central College Athletics Hall of Fame after transforming the program into a national contender; during John's tenure, the Cardinals recorded 118 victories, won eight straight College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) Championships from 2006 to 2013, and made eight appearances in the NCAA Division III Football Championship . . . his grandfather, Dave Martin, played football at Wisconsin . . . Payton's father, Jeff, was the offensive coordinator at North Central beginning in 2002, was promoted to assistant head coach in 2010, and took over the North Central program in 2015 following John's retirement and has been equally successful, compiling a 52-9 record in his first five seasons, including a 37-4 record in College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) play and the program's first NCAA Division III national championship in 2019 . . . Jeff also played collegiately as a quarterback at Eastern Illinois.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE): Ranks third in B1G and 17th in FBS in QB rating (169.4), also tied atop the conference rankings and ranking tied for 10th in country in passing TDs (10), along with fifth in the conference in both passing yards (909) and passing yards/game (227.3) and eighth in passing percentage (.620), ninth in passing completions (62) and 10th in passing attempts (100) . . . leads B1G for single-game TDs responsible for with five from Youngstown State game, throwing four TD passes and rushing for one TD, and also has tied for second mark with four from Miami game with four TDs through the air, also sharing the B1G-best with the four TDs, the only B1G QB with multiple four passing TD outings . . . has thrown for 909 yards on 62-of-100 passing now with 10 TDs against just one INT, getting intercepted for first time this season in Nebraska game, snapping streak at 49 completions and 78 attempts without an INT this season . . . has rushed for 46 yards on 23 carries with one TD . . . was 14-of-23 passing for 183 yards and one TD in Nebraska game, throwing first interception on the season in the first quarter, on second attempt of game . . . was named B1G Co-Offensive Player of Week, along with being recognized by the Davey O'Brien Award and the Manning Award for having one of the top eight quarterback performances in the nation in Week 3 for his outing at Miami, becoming just the second Spartan quarterback in school history, joining Connor Cook, to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games during MSU's 38-17 victory at then-No. 24 Miami . . . after throwing for a career-high four TDs in the Week 2 win over Youngstown State, matched that effort against the Hurricanes by completing 18-of-31 passes for 261 yards and four more touchdowns, while finishing with four rushing yards on eight attempts, with a season-long 22-yard scamper, in addition to few bigger than the 1-yard QB plunge on 4th-and-1 at the MIA 40 late in the game to get the 1st down, then throwing a 39-yard TD pass to Jalen Nailor on the next play to seal the Victory for MSU . . . made first career home start in Spartan Stadium, and third of career in the Youngstown State game and completed 15-of-21 passes for 280 yards and a career-high four touchdowns, marking first time a Spartan quarterback has thrown four TDs in a game since Brian Lewerke vs. Northwestern in 2017 . . . had an 85-yard pass completion and a 75-yard TD pass on the first offensive play, which are two of the top pass plays in the B1G this season, and the 85-yarder was ranked No. 6 for longest pass play in FBS at that point of the season . . . also had 19 yards rushing on three carries (6.3 avg.) with a 10-yard TD in the first quarter, and earned MSU Offensive Co-Player of the Game team award . . . made second career start in the season-opening win at Northwestern, throwing for 185 yards on 15-of-25 passing with one TD, to earn his first win as the Spartans' starting QB . . . also rushed for 28 yards on five carries, in front of many friends and family from his nearby hometown of Naperville, Ill. . . ranked tied for fourth in B1G in percentage (.600) and ninth in B1G in passing yards per game (185.0).

THORNE'S CAREER HIGHS

Pass Completions: 22, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)
 Pass Attempts: 39, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)
 Passing Yards: 325, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)
 Passing TDs: 4, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)
 Rush Attempts: 9, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
 Rushing Yards: 42, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
 Rushing TDs: 1, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Longest Pass Play: 85, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Longest Rush Play: 38, vs. Indiana (11/14/20)
 Longest Pass TD: 85, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Longest Rush TD: 20, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)

THORNE'S STATISTICS

PASSING	G/GS	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	YPG	TD	LG	Effic.
2020	4/1	48	85	3	.565	582	145.5	3	55	118.6
2021	4/4	62	100	1	.620	909	227.3	10	85	169.4
Career	8/5	110	185	4	.595	1,491	186.4	12	85	146.0

RUSHING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020	25	47	1.9	1	38	11.8
2021	23	46	2.0	1	22	11.5
Career	48	93	1.9	2	38	11.6



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

THORNE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

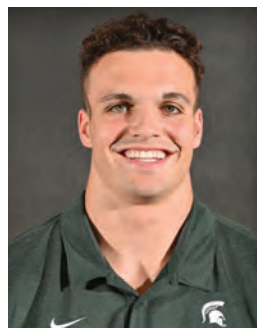
PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers		-DNP-					
Michigan		-DNP-					
Iowa	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0
Indiana	10	20	1	.500	110	0	27
Northwestern		-DNP-					
Ohio State	16	25	1	.640	147	0	55
Penn State	22	39	1	.564	325	3	45
Totals	48	85	3	.565	582	3	55

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Wisconsin		-DNP-		
Michigan		-DNP-		
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Indiana	8	25	0	38
Northwestern		-DNP-		
Ohio State	9	42	1	31
Penn State	8	-20	0	2
Totals	25	47	1	38

2021

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	15	25	0	.600	185	1	26
Youngstown State	15	21	0	.714	280	4	85
Miami	18	31	0	.581	261	4	51
Nebraska	14	23	1	.609	183	1	35
Totals	62	100	1	.620	909	10	85

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	5	28	0	18
Youngstown State	3	19	1	10
Miami	8	4	0	22
Nebraska	7	-5	0	9
Totals	23	46	1	22



CAREER NOTES: Transfer linebacker from Michigan has played in 19 collegiate career games (15 games at UM from 2018-20; four games at MSU in 2021) . . . earned three letters for the Wolverines (2018-20) and appeared in 15 games, including two starts at linebacker . . . has 12 career tackles (seven in 2020 at UM, five in 2021 at MSU), adding nine career carries for 20 yards and one rushing TD (all at UM).

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has played in all four games, registering five tackles while logging 62 snaps . . . posted one tackle in playing seven snaps in Nebraska game . . . notched one tackle in playing seven snaps at Miami . . . posted three tackles in playing 28 snaps in home-opener against Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 20 defensive snaps.

VAN SUMEREN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice, (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)

VAN SUMEREN'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018 ^	4/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2019 ^	5/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2020 ^	6/2	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021 #	4/0	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Career	19/2	5	7	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

^ = at Michigan / # = at Michigan State

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



- BIG TEN OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 6, 2021)
- MAXWELL AWARD PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 8, 2021)
- CFPA NATIONAL PERFORMER OF WEEK 1 (Sept. 6, 2021)

CAREER NOTES: Transfer from Wake Forest has played in 24 collegiate games (20 at Wake Forest from 2019-20, four at Michigan State in 2021) . . . joined the Spartan program in January 2021 and participated in spring practice . . . first-team preseason All-Big Ten selection by Pro Football Focus . . . named to the Doak Walker Award Watch List for the second year in a row . . . named the No. 30 impact transfer in the nation and No. 4 running back by The Athletic . . . has 1,712 rushing yards on 293 carries (5.8 ypc) with 22 career rushing TDs (rushed for 1,158 yards and 17 touchdowns on 217 carries in just 20 games during his first two seasons with the Demon Deacons / has 554 yards on 76 carries (7.3 ypc / 138.5 ypg) with five rushing TDs for the Spartans) . . . currently tied for No. 20 among active career FBS players for career rushing TDs (22) and No. 82 among all NCAA divisions, as well as No. 29 among career FBS players for total TDs (23), No. 29 for rushes per game (11.7) and No. 46 for career rushing yards (1,712), and would also rank No. 3 among active FBS players and tied for No. 22 for all NCAA divisions in yards per carry (5.8), but hasn't reached the minimum of 2,000 career yards yet.

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Currently leads the FBS in rushing (554 yards; 138.5 ypg) and also ranks third in all-purpose yards (142.3 ypg), fourth in yards per carry (7.3) and scoring (9.0 ppg) and fifth in rushing TDs (5) . . . according to Pro Football Focus, also leads the country in rushing yards after contact (427) and ranks tied for first in the FBS with 16 rushes of 10-plus yards . . . has B1G season-highs for single-game outings for points (24) and touchdowns (4) in Northwestern game, while 264-yard outing vs. Northwestern is second-most in B1G this season and most in a conference contest . . . had at least one TD in each of the first three games, with a career-best four rushing TDs in the opener at Northwestern, adding one rushing score in Week 2 vs. Youngstown State and first career TD reception in Week 3 at Miami, but was kept out of the endzone in Week 4 Nebraska game . . . has at least one rush of 23-plus yards in each of the four games this season, with a long of 75-yards in the season-opener at Northwestern, then 24-yards vs. Youngstown State, then 26-yard and 24-yard scampers at Miami, along with a 23-yard run vs. Nebraska . . . had 19 carries for 61 yards against Nebraska, including a 23-yard gain on MSU's first play in OT, setting up game-winning field goal . . . registered second 100-yard rushing outing of the season, with 172 yards on 27 carries at Miami, and recorded first reception of the season with a second-quarter catch and later snared the first TD reception of his collegiate career with a 7-yard TD pass from Thorne, finishing game with three catches for 17 yards and a TD . . . had seven carries for 57 yards (8.1 ypc) with a 6-yard TD rush in limited action against Youngstown State, pushing and carrying several YSU defenders with him to the endzone . . . was named the Big Ten Player of the Week and Maxwell Award National Player of the Week after erupting onto the scene in Spartan debut, taking handoff on opening offensive play of game and scampering 75 yards for opening TD, the first of four rushing touchdowns and ending with career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in MSU history – on 23 carries . . . it marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White . . . was the first time a Spartan scored four rushing TDs in a game since Edwin Baker in 2010 vs. Minnesota . . . according to ESPN Stats and Information, is the first Big Ten running back with 250-plus rushing yards and four rushing TDs in a single game since Melvin Gordon (Wisconsin) in 2014 . . . according to Sports Info Solutions, since they began tracking yards after contact in 2016, no Big Ten running back has generated more in a conference game than his 187 in Northwestern game, bettering previous top mark of 185 by Jonathan Taylor (Wisconsin) in 2017 and 182 by Saquon Barkley (Penn State) . . . is the first Spartan to record more than 200 rushing yards in a game since Le'Veon Bell (2012 at Minnesota, 266 yards) . . . the 264 yards are the most by a Spartan running back in an MSU season opener.

WALKER'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 27[^], vs. NC State (9/19/20)
 Rushing Yards: 264#, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)
 Rushing TDs: 4#, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)
 Longest Rush: 96[^], vs. Rice (9/6/19)
 Receiving TDs: 1#, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

WALKER'S STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2019 [^]	13/0	98	579	5.9	4	96	44.5
2020 [^]	7/0	119	579	4.9	13	75	82.7
2021 #	4/4	76	554	7.3	5	75	138.5
Career	24/4	293	1,712	5.8	22	96	71.3

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2019 [^]	3	17	5.7	0	15	1.3
2020 [^]	3	30	10.0	0	19	4.3
2021 #	3	17	5.7	1	7	5.7
Career	9	64	7.1	1	19	2.7

[^] = at Wake Forest / # = at Michigan State

WALKER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019 [^]

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State	0	0	0	0
Rice	9	125	1	96
North Carolina	13	94	0	21
Elon	9	91	1	23
Boston College	2	8	0	4
Louisville	4	10	1	5
Florida State	1	-1	0	0
NC State	16	56	0	16
Virginia Tech	3	11	0	5
Clemson	6	16	0	8
Duke	17	113	1	34
Syracuse	10	32	0	12
Michigan State	8	24	0	9
Totals	98	579	4	96

2020 [^]

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Clemson	6	19	0	12
NC State	27	131	3	14
Campbell	11	105	1	27
Virginia	23	128	3	75
Virginia Tech	23	66	1	11
Syracuse	16	79	3	20
North Carolina	13	51	2	11
Totals	119	579	13	75

2021

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	23	264	4	75
Youngstown State	7	57	1	24
Miami	27	172	0	26
Nebraska	19	61	0	23
Totals	76	554	5	75

[^] = at Wake Forest / # = at Michigan State



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Walk-on tight end spent four years at Mississippi State (2017-20) and played in six games for the Bulldogs . . . his father, Kevin, is the Big Ten Commissioner and was the former Chief Operating Officer of the Minnesota Vikings . . . graduated with his bachelor's degree in May 2021 from Mississippi State and is currently pursuing a master's degree in sport coaching and leadership at Michigan State.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Saw limited action in Youngstown State game, playing seven offensive snaps, in his Spartan debut.



CAREER NOTES: Transfer cornerback from Alabama . . . provides veteran talent and depth to defensive backfield.

2021 SEASON (SENIOR): Has played in all four games, making three starts in posting 12 tackles, logging first sack and snaring first INT of career this season, in playing 258 total snaps . . . started Nebraska game at cornerback, collecting three tackles with one tackle for loss, in playing 78 snaps . . . started at cornerback at Miami, playing 65 snaps and recording three tackles, along with making a leaping catch for first interception of career, coming in fourth quarter to seal the Victory for MSU . . . posted one tackle in playing 38 snaps in Youngstown State game . . . made Spartan debut in season-opening win at Northwestern, starting at cornerback and notching five tackles, including a sack, while playing in 77 defensive snaps.

WILLIAMS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Interception: 1, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Tackles For Loss: 1, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Sacks: 1, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

WILLIAMS' STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020 ^	3/0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021 #	4/3	10	2	12	2.0-3	1.0-2	1-0	0	0-0	0
Career	7/3	11	2	13	2.0-3	1.0-2	1-0	0	0-0	0

WILLIAMS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021 #	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
	Northwestern	4	1	5	1.0-2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Miami	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0-0	0
	Nebraska	3	0	3	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
	Totals	10	2	12	2.0-3	1.0-2	1-0	0	0-0	0

^ = at Alabama / # = at Michigan State



2021 GAME RECAPS

GAME 1 • MICHIGAN STATE 38, NORTHWESTERN 21

Game 1 | Michigan State 38, Northwestern 21

Sept. 3, 2021 • Evanston, Ill.

Ryan Field • Att: 34,248

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

EVANSTON, Ill. -- Kenneth Walker III had a Spartan debut to remember as Michigan State opened the 2021 season with a 38-21 victory at Northwestern on Sept. 3 at Ryan Field.

Walker, a junior transfer running back, rushed for a career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in MSU history – and scored a career-high four touchdowns to lead the Spartans. It marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White.

Overall, MSU racked up 511 yards of total offense, including 326 on the ground, the most rushing yards for the Spartans in a single game since 2014 at Indiana (330).

Making his second career start, Payton Thorne connected on 15-of-25 passes for 185 yards and one touchdown to get his first win as the starting quarterback. Thorne's favorite target was Jayden Reed, who hauled in five catches for 64 yards.

Senior safety Xavier Henderson led the Spartan defense with nine tackles, including two for losses and a sack, while sophomore safety Angelo Grose also had nine stops for the Spartans.

Walker was at it right from the beginning. On the first play from scrimmage, the Arlington, Tennessee, native took his first handoff as a Spartan and raced 75 yards for a touchdown, quickly putting MSU on top.

After Northwestern missed a first goal on its first series, the Spartans put together a 10-play, 74-yard drive, capped by Walker's second TD of the game on a 3-yard run to take a 14-0 lead midway through the opening quarter.

The Spartans increased their lead to 21-0 on their first series of the second quarter, marching 66 yards on just four plays, finished off by a 14-yard screen pass from Thorne to Jordan Simmons.

Northwestern got on the board late in the half on a fourth-and-goal play where Hunter Johnson found Trey Pugh in the end zone for a 1-yard pass.

Walker scored his third rushing touchdown, a 5-yard burst into the corner of the end zone, at the 7:06 mark in the third quarter to give MSU a 28-7 advantage.

Northwestern responded with a 16-play, 69-yard touchdown drive that took 7:52 off the clock and trimmed the Spartan lead to 28-14.

Matt Coglin's 37-yard field goal put the Spartans on top, 31-14, but the Wildcats scored another touchdown with 2:27 left in the game to make it a 10-point game.

That's when Walker put the game out of reach. After MSU recovered an onside kick, Walker carried the ball three more times – for 4 yards, 30, and then 6 for his fourth and final touchdown of the game with 57 seconds left.

POST-GAME NOTES:

- Michigan State head coach Mel Tucker improves to 2-0 against Northwestern, leading the Spartans to victory over the Wildcats for second-straight season, after last year's 29-20 victory for MSU over then-No. 8 ranked Northwestern . . . MSU has won seven of the last eight games at Northwestern . . . MSU now leads the all-time series, 40-20, including a three-game winning streak.



Junior running back Kenneth Walker III had an explosive debut as a Spartan, rushing for four touchdowns, including a 75-yard scamper for a TD on his first play in the game on MSU's opening offensive play . . . Walker rushed for a career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in MSU history – and scored a career-high four touchdowns to lead the Spartans . . . It marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White . . . It was also the first time a Spartan scored four rushing TDs in a game since Edwin Baker in 2010 vs. Minnesota.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (1-0, 1-0 B1G)	14	7	7	10	- 38
Northwestern (0-1, 0-1 B1G)	0	7	0	14	- 21

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

MSU (7-0)	Walker 75-yard run (Coghlin kick), 14:47 left Drive: 1 play, 75 yards, TOP 0:13
MSU (14-0)	Walker 3-yard run (Coghlin kick), 7:44 left Drive: 10 plays, 74 yards, TOP 4:12

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (21-0)	Simmons 14-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 9:45 left Drive: 4 plays, 66 yards, TOP 1:28
NU (7-21)	Pugh 1-yard pass from Johnson (Kuhbänder kick), 0:59 left Drive: 15 plays, 62 yards, TOP 6:44

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (28-7)	Walker 5-yard run (Coghlin kick), 7:06 left Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards, TOP 4:20
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FOURTH QUARTER

NU (14-28)	Pugh 5-yard pass from Johnson (Kuhbänder kick), 11:17 left Drive: 16 plays, 69 yards, TOP 7:52
MSU (31-14)	Coghlin 37-yard field goal, 6:04 left Drive: 10 plays, 59 yards, TOP 5:06
NU (21-31)	Robinson 14-yard pass from Johnson (Kuhbänder kick), 02:27 left Drive: 8 plays, 61 yards, TOP 2:20
MSU (38-21)	Walker 6-yard run (Coghlin, Matt kick), 1:29 left Drive: 4 plays, 52 yards, TOP 0:57

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	NU
First Downs	23	20
Rushes-Yards	37-326	38-117
Passing Yards	185	283
Passes	15-26-0	30-43-0
Total Offense	63-511	81-400
Punts-Avg.	4-47.2	5-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-50	6-40
Possession Time	22:25	37:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 23-264; Thorne 5-28; Reed 1-12; Joiner 3-12; Simmons 5-10. **NU:** Hull 9-87; Clair 4-14; Tyus III 8-13; Cisco 3-10; Robinson 2-5; Washington 1-2; Johnson 11-(-14).

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 15-25-0-185; Team 0-1-0-0. **NU:** Smith 16-27-1-153.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Reed 5-64; Mosley 4-59; Heyward 3-28; Nailor 2-20; Simmons 1-14. **NU:** Kirtz 7-80; Robinson 5-79; Pugh 4-18; Washington 3-32; Hull 3-23; Mangieri 2-27; Niro 2-15; Tyus 2-4; Gill 1-9; Clair 1-(-4).

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Henderson 9 (7-2); Grose 9 (5-4); Gervin 8 (8-0); Crouch 7 (5-2); Haladay 6 (3-3). **NU:** Bergin 10 (8-2); Joseph 8 (7-1); Hampton 5 (4-1); McIntyre 5 (4-1); Jackson 4 (4-0); Miller 4 (2-2).



GAME 2 • MICHIGAN STATE 42, YOUNGSTOWN STATE 14

Game 2 | Michigan State 42, Youngstown State 14

Sept. 11, 2021 • East Lansing, Mich.

Spartan Stadium • Att: 70,103

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Michigan State gained 595 yards of total offense and quarterback Payton Thorne completed 15-of-21 passes for 280 yards and a career-high four touchdowns as the Spartans defeated Youngstown State in the home opener at Spartan Stadium, 42-14, on the afternoon of Sept. 11.

Thorne's favorite receiver on the day was Jayden Reed, who hauled in four catches for 181 yards and two TDs. Jordon Simmons led the Spartans on the ground with 121 yards on 16 carries.

Xavier Henderson led the defense with eight tackles, including a 4-yard sack, and an acrobatic interception in the second quarter.

For the second consecutive game, the Spartans (2-0) scored on the first play, this time on a 75-yard pass from Thorne to Reed. Last week in the season opener at Northwestern, Walker raced 75 yards for a score on the MSU's first play from scrimmage. In limited action on Saturday, Walker had seven carries for 57 yards (8.1 avg.) and one touchdown, a week after accumulating a career-high 264 yards on the ground against the Wildcats.

Thorne upped MSU's lead to 14-0 midway through the first quarter as he scampered 10 yards into the end zone at the 7:54 mark.

Henderson prevented a potential Youngstown State scoring drive early in the second quarter with an acrobatic interception at the 2-yard line. Three plays later, Thorne connected on an 85-yard touchdown pass to Reed, the 11th longest in MSU history. Reed caught the ball at the MSU 47 and sprinted 53 yards to the end zone to put MSU on top, 21-0.

On MSU's fourth scoring drive of the game, Elijah Collins had three straight carries for 32 yards, then took a screen pass on the fourth play 20 yards for a touchdown for his first career receiving TD, making it 28-0 in favor of the Spartans.

Youngstown State got on the board with 4:10 left in the second quarter on a Demeatrice Crenshaw 6-yard TD score, but the Spartans responded with a 11-play, 68-yard drive to close the half, capped by a 6-yard run by Walker.

The Penguins (1-1) scored on their first possession of the second half as Christian Turner went 26 yards for a touchdown.

Thorne found Jalen Nailor for a 16-yard pass in the end zone at the 4:32 mark of the third quarter for Thorne's fourth TD of the game.

POST-GAME NOTES:

• Michigan State collected 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing) . . . MSU had 511 yards vs. Northwestern in Week 1 . . . it marks the first time MSU has compiled 500 yards of total offense in back-to-back games since 2014 (Oct. 11, 532 vs. Purdue, Oct. 18, 662 vs. Indiana) . . . it's the most total yards of offense in a single game for the Spartans since Oct. 18, 2014, at Indiana (662) . . . Michigan State had 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since Sept. 1, 2007 (438 vs. UAB).



Jayden Reed caught four passes for a career-high 181 yards . . . Reed had two catches for 160 yards in the first half alone (75 yard TD on first play of the game; 85 yard TD in second quarter) . . . it marked the first time an MSU receiver had more than 150 yards receiving in the first half since Tony Lippett in 2014 vs. Jacksonville State (4 catches for 167 yards) . . . Reed now has six 100-yard receiving games in his career (four at Western Michigan in 2018; two at MSU) . . . Reed also tallied a career-high 264 all-purpose yards (181 receiving, 32 kick return, 48 punt return).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Youngstown St. (1-1, 0-0 MVC)	0	7	7	0	- 14
Michigan State (2-0, 1-0 B1G)	14	21	7	0	- 42

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

MSU (7-0) Reed 75-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 14:50 left
Drive: 1 play, 75 yards, TOP 0:10

MSU (14-0) Thorne 10-yard run (Coghlin kick), 7:54 left
Drive: 6 plays, 58 yards, TOP 2:01

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (21-0) Reed 85-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 12:52 left
Drive: 3 plays, 98 yards, TOP 1:07

MSU (28-0) Collins 20-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 10:12 left
Drive: 4 plays, 52 yards, TOP 1:51

YSU (7-28) Crenshaw 6-yard run (McFadden kick), 4:10 left
Drive: 12 plays, 75 yards, TOP 6:02

MSU (35-7) Walker 6-yard run (Coghlin, kick), 0:17 left
Drive: 11 plays, 68 yards, TOP 3:47

THIRD QUARTER

YSU (14-35) Turner, Christian 26-yard run (McFadden, Colt kick), 10:54 left
Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 4:06

MSU (42-14) Nailor 16-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 4:32 left
Drive: 6 plays, 45 yards, TOP 02:07

FOURTH QUARTER

None

TEAM STATISTICS

	YSU	MSU
First Downs	20	25
Rushes-Yards	45-167	38-272
Passing Yards	137	323
Passes	16-32-1	20-28-0
Total Offense	77-304	66-595
Punts-Avg.	7-42.7	3-30.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-34	7-56
Possession Time	32:31	26:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Simmons 16-121; Walker 7-57; Eaglin 6-33; Collins 1-22; Thorne 3-19; Russo 3-10.
YSU: Crenshaw 18-69; Turner 5-48; McLaughlin 13-34; Pearson 7-12; Craycraft 1-3; St. Surin 1-1.

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 15-21-0-185-4; Russo 5-7-0-0. **YSU:** Crenshaw 10-23-1-81-0; Craycraft 6-9-0-56-0.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Reed 5-104; Nailor 8-39; Hunt 2-16; Lockett 2-14; Collins 1-10; Foster 1-16; Carr 1-8; Stewart 1-8; Simmons 1-7; Mosley 1-7; Gillison 1-5; Coleman 1-24. **YSU:** Hensley 4-35; Charleston 3-18; Ogletree 2-13 2-13; McLaughlin 1-30; Radford 1-12; Burgett 1-9; St. Surin 1-6; Portorreal 1-5; Smith 1-6; Turner 1-2.

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Henderson 8 (2-6); Haladay 7 (1-6); Crouch 7 (1-6); Kimbrough 5 (4-1); 8 others w/ 4. **YSU:** White 9 (6 3); Augustin 8 (2-6); Dixon 7 (2-5); Salyers 6 (3-3); D. Johnson 4 (2-2); Jones 4 (2-2).



2021 GAME RECAPS

GAME 3 • RV/RV MICHIGAN STATE 38, NO. 24/RV MIAMI 17

Game 3 | RV/RV Michigan State 38, No. 24/RV Miami 17

Sept. 18, 2021 • Miami Gardens, Fla.

Hard Rock Stadium • Att: 46,427

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. -- Kenneth Walker III rushed for 172 yards and Payton Thorne was 18-of-31 passing for 261 yards and four touchdowns as Michigan State topped No. 24 Miami, 38-17, on the afternoon of Sept. 18 at Hard Rock Stadium. With the victory, Michigan State improved to 3-0 on the season for the first time since 2015.

The Spartans forced four turnovers in the game and didn't commit a turnover in the win. MSU collected 454 yards of total offense, with a balanced attack of 193 yards on the ground and 261 through the air.

Jalen Nailor had four catches for 82 yards and two TDs for MSU, while Connor Heyward had three grabs for 49 yards. Defensively, Xavier Henderson led the Spartans in tackles for the third game in a row with eight stops.

After a scoreless first quarter for both teams, the Spartans got on the board early in the second quarter as Matt Coghlin connected on a 23-yard field goal at the 13:58 mark to cap a 12-play, 73-yard drive.

Miami responded with a touchdown on its next series, going 75 yards on 10 plays. Charleston Rambo caught a 3-yard TD pass from D'Eriq King to put the Hurricanes on top, 7-3, with 10:08 left in the half; Rambo had five receptions for 70 yards on the drive and finished with 12 catches for 156 yards in the game.

The Spartans reclaimed the lead, 10-7, with 2:56 remaining in the second quarter on Walker's 7-yard TD reception from Thorne. It marked Walker's first career touchdown reception.

MSU increased its advantage to 17-7 at the 6:08 mark in the third quarter as Thorne connected on an 11-yard strike to Jalen Nailor. Walker accounted for 49 rushing yards on the 10-play, 85-yard drive that took 3:59 off the clock.

Miami trimmed its deficit to 17-14 with 3:53 left in the third on Rambo's second TD grab, this time from 14 yards out.

With the Hurricanes gaining momentum early in the fourth quarter, Drew Beesley came up with a strip sack on King and Jacob Panasiuk picked up the fumble for the Spartans. MSU quickly capitalized three plays later with Thorne finding Reed in the end zone on third-and-7 for a 10-yard TD with 13:10 remaining in the game.

With under five minutes in the game, MSU elected to go for it on fourth-and-1 from the Miami 40, and Thorne ran a quarterback sneak for a first down. On the next play, Thorne connected with Nailor on a 39-yard touchdown pass to give MSU a 31-14 lead.

Ronald Williams recorded MSU's fourth turnover of the game with an interception on Miami's next series, and the Spartans again took advantage of the takeaway with another touchdown drive, capped by Reed's 8-yard scamper into the end zone to make the final 38-17.

POST-GAME NOTES:

• Michigan State earned its first win over Miami in the five-game series history, as Saturday was the first meeting since 1989 . . . MSU head coach Mel Tucker collected his third win over an AP Top 25 team while leading the Spartans, including two of the three on the road (No. 13 Michigan in 2020; No. 24 Miami in 2021) . . . with Saturday's win over No. 24 Miami, five of Tucker's 10 career wins as a head coach have come against AP Top 25 opponents (2021: No. 24 Miami; 2020: No. 11 Northwestern and No. 13 Michigan; 2019: No. 25 Nebraska and No. 24 Arizona State at Colorado).



Sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne was 18-for-31 passing for 261 yards with a career-high tying four TDs for the second straight game . . . Thorne becomes just the second Spartan quarterback in school history to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games (Connor Cook, 2015, vs. Indiana and Nebraska) . . . Thorne has nine TD passes this season, and owns two of the four top single-game passing TD performances in the B1G this season.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (3-0, 1-0 B1G)	0	10	7	21	- 38
Miami (FL) (1-2, 0-0 ACC)	0	7	7	3	- 17

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

None

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (3-0) Coghlin, Matt 23-yard field goal, 13:58 left

Drive: 12 plays, 73 yards, TOP 4:41

MIA (7-3) Rambo 3-yard pass from King (Borregales kick), 10:08 left

Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 3:50

MSU (10-7) Walker 7-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 2:56 left

Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:14

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (17-7) Nailor 11-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 6:08 left

Drive: 10 plays, 85 yards, TOP 3:59

MIA (14-17) Rambo 14-yard pass from King (Borregales kick), 3:53 left

Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:15

FOURTH QUARTER

MSU (24-14) Reed 10-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 13:10 left

Drive: 3 plays, 13 yards, TOP 1:27

MIA (17-24) Borregales 55-yard field goal, 8:11 left

Drive: 11 plays, 38 yards, TOP 4:59

MSU (31-17) Nailor 39-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 4:12 left

Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, TOP 3:59

MSU (38-17) Reed 8-yard run (Coghlin kick), 2:32 left

Drive: 4 plays, 23 yards, TOP 1:33

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	MIA
First Downs	23	29
Rushes-Yards	41-193	24-52
Passing Yards	261	388
Passes	18-31-0	38-60-2
Total Offense	72-454	84-440
Punts-Avg.	5-54.6	3-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	9-80	10-84
Possession Time	31:15	28:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 27-172; Reed 2-17; Thorne 8-4; Mosley 1-2; Simmons 2-1; Nailor 1-(-3); **MIA:** Harris 11-44; King 12-7; Harley 1-1.

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 18-31-0-261-4. **MIA:** King 38-59-2-388-2.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Nailor 4-82; Heyward 3-49; Reed 3-32; Walker 3-17; Mosley 2-57; Hunt 2-20; Lockett 1-4. **MIA:** Rambo 12-156; Harris 7-22; Harley 4-51; Smith 4-50; Mallory 3-36; Brinson 3-33; Wiggins 3-25; Arroyo 1-7; Restrepo 1-7.

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Henderson 8 (8-0); Haladay 6 (2-4); Beesley 5 (4-1); Snow 4 (3-1); 7 others 3. **MIA:** Bolden 10 (8-2); Steed 8 (4-4); Flagg 8 (4-4); Carter 5 (4-1); 3 others 4.



GAME 4 • NO. 20/21 MICHIGAN STATE 23, NEBRASKA 20 (OT)

Game 4 | No. 20/21 Michigan State 23, Nebraska 20 (OT)

Sept. 25, 2021 • East Lansing, Mich.

Spartan Stadium • Att: 70,332

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Michigan State kicker Matt Coghlin capped off a wild comeback with a 21-yard field goal on the second possession of overtime as the Spartans beat Nebraska, 23-20, at Spartan Stadium on Saturday night.

Payton Thorne completed 14-of-23 passes for 183 yards and one touchdown, while Kenneth Walker III carried the ball 19 times for 61 yards, including a 23-yard gain on his first overtime run. Tre Mosley added six receptions for 70 yards, and Jayden Reed caught four passes for 59 yards and had a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown to tie the game late in the fourth quarter.

Xavier Henderson led Michigan State with 17 total tackles, including one for loss, while Cal Haladay had eight tackles and Jacob Slade had eight tackles, one sack and two tackles-for-loss.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Spartans took advantage of good field position to start the second, and quickly scored the game's first touchdown on a three-play, 55-yard drive in just 52 seconds, capped by a Thorne 38-yard pass to Reed on a flea flicker. It marked the second time MSU has scored a TD on a flea flicker this season (first play of the game against Youngstown State in Week 2 on a 75-yard pass from Thorne to Reed).

Nebraska got on the board on its next series with a 28-yard field goal by Connor Culp with 11:22 left in the half. Adrian Martinez scrambled 45 yards and a Spartan late hit set up a first-and-goal for the Huskers, but they were forced to kick a field goal.

Reed returned the ensuing kickoff 41 yards, sparking a six-play, 49-yard drive that culminated with a 26-yard field by Matt Coghlin to put MSU on top, 10-3, at the 8:20 mark.

Nebraska tied the game at 10 on Martinez's 12-yard touchdown run with 4:20 left in the half. MSU regained the lead as Coghlin connected on his second field goal, this time from 26 yards out, to make it 13-10 with just over a minute remaining until halftime.

The Spartans forced a quick punt and took over on the Nebraska 46, but a bad snap led to Coghlin's 44-yard field goal getting blocked to end the half.

Culp's 28-yard field goal on Nebraska's first series of the second half tied it at 13 with 9:10 left in the third.

The Spartans forced a fumble on Martinez early in the fourth quarter took over at the Nebraska 45-yard line, but were unable to convert on the turnover.

Nebraska took the next series 80 yards on 11 plays for a touchdown drive, as Martinez ran from 3 yards out for his second rushing TD of the game to give the Huskers a 20-13 lead with 7:29 left in the game.

Michigan State took over with 7:22 to play in regulation, but was forced to punt after three plays. Nebraska took over with 6:22 left, and the Spartan defense responded with its own three-and-out. Reed received the punt at the MSU 38-yard-line, found a seam and broke up the right sideline 62 yards untouched as the Spartans tied the game at 20. It marked MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since 2011.



Jayden Reed returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 20 with 3:47 left in the game . . . it marked MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since Nov. 26, 2011 (Keshawn Martin 57 yards at Northwestern) . . . Reed also hauled in four passes for 59 yards, including a 35-yard TD catch from Thorne in the second quarter . . . Reed finished with 192 all-purpose yards (69 kick return, 62 punt return, 59 receiving, 2 rushing).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Nebraska (2-3, 0-2 B1G)	0	10	3	7	0	- 20
Michigan St. (4-0, 2-0 B1G)	0	13	0	7	3	- 23

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

None

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (7-0) Reed 35-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 14:08 left
Drive: 3 plays, 55 yards, TOP 0:52

NEB (3-7) Culp 28-yard field goal, 11:22 left
Drive: 7 plays, 65 yards, TOP 2:46

MSU (10-3) Coghlin 26-yard field goal, 8:20 left
Drive: 6 plays, 49 yards, TOP 2:54

NEB (10-10) Martinez 12-yard run (Culp kick), 4:20 left
Drive: 9 plays, 75 yards, TOP 4:00

MSU (13-10) Coghlin 27-yard field goal, 1:03 left
Drive: 9 plays, 61 yards, TOP 3:11

THIRD QUARTER

NEB (13-13) Culp 28-yard field goal, 9:10 left
Drive: 14 plays, 60 yards, TOP 5:50

FOURTH QUARTER

NEB (20-13) Martinez 3-yard run (Culp kick), 7:29 left
Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards, TOP 5:05

MSU (20-20) Reed 62-yard punt return (Coghlin kick)

OVERTIME

MSU (23-20) Coghlin 21-yard field goal, 0:00 left
Drive: 4 plays, 22 yards, TOP 0:00

TEAM STATISTICS

	NEB	MSU
First Downs	26	12
Rushes-Yards	50-194	30-71
Passing Yards	248	183
Passes	25-36-1	14-23-1
Total Offense	86-442	53-254
Punts-Avg.	7-32.4	6-58.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	5-44
Possession Time	37:28	22:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 19-61, Simmons 3-13, Reed 1-2, Thorne 7-(-5); **NEB:** Johnson 19-76; Martinez 21-72; Morrison 3-14, Flack 0-12, Smothers 3-11, Toure 1-4, Belt 1-3, Stepp 1-2, Manning 1-(-1).

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 14-23-1-183-1. **NEB:** Martinez 24-34-1-244-0, Smothers 1-2-0-4-0.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Mosley 6-70, Reed 4-20, Heyward 2-39, Joiner 1-9, Simmons 1-5; **NEB:** Betts 5-62, Toure 4-52, Allen 4-28, Manning 4-16, Vokolek 2-29, Johnson 2-11, Belt 1-24, Falck 1-22, Morrison 1-14.

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Henderson 17 (10-7); Slade 8 (5-3); Haladay 8 (0-8); Grose 7 (4-3), Crouch 7 (4-3), Panasiuk 7 (2-5), Barrow 7 (2-5). **NEB:** Reimer 11 (6-5), Henrich 9 (3-6), Nelson 6 (4-2), Williams 5 (3-2), 3 others w/ 4.



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

2021 SCORING DRIVES BREAKDOWN

MSU SCORING DRIVES (Game-by-Game)

Opp.	Plays	Yards	Time	Result	Qtr	Scoring Play
NU	1	75	0:13	TD	1	Walker 75-yd run
NU	10	74	4:12	TD	1	Walker 3-yd run
NU	4	66	1:28	TD	2	Simmons 14-yd pass; Thorne
NU	11	80	4:20	TD	3	Walker 5-yd run
NU	10	59	5:06	FG	4	Coghlin 37-yd FG
NU	5	57	0:57	TD	4	Walker 6-yd run
YSU	1	75	0:10	TD	1	Reed 75-yd pass; Thorne
YSU	6	58	2:01	TD	1	Thorne 10-yd run
YSU	3	98	1:07	TD	2	Reed 85-yd pass; Thorne
YSU	4	52	1:51	TD	2	Collins 20-yd pass; Thorne
YSU	11	68	3:47	TD	2	Walker 6-yd run
YSU	6	45	2:07	TD	3	Nailor 16-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	12	73	4:41	FG	2	Coghlin 23-yd FG
MIA	9	80	3:14	TD	2	Walker 7-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	10	85	3:59	TD	3	Nailor 11-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	3	13	1:27	TD	4	Reed 10-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	8	75	3:59	TD	4	Nailor 39-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	4	23	1:33	TD	4	Reed 8-yd run
NEB	3	55	0:52	TD	2	Reed 35-yd pass; Thorne
NEB	6	49	2:54	FG	2	Coghlin 26-yd FG
NEB	9	61	3:11	FG	2	Coghlin 27-yd FG
NEB	4	22	0:00	FG	OT	Coghlin 21-yd FG

Quick Strike Breakdown

Fewest Plays: 1 (twice), vs. Northwestern, vs. Youngstown State

Fewest Yards (TD): 13, vs. Miami

Fewest Yards (FG): 22, vs. Nebraska

Time of Possession: 0:10, vs. Youngstown State

Longest Drives Breakdown

by No. of Plays: 11 (twice), vs. Northwestern, vs. Youngstown State

by No. of Yards: 98, vs. Youngstown State

Time of Possession: 5:06, vs. Northwestern

Longest Scoring Play (run): Walker 75-yard run vs. Northwestern

Longest Scoring Play (pass): Reed 85-yard pass from Thorne vs. Youngstown State

TD Drive Breakdown

No. of TD Scoring Drives: 17

1-9 yards: 0

10-19 yards: 1

20-29 yards: 1

30-39 yards: 0

40-49 yards: 1

50-59 yards: 4

60-69 yards: 2

70-79 yards: 4

80-89 yards: 3

90-99 yards: 1

1st Quarter: 4

2nd Quarter: 6

3rd Quarter: 3

4th Quarter: 4

Overtime: 0

Most Points in a Quarter: 21, twice: 2nd, vs. Youngstown State; 4th vs. Miami

Most Points in 1st Half: 35, vs. Youngstown State

Most Points in 2nd Half: 28, vs. Miami

Scoring On Opening Drive: vs. Northwestern (TD), vs. Youngstown State (TD)

OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES (Game-by-Game)

Opp.	Plays	Yards	Time	Result	Qtr	Scoring Play
NU	15	62	6:44	TD	2	Pugh 1-yd pass; Johnson
NU	16	69	7:52	TD	4	Pugh 5-yd pass; Johnson
NU	8	61	2:20	TD	4	Robinson 14-yd pass; Johnson
YSU	12	75	6:02	TD	2	Crenshaw 6-yd run
YSU	10	75	4:06	TD	3	Turner 26-yd run
MIA	10	75	3:50	TD	2	Rambo 3-yd pass; King
MIA	10	75	2:15	TD	3	Rambo 14-yd pass; King
MIA	11	38	4:59	FG	4	Borregales 55-yd FG
NEB	7	65	2:46	FG	2	Culp 28-yd FG
NEB	9	75	4:00	TD	2	Martinez 12-yd run
NEB	14	60	5:50	FG	3	Culp 28-yd FG
NEB	11	80	5:05	TD	4	Martinez 3-yd run

Quick Strike Breakdown

Fewest Plays: 8, Northwestern

Fewest Yards (TD): 61, Northwestern

Fewest Yards (FG): 38, Miami

Time of Possession (TD): 2:20, Northwestern

Time of Possession (FG): --

Longest Drives Breakdown

by No. of Plays: 16, Northwestern

by No. of Yards: 75 (five times), Youngstown State (twice); Miami (twice); Nebraska

Time of Possession: 7:52, Northwestern

Longest Scoring Play (run): Turner 26-yd run (Youngstown State)

Longest Scoring Play (pass): Robinson 14-yd pass from Johnson (Northwestern) and Rambo 14-yd pass from King (Miami)

TD Drive Breakdown

No. of TD Scoring Drives: 9

1-9 yards: 0

10-19 yards: 0

20-29 yards: 0

30-39 yards: 0

40-49 yards: 0

50-59 yards: 0

60-69 yards: 3

70-79 yards: 5

80-89 yards: 1

90-99 yards: 0

1st Quarter: 0

2nd Quarter: 3

3rd Quarter: 2

4th Quarter: 4

Overtime: 0

Most Points in a Quarter: 14, 4th, Northwestern

Most Points in 1st Half: 10, Nebraska

Most Points in 2nd Half: 14, Northwestern

Fewest Points in a Quarter: 0, 6 times: Northwestern (1st & 3rd); Youngstown State (1st & 4th); Miami (1st); Nebraska (1st)

Fewest Points in 1st Half: 7, 3 times: Northwestern, Youngstown State, Miami

Fewest Points in 2nd Half: 7, Youngstown State

Scoring On Opening Drive: --



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	37	326	4	75	15	185	1	26	15-26-0	185	1	26	1	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	511
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	38	272	2	24	20	323	4	85	20-28-0	323	4	85	1	32	0	32	3	34	0	30	595
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	41	193	1	26	18	261	4	51	18-31-0	261	4	51	1	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	454
09/25/2021	Nebraska	30	71	0	23	14	183	1	35	14-23-1	183	1	35	3	84	0	41	1	62	1	62	254
Michigan St.		146	862	7	75	67	952	10	85	67-108-1	952	10	85	6	148	0	41	4	96	1	62	1814
Opponents		156	523	4	49	109	1063	5	47	109-171-4	1063	5	47	4	75	0	29	3	13	0	13	1586

Michigan St. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
4	5.9	14.2	164.8	24.7	24.0	530.0	453.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	56	18	74	8.0-29	4-18	0	0-0	0-0	3	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	35	44	79	5.0-22	2-9	0	0-0	1-0	8	5	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	42
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	45	12	57	6.0-23	3-16	2	2-0	2-0	2	6	0	5-5	0	0	0	14	38
09/25/2021	Nebraska	45	50	95	11.0-38	7-34	2	1-0	1-62	0	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	3	23
Michigan St.		181	124	305	30.0-112	16-77	4	3-0	4-62	13	18	0	18-18	0	0	0	24	141
Opponents		149	102	251	21.0-90	8-55	2	2-0	1-0	4	9	2	9-9	0	0	0	7	72

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	4	189	47.3	57	0	1	0	1	1	1-2	37	0	8	439	54.9	4	0
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	3	90	30.0	53	1	0	1	1	2	0-1	0	0	7	455	65.0	7	0
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	5	273	54.6	65	0	2	1	4	2	1-2	23	0	7	455	65.0	7	0
09/25/2021	Nebraska	6	353	58.8	67	0	2	0	5	2	3-4	27	1	6	335	55.8	4	0
Michigan St.		18	905	50.3	67	1	5	2	11	7	5-9	37	1	28	1684	60.1	22	0
Opponents		22	868	39.5	55	0	2	9	3	5	3-6	55	0	16	953	59.6	7	0



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	38	117	0	49	30	283	3	47	30-43-0	283	3	47	3	62	0	29	1	13	0	13	400
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	45	167	2	26	16	137	0	30	16-32-1	137	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	304
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	24	52	0	11	38	388	2	28	38-60-2	388	2	28	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	440
09/25/2021	Nebraska	49	187	2	45	25	255	0	24	25-36-1	255	0	24	1	13	0	13	1	-1	0	0	442
Opponents		156	523	4	49	109	1063	5	47	109-171-4	1063	5	47	4	75	0	29	3	13	0	13	1586
Michigan St.		146	862	7	75	67	952	10	85	67-108-1	952	10	85	6	148	0	41	4	96	1	62	1814

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
4	3.4	9.8	120.9	18.8	4.3	418.5	396.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles			Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	41	8	49	2.0-11	1	1-0	0-0	3	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	21
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	36	38	74	2.0-3	1	1-0	0-0	0	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	14
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	41	24	65	8.0-40	0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	17
09/25/2021	Nebraska	31	32	63	9.0-36	0	0-0	1-0	0	3	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
Opponents		149	102	251	21.0-90	8-55	2	2-0	1-0	4	9	9-9	0	0	0	7	72
Michigan St.		181	124	305	30.0-112	16-77	4	3-0	4-62	13	18	18-18	0	0	0	24	141

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	120	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	5	195	39.0	48	0	0	4	0	1	0-2	0	0	4	188	47.0	1	0
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	7	299	42.7	55	0	1	1	2	1	0-0	0	0	3	195	65.0	2	0
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	3	147	49.0	55	0	0	2	1	1	1-2	55	0	4	255	63.8	2	0
09/25/2021	Nebraska	7	227	32.4	44	0	1	2	0	2	2-2	28	0	5	315	63.0	2	0
Opponents		22	868	39.5	55	0	2	9	3	5	3-6	55	0	16	953	59.6	7	0
Michigan St.		18	905	50.3	67	1	5	2	11	7	5-9	37	1	28	1684	60.1	22	0



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Team Statistics

	MSU	OPP
Scoring	141	72
Points per game	35.3	18.0
Points Off Turnovers	24	7
First Downs	83	95
Rushing	42	38
Passing	35	51
Penalty	6	6
Rushing Yardage	862	523
Yards gained rushing	956	647
Yards lost rushing	94	124
Rushing attempts	146	156
Average per rush	5.9	3.4
Average per game	215.5	130.8
TDs Rushing	7	4
Passing Yardage	952	1063
Comp-Att-Int	67-108-1	109-171-4
Average per pass	8.8	6.2
Average per catch	14.2	9.8
Average per game	238.0	265.8
TDs Passing	10	5
Total offense	1814	1586
Total plays	254	327
Average per play	7.1	4.9
Average per game	453.5	396.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-148	4-75
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-96	3-13
Int returns: #-Yards	4-62	1-0
Kick return average	24.7	18.8
Punt return average	24.0	4.3
Int return average	15.5	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties-Yards	26-230	26-200
Average per game	57.5	50.0
Punts-Yards	18-905	22-868
Average per punt	50.3	39.5
Net punt average	44.3	33.1
Kickoffs-Yards	28-1684	16-953
Average per kick	60.1	59.6
Net kick average	37.8	36.4
Time of possession / game	25:43	34:17
3rd-down conversion	16/46	30/77
3rd-down pct	35%	39%
4rd-down conversion	3/4	13/15



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	MSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	75%	87%
Sacks by-Yards	16-77	8-55
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	18	9
Field goals - attempts	5-9	3-6
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(17-18) 94%	(10-13) 77%
Red-zone touchdowns	(12-18) 67%	(8-13) 62%
PAT-attempts	(18-18) 100%	(9-9) 100%
Attendance	140435	80675
Games / Avg per game	2/70218	2/40338
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Michigan St.	28	51	21	38	3	141
Opponents	0	31	17	24	0	72



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Michigan St. - Game Highs

RUSHES	41	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	326	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	8.8	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TD RUSHES	4	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	31	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	20	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PASSING	323	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	11.5	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TD PASSES	4	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
	4	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	72	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	595	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	9.0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
POINTS	42	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
SACKS BY	7	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	25	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PENALTIES	9	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	80	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TURNOVERS	1	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	1	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
	1	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PUNTS	6	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PUNTING AVG	58.8	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT	67	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	2	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	2	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	62	Nebraska (09/25/2021)



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RUSHES	49	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	187	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	3.8	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TD RUSHES	2 2	Nebraska (09/25/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	60	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	38	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS PASSING	388	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	7.1	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TD PASSES	3	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	85	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	442	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	5.2	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
POINTS	21	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
SACKS BY	3 3	Nebraska (09/25/2021) at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	29	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PENALTIES	10	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	84	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TURNOVERS	4	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PUNTS	7 7	Nebraska (09/25/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PUNTING AVG	49.0	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
LONG PUNT	55 55	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021) at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	13	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)



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RUSHES	30	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	71	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.4	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TD RUSHES	0	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	23	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	14	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PASSING	183	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	7.1	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TD PASSES	1 1	Nebraska (09/25/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	53	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	254	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.8	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
POINTS	23	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
SACKS BY	2	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	12	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PENALTIES	5 5	Nebraska (09/25/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	44	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PUNTS	3	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PUNTING AVG	30.0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG PUNT	53	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0 0	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)



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RUSHES	24	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	52	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.2	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TD RUSHES	0 0	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	32	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	16	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PASSING	137	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	4.3	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TD PASSES	0 0	Nebraska (09/25/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	77	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	304	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.9	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
POINTS	14	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
SACKS BY	0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	20 20	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PENALTIES	4	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	36	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0 0 0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021) at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PUNTS	3	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PUNTING AVG	32.4	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT	44	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1 1 1	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021) at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0 0	Nebraska (09/25/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)



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RUSHES	27	Kenneth Walker III at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	264	Kenneth Walker III at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TD RUSHES	4	Kenneth Walker III at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG RUSH	75	Kenneth Walker III at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	31	Payton Thorne at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	18	Payton Thorne at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS PASSING	280	Payton Thorne vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TD PASSES	4 4	Payton Thorne at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Payton Thorne vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG PASS	85	Payton Thorne vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
RECEPTIONS	6	Tre Mosley vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS RECEIVING	181	Jayden Reed vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TD RECEPTIONS	2 2	Jalen Nailor at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Jayden Reed vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG RECEPTION	85	Jayden Reed vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PUNTS	6	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PUNTING AVG	58.8	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT	67	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2 2 2	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Bryce Baringer at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Bryce Baringer vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	62	Jayden Reed vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	41	Jayden Reed vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TACKLES	17	Xavier Henderson vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
SACKS	2 2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Drew Beesley at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2 2 2 2 2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Jacob Slade vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Drew Beesley at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Jacub Panasiuk vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021) Xavier Henderson at Northwestern (09/03/2021)



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RUSHES	20	Adrian Martinez vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	87	Evan Hull at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TD RUSHES	2	Adrian Martinez vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG RUSH	49	Evan Hull at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	59	D'Eriq King at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	38	D'Eriq King at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS PASSING	388	D'Eriq King at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TD PASSES	3	Hunter Johnson at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG PASS	47	Hunter Johnson at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
RECEPTIONS	12	Charleston Rambo at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS RECEIVING	156	Charleston Rambo at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TD RECEPTIONS	2 2	Charleston Rambo at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Trey Pugh at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG RECEPTION	47	Stephon Robinson, Jr. at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
FIELD GOALS	2	Connor Culp vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG FIELD GOALS	55	Andres Borregales at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PUNTS	5	Derek Adams at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PUNTING AVG	49.0	Lou Hedley at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
LONG PUNT	55 55	Lou Hedley at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Paddy Lynch vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Daniel Cerni vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	13	Bryce Kirtz at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	29	Coco Azema at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TACKLES	11	Luke Reimer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
SACKS	1 1 1 1 1 1	Garrett Nelson vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Deontre Thomas vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Chantz Williams at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Corey Flagg, Jr. at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Waynmon Steed at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Jeremy Meiser at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2 2	Garrett Nelson vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Waynmon Steed at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Marquel Dismuke vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kenneth Walker III	4	76	578	24	554	7.3	5	75	138.5
Jordon Simmons	4	26	148	3	145	5.6	0	24	36.3
Payton Thorne	4	23	110	64	46	2.0	1	22	11.5
Donovan Eaglin	3	6	33	0	33	5.5	0	14	11.0
Elijah Collins	2	3	32	0	32	10.7	0	16	16.0
Jayden Reed	4	4	31	0	31	7.8	1	12	7.8
Harold Joiner	3	3	12	0	12	4.0	0	8	4.0
Anthony Russo	1	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	7	10.0
Tre Mosley	4	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.5
Jalen Nailor	4	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.8
Total	4	146	956	94	862	5.9	7	75	215.5
Opponents	4	156	647	124	523	3.4	4	49	130.8

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Payton Thorne	4	169.4	62-100-1	62.0	909	10	85	227.3
Anthony Russo	1	123.0	5-7-0	71.4	43	0	16	43.0
Team	4	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	4	164.8	67-108-1	62.0	952	10	85	238.0
Opponents	4	120.9	109-171-4	63.7	1063	5	47	265.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jayden Reed	4	16	336	21.0	4	85	84.0
Tre Mosley	4	13	193	14.8	0	51	48.3
Jalen Nailor	4	10	141	14.1	3	39	35.3
Connor Heyward	4	8	116	14.5	0	34	29.0
Tyler Hunt	4	4	36	9.0	0	13	9.0
Kenneth Walker III	4	3	17	5.7	1	7	4.3
Terry Lockett	4	3	18	6.0	0	8	4.5
Jordon Simmons	4	3	27	9.0	1	14	6.8
Harold Joiner	3	1	9	9.0	0	9	3.0
Elijah Collins	2	1	20	20.0	1	20	10.0
Trenton Gillison	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Montorie Foster	4	1	16	16.0	0	16	4.0
Ian Stewart	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Maliq Carr	3	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
Keon Coleman	2	1	2	2.0	0	2	1.0
Total	4	67	952	14.2	10	85	238.0
Opponents	4	109	1063	9.8	5	47	265.8

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	3	97	32.3	0	62
Cade McDonald	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Total	4	96	24.0	0	62
Opponents	3	13	4.3	0	13

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chester Kimbrough	1	62	62.0	0	62
Xavier Henderson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ronald Williams Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Angelo Grose	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	62	15.5	0	62
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	4	121	30.3	0	41
Jalen Nailor	2	27	13.5	0	15
Total	6	148	24.7	0	41
Opponents	4	75	18.8	0	29

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Kenneth Walker III	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Jayden Reed	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Matt Coghlin	-	5-9	18-18	-	-	-	-	-	33
Jalen Nailor	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Payton Thorne	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Elijah Collins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordon Simmons	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	18	5-9	18-18	0	0	0	0	0	141
Opponents	9	3-6	9-9	0	0	0	0	0	72

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Matt Coghlin	5-9	55.6	0-0	4-4	1-2	0-1	0-2	37	1
Opponents	3-6	50.0	0-0	2-3	0-1	0-1	1-1	55	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Michigan St.	Opponents
Northwestern	60,(37)	44,38
Youngstown St.	50	
Miami (FL)	(23),39	27,(55)
Nebraska	(26),(27),44,(21)	(28),(28)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Payton Thorne	4	123	46	909	955	238.8
Kenneth Walker III	4	76	554	0	554	138.5
Jordon Simmons	4	26	145	0	145	36.3
Anthony Russo	1	10	10	43	53	53.0
Donovan Eaglin	3	6	33	0	33	11.0
Elijah Collins	2	3	32	0	32	16.0
Jayden Reed	4	4	31	0	31	7.8
Harold Joiner	3	3	12	0	12	4.0
Tre Mosley	4	1	2	0	2	0.5
Jalen Nailor	4	1	-3	0	-3	-0.8
Team	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	4	254	862	952	1814	453.5
Opponents	4	327	523	1063	1586	396.5

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bryce Baringer	18	905	50.3	67	5	2	7	11	1
Total	18	905	50.3	67	5	2	7	11	1
Opponents	22	868	39.5	55	2	9	5	3	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Matt Coghlin	28	1684	60.1	22	0			
Total	28	1684	60.1	22	0	4	37.8	27
Opponents	16	953	59.6	7	0	6	36.4	28



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jayden Reed	4	31	336	97	121	0	585	146.3
Kenneth Walker III	4	554	17	0	0	0	571	142.8
Tre Mosley	4	2	193	0	0	0	195	48.8
Jordon Simmons	4	145	27	0	0	0	172	43.0
Jalen Nailor	4	-3	141	0	27	0	165	41.3
Connor Heyward	4	0	116	0	0	0	116	29.0
Chester Kimbrough	3	0	0	0	0	62	62	20.7
Elijah Collins	2	32	20	0	0	0	52	26.0
Payton Thorne	4	46	0	0	0	0	46	11.5
Tyler Hunt	4	0	36	0	0	0	36	9.0
Donovan Eaglin	3	33	0	0	0	0	33	11.0
Harold Joiner	3	12	9	0	0	0	21	7.0
Terry Lockett	4	0	18	0	0	0	18	4.5
Montorie Foster	4	0	16	0	0	0	16	4.0
Anthony Russo	1	10	0	0	0	0	10	10.0
Ian Stewart	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Maliq Carr	3	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.7
Trenton Gillison	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Keon Coleman	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	1.0
Cade McDonald	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1.0
Total	4	862	952	96	148	62	2120	530.0
Opponents	4	523	1063	13	75	0	1674	418.5



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
*	09/03/2021	at Northwestern	W	38-21	34248
	09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	W	42-14	70103
	09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	W	38-17	46427
*	09/25/2021	Nebraska	Wot1	23-20	70332

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Montorie Foster	4	1	16	16.0	0	16	4.0
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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	4-0	2-0	2-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	MSU	OPP
First Downs	83	95
Rushing	42	38
Passing	35	51
Penalty	6	6
Rushing Yardage	862	523
Rushing attempts	146	156
Average per rush	5.9	3.4
Average per game	215.5	130.8
TDs Rushing	7	4
Passing Yardage	952	1063
Comp-Att-Int	67-108-1	109-171-4
Average per pass	8.8	6.2
Average per catch	14.2	9.8
Average per game	238.0	265.8
TDs Passing	10	5
Total offense	1814	1586
Average per play	7.1	4.9
Average per game	453.5	396.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-148	4-75
Punt returns: #-Yards	4-96	3-13
Int returns: #-Yards	4-62	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties-Yards	26-230	26-200
Punts-Avg	18-50.3	22-39.5
Time of possession / game	25:43	34:17
3rd-down conversion	16/46	30/77
4rd-down conversion	3/4	13/15

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chester Kimbrough	1	62	62.0	0	62
Xavier Henderson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ronald Williams Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Angelo Grose	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	62	15.5	0	62
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Matt Coghlin	5-9	55.6	0-0	4-4	1-2	0-1	0-2	37	1
Opponents	3-6	50.0	0-0	2-3	0-1	0-1	1-1	55	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Kenneth Walker III	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Jayden Reed	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Matt Coghlin	-	5-9	18-18	-	-	-	-	-	33
Jalen Nailor	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Payton Thorne	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Elijah Collins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordon Simmons	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	18	5-9	18-18	0	0	0	0	0	141
Opponents	9	3-6	9-9	0	0	0	0	0	72

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Michigan St.	28	51	21	38	3	141
Opponents	0	31	17	24	0	72

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bryce Baringer	18	905	50.3	67	5	2	7	11	1
Total	18	905	50.3	67	5	2	7	11	1
Opponents	22	868	39.5	55	2	9	5	3	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	3	97	32.3	0	62
Cade McDonald	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Total	4	96	24.0	0	62
Opponents	3	13	4.3	0	13

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	4	121	30.3	0	41
Jalen Nailor	2	27	13.5	0	15
Total	6	148	24.7	0	41
Opponents	4	75	18.8	0	29

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jayden Reed	4	31	336	97	121	0	585	146.3
Kenneth Walker III	4	554	17	0	0	0	571	142.8
Tre Mosley	4	2	193	0	0	0	195	48.8
Jordon Simmons	4	145	27	0	0	0	172	43.0
Jalen Nailor	4	-3	141	0	27	0	165	41.3
Connor Heyward	4	0	116	0	0	0	116	29.0
Chester Kimbrough	3	0	0	0	0	62	62	20.7
Elijah Collins	2	32	20	0	0	0	52	26.0
Payton Thorne	4	46	0	0	0	0	46	11.5
Tyler Hunt	4	0	36	0	0	0	36	9.0
Donovan Eaglin	3	33	0	0	0	0	33	11.0
Harold Joiner	3	12	9	0	0	0	21	7.0
Terry Lockett	4	0	18	0	0	0	18	4.5
Montorie Foster	4	0	16	0	0	0	16	4.0
Anthony Russo	1	10	0	0	0	0	10	10.0
Ian Stewart	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Maliq Carr	3	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.7
Trenton Gillison	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Keon Coleman	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	1.0
Cade McDonald	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-1.0
Total	4	862	952	96	148	62	2120	530.0
Opponents	4	523	1063	13	75	0	1674	418.5

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Payton Thorne	4	123	46	909	955	238.8
Kenneth Walker III	4	76	554	0	554	138.5
Jordon Simmons	4	26	145	0	145	36.3
Anthony Russo	1	10	10	43	53	53.0
Donovan Eaglin	3	6	33	0	33	11.0
Elijah Collins	2	3	32	0	32	16.0
Jayden Reed	4	4	31	0	31	7.8
Harold Joiner	3	3	12	0	12	4.0
Tre Mosley	4	1	2	0	2	0.5
Jalen Nailor	4	1	-3	0	-3	-0.8
Total	4	254	862	952	1814	453.5
Opponents	4	327	523	1063	1586	396.5

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf



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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
3	Xavier Henderson	4	27	15	42	4-17	2-14	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
27	Cal Haladay	4	6	21	27	0.5-1	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.
6	Quavaris Crouch	4	13	11	24	2-10	2-10	.	1	2	1-0	1	.	.
15	Angelo Grose	4	15	8	23	.	.	1-0	3	.	.	.	.	.
8	Simeon Barrow	4	7	9	16	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
7	Michael Dowell	4	10	5	15	1-4	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
18	Kalon Gervin	4	13	1	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Jeff Pietrowski	4	8	5	13	4-17	3.5-14	.	.	2	1-0	1	.	.
23	Darius Snow	4	9	4	13	2.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Ronald Williams Jr.	4	11	2	13	2-3	1-2	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Jacub Panasiuk	4	4	8	12	5-23	2-11	.	.	3	1-0	1	.	.
86	Drew Beesley	3	7	4	11	2.5-17	2.5-17	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
21	Chase Kline	4	4	7	11	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
64	Jacob Slade	4	6	5	11	2-6	1-5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
12	Chester Kimbrough	3	7	2	9	0.5-0	.	1-62	.	1	.	.	.	.
0	Charles Brantley	4	8	.	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97	Maverick Hansen	4	3	2	5	2-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Drew Jordan	3	4	1	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
13	Ben VanSumeren	4	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Noah Harvey	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Kendell Brooks	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
54	Kyle King	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
8	Jalen Nailor	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Itayvion Brown	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Emmanuel Flowers	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Michael Fletcher	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Jalen Hunt	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Hank Pepper	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Ma'a Gaoteote	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Harold Joiner	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Spencer Rowland	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Dashaun Mallory	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Jack Camper	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Brandon Wright	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Anthony Russo	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
98	Avery Dunn	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	Matt Coghlin	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
99	Bryce Baringer	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Totals		4	181	124	305	30-112	16-77	4-62	18	13	3-0	4	2	0
Opponents		4	149	102	251	21-90	8-55	1-0	9	4	2-0	2	0	0



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Total Tackles

Player	S-A	Total	NU	YSU	Miami	Nebr
Xavier Henderson	27-15	42	7-2	2-6	8-0	10-7
Cal Haladay	6-21	27	3-3	1-6	2-4	0-8
Quavaris Crouch	13-11	24	5-2	1-6	3-0	4-3
Angelo Grose	15-8	23	5-4	4-0	2-1	4-3
Simeon Barrow	7-9	16	3-0	1-3	1-1	2-5
Michael Dowell	10-5	15	2-2	2-1	3-0	3-2
Kalon Gervin	13-1	14	8-0	3-1	2-0	-
Ronald Williams Jr.	11-2	13	4-1	0-1	3-0	4-0
Darius Snow	9-4	13	2-1	3-1	3-1	1-1
Jeff Pietrowski	8-5	13	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-2
Jacub Panasiuk	4-8	12	-	1-3	1-0	2-5
Drew Beesley	7-4	11	3-0	DNP	4-1	0-3
Jacob Slade	6-5	11	1-0	0-1	0-1	5-3
Chase Kline	4-7	11	2-1	1-3	1-1	0-2
Chester Kimbrough	7-2	9	DNP	4-1	2-1	1-0
Charles Brantley	8-0	8	-	3-0	3-0	2-0
Drew Jordan	4-1	5	2-0	DNP	1-0	1-1
Maverick Hansen	3-2	5	1-0	-	1-0	1-2
Ben VanSumeren	2-3	5	-	1-2	1-0	0-1
Kendell Brooks	2-2	4	-	2-2	DNP	-
Noah Harvey	1-3	4	0-1	1-2	DNP	DNP
Jalen Hunt	2-0	2	1-0	-	DNP	1-0
Kyle King	2-0	2	2-0	-	-	DNP
Itayvion Brown	2-0	2	2-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jalen Nailor	2-0	2	-	-	1-0	1-0
Emmanuel Flowers	1-1	2	-	0-1	1-0	-
Michael Fletcher	0-2	2	-	0-1	DNP	0-1
Harold Joiner	1-0	1	-	-	DNP	1-0
Spencer Rowland	1-0	1	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP
Hank Pepper	1-0	1	1-0	-	-	-
Ma'a Gaoteote	1-0	1	DNP	1-0	DNP	-
Jack Camper	0-1	1	-	0-1	DNP	DNP
Dashaun Mallory	0-1	1	-	0-1	DNP	DNP
Brandon Wright	0-1	1	DNP	-	DNP	0-1



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Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	NU	YSU	Miami	Nebr
Kenneth Walker III	76-554/5	23-264/4	7-57/1	27-172/0	19-61/0
Jordon Simmons	26-145/0	5-10/0	16-121/0	2-1/0	3-13/0
Payton Thorne	23-46/1	5-28/0	3-19/1	8-4/0	7--5/0
Donovan Eaglin	6-33/0	-	6-33/0	DNP	-
Jayden Reed	4-31/1	1-12/0	-	2-17/1	1-2/0
Elijah Collins	3-32/0	-	3-32/0	DNP	DNP
Harold Joiner	3-12/0	3-12/0	-	DNP	-
Anthony Russo	3-10/0	DNP	3-10/0	DNP	DNP
Tre Mosley	1-2/0	-	-	1-2/0	-
Jalen Nailor	1--3/0	-	-	1--3/0	-

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	NU	YSU	Miami	Nebr
Jayden Reed	16-336/4	5-64/0	4-181/2	3-32/1	4-59/1
Tre Mosley	13-193/0	4-59/0	1-7/0	2-57/0	6-70/0
Jalen Nailor	10-141/3	2-20/0	4-39/1	4-82/2	-
Connor Heyward	8-116/0	3-28/0	-	3-49/0	2-39/0
Tyler Hunt	4-36/0	-	2-16/0	2-20/0	-
Jordon Simmons	3-27/1	1-14/1	1-7/0	-	1-6/0
Terry Lockett	3-18/0	-	2-14/0	1-4/0	-
Kenneth Walker III	3-17/1	-	-	3-17/1	-
Elijah Collins	1-20/1	-	1-20/1	DNP	DNP
Montorie Foster	1-16/0	-	1-16/0	-	-
Harold Joiner	1-9/0	-	-	DNP	1-9/0
Maliq Carr	1-8/0	DNP	1-8/0	-	-
Ian Stewart	1-8/0	-	1-8/0	DNP	DNP
Trenton Gillison	1-5/0	-	1-5/0	DNP	-
Keon Coleman	1-2/0	-	1-2/0	DNP	DNP



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#10 Payton Thorne	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Northwestern	15	25	0	60.0	185	1	26	2-11	135.4
Youngstown St.	15	21	0	71.4	280	4	85	0-0	246.3
Miami (FL)	18	31	0	58.1	261	4	51	3-26	171.4
Nebraska	14	23	1	60.9	183	1	35	3-18	133.4
Totals	62	100	1	62.0	909	10	85	8-55	169.4

#15 Anthony Russo	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Youngstown St.	5	7	0	71.4	43	0	16	0-0	123.0
Totals	5	7	0	71.4	43	0	16	0-0	123.0



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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Northwestern	38-21	23 / 20	11 / 10	11 / 10	1 / 0	37-326 / 38-117	15-26-0 / 30-43-0	185 / 283	63-511 / 81-400	12 / 75	1 / 0
Youngstown St.	42-14	25 / 20	15 / 11	9 / 8	1 / 1	38-272 / 45-167	20-28-0 / 16-32-1	323 / 137	66-595 / 77-304	66 / 0	1 / 1
Miami (FL)	38-17	23 / 29	12 / 5	9 / 20	2 / 4	41-193 / 24-52	18-31-0 / 38-60-2	261 / 388	72-454 / 84-440	20 / 1	0 / 4
Nebraska	23-20	12 / 26	4 / 12	6 / 13	2 / 1	30-71 / 49-187	14-23-1 / 25-36-1	183 / 255	53-254 / 85-442	208 / 12	1 / 2
Totals	141-72	83 / 95	42 / 38	35 / 51	6 / 6	146-862 / 156-523	67-108-1 / 109-171-4	952 / 1063	254-1814 / 327-1586	306 / 88	3 / 7

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Northwestern	4-10 / 8-20	1-1 / 4-5	22:25 / 37:35	-15:10	8.8 / 3.1	7.1 / 6.6	8.1 / 4.9	4-47.3 / 5-39.0	5-50.0 / 6-40.0	4 / 2
Youngstown St.	4-10 / 9-20	1-1 / 4-4	26:40 / 33:20	-06:40	7.2 / 3.7	11.5 / 4.3	9.0 / 3.9	3-30.0 / 7-42.7	7-56.0 / 4-36.0	2 / 0
Miami (FL)	7-15 / 6-17	1-1 / 3-4	31:15 / 28:45	02:30	4.7 / 2.2	8.4 / 6.5	6.3 / 5.2	5-54.6 / 3-49.0	9-80.0 / 10-84.0	3 / 3
Nebraska	1-11 / 7-20	0-1 / 2-2	22:32 / 37:28	-14:56	2.4 / 3.8	8.0 / 7.1	4.8 / 5.2	6-58.8 / 7-32.4	5-44.0 / 6-40.0	7 / 3
Totals	16-46 / 30-77	3-4 / 13-15	102:52 / 137:08	-34:16	5.9 / 3.4	8.8 / 6.2	7.1 / 4.9	18-50.3 / 22-39.5	26-230.0 / 26-200.0	16 / 8

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category