



# MICHIGAN STATE F O O T B A L L

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## SCHEDULES & SCOREBOARDS

### MICHIGAN STATE (9-2, 6-2 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)	W, 48-31
Oct. 9	at Rutgers (BTN)	W, 31-13
Oct. 16	at Indiana (FS1)	W, 20-15
Oct. 30	No. 6/6 MICHIGAN (FOX)	W, 37-33
Nov. 6	at Purdue (ABC)	L, 29-40
Nov. 13	MARYLAND (FOX)	W, 40-21
Nov. 20	at No. 5/4/4 Ohio State (ABC)	L, 7-56
Nov. 27	PENN STATE (ABC)	3:30 p.m.

### PENN STATE (7-4, 4-4 B1G)

Sept. 4	at No. 12/15 Wisconsin	W, 16-10
Sept. 11	BALL STATE	W, 44-13
Sept. 18	No. 22/20 AUBURN	W, 28-20
Sept. 25	VILLANOVA	W, 38-17
Oct. 2	INDIANA	W, 24-0
Oct. 9	at No. 3/3 Iowa	L, 20-23
Oct. 23	ILLINOIS	L, 18-20 (9OT)
Oct. 30	at No. 5/5 Ohio State	L, 24-33
Nov. 6	at Maryland	W, 31-14
Nov. 13	No. 9/8/6 MICHIGAN	L, 17-21
Nov. 20	RUTGERS	W, 28-0
Nov. 27	at No. 12/13 Michigan State	3:30 p.m.

\* All times listed – Eastern. Rankings – AP/Coaches/CFP

### MEDIA COVERAGE

TV: ABC

MOBILE: WatchESPN

Play-by-Play: Sean McDonough

Analyst: Todd Blackledge

Sidelines: Molly McGrath



### RADIO: SPARTAN MEDIA NETWORK

Play-by-Play: George Blaha

Analyst: Jason Strayhorn

Sideline: Steve Courtney

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## GAME

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## NO. 12/13 MICHIGAN STATE (9-2, 6-2) VS. PENN STATE (7-4, 4-4)

Date.....	Saturday, Nov. 27
Kickoff.....	3:30 p.m. EST
Location.....	East Lansing, Mich.
Stadium.....	Spartan Stadium (74,866)
Surface.....	Natural Grass
TV.....	ABC
Mobile.....	WatchESPN/ESPN app
Live Stats.....	msuspartans.com
Tickets.....	msuspartans.com
All-Time Series.....	Tied, 17-17-1
Series in East Lansing.....	MSU leads, 10-6
Last Meeting.....	PSU 39, MSU 24 (2020)
Current Series Streak.....	2 by PSU (2019-)



Head Coach  
Mel Tucker

MSU Record  
11-7 (second year)

Overall Record  
16-14 (third year)

Record vs. PSU  
0-1

Head Coach  
James Franklin

PSU Record  
67-32 (eighth year)

Overall Record  
91-47 (11th year)

Record vs. MSU  
3-4

### FIRST-AND-10 –

• The Land Grant Trophy will be on the line Saturday, Nov. 27 as No. 12/13 Michigan State hosts Penn State in Spartan Stadium at 3:30 p.m. in the regular-season finale. Sean McDonough, Todd Blackledge and Molly McGrath will have the call on ABC. The Spartans (9-2, 6-2 Big Ten) fell at Ohio State last Saturday, while the Nittany Lions (7-4, 4-4) shut out Rutgers at home, 28-0. Michigan State is looking to go undefeated at home for the first time since 2015.

• The all-time series between Michigan State and Penn State is tied at 17-17-1. The Spartans have won five of the last eight meetings against the Nittany Lions, including two Top-10 victories over PSU (No. 7 in 2017, No. 8 in 2018). MSU is 10-6 against Penn State in East Lansing (6-6 in Big Ten games).

• Since the renewal of the series in 1993, the winner of the Michigan State-Penn State game has been presented the Land Grant Trophy. The trophy honors the two universities' unique places in history as the two pioneer land-grant schools in the nation. Each institution was founded in 1855: Michigan State on Feb. 12 and Penn State on Feb. 22. The schools were the prototypes after which the land-grant system was patterned. Since 1993, Penn State leads the series, 16-9, but the Spartans have won five of the last eight.

• Junior running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Kenneth Walker III ranks second in the FBS in rushing, averaging 136.2 yards per game. He has led the FBS in rushing for all but two weeks of the season, but in limited action last week at Ohio State, he had six carries for 25 yards and only played one series in the second half. Walker leads the FBS in rushing yards after contact (first with 1,090), 20-plus yard carries (first with 19) and missed forced tackles (first with 81), and also ranks among the nation's leaders in total rushing yards (second with 1,498), 10-plus yard carries (tied for third with 42), total touchdowns (third with 18), rushing touchdowns (fourth with 17), yards from scrimmage (fourth with 144.3 ypg), all-purpose yards (seventh with 144.3 ypg) and yards per carry (eighth with 6.43).

• Through 11 games, Walker has collected 1,498 rushing yards, the most by a Spartan since Jeremy Langford had 1,522 yards in 13 games in 2014. That was also the last time MSU had a 1,000-yard rusher. Walker was the fastest Spartan to reach 1,000 yards in a single season in terms of carries (153 carries). Walker's 17 rushing TDs are sixth most in an MSU season and his 1,498 rushing yards are sixth most.



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## WEEKLY MEDIA PLANNER

Monday, Nov. 22	Tuesday, Nov. 23	Wednesday, Nov. 24	Thursday, Nov. 25	Friday, Nov. 26	Saturday, Nov. 27	Sunday, Nov. 28
<p><u>12:30 p.m.</u> Mel Tucker's weekly press conference. Audio available on <a href="http://msuspartans.com">msuspartans.com</a> and Michigan State Spartans official app.</p> <p><u>5:30 p.m.</u> Spartan All-Access TV show debuts on Bally Sports Detroit.</p>	<p><u>11:30 a.m.</u> Players and assistant coaches available for interviews at Duffy Daugherty Football Building.</p> <p>Game notes available at <a href="http://msuspartans.com">msuspartans.com</a>.</p> <p><u>7-8 p.m.</u> Mel Tucker radio show on Spartan Media Network and <a href="http://msuspartans.com">msuspartans.com</a>.</p>	No media availability.	No media availability.	<p><u>7 p.m.</u> MSU Federal Credit Union Coaches Show debuts on WLNS.</p>	<p><u>3:30 p.m.</u> Kickoff vs. Penn State (TV: ABC/Radio: Spartan Media Network)</p> <p>MSU head coach Mel Tucker and players available in post-game press conference.</p> 	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](mailto:phlegarb@ath.msu.edu). In addition, statistics, game notes and quotes will be posted on [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com) after the game.

### MONDAY: WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

A weekly press conference with MSU head coach Mel Tucker will be held each Monday 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](http://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](http://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](http://MSUSpartanAthletics) and at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com). The show is produced by the Emmy award-winning Spartan Vision team.



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- Ten Spartans are in their last year of NCAA eligibility and will participate in their final home game in Spartan Stadium on Saturday: C Matt Allen, OT AJ Arcuri, DE Drew Beesley, OT Luke Campbell, K Matt Coghlin and DE Jacub Panasiuk all returned for an extra season with MSU in 2021, while transfers Drew Jordan (DE), Spencer Rowland (DB), Anthony Russo (QB) and Cody Waddell (P) also played their final collegiate season wearing the Green and White.

- Placekicker Matt Coghlin and defensive end Jacub Panasiuk both played in their 55th career game in a Spartan uniform last Saturday at Ohio State, establishing a new MSU program record for most games played (previous record: 54 games by Mike Sadler, Marcus Rush, Shilique Calhoun, Darien Harris, Taybor Pepper and Taiwan Jones).

- Michigan State is looking for its 10th win of the season on Saturday against Penn State. It would be the ninth time MSU has reached the 10-win plateau in a season (1965, 1999, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017) and the first time since 2017. MSU head coach Mel Tucker would be the earliest Spartan coach to record a 10-win season (previous: Mark Dantonio with 11 wins in his fourth season in 2010).

- After spending six consecutive weeks in the top 10 of both national polls, the Spartans are ranked No. 12 in this week's AP Poll and No. 13 in the USA TODAY/AFCA Coaches Poll. MSU has been ranked in the Top 25 for 10 straight weeks.

- Redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne, a midseason addition to the Manning Award Watch List, has completed 61 percent of his passes (187-of-309) for 2,618 yards, 22 touchdowns and eight interceptions. He ranks among the Big Ten and FBS leaders in passing efficiency (third and 44th with 150.0 rating), passing TDs (second and 22nd with 22), passing (fifth and 44th with 238.0 ypg) and total offense (fifth and 45th with 250.5 ypg). Thorne ranks tied for fifth in the FBS with five passes of 60-plus yards, all touchdowns (85 yards to Jayden Reed vs. Youngstown State; 75 yards to Reed vs. Youngstown State; 65 yards to Jalen Nailor vs. Rutgers; two 63-yarders to Nailor vs. Rutgers). Thorne also ranks 13th in the FBS with 944 yards of his passing coming on completions of 20-plus yards and tied for seventh with 11 TDs of 20-plus yards. Thorne's 22 TD passes are tied for fourth most in a Spartan season (school record: 25 by Kirk Cousins in 2011).

## MICHIGAN STATE QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: East Lansing, Mich.  
 Enrollment: 49,659 (fall 2021)  
 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: 11-7 (second season)  
 Career Record: 16-14 (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: 719-472-44 (.600)

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)

### 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





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## AROUND THE BIG TEN

### 2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf. Games		All Games	
<b>East Division</b>				
Ohio State	8-0	1.000	10-1	.909
Michigan	7-1	.875	10-1	.909
<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>9-2</b>	<b>.818</b>
Penn State	4-4	.500	7-4	.636
Maryland	2-6	.250	5-6	.455
Rutgers	2-6	.250	5-6	.455
Indiana	0-8	.000	2-9	.182
<b>West Division</b>				
Wisconsin	6-2	.750	8-3	.727
Iowa	6-2	.750	9-2	.909
Minnesota	5-3	.625	7-4	.636
Purdue	5-3	.625	7-4	.636
Illinois	3-5	.375	4-7	.364
Northwestern	1-7	.125	3-8	.273
Nebraska	1-7	.125	3-8	.273



### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 26

Iowa at Nebraska, 1:30 p.m. (Big Ten Network)

Saturday, Nov. 27

Maryland at Rutgers, 12 p.m. (Big Ten Network)

Ohio State at Michigan, 12 p.m. (FOX)

Northwestern at Illinois, 3:30 p.m. (Big Ten Network)

Indiana at Purdue, 3:30 p.m. (FS1)

Penn State at Michigan State, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wisconsin at Minnesota, 4 p.m. (FOX)

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Ohio State 56, Michigan State 7

Penn State 28, Rutgers 0

Michigan 59, Maryland 18

Purdue 32, Northwestern 14

Iowa 33, Illinois 23

Wisconsin 35, Nebraska 28



## MICHIGAN STATE-PENN STATE SERIES: NOTES AND STATISTICS

### STAT COMPARISON (BIG TEN RANK, FBS RANK) –

	Michigan State	Penn State
Scoring Offense	32.1 (3/41)	26.2 (7/80)
Total Offense	429.1 (4/45)	381.5 (8/84)
Yards Per Play	6.58 (2/18)	5.25 (9/96)
Rushing Offense	185.8 (6/44)	110.5 (13/116)
Passing Offense	243.3 (6/58)	270.9 (5/25)
Time of Possession	26:58 (14/120)	28:44 (12/99)
Third Down Conversions	.376 (8/81)	.385 (6/75)
Red Zone Offense	.850 (5/62)	.861 (4/51)
Sacks Allowed	1.64 (5/34)	2.55 (13/91)
Scoring Defense	25.5 (11/63)	15.5 (1/4)
Total Defense	463.4 (14/120)	334.6 (5/27)
Yards Per Play Allowed	5.59 (10/70)	4.56 (3/7)
Rushing Defense	123.5 (5/26)	131.7 (7/34)
Passing Defense	339.9 (14/130)	202.9 (5/29)
Third Down Conversions Defense	.418 (12/95)	.350 (4/31)
Red Zone Defense	.833 (8/68)	.622 (1/3)
Sacks	3.09 (2/16)	2.00 (7/75)
Turnover Margin	0.27 (8/45)	0.64 (3/20)
Fewest Penalty Yards	67.8 (14/116)	52.0 (10/60)

### STAT LEADERS–

#### Michigan State:

Rushing – Jr. Kenneth Walker III (233 carries for 1,498 yards, 6.4 avg., 17 TDs)

Passing – R-So. Payton Thorne (187-of-309, .605, 2,618 yards, 22 TDs, 8 INTs)

Receiving – R-Jr. Jayden Reed (47 catches for 857 yards, 18.2 avg., 7 TDs)

Tackles – Sr. S Xavier Henderson (89 tackles, 57 solo, 32 assists, 10 TFLs, 3 sacks, 1 INT, 2 PBUs, 1 FF)

#### Penn State:

Rushing – So. Keyvone Lee (89 carries for 416 yards, 4.7 avg., 2 TDs)

Passing – R-Sr. Sean Clifford (224-of-362, .619, 2,599 yards, 17 TDs, 6 INTs)

Receiving – Sr. Jahan Dotson (83 receptions for 1,045 yards, 12.6 avg., 10 TDs)

Tackles – R-Sr. LB Ellis Brooks (91 tackles, 50 solo, 41 assists, 3 TFLs, 1 sack, 1 PBU)

### A QUICK GLANCE AT NO. PENN STATE (7-4, 4-4 BIG TEN) –

- The Nittany Lions bring a 7-4 overall and 4-4 Big Ten ledger into the battle for the Land Grant Trophy on Saturday at Spartan Stadium. PSU is currently on a win-loss-win pattern after a three-game losing skid, that followed opening 5-0. Penn State kicked off the 2021 season and Big Ten action with a road win at No. 12/15 Wisconsin (16-10 on Sept. 4), then won its next four games all at home over Ball State (44-13 on Sept. 11), No. 22/20 Auburn (28-20 on Sept. 18), Villanova (38-17 on Sept. 25) and Indiana (24-0 on Oct. 2). The Nittany Lions' losing skid started with a loss at No. 3 Iowa (23-20 on Oct. 9), before a wild home loss to Illinois (20-18 in 9OT), then a hard-fought defeat at No. 5/5 Ohio State (33-24 on Oct. 30). PSU got back on the winning track with a road win at Maryland (31-14 on Nov. 6), then a tough loss to No. 9/8 Michigan (21-17 on Nov. 13), before blanking Rutgers (28-0 on Nov. 20) in its last action.

- Last time out, the Nittany Lions shut out the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers, 28-0, in PSU's final home game of the season. Freshman quarterback Christian Veilleaux came off the bench late in the first quarter, replacing redshirt senior quarterback Sean Clifford, who left due to illness, and after a scoreless first quarter, got Penn State got on the board with an 8-yard pass to senior wideout Jahan Dotson late in the second quarter. Veilleaux threw two more TD passes in the third quarter, first to sophomore wide receiver Parker Washington from 17-yards out, then a 67-yard strike to redshirt-freshman Malick Meiga for Meiga's lone catch of the game. Sophomore running back Keyvone Lee capped the scoring with a 7-yard TD run midway through the fourth.

- PSU's offense amassed 407 yards of total offense (258 through the air and 149 on the ground), while the Nittany Lion defense stymied Rutgers to just 160 yards of total offense (93 passing, 67 rushing).

- Veilleaux was 15-of-24 passing for 235 yards with three TDs, while rushing for 36 yards on 10 carries. Lee had 13 carries for 41 yards and the TD. Washington led the Nittany Lion receivers with six catches for 72 yards and the TD, while Dotson had three receptions for 52 yards and the score.

- Senior safety Jaquan Brisker spearheaded the PSU defense with seven tackles and one pass break-up, while senior defensive end Arnold Ebiketie led the defense with 1.5 tackles for loss and one sack.

- For the season, PSU leads the Big Ten and ranks fourth in the FBS in scoring defense (15.5 ppg), while ranking fifth in the conference and 27th in the country in total defense (334.3 ypg), including fifth in the league

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in passing defense (202.9 ypg) and seventh in rushing defense (131.4 ypg). Offensively, the Nittany Lions are seventh in the Big Ten in scoring offense (26.2 ppg), while ranking eighth in total offense (381.5 ypg), with the fifth-ranked passing offense in the league (270.9 ypg) and ranking 13th in rushing offense (110.5 ypg).

- Clifford is sixth in the Big Ten in passing (236.3 ypg) on 224-of-362 passing, also ranking sixth in passing yards (2,599), along with ranking fifth in both percentage (.619) and TD passes (17), with five INTs. Clifford also has 79 rushing attempts for 142 yards (1.8 ypc/12.9 ypg) with two TDs. Veilleux is 15-of-24 for 235 yards with three TDs, all coming last time out vs. Rutgers, and he did not throw and INT.

- Lee leads the PSU rushing attack with 89 carries for 416 yards (4.7 ypc/37.8 ypg) with two TDs. Junior running back Noah Cain has 100 carries for 322 yards (3.2 ypc/29.3 ypg) with four TDs.

- Dotson has 83 catches for 1,045 yards (12.6 ypg/95.0 ypg) with 10 TDs, ranking second in the Big Ten in receptions/game (7.5), along with third in the conference in total yards, yards per game and TDs, while ranking 20th in yards per catch. Dotson is also ninth in the FBS in receptions/game, tied for eighth in TDs, 17th in total yards and 18th in yards/game.

- Senior linebacker Ellis Brooks tops the PSU defense with 91 total tackles (50 solo, 41 assists) with 3.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sack, adding one pass break-up. Junior linebacker Brandon Smith adds 76 stops with 9.0 TFL and 2.0 sacks.

- Ebiketie tops the Big Ten and ranks tied for fourth in the FBS in tackles for loss (17.0), along with second in the league and tied for sixth in the nation in TFL/game (1.55), and third in the conference and 14th in the country in TFL yards (79). He also is third in the Big Ten in sacks (9.5), also ranking third in both sack yards (62) and sacks/game (0.86). Ebiketie is third on the Nittany Lion defense with 58 tackles, adding a team-best seven QB hurries.

- Senior Jordan Stout handles PSU's punting, placekicking and kickoffs. Stout is second in the Big Ten and 10th in the FBS in punting (46.5 ypp), with 59 punts with a long of 76-yards, one of 24 punts of 50+ yards. He also has 31 inside the 20. Stout is also tied for fourth in the B1G for field goals made on 16-of-22 (.727) with a long of 52 yards, ranking tied for fourth in FB made/game (1.5) and is 32-of-33 on PATs. He has 58 kickoffs with a B1G-leading 64.7 ypk average, tying for the conference lead with 53 touchbacks for a B1G-best 91.4 touchback percentage.

- Penn State head coach James Franklin is in his eighth year leading the Nittany Lions, posting a 67-32 record. Franklin is in his 11th season overall as a collegiate head coach, logging a 91-47 ledger.

## MSU/PENN STATE SERIES NOTES –

- The all-time series between Michigan State and Penn State is tied at 17-17-1. The Spartans have won five of the last eight meetings against the Nittany Lions, including two Top-10 victories over PSU (No. 7 in 2017, No. 8 in 2018).

- MSU is 10-6 against Penn State in East Lansing (6-6 in Big Ten games).

- Since the renewal of the series in 1993, the winner of the Michigan State-Penn State game has been presented the Land Grant Trophy. The trophy honors the two universities' unique places in history as the two pioneer land-grant schools in the nation. Each institution was founded in 1855: Michigan State on Feb. 12 and Penn State on Feb. 22. The schools were the prototypes after which the land-grant system was patterned. Since 1993, Penn State leads the series, 16-9, but the Spartans have won five of the last eight.

## SPARTANS FROM THE KEYSTONE STATE –

- Michigan State's 2021 roster features two players from Pennsylvania: linebacker Cal Haladay and quarterback Anthony Russo.

## ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS VS. PENN STATE

Overall: 17-17-1	1993	L	37-38	H	2006	L	13-17	A			
Big Ten Games: 9-16	1994	L	31-59	A	2007	W	35-31	H			
H: 10-6-0; A: 7-11-1	1995	L	20-24	H	2008	L	18-49	A			
1914	W	6-3	A	1996	L	29-32	A	2009	L	14-42	H
1925	L	6-13	A	1997	W	49-14	H	2010	W	28-22	A
1945	W	33-0	H	1998	L	28-51	A	2014	W	34-10	A
1946	W	19-16	A	1999	W	35-28	H	2015	W	55-16	H
1948	T	14-14	A	2000	L	23-42	A	2016	L	12-45	A
1949	W	24-0	H	2001	L	37-42	H	2017	W	27-24	H
1951	W	32-21	A	2002	L	7-61	A	2018	W	21-17	A
1952	W	34-7	H	2003	W	41-10	H	2019	L	7-28	H
1965	W	23-0	A	2004	L	13-37	A	2020	L	24-39	A
1966	W	42-8	H	2005	L	22-31	H				

## POLLS (Nov. 21)

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rk.	School	Record
1.	Georgia (62)	11-0
2.	Ohio State	10-1
3.	Alabama	10-1
4.	Cincinnati	11-0
5.	Notre Dame	10-1
6.	Michigan	10-1
7.	Oklahoma State	10-1
8.	Mississippi	9-2
9.	Baylor	9-2
10.	Oklahoma	10-1
11.	Oregon	9-2
12.	<b>Michigan State</b>	9-2
13.	BYU	9-2
14.	Texas A&M	8-3
15.	UTSA	11-0
16.	Utah	8-3
17.	Iowa	9-2
18.	Wisconsin	8-3
19.	Houston	10-1
20.	Pittsburgh	9-2
21.	Wake Forest	9-2
22.	San Diego State	10-1
23.	Louisiana	10-1
24.	NC State	8-3
25.	Arkansas	7-4

### USA TODAY/AFCA COACHES

Rk.	School	Record
1.	Georgia (62)	11-0
2.	Alabama	10-1
3.	Ohio State	10-1
4.	Cincinnati	11-0
5.	Notre Dame	10-1
6.	Michigan	10-1
7.	Oklahoma State	10-1
8.	Mississippi	9-2
9.	Oklahoma	10-1
10.	Baylor	9-2
11.	Oregon	9-2
12.	Iowa	9-2
13.	<b>Michigan State</b>	9-2
14.	Texas A&M	8-3
15.	BYU	9-2
16.	Houston	10-1
17.	Pittsburgh	9-2
18.	Wisconsin	8-3
19.	Utah	8-3
20.	UTSA	11-0
21.	Wake Forest	9-2
22.	San Diego State	10-1
23.	Louisiana	10-1
24.	NC State	8-3
25.	Kentucky	8-3

(First-place votes) | Bold indicates MSU opponent

## SPARTANS IN THE POLLS

Week	ASSOCIATED PRESS   COACHES   CFP		CFP
	AP	COACHES	
Preseason	-	-	-
Sept. 7	RV	RV	-
Sept. 12	RV	RV	-
Sept. 19	20	21	-
Sept. 26	17	16	-
Oct. 3	11	11	-
Oct. 10	10	9	-
Oct. 17	9	7	-
Oct. 24	8	7	-
Oct. 31	5	6	3
Nov. 7	8	9	7
Nov. 14	7	8	7
Nov. 21	12	13	-



# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

## 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL STAFF

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:  
 Mel Tucker (Wisconsin, 1995)  
 Record at MSU: 11-7 (second season)  
 Career Record: 16-14 (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: T.J. 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: Jarrad 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)  
 Recruiting Personnel Specialist: James Kirkland (first 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 Rineshine (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: NO. 4 OHIO STATE 56, NO. 7 MICHIGAN STATE 7

### SERIES/TEAM

• Michigan State fell to Ohio State, 56-7, last Saturday in Ohio Stadium . . . OSU leads the all-time series, 35-15, including a six-game winning streak.

• Placekicker Matt Coghlin and defensive end Jacob Panasiuk both played in their 55th career game in a Spartan uniform, establishing a new MSU program record (previous record: 54 games by Mike Sadler, Marcus Rush, Shilique Calhoun, Darien Harris, Taybor Pepper and Taiwan Jones).

### OFFENSE

• Freshman wide receiver Keon Coleman had a season-best three catches for 27 yards and scored his first career touchdown with a 12-yard catch in the fourth quarter.

• Kenneth Walker III, who entered the game as the nation's leading rusher with 147.3 yards per game, was held to season lows in yards (25) and carries (6) . . . he had 29 yards from scrimmage overall (4-yard reception) . . . he only played in one series in the second half.

• Tre Mosley had a 46-yard reception in the third quarter, marking his second-longest reception of his career, behind a 51-yarder at Miami (9/18/21).

• Tight end Connor Heyward snared a season-high four receptions for 20 yards, topping his previous high of three catches, done five previous games, and the most in a game since five catches vs. Ohio State last season (12/5/20).

• Fellow graduate tight end Tyler Hunt set or tied a career high for receiving yards for the third straight week (30 yards vs. Ohio State, 30 yards vs. Maryland, 25 yards vs. Purdue).

• MSU was held to season lows in points (7), total offense (224 yards) and rushing (66 yards).

### DEFENSE

• Sophomore safety Darius Snow posted a career-high 16 tackles, registering his a double-digit tackle outing and career-high for the third time in the last four games, joining 10 vs. Michigan (10/30/21) and 13 at Purdue (11/6/21) . . . Snow's 16 stops are tied for the second-most by a Spartan defender this season behind senior safety Xavier Henderson's 17 tackles vs. Nebraska (9/25/21) and matching sophomore safety Angelo Grose with 16 stops vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21).

• Cornerback Justin White recorded his first interception as a Spartan with a pick in the third quarter . . . White is the eighth different Spartan defender with an interception this season.

• With his second-quarter sack, redshirt sophomore defensive tackle Maverick Hansen registered his third sack of the season and now has 5.5 tackles for loss on the season.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

• Bryce Baringer averaged 49.7 yards per punt (nine punts for 447 yards) . . . he had a season-long 74-yard punt in the fourth quarter . . . he placed five of his nine punts inside the 20 . . . his first punt of 56 yards marked his ninth outing in the 11 games this season with at least one 50+ punt . . . he later added a 61-yarder in the second quarter as he has had at least one 60-yard punt in six games this season.



# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



## 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 160 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 117-43 (.731) 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).

• Six of MSU head coach Mel Tucker's 16 wins as a head coach have come against AP Top 25 opponents (2021: No. 24 Miami and No. 6 Michigan; 2020: No. 11 Northwestern and No. 13 Michigan; 2019: No. 25 Nebraska and No. 24 Arizona State at Colorado). Tucker is 6-5 overall against AP Top 25 opponents (2-2 at Colorado; 4-3 at MSU). He became the first Spartan head coach to defeat a ranked team (AP No. 11 Northwestern) in his first home win.

• Tucker was named the national coach of the week by the Dodd Trophy and The Athletic following Michigan State's 37-33 victory over No. 6 Michigan on Oct. 30. Tucker became the first Spartan coach to win his first two games against the Wolverines (27-24 victory at No. 13 Michigan on Oct. 31, 2020).

• Tucker was named to the midseason watch list for the Dodd Trophy Coach of the Year on Oct. 21. The Dodd Trophy, college football's most coveted coaching award, celebrates the head coach of a team who enjoys success on the gridiron, while also stressing the importance of scholarship, leadership and integrity – the three pillars of legendary coach Bobby Dodd's philosophy.

• 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.



Mel Tucker has been named to National Coach of the Year Watch Lists by the Dodd Trophy and the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award.

## STARTS CHART

Player	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	Total
Jarvis-OL	10	7	3	7	11	38
Reed-WR	-	%12	-	7	11	30
Horst-LT	-	-	^13	^7	8	28
Allen-C	0	7	9	1	11	28
Campbell-OL	12	5	9	0	-	26
Russo-QB	0	*10	*13	*3	-	26
Heyward-TE	0	8	1	6	11	26
Arcuri-OT	0	0	5	7	11	23
Duplain-LG	-	-	5	5	11	21
Nailor-WR	-	1	4	7	8	20
Carrick-OG	-	0	11	7	-	18
Bueter-OL	0	7	2	2	3	14
Collins-RB	-	0	12	0	-	12
Mosley-WR	-	-	1	3	8	12
Thorne-QB	-	-	-	1	11	12
Walker-RB	-	-	+0	+0	11	11
Samac-C	-	-	4	6	-	10
Hunt-TE	-	-	-	3	4	7
Gillison-TE	-	0	3	3	-	6
Foster-WR	-	-	-	1	2	3
Hayes-WR	-	0	2	0	-	2
Simmons-RB	-	-	-	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: 38 starts (17 at RG in 2017-18; 3 at LT in 2019; 7 at RT in 2020; 8 at RG in 2021; 3 at RT 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: 26 starts (8 at RB in 2018; 1 at RB in 2019; 6 at RB in 2020; 11 at TE in 2021)  
 Arcuri: 23 starts (5 at LT in 2019; 7 at LT in 2020; 8 at RT in 2021; 3 at LT in 2021)  
 Bueter: 14 starts (4 at RG in 2018-19; 4 at C in 2018; 1 as extra OL in 2019; 2 at LG in 2020; 3 at RG in 2021)  
 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	11	41
Henderson-S	-	0	13	7	11	31
Jordan-DE	#1	#10	#8	#2	1	22
Crouch-LB	-	-	^1	^10	9	20
Slade-DT	-	0	0	7	10	17
Beesley-DE	0	1	0	7	7	15
Grose-S	-	-	-	4	11	15
Harvey-LB	-	0	5	7	2	14
Haladay-LB	-	-	-	0	10	10
Kimbrough-CB	-	-	&0	&0	10	10
Barrow-DT	-	-	-	-	9	9
Williams-CB	-	-	-	+0	8	8
Snow-NB	-	-	-	0	7	7
Dowell-NB	-	-	0	2	4	6
VanSumeren-LB	-	*0	*0	*2	1	3
Pietrowski-DE	-	-	-	0	2	2
Mallory-DT	-	-	0	2	-	2
Hunt-DT	-	-	-	1	1	2
Camper-DE	0	1	0	1	-	2
Hansen-DE	-	-	-	-	2	2
Lowery-CB	-	-	-	@0	1	1
Brantley-CB	-	-	-	-	1	1

# at Duke (2017-20)  
 ^ at Tennessee (2019-20)  
 \* at Michigan (2018-20)  
 + at Alabama (2020)  
 & at Florida (2019-20)  
 @ at Louisville (2020)

### Notes:

Harvey: 14 starts (2 at Will in 2019; 3 at Sam in 2019; 7 at Mike in 2020; 2 at LB in 2021)  
 Grose: 15 starts (4 at NB in 2020; 11 at S in 2021)  
 Dowell: 6 starts (2 at S in 2020; 4 at NB in 2021)



# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

## 2021 HONORS & AWARDS

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

- Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Watch List

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

- NFF Campbell Trophy Semifinalist
- Senior Bowl Watch List

### #99 BRYCE BARINGER (Sr.-5, P)

- Ray Guy Award 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 COGLIN (Gr.-6, K)

- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Indiana)
- 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)

### #27 CAL HALADAY (R-Fr., LB)

- Maxwell Football Club Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award Watch List

### #3 XAVIER HENDERSON (Sr., S)

- The Athletic Midseason All-American (second 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)

- Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Rutgers)
- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (second team)
- Athlon Sports Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

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

- The Athletic Midseason All-American (second team)
- 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-So., QB)

- Manning Award Watch List
- Davey O'Brien Award Watch List
- 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)

• 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. He has been nominated for the Broyles Award this season, which is given annually to the nation's best assistant coach.

• 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

• Michigan State has shown significant improvement on offense this season under second-year offensive coordinator Jay Johnson, a Broyles Award nominee. The Spartans are third in the Big Ten and 41st in the FBS in scoring offense (32.1 ppg) and fourth in the conference and 45th overall in total offense (429.1 ypg). Last season, MSU ranked 116th in scoring offense (18.0 ppg) and 109th in total offense (330.3 ypg).

• MSU's resurgent rushing attack ranks sixth in the Big Ten and 44th in the FBS, averaging 185.8 yards per game. Last season, MSU averaged 91.4 ypg on the ground, which ranked 122nd in the FBS. 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 5.16 yards per carry, which is 23rd in the FBS.

- Michigan State has scored nine touchdowns of 50-plus yards this season:
  - 75-yard rush by Kenneth Walker vs. Northwestern (first quarter)
  - 75-yard pass from Payton Thorne to Jayden Reed vs. Youngstown State (first quarter)
  - 85-yard pass from Thorne to Reed vs. Youngstown State (second quarter)
  - 63-yard pass from Thorne to Jalen Nailor vs. Rutgers (first quarter)
  - 63-yard pass from Thorne to Nailor vs. Rutgers (second quarter)
  - 65-yard pass from Thorne to Nailor vs. Rutgers (second quarter)
  - 94-yard rush by Walker vs. Rutgers (third quarter)
  - 58-yard rush by Walker vs. Michigan (fourth quarter)
  - 52-yard pass from Thorne to Montorie Foster vs. Maryland (first quarter)

• Michigan State is tied for third in the FBS in 80-plus yard plays (2), tied for 10th in 70-plus yard plays (4), tied for seventh in 60-plus yard plays (7), and tied for 11th with 50-plus yard plays (11).

• 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.

- Four Michigan State Spartans have earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors this season:
  - RB Kenneth Walker III, Offensive Player of the Week vs. Northwestern and Michigan
  - QB Payton Thorne, Co-Offensive Player of the Week vs. Miami
  - WR/PR/KR Jayden Reed, Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Nebraska
  - WR Jalen Nailor, Co-Offensive Player of the Week vs. Rutgers

• Michigan State achieved a rare statistical feat in Week 6 at Rutgers. For only the fifth time in FBS history, a trio of players from the same team in the same game had 300 yards passing (Payton Thorne with 339 yards), 200 yards rushing (Kenneth Walker III with 233 yards) and 200 yards receiving (Jalen Nailor with 221 yards). The previous four times are listed below:

-San Diego State, Billy Blanton (328 passing), George Jones (208 rushing) and Will Blackwell (210 receiving) vs. New Mexico, Nov. 4, 1995 (San Diego State won, 38-29)

-Pittsburgh, John Thurman (332 passing), Kevan Barlow (209 rushing) and Antonio Bryant (222 receiving) vs. Boston College, Oct. 21, 2000 (Pittsburgh won, 42-26)

-Wisconsin, Jim Sorgi (380 passing), Dwayne Smith (207 rushing) and Lee Evans (258 receiving) vs. Michigan State, Nov. 15, 2003 (Wisconsin won, 56-21)

-Oklahoma State, Zac Robinson (320 passing), Kendall Hunter (210 rushing) and Dez Bryant (235 receiving) vs. Houston, Sept. 6, 2008 (Oklahoma St. won, 56-37)

## 2021 HONORS & AWARDS

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

- Paul Hornung Award Finalist (one of five)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Maryland)
- CBS Sports Midseason All-American as all-purpose player (first team)
- Sporting News Midseason All-American as returner (first team)
- The Athletic Midseason All-American as all-purpose player (second team)
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Western Kentucky)
- 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, OB)

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

### #23 DARIUS SNOW (So., NB)

- CoSIDA Academic All-District 5 First Team

### #9 KENNETH WALKER III (Jr., RB)

- Walter Camp Player of the Year Semifinalist (one of 15)
- Maxwell Award Semifinalist (one of 15)
- Doak Walker Award Semifinalist (one of 10)
- Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Michigan)
- Maxwell Award National Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Michigan)
- The Athletic National Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Michigan)
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Michigan)
- Rose Bowl Big Ten Player of the Week (vs. Michigan)
- Associated Press Midseason All-American (first team)
- CBS Sports Midseason All-American (first team)
- ESPN.com Midseason All-American (first team)
- Sporting News Midseason All-American (first team)
- The Athletic Midseason All-American (first team)
- Pro Football Focus National Team of the Week (vs. Rutgers)
- 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

### HEAD COACH MEL TUCKER

- Dodd Trophy Coach of the Year Watch List
- Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Watch List
- Dodd Trophy National Coach of the Week (vs. Michigan)
- The Athletic National Coach of the Week (vs. Michigan)

### OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR JAY JOHNSON

- Broyles Award nominee



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## BIG TEN/FBS STAT LEADERS

Here's a glance at how Michigan State ranks among the Big Ten/FBS individual stat leaders in 2021:

### Individual Statistics (Top 25)

#### All-Purpose Yards:

Kenneth Walker III (1st/7th at 144.3 ypg)

Jayden Reed (3rd/17th at 135.3 ypg)

#### Combined Kick Returns:

Jayden Reed (2nd/14th with 589)

#### Forced Fumbles:

Jeff Pietrowski (2nd/21st with 3/0.27 per game)

#### Fumbles Recovered:

Jacob Panasiuk (2nd/18th with 2)

#### Passing TDs:

Payton Thorne (2nd/22nd with 22)

#### Passing Yards Per Completion:

Payton Thorne (3rd/20th at 14.0 avg.)

#### Punt Return TDs:

Jayden Reed (T-1st/T-1st with 2)

#### Punting:

Bryce Baringer (1st/3rd with 49.4 avg.)

#### Rush Yards Per Carry:

Kenneth Walker III (3rd/8th with 6.43 avg.)

#### Rushing TDs:

Kenneth Walker III (1st/4th with 17)

#### Rushing Yards:

Kenneth Walker III (1st/2nd with 1,498)

#### Rushing Yards Per Game:

Kenneth Walker III (1st/2nd at 136.2)

#### Scoring:

Kenneth Walker III (3rd/9th with 9.8 avg.)

#### Total Points:

Kenneth Walker III (3rd/7th with 108)

#### Total Touchdowns:

Kenneth Walker III (1st/3rd with 18)

## QUARTERBACKS: PAYTON THORNE RANKS SECOND IN BIG TEN IN PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

• 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 9-3 record as a starting quarterback at MSU (9-2 in 2021).

• A midseason addition to the Manning Award Watch List, Thorne has completed 61 percent of his passes (187-of-309) for 2,618 yards, 22 touchdowns and eight interceptions. He ranks among the Big Ten and FBS leaders in passing efficiency (third and 44th with 150.0 rating), passing TDs (second and 22nd with 22), passing (fifth and 44th with 238.0 ypg) and total offense (fifth and 45th with 250.5 ypg).

• Thorne's 22 TD passes are tied for fourth most in a Spartan season (school record: 25 by Kirk Cousins in 2011).

• Thorne also ranks third on the team in rushing with a net of 138 yards on 64 carries with three TDs, although he has gained a total of 289 yards on the ground.

• Thorne ranks tied for fifth in the FBS with five passes of 60-plus yards, all touchdowns (85 yards to Jayden Reed vs. Youngstown State; 75 yards to Reed vs. Youngstown State; 65 yards to Jalen Nailor vs. Rutgers; two 63-yarders to Nailor vs. Rutgers). Thorne also ranks 13th in the FBS with 944 yards of his passing coming on completions of 20-plus yards and tied for seventh with 11 TDs of 20-plus yards.

• Thorne tied his career high with four TD passes against Maryland on Nov. 13 (52 yards to Montorie Foster in first quarter; 29 yards to Jayden Reed in first quarter; 2 yards to Connor Heyward in second quarter; 3 yards to Reed in third quarter). Thorne also threw four TD passes against Miami and Youngstown State. He finished the game 22-of-31 passing for 287 yards, the second-most passing yards by a Spartan against Maryland (Brian Lewerke with 342 in 2019).

• At Purdue on Nov. 6, Thorne was 20-of-30 passing for 276 yards, two TDs (both to Tre Mosley) and one interception. He also had a 32-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter.

• Thorne helped spark a 16-point second-half comeback in the 37-33 win over No. 6 Michigan on Oct. 30 in Spartan Stadium. With the Spartans trailing 30-14, Thorne threw several key passes to rally the Spartans, including a 28-yard pass to Jayden Reed on a fourth-and-4 play from the UM 29 that set up Kenneth Walker's 1-yard TD run in the third quarter. Thorne also converted twice on two-point conversions with passes to Tre Mosley and Reed. Overall, Thorne was 19-of-30 passing for 196 yards and two interceptions against the Wolverines.

• Thorne threw for a career-high 339 yards in the victory over Rutgers on Oct. 9, including touchdown passes of 65, 63 and 63 yards to Nailor.

• Thorne threw for 327 yards in the victory over Western Kentucky while completing 20-of-30 throws. He also had a 12-yard rushing touchdown.



Payton Thorne's 22 touchdown passes rank second most in the Big Ten and tied for fourth most in an MSU single-season.

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• 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 the Manning Award National Quarterback of the Week for his performance at No. 24 Miami in 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 over the Hurricanes 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 Miami 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 in Week 1 to earn his first win as the Spartans' starting QB. Thorne also rushed for 28 yards on five carries.

• Thorne made first career start at Penn State on Dec. 12, 2020, in the regular-season finale and was 22-of-39 passing for 325 yards, an MSU record for both a Spartan QB in his first start, and also the most ever passing yards by a Spartan freshman. He also threw for three TDs in the game.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS (NOV. 9)

Rk.	School	Record
1.	Georgia	10-0
2.	Alabama	9-1
3.	Oregon	9-1
4.	Ohio State	9-1
5.	Cincinnati	10-0
6.	Michigan	9-1
7.	Michigan State	9-1
8.	Notre Dame	9-1
9.	Oklahoma State	9-1
10.	Wake Forest	9-1
11.	Baylor	8-2
12.	Mississippi	8-2
13.	Oklahoma	9-1
14.	BYU	8-2
15.	Wisconsin	7-3
16.	Texas A&M	7-3
17.	Iowa	8-2
18.	Pittsburgh	8-2
19.	San Diego State	9-1
20.	NC State	7-3
21.	Arkansas	7-3
22.	UTSA	10-0
23.	Utah	7-3
24.	Houston	9-1
25.	Mississippi State	6-4



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## 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 (18 total games, 2020-):

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

Passing Yards: 339 vs. Rutgers (10/9/21)

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

First Downs: 29, vs. Maryland (11/13/21)

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): 48, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Points (Half): 42, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Points (Quarter): 21, five times (Penn State, 2020; Youngstown State and Miami, 2021; first and second quarter vs. Western Kentucky)

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

Biggest Comeback: 16 points (down 30-14 to Michigan in third quarter, won 37-33, 10/30/21)

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





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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
- #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

## SEASON CAPTAINS

Will be announced after the season.

## GAME CAPTAINS

Game	Captain(s)
Northwestern	DE Drew Beesley, S Xavier Henderson, WR Jalen Nailor
YSU	K Matt Coghlin, TE Connor Heyward, S Xavier Henderson
Miami	C Matt Allen, S Xavier Henderson, WR Jayen Reed
Nebraska	DE Drew Beesley, S Xavier Henderson, TE Tyler Hunt, OL Kevin Jarvis
Western Kentucky	S Xavier Henderson, TE Connor Heyward, WR Jayden Reed
Rutgers	OL Luke Campbell, S Xavier Henderson, WR Jalen Nailor, RB Kenneth Walker III
Indiana	OL Blake Bueter, S Xavier Henderson, DT Jacob Slade, RB Kenneth Walker III
Michigan	K Matt Coghlin, S Xavier Henderson, WR Jayden Reed
Purdue	OT AJ Arcuri, OG J.D. Duplain, S Xavier Henderson
Maryland	LB Noah Harvey, S Xavier Henderson, QB Payton Thorne
Ohio State	P Bryce Baringer, OL J.D. Duplain, S Xavier Henderson, DE Jeff Pietrowski
Penn State	

## SPARTAN STREAKS

Consecutive Games Started (Position players)	
Xavier Henderson, S	31
AJ Arcuri, OT	20
Kevin Jarvis, OL	18
Jayden Reed, WR	18
J.D. Duplain, LG	16
Angelo Grose, S	15
Connor Heyward, TE/RB	14
Payton Thorne, QB	12

## RUNNING BACKS: K9 IN THE RACE FOR THE HEISMAN TROPHY

• Junior running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Kenneth Walker III (#9) ranks second in the FBS in rushing, averaging 136.2 yards per game. He has led the FBS in rushing for all but two weeks of the season, but in limited action last week at Ohio State, he had six carries for 25 yards and only played one series in the second half.

• Walker leads the FBS in rushing yards after contact (first with 1,090), 20-plus yard carries (first with 19) and missed forced tackles (first with 81), and also ranks among the nation's leaders in total rushing yards (second with 1,498), 10-plus yard carries (tied for third with 42), total touchdowns (third with 18), rushing touchdowns (fourth with 17), yards from scrimmage (fourth with 144.3 ypg), all-purpose yards (seventh with 144.3 ypg) and yards per carry (eighth with 6.43).

• Through 11 games, Walker has collected 1,498 rushing yards, the most by a Spartan since Jeremy Langford had 1,522 yards in 13 games in 2014. That was also the last time MSU had a 1,000-yard rusher. Walker was the fastest Spartan to reach 1,000 yards in a single season in terms of carries (153 carries). Walker's 17 rushing TDs are sixth most in an MSU season and his 1,498 rushing yards are sixth most.

• One of 15 semifinalists for the Maxwell Award and the Walter Camp Player of the Year, Walker was named a first-team midseason All-American by The Associated Press, CBS Sports, ESPN.com, The Athletic and The Sporting News. He was also named one of 10 semifinalists for the Doak Walker Award.

• Walker has seven 100-yard rushing games this season, including two 200-yard games (264 vs. Northwestern on Sept. 3; 172 at Miami on Sept. 18; 126 vs. Western Kentucky on Sept. 25; 233 at Rutgers on Oct. 9; 197 vs. Michigan on Oct. 30; 136 at Purdue on Nov. 6; 143 vs. Maryland on Nov. 13).

• Here's how Walker stacks up through 11 games against the last two running backs to win the Heisman Trophy (Derrick Henry of Alabama in 2015 and Mark Ingram of Alabama in 2009).

## COMPARISON THROUGH 11 GAMES

	Kenneth Walker III	Derrick Henry	Mark Ingram
Rushing Yards	1,498	1,526	1,399
Rushing TDs	17	21	12
Carries	233	249	205
Rushing Avg.	6.4	6.1	6.8

• Walker carried the ball a career-high 30 times for 143 yards and two touchdowns (1 yard in second quarter; 3 yards in fourth quarter) in the 40-21 win over Maryland on Nov. 13. He also finished with 173 all-purpose yards (143 rushing, 29 receiving), marking the sixth time he has collected 150-plus all-purpose yards in a game this season.



**Kenneth Walker III leads the FBS in rushing yards after contact (1,090), 20-plus yard carries (19) and missed forced tackles (81), in addition to ranking second in the FBS in rushing yards per game (136.2) and total rushing yards (1,498).**

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• Walker collected his sixth 100-yard rushing game of the season with 136 yards on 22 carries at Purdue on Nov. 6, including a 14-yard TD on fourth down in the second quarter.

• Following a record-breaking performance in the 37-33 win over No. 6 Michigan on Oct. 30, Walker III collected several honors, including National Offensive Player of the Week (Walter Camp Football Foundation, Maxwell Award, The Athletic) and Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week.

• Walker rushed for five touchdowns, the most by any player ever against the Wolverines, and finished with a total of 197 yards on just 23 carries (8.6 avg.). His scores came on runs of 27 and 8 yards in the second quarter, 1 yard in the third quarter, and 58 and 23 yards in the fourth quarter. He also had 208 all-purpose yards (197 rushing, 11 receiving). The five TDs tied for the second most in school history (record: six by Blake Ezor vs. Northwestern in 1989; five by Javon Ringer vs. Eastern Michigan in 2008). Walker had 208 yards from scrimmage in the game (11 receiving yards on three catches).

• Walker's first carry against Michigan was for 8 yards, putting him over the 1,000-mark for the season. He became the fastest Spartan to reach 1,000 yards in terms of carries in MSU history (153 carries; previous, Javon Ringer in 2007 with 154).

• Walker's 94-yard touchdown run in the third quarter at Rutgers was the longest rush in the 125-year history of Michigan State football, bettering a 90-yard by Lynn Chandnois vs. Arizona in 1949. It was also the longest offensive play from scrimmage in school history, topping the 93-yard pass from Tony Banks to Nigea Carter vs. Indiana in 1994. Walker's 94-yard TD run is also tied for the fifth-longest rush in the FBS in 2021.

• 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 fifth 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 had his third 100-yard rushing game of the season with 126 yards on 24 carries in the victory over Western Kentucky in Week 5. He scored three touchdowns in the first half (5, 5 and 3 yards).

• Led by a school-record 94-yard touchdown run at Rutgers, Walker finished with a career-high 29 carries for 233 yards against the Scarlet Knights.

• Walker also set a school record at Wake Forest for the longest touchdown run with a 96-yarder vs. Rice as a true freshman in 2019.

• 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 255 rushing yards on 54 carries (23.2 ypg; 4.7 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. After missing five games, he returned to action on special teams vs. Michigan. Collins has seven carries for 68 yards this season (9.7 avg.).

• Redshirt junior **Harold Joiner**, a transfer from Auburn, has 10 carries for 37 yards (3.7 avg.).

## TRACKING TURNOVERS

Takeaways (17)	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
FUM-Western Kentucky (Haladay)	2	TD
FUM-Rutgers (Barrow/Slade)	4	FG
INT-Indiana (Haladay)	1	TD*
INT-Indiana (Snow)	3	TD
FUM-Indiana (Kimbrough)	4	INT
FUM-Michigan (Panasiuk)	4	TD
INT-Michigan (Brantley)	4	End of game
FUM-Purdue (Pietrowski/Snow)	3	TD
INT-Maryland (Harvey)	3	TD
INT-Ohio State (J. White)	3	TD
TOTAL: 17 takeaways for 76 points (12-for-17 scoring)		

Turnovers (14)	Qtr.	Opp. Result
FUM-Northwestern (Joiner)	4	TD
FUM-YSU (Russo)	4	End of game
INT-Nebraska (Thorne)	1	Punt
FUM-Rutgers (Team)	2	FG
INT-Rutgers (Thorne)	4	Turnover
INT-Indiana (Thorne)	3	INT
INT-Indiana (Thorne)	4	Downs
INT-Michigan (Thorne)	1	TD
INT-Michigan (Thorne)	1	FG
FUM-Purdue (Walker)	1	TD
INT-Purdue (Thorne)	4	FG
INT-Maryland (Thorne)	2	End of half
FUM-Maryland (Hunt)	3	Missed FG
FUM-Ohio State (Simmons)	1	TD
TOTAL: 14 turnovers for 37 points (7-for-14 scoring)		

MSU: +3 turnovers (+0.27 margin), +39 margin on points off turnovers

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



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## 2021 SPARTAN MEDIA NETWORK RADIO AFFILIATES

City.....	Call Letters
Alma.....	WQBX (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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Sirius/XM Radio; streaming for games and weekly press conferences available at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com); Mobile App for iPhone and Android



The TCF Bank 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). The show can also be heard live on [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

### WIDE RECEIVERS: JAYDEN REED NAMED FINALIST FOR PAUL HORNUNG AWARD

• Redshirt junior Jayden Reed leads the team with 47 catches for 857 yards (18.2 avg.) and seven touchdowns. He was named one of five finalists for the Paul Hornung Award, which is awarded annually by the Louisville Sports Commission to the nation's most versatile player.

• Reed was named a first-team midseason All-American by CBS Sports as an all-purpose player and by The Sporting News as a returner. He was a second-team midseason All-American by The Athletic as an all-purpose player.

• Reed ranks among the Big Ten and FBS leaders in all-purpose yards (third in Big Ten and 17th in FBS, 135.3 ypg), yards per catch (second and 27th, 18.2 avg.) and receiving yards (fifth and 41st with 77.9 ypg).

• He also is tied for the FBS lead with two punt returns for touchdowns (62 yards vs. Nebraska, 88 yards vs. Western Kentucky). Although he doesn't qualify due to a statistic minimum in the NCAA stats (1.2 returns per game), Reed would rank first in the nation in punt returns with his 21.3 average and is tied for the lead with two punt returns for TDs.

• Reed has scored a total of 10 touchdowns this season (seven receiving, two punt return, one rushing), good for seventh most in the Big Ten.

• Reed was recognized on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll for the fourth time of the season for his performance in the 40-21 win over Maryland on Nov. 13. Reed led all players in the game with 210 all-purpose yards, including eight catches for 114 yards and two touchdowns (29 yards in first quarter; 3 yards in third quarter). It marked Reed's eighth career 100-yard receiving game (four at Western Michigan in 2018; one at MSU in 2020; three at MSU in 2021). Reed also had four returns for 96 yards, including a game-long 39-yarder on the last play of the first quarter.

• Reed was listed on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll for the third time this fall after collecting a career-high 285 all-purpose yards (127 receiving, 88 punt return, 63 kick return, 7 rushing), the seventh-most single-game total in school history, in the win over Western Kentucky on Oct. 2. Reed scored the first time he touched the ball against the Hilltoppers with an 88-yard punt return, marking his second consecutive punt return for a touchdown (62 yards vs. Nebraska in fourth quarter). He also had his second 100-yard receiving effort of the season with four catches for 127 yards vs. WKU, including a 46-yard TD in the first quarter.

• 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



*Michigan State's Jayden Reed returned punts for touchdowns in back-to-back games earlier this season (62 yards vs. Nebraska on Sept. 25, 88 yards vs. Western Kentucky on Oct. 2) and averages 21.3 yards per punt return.*





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). He also tallied 264 all-purpose yards (181 receiving, 32 kick return, 48 punt return) against YSU.

- Redshirt junior **Jalen Nailor** has 31 catches for 587 yards and six TDs in eight games. Nailor has not played the last three games due to an injury (Purdue, Maryland, Ohio State).

- Nailor was named the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week against Rutgers after tying a school record with three touchdown receptions to go along with five catches overall for 221 yards, the fourth-highest receiving total in school history, in MSU's 31-13 win over the Scarlet Knights. He caught TD passes of 63, 63 and 65 yards, all in the first half. According to the Big Ten Network, Nailor's 44.2 yards per reception was the highest by a Big Ten player since 2000 (minimum five receptions), surpassing Charles Rogers' 41.2 yards per reception vs. Wisconsin in 2001. Nailor had four catches for a school-record 208 yards in the first half alone. His 221 total receiving yards were the most ever by an opposing receiver in SHI Stadium history, bettering Larry Fitzgerald's (Pittsburgh) 207 yards in 2003.

- Nailor had a career-high eight receptions for 128 yards vs. Western Kentucky in Week 5.

- Nailor had two TD catches at No. 24 Miami, including a 39-yard grab in the end zone in the fourth quarter.

- Nailor topped the 1,000 career yards mark in the Western Kentucky game, becoming the 46th player in MSU history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards. He has 80 catches for 1,346 yards in 27 collegiate games.

- Redshirt sophomore **Tre Mosley** ranks third on the team with 29 catches for 463 yards; he had a career-long 51-yard reception at Miami and a season-best six receptions for 70 yards vs. Nebraska on Sept. 25. Mosley had a career-best two TD catches at Purdue (26 and 11 yards).

### TIGHT ENDS: HEYWARD MAKES POSITION SWITCH, LEADS TIGHT ENDS WITH 22 RECEPTIONS

- Redshirt senior **Connor Heyward** converted from running back to tight end during preseason camp, and has started all 11 games at his new position. Heyward has 26 catches for 229 yards and one TD and has been a key blocker for the Spartans in their nine victories.

- Former walk-on punter **Tyler Hunt** made the position switch to tight end in 2020 and has 14 catches for 136 yards in 11 games this season, including three starts, and a touchdown at Indiana.

### OFFENSIVE LINE: VETERAN GROUP HAS 207 CAREER STARTS

- Michigan State's offensive line had 152 career starts returning in 2021, which ranked third most in the FBS. That number now stands at 207 career starts on the offensive line for the Spartans through 11 games. MSU has nine players of multiple games of starting experience.

- Michigan State used the same starting lineup during the first eight games of the season, but has had to rearrange the lineup the past three games (Purdue, Maryland, Ohio State) due to an injury to starting left tackle **Jarrett Horst**. MSU regularly rotated nine offensive linemen in its rotation throughout the first half of the season.

- Redshirt senior **Kevin Jarvis** leads the way with 38 career starts, including starting assignments at three different positions. He has started at left tackle (three games in 2019) and right tackle (seven games in 2020) during the past two seasons, but started the first eight games of 2021 at right guard, where he started 17 games in 2017-18. Jarvis has started at right tackle the past three games.

- **Jarrett Horst**, a transfer from Arkansas State, started the first eight 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 21 career starts at left guard, including all 11 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 11 games at center. He has started 28 overall games at center throughout his career.

## 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.

# 17

MSU has defeated 17 AP Top 25 teams since 2013 (17-17 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.

# 136.2

Kenneth Walker III ranks second in the FBS in rushing (1,498 yards in 11 games) with 136.2 yards per game.



# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

## SPARTANS IN THE NFL

Michigan State has 15 former players listed on active rosters, five on the practice squad and three on injured reserve for National Football League teams as of Nov. 10, 2021.



Brian Allen, OL	Los Angeles Rams
Joe Bachie, LB	Cincinnati Bengals
Le'Veon Bell, RB	Baltimore Ravens
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
Josiah Scott, CB	Philadelphia Eagles
Cody White, WR	Pittsburgh Steelers
Kenny Willekes, DE	Minnesota Vikings
Khari Willis, S	Indianapolis Colts

### Practice Squad:

Shilique Calhoun, LB	Kansas City Chiefs
Darqueze Dennard, CB	Indianapolis Colts
Brian Lewerke, QB	New York Giants
Matt Sokol, TE	Jacksonville Jaguars
Raequan Williams, DT	Philadelphia Eagles

### Injured Reserve:

Jack Conklin, OT	Cleveland Browns
Joel Heath, DE	Detroit Lions
Trae Waynes, CB	Cincinnati Bengals

• Sixth-year graduate AJ Arcuri has started all 11 games (first eight games at right tackle; left tackle last three games). He started all seven games at left tackle in 2020, but made the move to right tackle this season with the addition of Horst. Arcuri, a four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, was named a semifinalist for the Campbell Trophy.

• Center Nick Samac, guard Blake Bueter and left tackle Luke Campbell also see regular time in the playing rotation and all have multiple games of starting experience. Bueter, who has 14 career starts, has started the last three games at right guard.

## DEFENSIVE NOTES

### TEAM

• Michigan State ranks second in the Big Ten and 16th in the FBS in sacks with 3.09 per game.

• The Spartans are allowing 123.5 yards per game on the ground, fifth best in the Big Ten and 26th in the FBS. MSU has not allowed a player to rush for more than 100 yards this season.

• Michigan State ranks eight in the Big Ten and 45th in the nation in turnover margin (+0.27). MSU has forced 17 turnovers (eight fumbles, nine interceptions), tied for 37th in the FBS, and has lost 14 (six fumbles; eight interceptions; tied for 49th). MSU has a +39-point advantage in points off turnovers this season (76-39).

### DEFENSIVE LINE: SENIORS LEADING THE WAYS ON THE ENDS

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

• A second-team midseason All-American by The Athletic, Panasiuk has 41 career starts to his credit, most of any active Spartan, including all 11 games this season. He has played in 55 career games the past five seasons (2017-21), which is tied for the most in program history along with kicker Matt Coghlin.

• Panasiuk ranks among the Big Ten leaders in sacks (tied for 11th with 5.5 for 37 yards) and tackles for loss (tied for 18th with 8.5 for 49 yards). According to Pro Football Focus, he ranks second in the FBS with 63 QB pressures this season.

• Overall, he has 28 tackles, nine QB hurries, two pass break-ups, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries.

• Panasiuk 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 against the Huskers.

• Panasiuk ranks among the school's all-time leaders in sacks (13th with 14.5) and tackles for loss (16th with 29.5).

• Beesley returned to action in the Michigan game on Oct. 30 after leaving the Nebraska game on Sept. 25 in the second quarter due to an injury. He has 20 tackles, including 3.5 sacks, in seven games of action in 2021.

• Sophomore Jeff Pietrowski, who earned his first career start in Week 2 vs. Youngstown State, has 28 tackles, including 5.5 sacks (38 yards) and 7.0 TFLs (44 yards). He has also recovered a fumble and forced three fumbles this season.

• Michigan State has five players with starting experience along the interior of the defensive line, including redshirt juniors Jacob Slade (17 career starts) and Dashaun Mallory (two career starts), redshirt sophomores Maverick Hansen (two career starts) and Jalen Hunt (two career starts), and redshirt freshman Simeon Barrow (nine career starts).

• Slade has 31 tackles, including two for losses and one sack; he had a career game against Nebraska with eight tackles. Barrow started the first nine games and has 28 tackles (2.5 TFLs). Hansen earned his first career start in the win over Maryland and has 5.5 TFLs and three sacks.



## LINEBACKERS: CROUCH, HALADAY RACKING UP TACKLES FOR THE SPARTANS

• Quavaris Crouch, a junior transfer from Tennessee, started 10 games for the Volunteers last season and started the first nine games of 2021 for the Spartans (missed Maryland game due to injury). Crouch ranks third on the team with 75 tackles, including two sacks (10 yards), three QB hurries, three pass break-ups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Crouch had 13 tackles in back-to-back games vs. Indiana and Michigan.

• Redshirt freshman Cal Haladay earned his first career start in Week 1 and has kept his starting role ever since. Haladay, who was named to the watch list for the Maxwell Football Club Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award on Nov. 9, is fourth on the team with 74 tackles.

• Fifth-year senior Noah Harvey, who has 13 starts to his credit throughout his career, earned his first start of the season against Maryland with Crouch sidelined. Harvey responded with five tackles and his first career interception. Harvey also earned the start at Ohio State.

## SECONDARY: HENDERSON LEADS TEAM WITH 89 TACKLES

• Senior safety and Reynoldsburg, Ohio, native Xavier Henderson, who was named a second-team midseason All-American by The Athletic, leads the team and ranks tied for seventh in the Big Ten with 89 tackles. He also ranks first on the team and tied for 11th in the conference with a career-high 10.0 tackles for loss, including three sacks.

• Henderson has been named a game captain every week this season for the Spartans and has started 31 consecutive games at safety heading into Saturday's game vs. Penn State.

• 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 all 11 games at his new position this year. Grose recorded his first career interception in the win at Miami and ranks fifth on the team with 73 tackles. He had a career-high 16 stops vs. Western Kentucky on Oct. 2. He also tied for the team lead with six pass break-ups.

• At nickelback, Darius Snow (79 tackles, 4 TFLs, one interception, one fumble recovery) has started the past seven games. He has three games with double-figure tackles, including a career-high 16 at Ohio State. Redshirt junior Michael Dowell (39 tackles, 5 PBU) started the first four games for MSU.

• Senior transfer Ronald Williams (Alabama) has started eight of the first 11 games for the Spartans. He has 36 tackles, including two TFLs, six PBUs, one sack and one interception (vs. Miami).

• Junior transfer Chester Kimbrough (Florida) has started the last 10 games at corner for the Spartans. Kimbrough recorded his first career interception in overtime in the win over Nebraska. He has 40 tackles on the season, including three TFLs, plus three pass break-ups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

• Redshirt freshman Marqui Lowery has played in six games and has 18 tackles, including a career-high seven vs. Maryland on Nov. 13. He started his first career game on Nov. 20 at Ohio State.

• Freshman Charles Brantley made his first career pick a memorable one, sealing the win over Michigan with an interception in the last minute of the game. He has 18 tackles and four pass break-ups in seven games and earned his first career start at Purdue on Nov. 6.

## MSU TOP SINGLE-GAME PERFORMANCES VS. PENN STATE

### RUSHING

Player (Att.)	Yards	Year
Sedrick Irvin (28)	238	1997
Marc Renaud (21)	203	1997
George Guerre (15)	160	1946
T.J. Duckett (22)	159	1999
T.J. Duckett (21)	134	2000

### PASSING

Player (C-A)	Yards	Year
Brian Lewerke (33-56)	400	2017
Jeff Smoker (29-50)	357	2003
Jeff Smoker (24-36)	356	2001
Payton Thorne (22-39)	325	2020
Brian Hoyer (30-61)	291	2006
Bill Burke (17-44)	286	1998
Brian Lewerke (24-52)	259	2018
Brian Hoyer (16-21)	257	2007

### RECEIVING

Player (Rec.)	Yards	Year
Charles Rogers (8)	191	2001
Felton Davis III (12)	181	2017
Gari Scott (9)	157	1998
Gene Washington (4)	143	1966
Nigea Carter (7)	142	1996
Devin Thomas (7)	139	2007





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## TOP SINGLE-GAME PERFORMANCES (at MSU)

<u>Elijah Collins Rushing</u>		
Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
192	Western Michigan (17)	9/7/19
170	Illinois (28)	11/9/19
109	Rutgers (31)	11/23/19

<u>Quavaris Crouch Tackles</u>		
Total	Opponent (S-A)	Date
13	Michigan (7-6)	10/30/21
13	Indiana (6-7)	10/16/21

<u>Angelo Grose Tackles</u>		
Total	Opponent (S-A)	Date
16	Western Kentucky (11-5)	10/2/21

<u>Cal Haladay Tackles</u>		
Total	Opponent (S-A)	Date
10	Michigan (4-6)	10/30/21

<u>Noah Harvey Tackles</u>		
Opponent (S-A)	Date	
14	Wake Forest (1-13)	12/27/19
11	Michigan (7-4)	10/31/20

<u>Xavier Henderson Tackles</u>		
Total	Opponent (S-A)	Date
17	Nebraska (10-7)	9/25/21

<u>Jalen Nailor Receiving</u>		
Total	Opponent (Catches)	Date
221	Rutgers (5)	10/9/21
128	Western Kentucky (8)	10/2/21
119	Iowa (4)	11/7/20
100	Penn State (6)	12/12/20

<u>Jayden Reed Receiving</u>		
Total	Opponent (Catches)	Date
181	Youngstown State (4)	9/11/21
128	Rutgers (11)	10/24/20
127	Western Kentucky (4)	10/2/21
114	Maryland (8)	11/13/21

<u>Jordan Simmons Rushing</u>		
Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
121	Youngstown State (16)	9/11/21

<u>Darius Snow Tackles</u>		
Total	Opponent (S-A)	Date
16	Ohio State (13-3)	11/20/21
13	Purdue (11-2)	11/6/21
10	Michigan (6-4)	10/30/21

<u>Payton Thorne Passing</u>		
Total	Opponent (C-A)	Date
339	Rutgers (16-27)	10/9/21
327	Western Kentucky (20-30)	10/2/21
325	Penn State (22-39)	12/12/20
287	Maryland (22-31)	11/13/21
280	Youngstown State (15-21)	9/11/21
276	Purdue (20-30)	11/6/21
261	Miami (18-31)	9/18/21

<u>Kenneth Walker III Rushing</u>		
Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
264	Northwestern (23)	9/3/21
233	Rutgers (29)	10/9/21
197	Michigan (23)	10/30/21
172	Miami (27)	9/18/21
143	Maryland (30)	11/13/21
136	Purdue (22)	11/6/21
126	Western Kentucky (24)	10/2/21



## SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

### KICKER: MATT COGLIN ALL-TIME LEADER IN FIELD GOALS IN SCHOOL HISTORY

• Sixth-year graduate Matt Coghlin has been the team's starting placekicker for the past five seasons, dating back to 2017. Coghlin became the school's all-time leader in field goals with his 72nd career field goal in the win over Rutgers in Week 6, surpassing Brett Swenson (2006-09).

• Coghlin is also closing in on becoming MSU's all-time leading scorer. Swenson holds that record with 377 career points; Coghlin is currently second in school history with 372 points.

• Coghlin did not play at Purdue due to an injury and only kicked PATs (3-for-3) in the win over Maryland. He was also limited at Ohio State (missed 46-yard field goal; one kickoff).

• 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.

• For the fourth time in his career, Coghlin was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week after kicking two field goals in Michigan State's 20-15 win at Indiana on Oct. 16. Coghlin's 51-yard field goal in the third quarter tied his career long and put MSU on top, 10-9. He added a 49-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to go 2-for-2 on field goals for the day, extending MSU's lead to 20-15. It marked Coghlin's third game with multiple field goals in the last four contests and his 22nd career game with two or more field goals. The two field goals also extended his MSU career record with his 74th career upright split, as well as No. 1 for active FBS players. The 74 field goals now gives Coghlin sole possession of No. 2 on the Big Ten career field goals list (record: 78 by Penn State's Kevin Kelly, 2005-08).

• 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.

• Coghlin missed the Purdue game on Nov. 6 due to an injury and freshman placekicker Stephen Rusnak made his Spartan debut in Coghlin's absence. Rusnak ended 3-of-3 on PATs, 0-1 on FGs and had five kickoffs for a 55.4 ypk average; he became the first Spartan other than Coghlin to kick a PAT since 2016.

### PUNTER: BARINGER LEADS BIG TEN IN PUNTING AVERAGE

• Redshirt senior Bryce Baringer ranks first in the Big Ten and third in the FBS in punting (49.4 avg.). He's also first in the conference with 25 punts of 50-plus yards, including 10 punts of 60-plus yards. Baringer is 10th in the league with 18 punts inside the 20. He was added to the Ray Guy Award Watch List on Oct. 22.

• Baringer booted five punts of 50-plus yards at Ohio State on Nov. 20, including a season-long 74-yarder and a 61-yarder. Overall, he averaged 49.7 yards per punt (nine punts for 447 yards), including five inside the 20.

• Baringer boomed a 69-yard punt in the first quarter vs. Maryland, finishing the day with a 53.0 ypp average on four punts, marking his fourth game with 50+ average. The 69-yarder topped his previous season-long of 67-yards vs. Nebraska (9/25). Baringer added a 63-yarder also in the first quarter.

• Baringer averaged 55.8 yards per punt (five for 279 yards) in the win over Michigan Oct. 30, including a 66-yarder.

• 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 (minimum four punts). 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.

# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



• Baringer was a walk-on who joined the team in September 2018 and punted in four games. He was not on the 2019 roster, but rejoined the team as a walk-on in 2020 and earned the starting position in all seven games. Baringer earned a scholarship prior to the 2021 season.

## RETURNS: JAYDEN REED NAMED FIRST-TEAM MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICAN

• Redshirt junior Jayden Reed leads the team in kick returns (16 for 376 yards, 23.5 avg.) and punt returns (10 for 213 yards; 21.3 avg.). He was named a first-team midseason All-American as a returner by The Sporting News and also earned midseason All-America honors by CBS Sports (first team) and The Athletic (second team) as an all-purpose player. Reed is No. 17 in the FBS in all-purpose yards (135.3 ypg) and 14th in combined kick returns (589).

• Reed is tied for the FBS lead with two punt returns for touchdowns, which already ties a school single-season record; he returned back-to-back punts for scores with a game-tying 62-yarder in the fourth quarter vs. Nebraska and an 88-yarder on his first attempt vs. Western Kentucky, tying the fourth-longest punt return in MSU history.

• Reed returned back-to-back punts for a TD (fourth quarter vs. Nebraska, 62 yards; first quarter vs. Western Kentucky, 88 yards) to become just the third player in school history to return two punts for a touchdown in the same season (Bill Simpson, 1972; James Ellis, 1951); both Simpson and Ellis also returned their punts for touchdowns in back-to-back games (Simpson: 48 yards vs. Illinois on Sept. 16, 1972; 74 yards vs. Georgia Tech on Sept. 23, 1972; Ellis: 57 yards vs. Penn State on Oct. 20, 1951; 55 yards vs. Pittsburgh on Oct. 27, 1951). Ellis also returned his on back-to-back attempts, although there were other punts downed and returned by other players (Leroy Bolden) between his TD returns, where Reed returned his on back-to-back punts.

• Reed's 62-yard punt return for a TD vs. Nebraska in Week 4 was the first punt return for a score by a Spartan since Nov. 26, 2011, when Keshawn Martin returned a punt 57 yards for a TD at Northwestern.

• Reed is tied for first among active FBS players with three punt returns for touchdowns in his career. He also had a 93-yard punt return for a TD as a freshman at Western Michigan in 2018 against Delaware State. Reed was a Freshman All-American at WMU in 2018 after collecting 1,119 all-purpose yards (797 receiving, 215 punt return, 116 kick return, -7 rushing).

• Reed's 18.4-yard punt return average for his collegiate career ranks second among active players in the FBS.

## 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)



## SPARTAN FOOTBALL PROGRAM NOTES

• The Spartans returned 48 letterwinners in 2021, including 26 on offense, 20 on defense and two on special teams. MSU had 31 players returning in 2021 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 Jacob 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 44 NEW PLAYERS TO 2021 ROSTER, INCLUDING 20 TRANSFERS –

• Michigan State has 44 new players on the 2021 roster. Twenty of those 44 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



# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

## SPARTAN OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Northwestern: Kenneth Walker III  
 Youngstown State: Jayden Reed, Payton Thorne, Jordon Simmons, Blake Bueter, Kevin Jarvis  
 Miami: Jalen Nailor, Kenneth Walker III  
 Nebraska: Blake Bueter, Connor Heyward  
 Western Kentucky: AJ Arcuri, Jalen Nailor, Payton Thorne, Kenneth Walker III  
 Rutgers: J.D. Duplain, Jalen Nailor, Payton Thorne, Kenneth Walker III  
 Indiana: Kevin Jarvis  
 Michigan: Matt Allen, Jayden Reed, Kenneth Walker III  
 Maryland: Jayden Reed, Jordon Simmons, Payton Thorne

## 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  
 Western Kentucky: Angelo Grose, Jacob Panasiuk  
 Rutgers: Simeon Barrow, Angelo Grose, Xavier Henderson, Jacob Slade  
 Indiana: Cal Haladay, Jacob Slade, Ronald Williams  
 Michigan: Xavier Henderson  
 Maryland: Marqui Lowery, Jacob Slade

## 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 Gissing  
 Western Kentucky: Matt Coghlin, Jalen Nailor, Jayden Reed  
 Rutgers: Bryce Baringer, Darius Snow  
 Indiana: Matt Coghlin, Ben VanSumeren, Justin White  
 Michigan: Matt Coghlin, Tyler Hunt  
 Maryland: Bryce Baringer

### 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. 26 all-time with 719 victories (all-time record: 719-471-44, .600). Michigan State is celebrating its 125th season in 2021.

• Michigan State is looking for its 10th win of the season on Saturday against Penn State. It would be the ninth time MSU has reached the 10-win plateau in a season (1965, 1999, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017) and the first time since 2017.

### 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 (cousin Herb Haygood); Michael Dowell (brothers Andrew and David); Dallas Fincher (father Mark); Tate Hallock (father Ty, brother Tanner); Jacob Isaia (grandfather Bob Apisa); Jacob 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).

### SPARTANS NAMED NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK FOR A RECORD NINTH TIME –

• Following its 37-33 win over then-No. 6 Michigan on Oct. 30, Michigan State was named the Cheez-It Bowl National Team of the Week, the Football Writers Association of America announced on Nov. 2. It marked the ninth time MSU has received the award and the second straight year after beating Michigan.

• Michigan State has defeated Michigan 10 times in the past 14 meetings.

• This is the record ninth time for Michigan State to earn this honor from the FWAA.

### Michigan State National Team of the Week History (award started in 2002)

- Oct. 30, 2021: 37-33 win over No. 6 Michigan
- Oct. 31, 2020: 27-24 win over No. 13 Michigan
- Nov. 21, 2015: 17-14 win over No. 2 Ohio State
- Nov. 2, 2013: 29-6 win over No. 23 Michigan
- Oct. 15, 2011: 28-14 win over No. 11 Michigan
- Oct. 2, 2010: 34-24 win over No. 11 Wisconsin
- Oct. 21, 2006: 41-38 win over Northwestern (largest comeback in NCAA FBS history)
- Sept. 17, 2005: 44-41 overtime win over No. 10 Notre Dame
- Nov. 13, 2004: 49-14 win over No. 4 Wisconsin

### MICHIGAN STATE-MICHIGAN MOST-WATCHED GAME OF THE 2021 SEASON –

• The Michigan State-Michigan game on Oct. 30 on FOX averaged 9.289 million viewers, making it the most-watched game of the year in 2021 to date.

### MICHIGAN STATE OPENED SEASON 8-0 FOR JUST THE SEVENTH TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY –

• Michigan State opened the season 8-0 for just the seventh time in school history (1951, 1952, 1965, 1966, 2010, 2015, 2021) and for the first time since winning the Big Ten title and advancing to the College Football Playoff in 2015. MSU also opened at 5-0 in Big Ten play for the first time since 2013 and for just the fourth time in school history (1965, 1966, 2013, 2021).





## STATISTICAL TRENDS UNDER MEL TUCKER

### SPARTAN TRENDS UNDER TUCKER –

Here's how Michigan State has fared during head coach Mel Tucker's tenure (2020-: 18 games):

	2021	Overall
Games played in Spartan Stadium:	5-0	6-3
Games played on the road/neutral site:	4-2	5-4
Games played in August:	0-0	0-0
Games played in September:	4-0	4-0
Games played in October:	4-0	5-1
Games played in November:	1-2	2-4
Games played in December:	0-0	0-2
Games played in January:	0-0	0-0
When leading at halftime:	7-0	9-1
When trailing at halftime:	2-2	2-6
When tied at halftime:	0-0	0-0
When scoring first:	6-0	8-0
When opponent scores first:	3-2	3-7
When scoring 30-plus points:	7-0	7-0
When allowing 30-plus points:	2-2	2-6
When allowing 20-fewer points:	4-0	5-0
When allowing 17-fewer points:	4-0	5-0
When leading after first quarter:	5-0	6-0
When trailing after first quarter:	1-1	1-6
When tied after first quarter:	3-1	4-1
When leading after three quarters:	7-0	9-0
When trailing after three quarters:	1-2	1-7
When tied after three quarters:	1-0	1-0
Overtime games:	1-0	1-0
When gaining more first downs than opponent:	3-0	3-1
When gaining fewer first downs than opponent:	5-2	7-5
When gaining same number of first downs as opponent:	1-0	1-1
When gaining 200+ yards rushing:	3-0	3-0
When opponent gains 200+ yards rushing:	0-1	0-3
When rushing 40+ times in a game:	3-0	4-0
When rushing 35+ times in a game:	8-0	10-1
When outrushing opponent:	7-1	8-1
When being outrushed by opponent:	2-1	3-6
When opponent is held under 100 yards rushing:	2-1	3-1
When gaining 300+ yards passing:	2-0	3-2
When opponent gains 300+ yards passing:	4-2	5-3
When gaining more total yards than opponent:	5-0	6-1
When gaining fewer total yards than opponent:	4-2	5-6
When leading in time of possession:	3-0	4-0
When trailing in time of possession:	6-2	7-7
When splitting in time of possession:	0-0	0-0
When forcing two or more turnovers:	4-0	5-2
When forcing three or more turnovers:	2-0	3-1
When committing three or more turnovers:	0-0	0-4

## 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



# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

## SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

Rk.	Player .....	Special Teams Tackles
1.	RB #2 Harold Joiner.....	5 (3 KO, 2 punt)
2.	DE #19 Itayvion Brown .....	4 (4 KO)
	LS #31 Hank Pepper.....	4 (4 punt)
4.	LB #45 Noah Harvey.....	3 (3 KO)
	NB #23 Darius Snow.....	3 (2 KO, 1 punt)
	DB #33 Kendell Brooks.....	3 (2 KO, 1 punt)
	NB #7 Michael Dowell.....	3 (2 KO, 1 punt)

## SPARTANS FEATURED TWICE ON ESPN'S COLLEGE GAMEDAY –

- Michigan State has been featured twice on ESPN College GameDay this season (Oct. 30 vs. No. 6 Michigan; Nov. 20 at No. 4 Ohio State).

- Overall, College GameDay has been at the site of a Michigan State game 16 times. MSU has a 9-7 record in those games.

- Earlier this season, ESPN College GameDay broadcasted live in East Lansing before the Michigan State-Michigan game in Spartan Stadium on Oct. 30. With nine campus appearances by College GameDay, Michigan State is tied for 10th most among FBS programs.

- The Spartans are 4-5 when GameDay visits East Lansing (1997: lost to Michigan, 23-7; 1999: defeated Michigan, 34-31; 2004: lost to Notre Dame, 31-24; 2005: lost to Penn State, 31-22; 2011: defeated Wisconsin, 37-31; 2012: lost to Ohio State, 17-16; 2014: lost to Ohio State, 49-37; 2015: defeated Oregon, 31-28; 2021: defeated Michigan, 37-33).

Here's a look at Michigan State's 16 games featured on ESPN Gameday:

Date	Result (Associated Press Ranking)	Site
Oct. 25, 1997	No. 5 Michigan 23, No. 15 MSU 7	East Lansing - Dem Hall Field
Oct. 9, 1999	No. 11 MSU 34, No. 3 Michigan 31	East Lansing - Spartan Stadium
Sept. 18, 2004	Notre Dame 31, MSU 24	East Lansing - Shaw Lane Power Plant
Nov. 19, 2005	No. 5 Penn State 31, MSU 22	East Lansing - Dem Hall Field
Oct. 22, 2011	No. 15 MSU 37, No. 4 Wisconsin 31	East Lansing - Munn Field
Sept. 29, 2012	No. 14 Ohio State 17, No. 20 MSU 16	East Lansing - Beaumont Tower
Dec. 7, 2013	No. 10 MSU 34, No. 2 Ohio State 24	Indianapolis - Big Ten Champ. Game
Jan. 1, 2014	No. 4 MSU 24, No. 5 Stanford 20	Pasadena - 100th Rose Bowl Game
Sept. 6, 2014	No. 3 Oregon 46, No. 7 MSU 27	Eugene
Nov. 8, 2014	No. 13 Ohio State 49, No. 7 MSU 37	East Lansing - Dem Hall Field
Sept. 12, 2015	No. 5 MSU 31, No. 7 Oregon 28	East Lansing - Munn Field
Oct. 17, 2015	No. 7 MSU 27, No. 12 Michigan	Ann Arbor
Nov. 21, 2015	No. 9 MSU 17, No. 2 Ohio State 14	Columbus
Dec. 5, 2015	No. 5 MSU 16, No. 4 Iowa 13	Indianapolis - Big Ten Champ. Game
Oct. 30, 2021	No. 8 MSU 37, No. 6 Michigan 33	East Lansing - Ralph Young Field
Nov. 20, 2021	No. 5 Ohio State 56, No. 7 MSU 7	Columbus

## 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)
- Jacub 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)



## 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. <b>Matt Coghlin (2017-21)</b>	<b>.733 (74-101)</b>

### FIELD GOALS

1. <b>Matt Coghlin (2017-21)</b>	<b>74</b>
2. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	71
3. Dave Rayner (2001-04)	62

### TOTAL POINTS SCORED

1. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	377
2. <b>Matt Coghlin (2017-21)</b>	<b>372</b>
3. Michael Geiger (2013-16)	357

### POINT-AFTER ATTEMPTS MADE

1. Michael Geiger (2013-16)	189
2. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	164
3. <b>Matt Coghlin (2017-21)</b>	<b>144</b>

### TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. Kenny Willekes (2016-19)	51.0
2. Julian Peterson (1998-99)	48.0
3. Greg Jones (2007-10)	46.5
4. Denicos Allen (2010-13)	46.0
5. Shilique Calhoun (2012-15)	44.0
...	
16. <b>Jacob Panasiuk (2017-21)</b>	<b>29.5</b>

### SACKS

1. Larry Bethea (1974-77)	33.0
2. Shilique Calhoun (2012-15)	27.0
3. Kenny Willekes (2016-19)	26.0
4. Julian Peterson (1998-99)	25.0
5. Kelly Quinn (1981-85)	24.0
Travis Davis (1986-89)	24.0
...	
13. <b>Jacob Panasiuk (2016-19)</b>	<b>14.5</b>

## INDIVIDUAL SEASON RECORDS

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. Lorenzo White (1985)	419
2. Javon Ringer (2008)	390
3. Le'Veon Bell (2012)	382
4. Lorenzo White (1987)	357
5. Blake Ezor (1988)	322
6. Jeremy Langford (2013)	292
7. Jeremy Langford (2014)	276
8. Sedrick Irvin (1998)	272
Tico Duckett (1991)	272
10. Blake Ezor (1989)	267
...	
19. <b>Kenneth Walker III (2021)</b>	<b>233</b>

### RUSHING YARDS

1. Lorenzo White (1985)	2,066
2. Le'Veon Bell (2012)	1,793
3. Javon Ringer (2008)	1,637
4. Lorenzo White (1987)	1,572
5. Jeremy Langford (2014)	1,522
6. <b>Kenneth Walker III (2021)</b>	<b>1,498</b>

### RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Jeremy Langford (2014)	22
Javon Ringer (2008)	22
3. Jehuu Caulcrick (2007)	21
4. Blake Ezor (1989)	19
5. Jeremy Langford (2013)	18
Eric Allen (1971)	18
7. <b>Kenneth Walker III (2021)</b>	<b>17</b>
Scott Greene (1995)	17
Lorenzo White (1985)	17

### RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

1. Lorenzo White (1985)	172.2 (12)
2. Le'Veon Bell (2012)	137.9 (13)
3. <b>Kenneth Walker III (2021)</b>	<b>136.2 (11)</b>
4. Eric Allen (1971)	135.8 (11)
5. Lorenzo White (1987)	131.0 (12)

### TOTAL POINTS SCORED

1. Jeremy Langford (2014)	132
Javon Ringer (2008)	132
...	
9. <b>Kenneth Walker III (2021)</b>	<b>108</b>

### TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

1. Jeremy Langford (2014) (22 rush)	22
Javon Ringer (2008) (22 rush)	22
3. Jehuu Caulcrick (2007) (21 rush)	21
4. Blake Ezor (1989) (19 rush)	19
Jeremy Langford (2013) (18 rush, 1 rec.)	19
6. <b>Kenneth Walker III (2021) (17 rush, 1 rec.)</b>	<b>18</b>

### PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Kirk Cousins (2011)	25
2. Connor Cook (2015)	24
Connor Cook (2014)	24
4. Drew Stanton (2005)	22
Connor Cook (2013)	22
<b>Payton Thorne (2021)</b>	<b>22</b>

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

1. Jeff Smoker, 2003 (166-262-8)	166.4
2. Drew Stanton, 2005 (236-354-12)	153.4
3. Dave Yarema, 1986 (200-297-11)	150.7
Kirk Cousins, 2010 (226-338-10)	150.7
5. <b>Payton Thorne, 2021 (187-309-8)</b>	<b>150.0</b>

### PASSING YARDS PER GAME

1. Drew Stanton (2005)	279.7
2. Jeff Smoker (2003)	261.2
3. Connor Cook (2014)	247.2
4. Connor Cook (2015)	240.8
5. <b>Payton Thorne (2021)</b>	<b>238.0</b>

### TOTAL OFFENSE

1. Brian Lewerke (2019)	3,442 (264.8 ypg)
2. Drew Stanton (2005)	3,415 (310.5)
3. Brian Lewerke (2017)	3,352 (257.8)
4. Connor Cook (2014)	3,294 (253.4)
5. Jeff Smoker (2003)	3,279 (252.2)
6. Kirk Cousins (2011)	3,277 (234.1)
7. Connor Cook (2015)	3,187 (245.2)
8. Connor Cook (2013)	2,831 (202.2)
9. <b>Payton Thorne (2021)</b>	<b>2,756 (250.5)</b>

## INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

### ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

1. Eric Allen (vs. Purdue 1971)	397
2. Javon Ringer (vs. Florida Atlantic 2008)	308
3. Sedrick Irvin (vs. Indiana 1997)	306
4. Lorenzo White (vs. Indiana 1987)	303
5. Clinton Jones (vs. Iowa 1966)	299
6. Lorenzo White (vs. Indiana 1985)	286
7. <b>Jayden Reed (vs. Western Ky. 2021)</b>	<b>285</b>
8. Keshawn Martin (vs. Minnesota 2009)	284
9. Sedrick Irvin (vs. Minnesota 1995)	279
10. Le'Veon Bell (vs. Minnesota 2012)	275

### TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

1. Blake Ezor (vs. Northwestern 1989)	6
2. <b>Kenneth Walker III (vs. Michigan 2021)</b>	<b>5</b>
Javon Ringer (vs. Eastern Michigan 2008)	5

### RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Blake Ezor (vs. Northwestern 1989)	6
2. <b>Kenneth Walker III (vs. Michigan 2021)</b>	<b>5</b>
Javon Ringer (vs. Eastern Michigan 2008)	5

### RUSHING YARDS

1. Eric Allen (vs. Purdue 1971)	350 (29)
2. Lorenzo White (vs. Indiana 1987)	292 (56)
3. Lorenzo White (vs. Indiana 1985)	286 (25)
4. Javon Ringer (vs. FAU 2008)	282 (43)
5. Clinton Jones (vs. Iowa 1966)	268 (21)
6. Le'Veon Bell (vs. Minnesota 2012)	266 (35)
7. <b>Kenneth Walker III (vs. Northwestern 2021)</b>	<b>264 (23)</b>

### RECEIVING YARDS

1. Charles Rogers (vs. Fresno State 2001)	270
2. Plaxico Burress (vs. Michigan 1999)	255
3. Andre Rison (vs. Georgia 1989)	252
4. <b>Jalen Nailor (vs. Rutgers 2021)</b>	<b>221</b>

### TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

1. <b>Jalen Nailor (vs. Rutgers 2021)</b>	<b>3</b>
10 other times...	3

### LONGEST PLAY - RUSHING

1. <b>Kenneth Walker III (vs. Rutgers 2021)</b>	<b>94*</b>
2. Lynn Chandnois (vs. Arizona 1949)	90*

### LONGEST PLAY - PUNT RETURN

1. Allen Brenner (vs. Illinois 1966)	95*
2. Dean Look (vs. Michigan 1958)	92*
3. Jesse Thomas (vs. William & Mary 1950)	90*
4. <b>Jayden Reed (vs. Western Ky. 2021)</b>	<b>88*</b>
Ziehl Kavanaght (vs. Northwestern 2002)	88*

\* Touchdown





# 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	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Rutgers	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Indiana	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Hunt+	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Michigan	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Hunt+	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Purdue	Reed	Arcuri	Duplain	Allen	Bueter	Jarvis	Heyward	Mosley	Foster	Thorne	Walker III
Maryland	Reed	Arcuri	Duplain	Allen	Bueter	Jarvis	Heyward	Mosley	Foster	Thorne	Walker III
Ohio State	Reed	Arcuri	Duplain	Allen	Bueter	Jarvis	Heyward	Mosley	Hunt+	Thorne	Walker III
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	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Pietrowski	Crouch	Haladay	Snow	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Rutgers	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Pietrowski	Crouch	VanSumeren	Snow	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Indiana	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Jordan	Crouch	Haladay	Snow	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Michigan	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Beesley	Crouch	Haladay	Snow	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Purdue	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Beesley	Crouch	Haladay	Snow	Brantley	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Maryland	Panasiuk	Slade	Hansen	Beesley	Harvey	Haladay	Snow	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Ohio State	Panasiuk	Slade	Hansen	Beesley	Harvey	Haladay	Snow	Lowery	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Penn State											



## OFFENSE

### 100-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 143 yards vs. Maryland, Nov. 13, 2021 (MSU 40-21)  
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, 197 yards vs. Michigan, Oct. 30, 2021 (MSU 37-33)  
Opponent: J.K. Dobbins (172 yards), Ohio State, Oct. 5, 2019 (OSU 34-10)

### 200-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 233 yards vs. Rutgers, Oct. 9, 2021 (MSU 31-13)  
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: Kenneth Walker III, 30 vs. Maryland, Nov. 13, 2021 (MSU 40-21)  
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, 339 yards (16-for-27) vs. Rutgers, Oct. 9, 2021 (MSU 31-13)  
Opponent: C.J. Stroud, Ohio State, 432 yards (32-for-35), Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### 400-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Brian Lewerke, 400 yards (33-for-56) vs. Penn State, Nov. 4, 2017 (MSU 27-24)  
Opponent: C.J. Stroud, Ohio State, 432 yards (32-for-35), Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### 500-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Not accomplished.  
Opponent: Aidan O'Connell, Purdue, 536 yards (40-for-54), Nov. 6, 2021 (PUR 40-29)

### TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Spartans: Jalen Nailor, 128 yards (8 catches) and Jayden Reed, 127 yards (4 catches) vs. Western Kentucky, Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)  
Opponent: Jaxon Smith-Njigba, 105 yards (10 catches), Chris Olave, 140 yards (7 catches) and Garrett Wilson, 126 yards (7 catches), Ohio State, Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### 150-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Spartans: Jayden Reed, 181 yards (4 catches) vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)  
Opponent: David Bell, 217 yards (11 catches), Purdue, Nov. 6, 2021 (PUR 40-29)

### 150-YARD RECEIVING GAME AT HALFTIME

Spartans: Jalen Nailor, 208 yards (4 catches) vs. Rutgers, Oct. 9, 2021 (MSU 31-13) \* school record for first half

### 200-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Spartans: Jalen Nailor, 221 yards (5 catches) vs. Rutgers, Oct. 9, 2021 (MSU 31-13)  
Opponent: David Bell, 217 yards (11 catches), Purdue, Nov. 6, 2021 (PUR 40-29)

### 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: C.J. Stroud, Ohio State, 32, Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### SCORED FOUR RUSHING TDS

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, five vs. Michigan (runs of 27, 8, 1, 58, 23 yards), Oct. 30, 2021 (MSU 37-33)  
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, five vs. Michigan (runs of 27, 8, 1, 58, 23 yards), Oct. 30, 2021 (MSU 37-33)  
Opponent: Montee Ball, Wisconsin, four (3 rush, 1 receiving), Dec. 3, 2011 (WIS 42-39)

### SCORED FIVE TDS

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, five vs. Michigan (runs of 27, 8, 1, 58, 23 yards), Oct. 30, 2021 (MSU 37-33)  
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. Maryland, Nov. 13, 2021 (MSU 40-21)  
Opponent: C.J. Stroud, Ohio State, six, Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### THREW FIVE TD PASSES

Spartans: \*Drew Stanton, five vs. Illinois, Sept. 24, 2005 (MSU 61-14) \*school record  
Opponent: C.J. Stroud, Ohio State, six, Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### THREE TD RECEPTIONS

Spartans: Jalen Nailor, three vs. Rutgers (63, 63, 65 yards from Payton Thorne), Oct. 9, 2021 (MSU 31-13)  
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: Payton Thorne to Jayden Reed, 85 yards vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)  
Opponent: Cade McNamara to Andre Anthony, Michigan, 93 yards, Oct. 30, 2021 (MSU 37-33)

### 80-YARD OR LONGER TD RUN

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 94 yards vs. Rutgers, Oct. 9, 2021 (MSU 31-13) \* school record  
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, 88 yards vs. Western Kentucky, Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)  
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 Kyler 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: Payton Thorne pass to Maliq Carr, vs. Purdue, Nov. 6, 2021 (PUR 40-29)  
Opponent: Sean Clifford pass to Parker Washington, Penn State, Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)

### 70-YARD PUNT

Spartans: Bryce Baringer, 74 yards vs. Ohio State, Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)  
Opponent: Druce 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)  
Opponent: Mitchell Fineran, Purdue (29, 24, 23, 22), Nov. 6, 2021 (PUR 40-29)

### MISSED/BLOCKED EXTRA POINT

Spartans: Stephen Rusnak vs. Maryland, Nov. 13, 2021 (MSU 40-21) \*missed  
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

### INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Cal Haladay, 30 yards vs. Indiana, Oct. 16, 2021 (MSU 20-15)  
Opponent: Haskell Garrett, Ohio State, 0 yards, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

### 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)

### FUMBLE RETURN/RECOVERY FOR TOUCHDOWN

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

### 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 42-16 at half), beat Western Kentucky 48-31 on Oct. 2, 2021

### 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: 655 yards by Ohio State, Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### 500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Spartans: 588 vs. Rutgers, Oct. 9, 2021 (MSU 31-13)  
Opponent: 655 yards by Ohio State, Nov. 20, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### 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)  
Opponent: 500, Ohio State, Nov. 21, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### 300 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN FIRST HALF

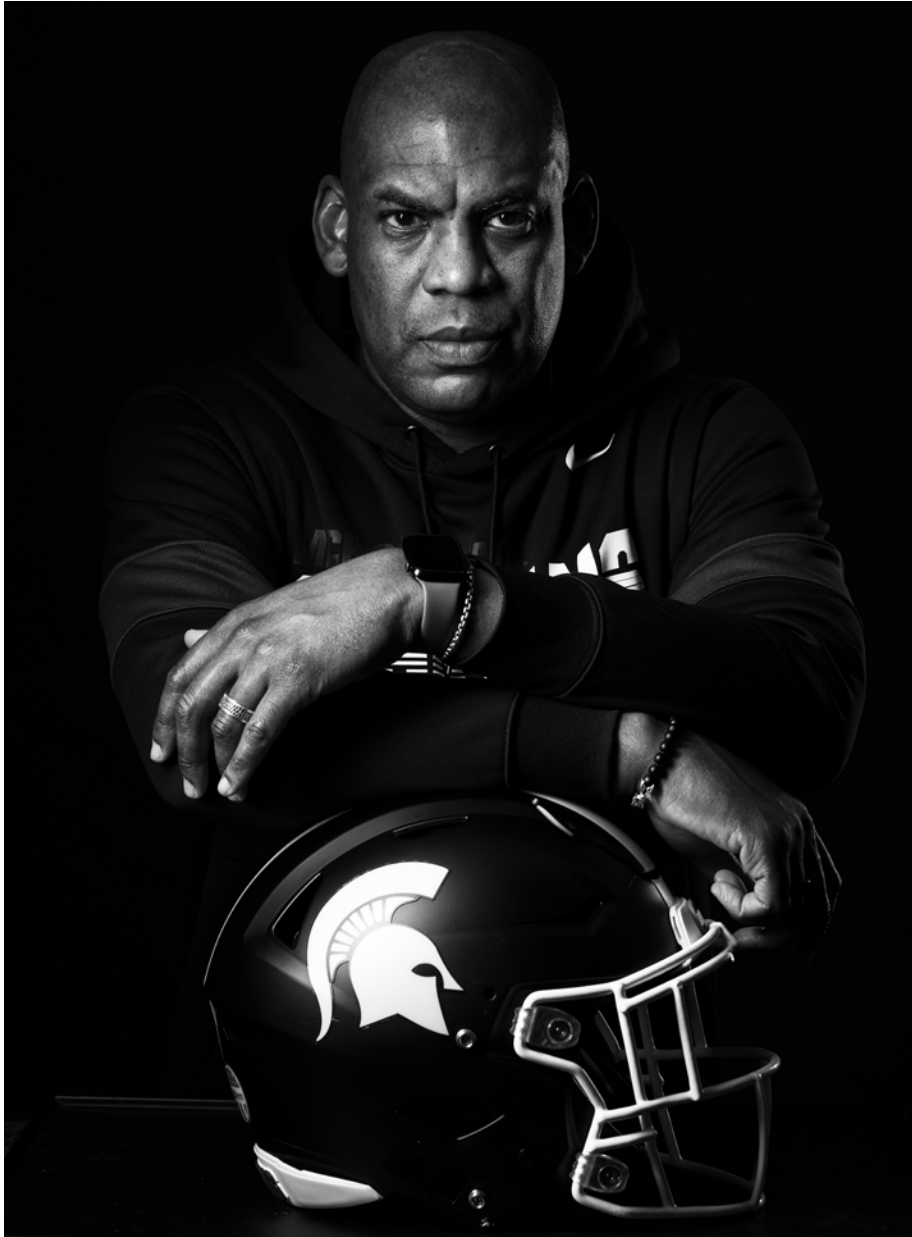
Spartans: 387 vs. Rutgers, Oct. 9, 2021 (MSU 31-13)  
Opponent: 500, Ohio State, Nov. 21, 2021 (OSU 56-7)

### 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 160 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 117-43 (.731) 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.



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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).



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## 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:** 16-14 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	9	2	.818	6	2	.750	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>.533</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>.458</b>	-	-	-

## 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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>101</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>.777</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>.623</b>		<b>10 bowl games (8-2)*</b>	

\* 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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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 Schorffhaar	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	Jordan 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)
37	Caleb Wolf	RB	5-10	185	Jr.	Jr.	HS	Wayland, Mich. (Wayland High School)
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)

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Elig.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>Exp.</b>	<b>Hometown (Previous School)</b>
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)
49	Liam Carr	LB	6-0	180	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Okemos, Mich. (Okemos)
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 Gissingner	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)
84	Cade Rathbone	DE	6-3	225	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Frisco, Texas (Texas State)
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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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)
49	Liam Carr	LB	6-0	180	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Okemos, Mich. (Okemos)
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 Gissingner	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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**2021 MICHIGAN STATE FOOTBALL | ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Elig.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>Exp.</b>	<b>Hometown (Previous School)</b>
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)
84	Cade Rathbone	DE	6-3	225	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Frisco, Texas (Texas State)
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 Schorfhaar	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)
37	Caleb Wolf	RB	5-10	185	Jr.	Jr.	HS	Wayland, Mich. (Wayland High School)
26	Brandon Wright	DE	6-2	240	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Euclid, Ohio (Euclid)

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# 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](http://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 Coghlin'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](http://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. Jordan 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 Demeatric 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).

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; Charlestone 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).



*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).*



# 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](http://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 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](http://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 State (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
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#### 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
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### 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 GAME RECAPS

## GAME 5 • NO. 17/16 MICHIGAN STATE 48, WESTERN KENTUCKY 31

Game 5 | No. 17/16 Michigan State 48, Western Kentucky 31  
Oct. 2, 2021 • East Lansing, Mich.  
Spartan Stadium • Att: 70,075

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** -- No. 17/16 Michigan State scored six touchdowns in the first half to open up a 26-point lead and put up more than 500 yards in total offense en route to a 48-31 win over Western Kentucky in front of 70,075 fans at Spartan Stadium Saturday night.

Junior running back Kenneth Walker III had 24 carries for 126 yards and scored three touchdowns, while redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne completed 20-of-30 passes for a career-high 327 yards and one touchdown pass, in addition to seven carries for 31 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown run. Redshirt junior wide receiver Jayden Reed caught four passes for 127 yards and one touchdown and also returned a punt 88 yards for a score, while redshirt junior receiver Jalen Nailor had eight catches for a career-high 128 yards. Reed finished the game with 285 all-purpose yards, the seventh-highest single-game total in Michigan State history.

Sophomore safety Angelo Grose led Michigan State with a career-high 16 tackles, while redshirt freshman linebacker Cal Haladay had 10 tackles, including one for loss, junior linebacker Quavaris Crouch added eight tackles and junior safety Michael Dowell had seven tackles.

After the Spartan defense forced a three-and-out to start the game, Reed returned the ensuing punt 88 yards for a touchdown, quickly putting MSU on top, 7-0. It marked the second straight punt return for a touchdown for Reed, who returned a punt 62 yards for a score against Nebraska in the fourth quarter.

Following another WKU three-and-out, the Spartans took their first offensive possession 80 yards on seven plays for a score, capped by a 5-yard TD run by Walker.

The Hilltoppers got on the board with a field goal at the 5:04 mark in the first quarter, but the Spartans responded with another touchdown drive as Thorne connected with Reed on a 46-yard touchdown pass with 3:54 left in the first.

WKU scored its first touchdown of the game on its next series, cutting the Spartan lead to 21-10 at the 2:57 mark, and added a field goal early in the second quarter to make it 21-13 in favor of MSU.

Walker scored two more rushing touchdowns in the second quarter, from 5 and 3 yards out, and Thorne rushed for a 12-yard TD right before the half to give MSU a 42-16 halftime lead. It marked the most points by MSU in the first half since Sept. 27, 2014 vs. Wyoming (42 points).

On WKU's first series of the second half, the Spartans held the Hilltoppers out of the end zone on a fourth-and-goal play from the 20, but MSU had to take over on its own 1-yard line after a 19-yard pass. MSU then drove 96 yards on 14 plays and took 5:49 off the clock as Matt Coghlin made a 21-yard field goal with 43 seconds left in the third.

Bailey Zappe found Jerreth Stearns in the end zone with 13:13 left in the fourth quarter, and the Hilltoppers converted the 2-point attempt to trim the Spartan advantage to 45-24.

WKU scored its second TD of the fourth quarter at the 8:24 mark, cutting the MSU lead to 14 points (45-31).

The Spartans took over with just over eight minutes left in the game and 3:38 on a 12-play, 72-yard drive that was capped by a 20-yard field goal from Coghlin, giving MSU a 48-31 lead.



**Kenneth Walker III had his third 100-yard rushing game of the season with 126 yards on 24 carries . . . he scored three touchdowns in the first half (5, 5 and 3 yards) and now has eight rushing TDs this season . . . it marked the eighth 100-yard rushing game in Walker's collegiate career (two at Wake Forest in 2019; three at Wake Forest in 2020; three at Michigan State in 2021).**

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Western Kentucky (1-3, 0-0 C-USA)	10	6	0	15	- 31
Michigan State (5-0, 2-0 B1G)	21	21	3	3	- 48

### SCORING SUMMARY

#### FIRST QUARTER

MSU (7-0)	Reed 88-yard punt return (Coghlin kick)
MSU (14-0)	Walker 5-yard run (Coghlin kick), 8:26 left Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:59
WKU (3-14)	Narveson 37-yard field goal, 5:04 left Drive: 11 plays, 56 yards, TOP 3:22
MSU (21-3)	Reed 46-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 3:54 left Drive: 4 plays, 75 yards, TOP 1:10
WKU (10-21)	Beljan 4-yard pass from Zappe (Narveson kick), 2:57 left Drive: 3 plays, 65 yards, TOP 0:57

#### SECOND QUARTER

WKU (13-21)	Narveson 29-yard field goal, 11:42 left Drive: 13 plays, 61 yards, TOP 5:33
MSU (28-13)	Walker 5-yard run (Coghlin kick), 9:10 left Drive: 6 plays, 68 yards, TOP 2:27
WKU (16-28)	Narveson 35-yard field goal, 6:51 left Drive: 8 plays, 58 yards, TOP 2:19
MSU (35-16)	Walker 3-yard run (Coghlin kick), 2:39 left Drive: 9 plays, 66 yards, TOP 4:06
MSU (42-16)	Thorne 12-yard run (Coghlin kick), 0:41 left Drive: 6 plays, 31 yards, TOP 0:53

#### THIRD QUARTER

MSU (45-16)	Coghlin, Matt 21-yard field goal, 0:43 left Drive: 14 plays, 96 yards, TOP 5:49
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#### FOURTH QUARTER

WKU (24-45)	Je. Sterns 28-yard pass from Zappe (Tinsley pass), 13:13 left Drive: 9 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:30
WKU (31-45)	Beljan 1-yard pass from Zappe (Narveson kick), 8:24 left Drive: 8 plays, 50 yards, TOP 2:28
MSU (48-31)	Coghlin 20-yard field goal, 4:46 left Drive: 12 plays, 72 yards, TOP 3:38

### TEAM STATISTICS

	WKU	MSU
First Downs	31	26
Rushes-Yards	26-72	43-192
Passing Yards	488	327
Passes	46-65-0	20-30-0
Total Offense	91-560	73-519
Punts-Avg.	2-54.5	3-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-75	6-60
Possession Time	29:35	30:25

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

**MSU:** Walker 24-126; Simmons 10-34; Thorne 7-31; Reed 1-7; Team 1-(-6). **WKU:** Whittington 7-37; Robichaux 6-18; Cofield 3-15; Jones 2-10; Moses 1-9; Zappe 7-(-17).

#### PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

**MSU:** Thorne 20-30-0-327-1. **WKU:** Zappe 46-64-0-488-3; Zaubi 0-1-0-0-0.

#### RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

**MSU:** Nailor 8-128; Reed 4-127; Mosely 3-57; Heyward 3-5; Foster 1-7; Simmons 1-3. **WKU:** Je. Sterns 17-186; Tinsley 7-127; Corley 7-69; Cofield 6-33; Burt 4-46; Jo. Sterns 2-16; Beljan 2-5; Whittington 1-6.

#### TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

**MSU:** Grose 16 (11-5); Haladay 10 (3-7); Crouch 8 (4-4); Dowell 7 (5-2); Kimbrough 6 (4-2). **WKU:** Kincade 10 (8-2); Malone 9 (4-5); Oliver 7 (4-3); Hailassie 7 (2-5); Hunter 6 (2-4).



## GAME 6 • NO. 11/11 MICHIGAN STATE 31, RUTGERS 13

Game 6 | No. 11/11 Michigan State 31, Rutgers 13

Oct. 9, 2021 • Piscataway, N.J.

SHI Stadium • Att: 41,117

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

**PISCATAWAY, N.J.** -- The Michigan State football team improved to 6-0 on the season with a 31-13 victory over Rutgers at SHI Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

MSU (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) used explosive plays all game to put away the Scarlet Knights, scoring touchdowns of 94, 65, 63 and 63 yards.

Redshirt junior wide receiver Jalen Nailor tied a school record with three touchdown receptions and had five catches overall for 221 yards, the fourth-highest receiving total in school history. He caught TD passes of 63, 63 and 65 yards, all in the first half.

Junior running back Kenneth Walker III had another 200-yard rushing performance, this time collecting 233 rushing yards on 29 carries, including a school-record 94-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter (previous: 90 yards by Lynn Chandnois in 1949 vs. Arizona). The 94-yard rushing TD by Walker was also the longest offensive play from scrimmage in school history (previous: 93-yard pass play from Tony Banks to Nigea Carter vs. Indiana in 1994). It marked the fourth 100-yard rushing effort for Walker this season, and the second time he has gone over 200 yards (career-high 264 vs. Northwestern on Sept. 3).

Redshirt sophomore Payton Thorne was 16-of-27 passing for a career-high 339 yards and three touchdowns, all to Nailor.

It marked the first time in school history that the Spartans produced a 300-yard passer (Thorne with 339 yards), 200-yard rusher (Walker with 233 yards) and 200-yard receiver (Nailor with 221 yards) in the same game. Overall MSU is only the fifth team in FBS history to accomplish that feat.

For the game, the Spartans collected 588 yards of total offense (339 passing, 249 rushing).

On special teams, Matt Coghlin became the school's all-time leader in field goals with his 72nd career field goal in the fourth quarter from 35 yards out.

Defensively, the Spartans shut out the Scarlet Knights (3-3, 0-3 Big Ten) in the second half. Sophomore Darius Snow led the team with a career-high nine tackles.

It marks the ninth time in school history Michigan State has started 6-0 (1913, 1951, 1952, 1965, 1966, 1999, 2010, 2015, 2021). The Spartans are also 3-0 in Big Ten action for the first time since 2017.

Michigan State drove to the Rutgers 24-yard line on its opening possession, but the drive stalled out and ended without points after the Spartans did not convert on a fake field-goal attempt from 43 yards out. Rutgers went 74 yards on nine plays on its first drive to take a quick 7-0 lead as Aron Cruickshank scored on a 4-yard flip pass from Johnny Langan.

The Spartans responded right back just three plays later on Thorne's 63-yard touchdown pass to Nailor that tied the score at 7 with 6:05 left in the first quarter.

Rutgers regained the lead, 10-7, on Valentino Ambrosio's 21-yard field goal at the 12:10 mark in the second quarter.

Nailor was back at it again in the second quarter with his second TD reception of the game. Thorne found Nailor on the left sideline at the RU 30-yard line, and then Nailor stopped after hauling in the pass to evade a tackler and sprinted toward the middle of the field for the final 30 yards to the end zone for the 63-yard touchdown.

Michigan State committed its first turnover on a fumbled snap deep in its own territory midway through the second quarter, but after Rutgers took over on the MSU 12-yard line, the Scarlet Knights were held without a first down and had to settle for a Ambrosio 29-yard field goal to make it 14-13 in favor of the Spartans with 6:21 left in the half.

Nailor scored his third TD of the half on a flea flicker, as Walker took the handoff from Thorne, flipped it back to Thorne, who then found Nailor wide open for the 65-yard score. Nailor had four catches for 208 yards in the first half alone, including 94 yards after the catch.

On MSU's third series of the third quarter, Walker raced 94 yards to the end zone for the longest rushing touchdown in school history, giving MSU a 28-13 lead.

The Spartans made it 31-13 on Coghlin's 35-yard field goal with 2:07 left in the game. With the upright split, Coghlin broke MSU's career field goals record with his 72nd career field goal.



Redshirt junior wide receiver Jalen Nailor's four catches for 208 yards in the first half topped the SHI Stadium single-game receiving record by a visiting player of 207 yards held by Larry Fitzgerald of Pittsburgh in 2003 . . . Nailor finished the game with a career-high 221 receiving yards on five catches, marking the sixth 200-yard receiving game school history . . . his career-best three receiving TDs tied a school record for the 11th time, most recently done by Cody White in 2019 also at Rutgers . . . the three TDs marked his second multi-TD outing this season, joining two vs. Miami (9/18/21) and his third career multi-TD game joining Penn State (2020).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (6-0, 3-0 B1G)	7	14	7	3	- 31
Rutgers (3-3, 0-3 B1G)	7	6	0	0	- 13

### SCORING SUMMARY

#### FIRST QUARTER

RUT (0-7) Cruickshank 4-yard pass from Langan (Ambrosio kick), 6:51 left  
Drive: 9 plays, 72 yards, TOP 3:22

MSU (7-7) Nailor 63-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 6:05 left  
Drive: 2 plays, 75 yards, TOP 0:46

#### SECOND QUARTER

RUT (7-10) Ambrosio 26-yard field goal, 12:10 left  
Drive: 10 plays, 72 yards, TOP3:41

MSU (14-10) Nailor 63-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 10:18 left  
Drive: 5 plays, 87 yards, TOP 1:48

RUT (13-14) Ambrosio 29-yard field goal, 6:21 left  
Drive: 4 plays, 2 yards, TOP1:03

MSU (21-13) Nailor 65-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 6:10 left  
Drive: 1 plays, 65 yards, TOP 0:11

#### THIRD QUARTER

MSU (28-13) Walker 94-yard run (Coghlin kick), 7:13 left  
Drive: 1 plays, 94 yards, TOP 0:16

#### FOURTH QUARTER

MSU (31-13) Coghlin 35-yard field goal, 2:07 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 23 yards, TOP 2:19

### TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	RUT
First Downs	20	20
Rushes-Yards	38-249	36-111
Passing Yards	339	266
Passes	16-27-1	22-41-0
Total Offense	65-588	77-377
Punts-Avg.	4-44.5	7-38.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-68	7-65
Possession Time	29:03	30:57

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 29-233; Joiner 3-14; Thorne 1-9; Reed 1-4; Simmons 1-4; Campbell 0-0; Baringer 1-(-3). RUT: Pacheco 11-47; Vedral 14-21; Young 5-21; Monangai 4-16; Sanders 1-8; Pailant 0-0; Cruickshank 1-(-2).

#### PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 16-27-1-339-3. RUT: Vedral 16-31-0-208-0; Snyder 5-9-0-54-0; Langan 1-1-0-4-0.

#### RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Nailor 5-221; Mosely 4-59; Reed 3-29; Heyward 3-17; Walker 1-13. RUT: Jones 7-84; Haskins 3-52; Cruickshank 3-38, Sanders 2-35; Washington 4-34; Alaimo 2-22; Monangai 1-1.

#### TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Snow 9 (6-3); Grose 8 (4-4); Henderson 7 (3-4); Crouch 7 (2-5); Mallory 5 (1-4). RUT: Izien 10 (7-3); Fatukasi 9 (5-4); Avery 7 (2-5); Turner 7 (2-5); Fogg 6 (2-4).





# 2021 GAME RECAPS

## GAME 7 • NO. 10/9 MICHIGAN STATE 20, INDIANA 15

Game 7 | No. 10/9 Michigan State 20, Indiana 15

Oct. 16, 2021 • Bloomington, Ind.

Memorial Stadium • Att: 50,571

*Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.*

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** -- The No. 10/9 Michigan State football team improved to 7-0 on the season after defeating Indiana, 20-15, Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium to reclaim the Old Brass Spittoon.

Although the Spartans (7-0, 4-0 Big Ten) were limited to 241 yards of total offense, MSU forced three turnovers in the game, including Cal Haladay's 30-yard interception return for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Kenneth Walker III, the leading rusher in the nation, had 23 carries for 84 yards for the Spartans. Payton Thorne was 14-of-26 passing for 126 yards and one touchdown, while Jayden Reed had four catches for 70 yards.

Linebacker Quavaris Crouch led the Spartans with 13 tackles, while safety Xavier Henderson had eight tackles, including one for loss. MSU had three sacks and five tackles for loss in the game.

Indiana opened the game's scoring with a 24-yard field goal by Charles Campbell on its first possession to take an early 3-0 advantage, but the lead was short lived, as Haladay returned an interception 30 yards for a touchdown to put MSU on top, 7-3, at the 4:33 mark of the first quarter. It marked MSU's first interception return for a touchdown since Mike Panasiuk had a pick-6 in the 2019 Pinstripe Bowl.

Campbell drilled his second field goal, this time from 44 yards out, early in the second quarter (14:21) to trim MSU's lead to 7-6. Midway through the second, Indiana drove to MSU's 13-yard line, but the Spartans held the Hoosiers out of the end zone again and IU had to settle for its third field goal of the half from 25 yards away to take a 9-7 lead.

The Spartans went back ahead, 10-9, midway through the third quarter as Coghlin tied his career long with a 51-yard field goal.

Michigan State took advantage of Darius Snow's first career interception on the ensuing IU possession, as the Spartans scored their first offensive touchdown of the day on a five-play, 39-yard drive. Tyler Hunt not only threw a 15-yard pass to Thorne on the second play of the drive, he also caught a 12-yard TD pass from Thorne for his first career TD reception to make it 17-9 with 1:49 remaining in the third.

Indiana scored its first touchdown of the game early in the fourth quarter on Stephen Carr's 1-yard run, but Henderson made a huge tackle on Peyton Hendershot to stop the 2-point conversion short of the goal line, keeping MSU in front, 17-15, with 12:56 in the game.

The Spartans responded on their next drive, going 60 yards on 13 plays, capped by Coghlin's 49-yard field goal, to increase their lead, 20-15.

### POST-GAME NOTES:

• Michigan State defeated Indiana, 20-15, to reclaim the Old Brass Spittoon . . . MSU has won three of the last four meetings with Indiana, as Saturday's win avenged last season's 24-0 loss to IU . . . Michigan State leads the all-time series, 49-17-2, including a 23-10-1 record in Bloomington . . . since 1950, the winner of the Michigan State-Indiana game has been presented the Old Brass Spittoon; MSU is 49-14-1 in those games.



Senior placekicker Matt Coghlin earned Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in the Indiana game . . . Coghlin made a 51-yard field goal in the third quarter that tied his career-long, coming against Michigan (10/31/20) . . . Coghlin added a 49-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to go 2-for-2 on field goals for the day, his third multi-FG outing in the last four games and his 22nd career game with two or more field goals . . . the two field goals extends his MSU career record with his 74th career upright split, as well as No. 1 for active FBS players . . . the 74 field goals now gives Coghlin sole possession of No. 2 on the Big Ten career field goals list (record: 78 by Penn State's Kevin Kelly, 2005-08).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (7-0, 4-0 B1G)	7	0	10	3	- 20
Indiana (2-4, 0-3 B1G)	3	6	0	6	- 15

### SCORING SUMMARY

#### FIRST QUARTER

IND (0-3) Campbell 24-yard field goal, 8:02 left  
Drive: 13 plays, 70 yards, TOP 5:01

MSU (7-3) Haladay 30-yard interception (Coghlin kick), 4:33 left

#### SECOND QUARTER

IND (6-7) Campbell 44-yard field goal, 14:21 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 17 yards, TOP 2:27

IND (9-7) Campbell 25-yard field goal, 6:55 left  
Drive: 12 plays, 71 yards, TOP 5:33

#### THIRD QUARTER

MSU (10-9) Coghlin 51-yard field goal, 7:54 left  
Drive: 9 plays, 46 yards, TOP 4:04

MSU (17-9) Hunt 12-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 1:49 left  
Drive: 5 plays, 39 yards, TOP 1:35

#### FOURTH QUARTER

IND (15-17) Carr 1-yard run (conversion failed), 12:56 left  
Drive: 11 plays, 75 yards, TOP 3:53

MSU (20-15) Coghlin 49-yard field goal, 8:31 left  
Drive: 13 plays, 60 yards, TOP 4:18

### TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	IND
First Downs	14	24
Rushes-Yards	35-100	36-134
Passing Yards	141	188
Passes	15-27-2	28-52-2
Total Offense	62-241	88-322
Punts-Avg.	7-44.1	5-39.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	12-134	4-35
Possession Time	26:30	33:30

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 23-84; Joiner 2-12; Thorne 7-10; Carrick 0-0; Team 3-(-6). IND: Carr 19-53; Ervin-Poindexter 5-40; Childers 5-33; McCulley 2-8; Tuttle 5-20.

#### PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 14-26-2-126-1; T.Hunt 1-1-0-15-0. IND: Tuttle 28-52-2-188-0.

#### RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Reed 4-70; Nailor 4-22; Thorne 1-15; Mosley 1-12; T.Hunt 1-12; Joiner 1-8; Heyward 2-7; Walker 1-(-5). IND: Fryfogle 7-65; Carr 8-43; Hendershot 3-32; Marshall 4-30; Swinton 4-10; Childers 2-8.

#### TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Crouch 13 (6-7); Henderson 8 (5-3); Haladay 7 (5-2); Dowell 6 (4-2); Grose 6 (6-0); Snow 6 (3-3). IND: Pierre 9 (8-1); McFadden 9 (4-5); Matthews 8 (4-4); Jones 8 (5-3); 3 others 3.



## GAME 8 • NO. 8/7 MICHIGAN STATE 37, NO. 6/6 MICHIGAN 33

Game 8 | No. 8/7 Michigan State 37, No. 6/6 Michigan 33

Oct. 30, 2021 • East Lansing, Mich.

Spartan Stadium • Att: 76,549

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** -- Michigan State running back Kenneth Walker III scored five touchdowns, including what proved to be the game-winning score from 23 yards out with five minutes left in the fourth quarter, as the No. 8/7 Spartans fought back from a 16-point deficit to beat No. 6/6 Michigan, 37-33, in front of a sellout crowd of 76,549 at Spartan Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Walker finished the day with 23 carries for 197 yards and five touchdowns, three in the second half and three for 20 or more yards. The five touchdowns were the most in the 114-game series history between Michigan State and Michigan, and were the most ever by any opponent against Michigan.

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne completed 19-of-30 passes for 196 yards and had seven carries for 29 yards, while redshirt junior wide receiver Jayden Reed caught 12 passes for 80 yards.

Junior linebacker Quavaris Crouch led Michigan State on the defensive side with 13 tackles, while redshirt freshman linebacker Cal Haladay and sophomore safety Darius Snow each had 10 tackles and senior safety Xavier Henderson had seven tackles, including one for loss.

Michigan got on the scoreboard first as Cade McNamara hit Andre' Anthony on a third-and-5 play deep in Wolverine territory for a 93-yard touchdown pass to make it 7-0 early in favor of the Wolverines.

The Wolverines recorded their second interception of the day on MSU's third series, and took advantage of good field position at the Spartan 35 following an MSU penalty as Jake Moody connected on a 26-yard field goal to put Michigan on top, 10-0, with 1:18 remaining in the first quarter.

Walker capped a five-play, 75-yard drive with a 27-yard rushing touchdown on the first play of the second quarter to cut the deficit to 10-7.

The Spartans went 75 yards on six plays on their next series to take a 14-13 lead with 7:16 left in the half. On fourth-and-1 from the Michigan 48, Thorne found Nailor for 40 yards, and on the next play, Walker found the end zone for the second time of the afternoon with an 8-yard score.

Michigan took a 23-14 advantage into halftime after Andre' caught his second TD pass of the day from 17 yards out and Moody connected on his third field goal from 35 yards as time in the second quarter expired.

The Wolverines extended their lead to 30-14 on their second series of the third quarter as McNamara found Mike Sainristil for a 19-yard touchdown pass on a third-and-7 play.

MSU responded on its next series, capitalizing on another fourth-down conversion, to make it a one-score game at 30-22 at the 3:58 mark in the third. Facing a fourth-and-4 on the Michigan 29, Thorne hit Reed on a 28-yard pass to the 1-yard line, and Walker scored on the next play on a 1-yard run for his third score of the game.

Walker's fourth touchdown of the game came on a 58-yard scamper early in the fourth quarter. The Spartans converted their second two-point conversion of the game as Thorne hit Reed in the corner of the end zone.

Michigan took over with 12:29 left on the clock and used six plays to move near the MSU 20-yard line, but the Spartans defense held and the Wolverines took a 33-30 lead on a 36-yard field goal from Moody.

The Spartans were forced to punt on their next possession, but on Michigan's first play, quarterback J.J. McCarthy fumbled and it was recovered by MSU defensive end Jacob Panasiuk at the 41-yard line. Taking over with 7:12 to play in the game, the Spartans picked up a pair of first downs before Walker broke free for a 23-yard touchdown, giving MSU a 37-33 lead with 5:08 to play.

The drama wasn't done. Michigan drove to the MSU 31-yard line before turning over on downs with just under two minutes left. After the Wolverines contained MSU, the Spartans punted, and Michigan took over on its own 33-yard line. Near midfield after a penalty, Cade McNamara's pass was intercepted by Charles Brantley with just over a minute left, sealing the win for the Spartans.



**Kenneth Walker III** rushed for five touchdowns (27 yards and 8 yards in second quarter; 1 yard in third quarter; 58 yards and 23 yards in fourth quarter), the most ever by any opposing player against Michigan . . . the five TDs tied for the second most in school history (record: six by Blake Ezor vs. Northwestern in 1989; five by Javon Ringer vs. Eastern Michigan in 2008) . . . the five rushing TDs were the most by any player in the 114-game history of the rivalry . . . Michigan State has now won 10 of the past 14 meetings against Michigan.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan (7-1, 4-1 B1G)	10	13	7	3	- 33
Michigan State (8-0, 5-0 B1G)	0	14	8	15	- 37

### SCORING SUMMARY

#### FIRST QUARTER

UM (0-7) Anthony 93-yard pass from McNamara (Moody kick), 11:03 left  
Drive: 3 plays, 98 yards, TOP 1:35

UM (0-10) Moody 26-yard field goal, 1:18 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 22 yards, TOP 2:51

#### SECOND QUARTER

MSU (7-10) Walker 27-yard run (Coghlin kick), 14:52 left  
Drive: 5 plays, 75 yards, TOP 1:26

UM (7-13) Moody 38-yard field goal, 9:18 left  
Drive: 10 plays, 55 yards, TOP 5:34

MSU (14-13) Walker 8-yard run (Coghlin kick), 7:16 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:02

UM (14-20) Anthony 17-yard pass from McCarthy (Moody kick), 3:45 left  
Drive: 8 plays, 78 yards, TOP 3:25

UM (14-23) Moody 35-yard field goal, 0:02 left  
Drive: 9 plays, 54 yards, TOP 1:11

#### THIRD QUARTER

UM (14-30) Sainristil 19-yard pass from McNamara (Moody kick), 6:47 left  
Drive: 5 plays, 54 yards, TOP 1:46

MSU (22-30) Walker 1-yard run (Mosley pass), 3:58 left  
Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:49

#### FOURTH QUARTER

MSU (30-30) Walker 58-yard run (Reed pass), 12:29 left  
Drive: 9 plays, 86 yards, TOP 2:17

UM (30-33) Moody 36-yard field goal, 9:20 left  
Drive: 9 plays, 57 yards, TOP 3:09

MSU (37-33) Walker 23-yard run (Coghlin kick), 5:08 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 41 yards, TOP 2:04

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UM	MSU
First Downs	27	20
Rushes-Yards	34-146	36-199
Passing Yards	406	196
Passes	31-48-1	19-30-2
Total Offense	82-552	66-395
Punts-Avg.	2-39.5	5-55.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-59	7-75
Possession Time	34:50	25:10

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

**MSU:** Walker 23-197; Simmons 3-8; Thorne 7-0; Team 3-(-6). **UM:** Haskins 14-59; Corum 13-45; McNamara 2-23; Johnson 1-7; McCarthy 3-7; Robbins 1-5.

#### PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

**MSU:** Thorne 19-30-2-196-0. **UM:** McNamara 28-44-1-383-2; McCarthy 3-4-0-23-1.

#### RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

**MSU:** Reed 6-80; Nailor 4-75; Foster 2-15; Walker 3-11; Heyward 2-10; Hunt 1-3; Carr 1-2. **UM:** Anthony 6-155; All 10-98; Sainristil 2-62; Johnson 6-36; Haskins 2-18; Schoonmaker 1-13; Corum 2-12; Henning 1-7; Wilson 1-5.

#### TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

**MSU:** Crouch 13 (7-6); Snow 10 (6-4); Haladay 10 (4-6); Henderson 7 (4-3); Brantley 4 (4-0); Williams 4 (4-0). **UM:** Ross 10 (6-4); Colson 6 (3-3); Hill 6 (4-2); Hawkins 4 (4-0); Ojabo 4 (3-1).





# 2021 GAME RECAPS

## GAME 9 • PURDUE 40, NO. 3 MICHIGAN STATE 29

Game 9 | Purdue 40, No. 3 Michigan State 29

Nov. 6, 2021 • West Lafayette, Ind.

Ross-Ade Stadium • Att: 57,748

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

**WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.** -- Purdue handed No. 3 Michigan State its first loss of the season with a 40-29 victory over the Spartans on Saturday afternoon at Ross-Ade Stadium.

Kenneth Walker III, the nation's leading rusher, led MSU (8-1, 5-1 Big Ten) with 146 yards on the ground, including a 14-yard touchdown on fourth down in the second quarter. Payton Thorne was 20-of-30 passing for 276 yards and two touchdowns. His favorite target on the day was Jayden Reed, who caught four passes for 73 yards. Tre Mosley had three catches for 44 yards, including a career-high two TD grabs.

Defensively, Darius Snow collected a career-high 13 tackles, including 1.5 for losses, and also had a fumble recovery. Xavier Henderson had eight stops, while Cal Haladay and Quavaris Crouch each posted seven tackles.

The Boilermakers outgained the Spartans, 594-458, led by Purdue quarterback Aidan O'Connell, who completed 40 of 54 throws for 536 yards and three touchdowns.

Purdue opened the game's scoring by going 62 yards on nine plays on its first possession, capped by a third-and-goal pass from O'Connell to David Bell in the end zone for a 5-yard touchdown.

The Spartans responded on their next drive as Thorne hit Mosley in the end zone for a 26-yard scoring strike to tie the game at 7 with 6:23 left in the first quarter.

Purdue regained the lead early in the second quarter, scoring its second TD on an 8-yard pass from O'Connell to Broc Thompson to make it 14-7 in favor of the Boilermakers.

With 4:50 remaining in the first half, Purdue extended its lead to 21-7 on Jackson Anthrop's 39-yard touchdown scamper off a trick play.

On the ensuing series, Michigan State put together an 11-play, 69-yard touchdown drive just before halftime. With the Spartans facing a fourth-and-2 from the Purdue 14-yard line, Walker raced to the right side and sprinted into the end zone for a 14-yard touchdown, cutting the deficit to 21-14 at the 1:04 mark. Walker had 17 carries for 103 yards in the first half for MSU.

Purdue turned the ball over on a fumble on its first series of the third quarter -- which was forced by Jeff Pietrowski and recovered by Snow -- and the Spartans took advantage. On a third-and-2 play, Thorne kept the ball on a read option and scored on a 32-yard touchdown run, tying the game at 21.

The Boilermakers went back ahead, 28-21, at the 9:31 mark in the third quarter on a 1-yard TD run by King Doerue. Bell was at it again on third-and-10 on Purdue's next series, catching a pass for 50 yards that set up a 29-yard Mitchell Fineran field goal to put the Boilermakers on top, 31-21. Bell finished the game with 11 catches for 217 yards.

Although the Spartans held Purdue to a field goal early in the fourth quarter after a first-and-goal situation, the Boilermakers still ran 7:14 off the clock and capped a 14-play, 60-yard drive with a 24-yard Fineran field goal that made it 34-21.

The Spartans drove the ball to the Purdue 9-yard line on their next possession, but a Thorne interception on fourth down kept the Spartans off the scoreboard.

Fineran connected on his third field goal of the game with 6:48 remaining to put Purdue ahead, 37-21.

Michigan State made it a one-score game by driving 83 yards on just eight plays, capped by a Thorne 17-yard TD pass to Mosley, and Maliq Carr caught the two-point conversion pass to cut the deficit to 37-29 with 5:03 left.

However, on Purdue's next play from scrimmage, O'Connell found Doerue for a 46-yard screen pass, which led to Fineran's fourth field goal of the game from 22 yards out that sealed the victory for the Boilermakers with just 41 seconds on the clock.



Junior running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Kenneth Walker III posted his sixth 100-yard rushing outing of the season with 146 yards on 23 carries . . . Walker now has 11 100-yard rushing games in his career (two at Wake Forest in 2019, three at Wake Forest in 2020; six at Michigan State in 2021) . . . Walker scored his 15th rushing TD and 16th overall TD of the season with a 14-yard score in the second quarter . . . the 15 rushing TDs moves Walker up to No. 11 on MSU's single-season rushing TDs list and are the most since Jeremy Langford's school-record tying total of 22 in 2014, matching Javon Ringer's 22 rushing TDs in 2008.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (8-1, 5-1 B1G)	7	7	7	8	- 29
Purdue (6-3, 4-2 B1G)	7	14	10	9	- 40

### SCORING SUMMARY

#### FIRST QUARTER

PUR (0-7) Bell 5-yard pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick), 9:12 left  
Drive: 9 plays, 62 yards, TOP 3:37

MSU (7-7) Mosley 26-yard pass from Thorne (Rusnak kick), 6:23 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:49

#### SECOND QUARTER

PUR (7-14) Thompson 8-yard pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick), 13:23 left  
Drive: 8 plays, 70 yards, TOP 3:28

PUR (7-21) Anthrop 39-yard pass from O'Connell (Fineran kick), 4:50 left  
Drive: 4 plays, 51 yards, TOP 1:13

MSU (14-21) Walker 14-yard run (Rusnak kick), 1:04 left  
Drive: 11 plays, 69 yards, TOP 3:41

#### THIRD QUARTER

MSU (21-21) Thorne 32-yard run (Rusnak kick), 12:19 left  
Drive: 3 plays, 41 yards, TOP 1:00

PUR (21-28) Doerue 1-yard run (Fineran kick), 9:31 left  
Drive: 7 plays, 70 yards, TOP 2:44

PUR (21-31) Fineran 29-yard field goal, 6:31 left  
Drive: 7 plays, 51 yards, TOP 1:32

#### FOURTH QUARTER

PUR (21-34) Fineran 24-yard field goal, 13:02 left  
Drive: 14 plays, 60 yards, TOP 7:14

PUR (21-37) Fineran 23-yard field goal, 6:48 left  
Drive: 9 plays, 93 yards, TOP 2:24

MSU (29-37) Mosley 11-yard pass from Thorne (Carr pass), 5:03 left  
Drive: 5 plays, 83 yards, TOP 1:45

PUR (29-40) Fineran 22-yard field goal, 0:41 left  
Drive: 10 plays, 76 yards, TOP 4:17

### TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	PUR
First Downs	21	29
Rushes-Yards	33-182	31-58
Passing Yards	276	536
Passes	20-30-1	40-54-0
Total Offense	63-458	85-594
Punts-Avg.	4-39.0	2-36.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-70	3-25
Possession Time	24:47	35:13

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 23-146; Thorne 8-37; Simmons 1-2; Mosley 1-(-3). PUR: Doerue 13-32; Horvath 10-24; Anthrop 5-14; Burton 1-1; O'Connell 2-(-13).

#### PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 20-30-1-176-2. PUR: O'Connell 40-54-0-536-3.

#### RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Reed 4-73; Heyward 3-52; Mosley 3-44; Foster 3-33; Carr 1-28; T.Hunt 3-25; Walker 2-20; Fitzpatrick 1-1. PUR: Bell 11-217; Anthrop 6-80; Miller 8-74; Doerue 3-60; Wright 4-53; Thompson 3-22; Horvath 3-21; Sheffield 2-9.

#### TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Snow 13 (11-2); Henderson 8 (5-3); Crouch 7 (4-3); Haladay 7 (6-1); Kimbrough 6 (6-0). PUR: Alexander 9 (6-3); Douglas 8 (5-3); Graham 7 (6-1); Three others 5.



## GAME 10 • NO. 7 MICHIGAN STATE 40, MARYLAND 21

Game 10 | No. 7 Michigan State 40, Maryland 21  
 Nov. 13, 2021 • East Lansing, Mich.  
 Spartan Stadium • Att: 67,437

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** -- Payton Thorne threw for 287 yards and four touchdowns and Kenneth Walker III ran for 143 yards and two TDs as No. 7 Michigan State topped Maryland, 40-21, Saturday afternoon at Spartan Stadium.

Walker collected a total of 172 all-purpose yards as he also had two catches for 29 yards. It marked Walker's seventh 100-yard rushing game of the season and it was his sixth game of 150-plus all-purpose yards.

Thorne completed 22-of-31 passes and tied his career high with four TDs as the Spartans (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten) had 481 yards of total offense.

Jayden Reed led all players in the game with 210 all-purpose yards, including eight catches for 114 yards and two touchdowns. He also had four returns for 96 yards.

Xavier Henderson, Darius Snow and Marqui Lowery all had seven tackles apiece to lead the Spartans, while Jeff Pietrowski had two tackles for loss (17 yards) and one sack (14 yards). In his first start of the season, Noah Harvey had five tackles and an interception return for 35 yards.

The Spartans opened the game with a quick touchdown, as Thorne connected on a 52-yard pass to Montorie Foster off of a flea flicker. It marked the fourth time MSU has scored a touchdown on a flea flicker this season (Youngstown State, Nebraska, Rutgers, Maryland).

Michigan State extended its lead later in the first on Thorne's 29-yard touchdowns pass to Reed in the corner of the end zone, but the Spartans did miss the extra point.

Maryland got on the board right before the end of the first quarter, scoring on a Penry Boone 4-yard touchdown run following a Taulia Tagovailoa 45-yard rush on a third-and-3 play from the MSU 49 to cut the Spartan lead to 13-7.

Reed took the ensuing return 39 yards to give MSU good field position on its next series at the Spartan 41, and Michigan State took advantage by going 59 yards on 14 plays, capped by a 2-yard TD pass from Thorne to Connor Heyward, giving MSU a 20-7 advantage at the 8:11 mark in the second quarter.

MSU went up 27-7 with 1:42 left in the first half on Walker's 1-yard TD run, his 16th rushing touchdown of the season.

Maryland trimmed the Spartan lead to 27-14 with 56 seconds remaining in the second quarter as Chigoziem Okonkwo caught a 32-yard pass from Tagovailoa for a Terrapin touchdown.

On their first drive of the third quarter, the Terrapins drove the ball into the red zone, but Harvey recorded his first career interception near the goal line and returned it 35 yards for the Spartans. That sparked an MSU touchdown drive that spanned 64 yards on eight plays to put MSU on top 34-14, as Reed hauled in a 3-yard TD pass from Thorne, his fourth TD toss of the game, at the 9:37 mark in the third.

Maryland answered right away with a three-play touchdown drive, led by a 32-yard TD screen pass from Tagovailoa to Okonkwo, that made it 34-21. The Spartans fumbled on their next series, giving Maryland the ball on the MSU 28, but the Terrapins could not take advantage and ultimately missed a 41-yard field goal after having first-and-goal on the 2. Henderson was credited with a sack on the key third down play as Tagovailoa was flagged for intentional grounding on the 19-yard loss.

Walker scored his second rushing TD of the game with 10:34 left in the game on a 3-yard rush to give the Spartans a 40-21 lead.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Maryland (5-5, 2-5 B1G)	7	7	7	0	- 21
Michigan State (9-1, 6-1 B1G)	13	14	7	6	- 40

### SCORING SUMMARY

#### FIRST QUARTER

- MSU (7-0) Foster 52 yd pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 13:43 left  
Drive: 3 plays, 82 yards, TOP 1:11
- MSU (13-0) Reed 29-yard pass from Thorne (Rusnack kick missed), 6:51 left  
Drive: 5 plays, 86 yards, TOP 1:59
- UMD (7-13) Boone 4-yard run (Petrino kick), 0:03 left  
Drive: 7 plays, 76 yards, TOP 1:52

#### SECOND QUARTER

- MSU (20-7) Heyward 2-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 8:11 left  
Drive: 13 plays, 59 yards, TOP 6:49
- MSU (27-7) Walker 1-yard run (Coghlin kick), 1:42 left  
Drive: 12 plays, 68 yards, TOP 5:44
- UMD (14-27) Okonkwo 32-yard pass from Tagovailoa (Petrino kick), 0:56 left  
Drive: 4 plays, 80 yards, TOP 0:46

#### THIRD QUARTER

- MSU (34-14) Reed 3-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 9:37 left  
Drive: 8 plays, 64 yards, TOP 3:14
- UMD (21-34) Okonkwo 32-yard pass from Tagovailoa (Petrino kick), 8:33 left  
Drive: 3 plays, 64 yards, TOP 0:54

#### FOURTH QUARTER

- MSU (40-21) Walker 3-yard run (T.Hunt pass from Thorne failed), 10:34 left  
Drive: 7 plays, 76 yards, TOP 3:35

### TEAM STATISTICS

	UMD	MSU
First Downs	24	28
Rushes-Yards	24-101	44-194
Passing Yards	350	287
Passes	29-48-1	22-30-1
Total Offense	73-451	74-481
Punts-Avg.	4-39.5	4-53.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	13-93	8-79
Possession Time	24:10	35:50

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

**MSU:** Walker 30-143; Simmons 6-39; Collins 1-7; Thorne 6-4; Joiner 1-1. **UMD:** Boone 5-42; McDonald 6-38; Tagovailoa 10-16; Fleet-Davis 4-5.

#### PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

**MSU:** Thorne 22-30-1-287-4. **UMD:** Tagovailoa 29-48-1-350-2.

#### RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

**MSU:** Reed 8-114; Mosley 4-52; Foster 1-52; Hunt 3-30; Walker 2-29; Carr 1-11; Heyward 1-2; Coleman 1-1; Simmons 1-(-4). **UMD:** Okonkwo 8-112; Jarrett 10-105; Fleet-Davis 3-55; Jones 2-32; Carriere 2-25; Fleming 1-23; Cobbs 1-12; McDonald 1-6; Boone 1-0.

#### TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

**MSU:** Henderson 7 (6-1); Snow 7 (6-1); Lowery 7 (5-2); Haladay 6 (1-5); Grose 5 (3-2); Harvey 5 (2-3). **UMD:** Finau 11 (7-4); Mosley 9 (6-3); Still 6 (6-0); Three others 5.



*Kenneth Walker III collected his seventh 100-yard rushing game of the season with 143 yards on 30 carries . . . he also tallied 172 all-purpose yards (two catches for 29 yards); he has totaled 150-plus all-purpose yards in six games this season . . . Walker scored two touchdowns (1 yard in second quarter; 3 yards in fourth quarter) to give him 17 for the year, which is tied for seventh most in an MSU season; his 18 overall TDs are tied for sixth most . . . Walker has 1,473 rushing yards through 10 games, which is already eighth most in an MSU season.*





# 2021 GAME RECAPS

## GAME 11 • NO. 4 OHIO STATE 56, NO. 7 MICHIGAN STATE 7

Game 11 | No. 4 Ohio State 56, No. 7 Michigan State 7

Nov. 20, 2021 • Columbus, Ohio

Ohio Stadium • Att: 101,858

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** -- No. 7 Michigan State fell at No. 4 Ohio State, 56-7, Saturday afternoon in Ohio Stadium.

C.J. Stroud led the Buckeyes (10-1, 8-0 Big Ten) by completing 32-of-35 passes for 432 yards and six touchdowns.

Payton Thorne was 14-of-36 passing for 158 yards for the Spartans (9-2, 6-2 Big Ten), including a 12-yard TD to Keon Coleman in the fourth quarter. Darius Snow led MSU with a career-high 16 tackles, while Angelo Grose had eight stops. In limited action, Kenneth Walker III was held to 25 yards on six carries.

OSU controlled the first half and took a 49-0 lead into halftime.

Ohio State scored on the game's opening possession, going 86 yards on 12 plays in 4:12 to take a quick 7-0 lead as Stroud found Chris Olave in the end zone on a 23-yard pass. Stroud connected on a 77-yard pass to Garrett Wilson on OSU's next possession as the Buckeyes went up 14-0 with 8:03 left in the first quarter. Olave caught his second TD of the quarter on a 43-yard catch in the back of end zone with 2:31 left in the opening quarter to make it 21-0 in favor of OSU.

Stroud threw his fourth touchdown pass of the game early in the second quarter (14:05), this time finding Julian Fleming 4 yards in the end zone, while Miyan Williams scored on a 1-yard TD with 10:02 left in the half for the Buckeyes. Ohio State took a 49-0 lead into halftime after scoring two more touchdowns in the second quarter.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but Coleman caught his first career touchdown on a 12-yard completion in the first play of the fourth quarter to get the Spartans on the board, which capped an eight-play, 51-yard drive for MSU.

Ohio State added a late TD in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard rush by Master Teague to make the final 56-7.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (9-2, 6-2 B1G)	0	0	0	7	- 7
Ohio State (10-1, 8-0 B1G)	21	28	0	7	- 56

### SCORING SUMMARY

#### FIRST QUARTER

- OSU (0-7) Olave 23-yard pass from Stroud (Ruggles kick), 10:42 left  
Drive: 12 plays, 86 yards, TOP 4:12
- OSU (0-14) Wilson 77-yard pass from Stroud (Ruggles kick), 8:03 left  
Drive: 4 plays, 88 yards, TOP 1:16
- OSU (0-21) Olave 43-yard pass from Stroud (Ruggles kick), 2:31 left  
Drive: 4 plays, 71 yards, TOP 1:24

#### SECOND QUARTER

- OSU (0-28) Fleming 4-yard pass from Stroud (Ruggles kick), 14:05 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 44 yards, TOP 1:48
- OSU (0-35) Williams 1-yard run (Ruggles kick), 10:02 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 70 yards, TOP 2:46
- OSU (0-42) Wilson 12-yard pass from Stroud (Ruggles kick), 7:01 left  
Drive: 6 plays, 57 yards, TOP 2:15
- OSU (0-49) Smith-Njigba 5-yard pass from Stroud (Ruggles kick), 1:37 left  
Drive: 10 plays, 85 yards, TOP 3:52

#### THIRD QUARTER

None

#### FOURTH QUARTER

- MSU (7-49) Coleman 12-yard pass from Thorne (Rusnak kick), 14:55 left  
Drive: 8 plays, 51 yards, TOP 2:32
- OSU (7-56) Teague 1-yard run (Ruggles kick), 3:30 left  
Drive: 16 plays, 75 yards, TOP 8:32

### TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	OSU
First Downs	12	36
Rushes-Yards	21-66	43-206
Passing Yards	158	449
Passes	16-38-0	36-43-1
Total Offense	59-224	86-655
Punts-Avg.	9-49.7	1-50.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	1-5
Possession Time	22:02	37:58

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

**MSU:** Collins 3-29; Walker 6-25; Simmons 7-23; Joiner 1-(-2); Thorne 4-(-9). **OSU:** Teague 21-95; Henderson 9-63; Williams 4-35; McCord 2-9; Wilson 1-5; Cope 2-4; Team 1-(-1); Stroud 3-(-4).

#### PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

**MSU:** Thorne 14-36-0-158-1; Russo 2-2-0-0-0. **OSU:** Stroud 32-35-0-432-6; McCord 4-8-1-17-0.

#### RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

**MSU:** Mosley 1-46; Hunt 2-30; Reed 2-28; Coleman 3-27; Heyward 4-20; Walker 1-4; Colling 1-3; Fitzpatrick 1-2; Simmons 1-(-2). **OSU:** Olave 7-140; Wilson 7-126; Smith-Njigba 10-105; Ruckert 1-28; Williams 3-16; Wiglusz 2-14; Fleming 2-8; Henderson 2-8; Rossi 1-5; Scott 1-(-1).

#### TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

**MSU:** Snow 16 (13-3); Grose 8 (8-0); Henderson 7 (5-2); Kimbrough 7 (4-3); Harvey 5 (3-2). **OSU:** Williams 7 (5-2); Eichenberg 7 (2-5); Martinez 4 (3-1); Four others 3.



Freshman wide receiver Keon Coleman had a season-best three catches for 27 yards and scored his first career touchdown with a 12-yard catch in the fourth quarter.



# 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
WKU	7	80	3:59	TD	1	Walker 5-yd run
WKU	4	75	1:10	TD	1	Reed 46-yd pass; Thorne
WKU	6	68	2:27	TD	2	Walker 5-yd run
WKU	9	66	4:06	TD	2	Walker 3-yd run
WKU	6	31	0:53	TD	2	Thorne 12-yd run
WKU	14	96	5:49	FG	3	Coghlin 21-yd FG
WKU	12	72	3:38	FG	4	Coghlin 20-yd FG
RUT	2	75	0:46	TD	1	Nailor 63-yd pass; Thorne
RUT	5	87	1:48	TD	2	Nailor 63-yd pass; Thorne
RUT	1	65	0:11	TD	2	Nailor 65-yd pass; Thorne
RUT	1	94	0:16	TD	3	Walker 94-yd run
RUT	6	23	2:19	FG	4	Coghlin 35-yd FG
IND	9	46	4:04	FG	3	Coghlin 51-yd FG
IND	5	39	1:35	TD	3	Hunt 12-yd pass; Thorne
IND	13	60	4:18	FG	4	Coghlin 49-yd FG
MICH	5	75	1:26	TD	2	Walker 27-yd run
MICH	6	75	2:02	TD	2	Walker 8-yd run
MICH	8	75	2:49	TD	3	Walker 1-yd run
MICH	9	86	2:17	TD	4	Walker 58-yd run
MICH	6	41	2:04	TD	4	Walker 23-yd run
PUR	6	75	2:49	TD	1	Mosley 26-yd pass; Thorne
PUR	11	69	3:41	TD	2	Walker 14-yd run
PUR	3	41	1:00	TD	3	Thorne 32-yd run
PUR	5	83	1:45	TD	4	Mosley 11-yd pass; Thorne
UMD	3	82	1:11	TD	1	Foster 52-yd pass; Thorne
UMD	5	86	1:59	TD	1	Reed 29-yd pass; Thorne
UMD	13	59	6:49	TD	2	Heyward 2-yd pass; Thorne
UMD	12	68	5:44	TD	2	Walker 1-yd run
UMD	8	64	3:14	TD	3	Reed 3-yd pass; Thorne
UMD	7	76	3:35	TD	4	Walker 3-yd run
OSU	8	51	2:32	TD	4	Coleman 12-yd pass; Thorne

#### Quick Strike Breakdown

**Fewest Plays:** 1 (four), vs. Northwestern, vs. Youngstown State, vs. Rutgers (twice)  
**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 (TD):** 13, Maryland  
**by No. of Plays (FG):** 14, vs. Western Kentucky  
**by No. of Yards (TD):** 98, vs. Youngstown State  
**by No. of Yards (FG):** 96, vs. Western Kentucky  
**Time of Possession (TD):** 6:49, vs. Maryland  
**Time of Possession (FG):** 5:49, vs. Western Kentucky  
**Longest Scoring Play (run):** Walker 94-yard run vs. Rutgers \*School record\*  
**Longest Scoring Play (pass):** Reed 85-yard pass from Thorne vs. Youngstown State

#### TD Drive Breakdown

**No. of TD Scoring Drives:** 43

1-9 yards: 0  
 10-19 yards: 1  
 20-29 yards: 1  
 30-39 yards: 2  
 40-49 yards: 3  
 50-59 yards: 6  
 60-69 yards: 8  
 70-79 yards: 11  
 80-89 yards: 9  
 90-99 yards: 2

1st Quarter: 10  
 2nd Quarter: 16  
 3rd Quarter: 8  
 4th Quarter: 9  
 Overtime: 0

**Most Points in a Quarter:** 21, four times: 2nd, vs. Youngstown State; 4th vs. Miami; 1st & 2nd vs. Western Kentucky

**Most Points in 1st Half:** 42 vs. Western Kentucky

**Most Points in 2nd Half:** 28, vs. Miami

**Scoring On Opening Drive:** vs. Northwestern (TD), vs. Youngstown State (TD), vs. Western Kentucky (TD), vs. Maryland (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
WKU	11	56	3:22	FG	1	Narveson 37-yd FG
WKU	3	65	0:57	TD	1	Beljan 4-yd pass; Zappe
WKU	13	61	4:53	FG	2	Narveson 29-yd FG
WKU	8	58	2:19	FG	2	Narveson 35-yd FG
WKU	9	75	2:30	TD	4	Je. Sterns 28-yd pass; Zappe
WKU	8	50	2:28	TD	4	Beljan 1-yd pass; Zappe
RUT	9	72	3:22	TD	1	Cruickshank 4-yd pass; Langan
RUT	10	72	3:41	FG	2	Ambrosio 26-yd FG
RUT	4	2	1:03	FG	2	Ambrosio 29-yd FG
IND	13	70	5:01	FG	1	Campbell 24-yd FG
IND	6	17	2:27	FG	2	Campbell 44-yd FG
IND	12	71	5:33	FG	2	Campbell 25-yd FG
IND	11	75	3:53	TD	4	Carr 1-yd run
MICH	3	98	1:35	TD	1	Anthony 93-yd pass; McNamara
MICH	6	22	2:51	FG	1	Moody 26-yd FG
MICH	10	55	5:34	FG	2	Moody 38-yd FG
MICH	8	78	3:25	TD	2	Anthony 17-yd pass; McCarthy
MICH	9	54	1:11	FG	2	Moody 35-yd FG
MICH	5	54	1:46	TD	3	Sainristil 19-yd pass; McNamara
MICH	9	57	3:09	FG	4	Moody 36-yd FG
PUR	9	62	3:37	TD	1	Bell 5-yd pass; O'Connell
PUR	8	70	3:28	TD	2	Thompson 8-yd pass; O'Connell
PUR	4	51	1:13	TD	2	Anthrop 39-yd pass; O'Connell
PUR	7	70	2:44	TD	3	Doerue 1-yd run
PUR	7	51	1:32	FG	3	Fineran 29-yd FG
PUR	14	60	7:14	FG	4	Fineran 24-yd FG
PUR	9	93	2:24	FG	4	Fineran 23-yd FG
PUR	10	76	4:17	FG	4	Fineran 22-yd FG
UMD	7	76	1:52	TD	1	Boone 4-yd run
UMD	4	80	0:46	TD	2	Okonkwo 32-yd pass; Tagovailoa
UMD	3	64	0:54	TD	3	Okonkwo 32-yd pass; Tagovailoa
OSU	12	86	4:12	TD	1	Olave 23-yd pass; Stroud
OSU	4	88	1:16	TD	1	Wilson 77-yd pass; Stroud
OSU	4	71	1:24	TD	1	Olave 43-yd pass; Stroud
OSU	6	44	1:48	TD	2	Fleming 4-yd pass; Stroud
OSU	6	70	2:46	TD	2	Williams 1-yd run
OSU	6	57	2:15	TD	2	Wilson 12-yd pass; Stroud
OSU	10	85	3:52	TD	2	Smith-Njigba 5-yd pass; Stroud
OSU	16	75	8:32	TD	4	Teague 1-yd run

#### Quick Strike Breakdown

**Fewest Plays:** 3 (three times), Western Kentucky, Michigan, Maryland  
**Fewest Yards (TD):** 44, Ohio State  
**Fewest Yards (FG):** 2, Rutgers  
**Time of Possession (TD):** 0:46, Maryland  
**Time of Possession (FG):** 1:03, Rutgers

#### Longest Drives Breakdown

**by No. of Plays:** 16 (twice), Northwestern, Ohio State  
**by No. of Yards:** 98, Michigan  
**Time of Possession:** 8:32, Ohio State  
**Longest Scoring Play (run):** Turner 26-yd run (Youngstown State)  
**Longest Scoring Play (pass):** Anthony 93-yd pass from McNamara (Michigan)

#### TD Drive Breakdown

**No. of TD Scoring Drives:** 32

1-9 yards: 0  
 10-19 yards: 0  
 20-29 yards: 0  
 30-39 yards: 0  
 40-49 yards: 1  
 50-59 yards: 4  
 60-69 yards: 6  
 70-79 yards: 15  
 80-89 yards: 5  
 90-99 yards: 1

1st Quarter: 8  
 2nd Quarter: 11  
 3rd Quarter: 5  
 4th Quarter: 8  
 Overtime: 0

**Most Points in a Quarter:** 28, 2nd, Ohio State

**Most Points in 1st Half:** 49, Ohio State

**Most Points in 2nd Half:** 19, Purdue

**Fewest Points in a Quarter:** 0, 12 times: Northwestern (1st & 3rd); Youngstown State (1st & 4th); Miami (1st); Nebraska (1st); Western Kentucky (3rd); Rutgers (3rd & 4th); Indiana (3rd); Maryland (4th); Ohio State (3rd)

**Fewest Points in 1st Half:** 7, 3 times: Northwestern, Youngstown State, Miami

**Fewest Points in 2nd Half:** 0, Rutgers

**Scoring On Opening Drive:** Rutgers (TD); Indiana (FG); Michigan (TD); Purdue (TD); Ohio State (TD)





2021-22 Michigan St. Football  
Game Results  
All games

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
*	09/03/2021	at Northwestern	W	38-21	1-0	1-0	3:29	34248
	09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	W	42-14	2-0	1-0	3:36	70103
	09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	W	38-17	3-0	1-0	3:51	46427
*	09/25/2021	Nebraska	Wot1	23-20	4-0	2-0	3:42	70332
	10/02/2021	Western Ky.	W	48-31	5-0	2-0	3:59	70075
*	10/09/2021	at Rutgers	W	31-13	6-0	3-0	3:34	41117
*	10/16/2021	at Indiana	W	20-15	7-0	4-0	3:38	50571
*	10/30/2021	Michigan	W	37-33	8-0	5-0	3:59	76549
*	11/06/2021	at Purdue	L	29-40	8-1	5-1	3:32	57748
*	11/13/2021	Maryland	W	40-21	9-1	6-1	3:33	67437
*	11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	L	7-56	9-2	6-2	3:20	101858



**2021-22 Michigan St. Football  
Team Game-by-Game  
All games**

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	4	47	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
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	43	192	4	15	20	327	1	46	20	30	0	327	1	46	2	63	0	34	1	88	1	88	519
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	38	249	1	94	16	339	3	65	16	27	1	339	3	65	1	10	0	10	2	1	0	1	588
10/16/2021	at Indiana	35	100	0	13	15	141	1	28	15	27	2	141	1	28	2	32	0	14	2	11	0	7	241
10/30/2021	Michigan	36	199	5	58	19	196	0	40	19	30	2	196	0	40	1	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	395
11/06/2021	at Purdue	33	182	2	33	20	276	2	35	20	30	1	276	2	35	2	21	0	21	1	3	0	3	458
11/13/2021	Maryland	44	194	2	36	22	287	4	52	22	30	4	287	4	52	4	96	0	39	0	0	0	0	481
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	21	66	0	16	16	158	1	46	16	38	0	158	1	46	6	111	0	23	0	0	0	0	224
<b>Michigan St.</b>		<b>396</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>4720</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>388</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5097</b>

**Michigan St. Averages**

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
11	5.2	13.7	148.9	20.9	19.3	507.9	429.1

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	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	3	23	
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	49	34	83	5.0-25	3-21	1	1-0	0-0	3	6	0	6-6	0	0	7	48	
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	32	50	82	7.0-35	4-31	2	1-0	0-0	3	2	0	4-4	0	0	3	31	
10/16/2021	at Indiana	46	32	78	5.0-22	3-20	1	1-0	2-40	3	8	0	2-2	0	0	14	20	
10/30/2021	Michigan	45	36	81	2.0-3	0-0	1	1-0	1-7	2	5	0	3-3	0	2	7	37	
11/06/2021	at Purdue	58	20	78	5.0-18	2-13	1	1-0	0-0	0	3	0	3-3	0	1	7	29	
11/13/2021	Maryland	39	22	61	7.0-56	4-48	1	0-0	1-35	4	4	0	4-5	0	0	7	40	
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	57	30	87	6.0-17	2-11	1	0-0	1-10	1	2	0	1-1	0	0	7	7	
<b>Michigan St.</b>		<b>507</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>67.0-288</b>	<b>34-221</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>9-154</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41-42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>353</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>396</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>61.0-236</b>	<b>18-127</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>8-50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30-30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>281</b>

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
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	3	133	44.3	47	0	1	1	0	1	2-2	21	0	9	520	57.8	8	1
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	4	178	44.5	51	0	1	1	1	1	1-2	35	0	6	385	64.2	3	0
10/16/2021	at Indiana	7	309	44.1	66	0	0	4	2	2	2-2	51	0	5	325	65.0	4	0
10/30/2021	Michigan	5	279	55.8	66	0	1	0	4	0	0-0	0	0	6	386	64.3	4	0
11/06/2021	at Purdue	4	156	39.0	47	0	0	1	0	0	0-1	0	0	5	277	55.4	1	0
11/13/2021	Maryland	4	212	53.0	69	0	0	1	2	2	0-0	0	0	8	406	50.8	2	0
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	9	447	49.7	74	0	0	2	5	5	0-1	0	0	2	120	60.0	0	0
<b>Michigan St.</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>2619</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10-17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4103</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3734</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>



**2021-22 Michigan St. Football  
Opponents Game-by-Game  
All games**

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	50	194	2	45	25	248	0	24	25	36	1	248	0	24	1	13	0	13	1	-1	0	0	442
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	26	72	0	15	46	488	3	60	46	65	0	488	3	60	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	560
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	36	111	0	33	22	266	1	28	22	41	0	266	1	28	3	75	0	31	0	0	0	0	377
10/16/2021	at Indiana	36	134	1	29	28	188	0	22	28	52	2	188	0	22	1	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	322
10/30/2021	Michigan	34	146	0	24	31	406	3	93	31	48	1	406	3	93	2	38	0	19	3	58	0	22	552
11/06/2021	at Purdue	31	58	1	11	40	536	3	53	40	54	0	536	3	53	4	49	0	17	2	18	0	14	594
11/13/2021	Maryland	25	101	1	45	29	350	2	32	29	48	1	350	2	32	4	66	0	29	2	5	0	4	451
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	43	206	2	21	36	449	6	77	36	43	1	449	6	77	1	11	0	11	4	27	0	14	655
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>388</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5097</b>
<b>Michigan St.</b>		<b>396</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>4720</b>

**Opponents Averages**

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
11	3.5	11.0	136.6	17.2	8.2	508.8	463.4

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	41	8	49	2.0-11	2-11	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	0-0	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	3-26	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	3-18	0	0-0	1-0	0	3	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	40	34	74	4.0-14	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	3	4	0	2-2	0	1	0	0	31
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	29	46	75	7.0-17	0-0	1	1-0	1-0	1	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	13
10/16/2021	at Indiana	34	28	62	6.0-25	2-15	0	0-0	2-0	1	4	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	15
10/30/2021	Michigan	33	18	51	3.0-23	3-23	1	0-0	2-5	0	7	0	3-3	0	0	0	10	33
11/06/2021	at Purdue	38	18	56	5.0-18	1-9	1	1-0	1-0	0	5	0	4-4	0	0	0	10	40
11/13/2021	Maryland	43	30	73	6.0-26	2-15	1	1-8	1-45	0	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	30	24	54	9.0-23	2-10	1	1-0	0-0	1	11	0	8-8	0	0	0	7	56
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>396</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>61.0-236</b>	<b>18-127</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>8-50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30-30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>Michigan St.</b>		<b>507</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>67.0-288</b>	<b>34-221</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>9-154</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41-42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>353</b>

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	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
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	2	109	54.5	61	0	0	1	1	1	3-3	37	0	7	379	54.1	3	1
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	7	323	46.1	57	0	0	2	3	6	2-2	29	0	4	246	61.5	2	1
10/16/2021	at Indiana	5	197	39.4	55	0	1	1	1	1	3-4	44	0	5	319	63.8	3	0
10/30/2021	Michigan	2	79	39.5	41	0	0	1	0	2	4-4	38	0	8	506	63.3	4	0
11/06/2021	at Purdue	2	73	36.5	48	0	0	0	0	0	4-4	29	0	9	531	59.0	5	0
11/13/2021	Maryland	4	158	39.5	48	0	0	3	0	3	0-1	0	0	4	250	62.5	0	0
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	1	50	50.0	50	0	0	1	1	1	0-1	0	0	9	550	61.1	0	0
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3734</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Michigan St.</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>2619</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10-17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4103</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>





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	MSU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>281</b>
Points per game	32.1	25.5
Points Off Turnovers	76	37
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>285</b>
Rushing	97	90
Passing	107	171
Penalty	21	24
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>1358</b>
Yards gained rushing	2300	1673
Yards lost rushing	256	315
Rushing attempts	396	388
Average per rush	5.2	3.5
Average per game	185.8	123.5
TDs Rushing	21	9
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>3739</b>
Comp-Att-Int	195-320-8	341-522-9
Average per pass	8.4	7.2
Average per catch	13.7	11.0
Average per game	243.3	339.9
TDs Passing	22	23
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>4720</b>	<b>5097</b>
Total plays	716	910
Average per play	6.6	5.6
Average per game	429.1	463.4
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>24-501</b>	<b>19-327</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>11-212</b>	<b>15-123</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>9-154</b>	<b>8-50</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	<b>10-6</b>	<b>14-8</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>77-746</b>	<b>70-557</b>
Average per game	67.8	50.6
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>54-2619</b>	<b>45-1857</b>
Average per punt	48.5	41.3
Net punt average	43.4	35.5
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>69-4103</b>	<b>62-3734</b>
Average per kick	59.5	60.2
Net kick average	38.6	38.9
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>26:58</b>	<b>34:23</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>53/141</b>	<b>79/189</b>
3rd-down pct	38%	42%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>8/12</b>	<b>20/32</b>



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	<b>MSU</b>	<b>OPP</b>
4rd-down pct	67%	63%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>34-221</b>	<b>18-127</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>10-17</b>	<b>19-25</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(34-40) 85%</b>	<b>(40-48) 83%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(26-40) 65%</b>	<b>(23-48) 48%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(44-46) 96%</b>	<b>(31-32) 97%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>354496</b>	<b>331969</b>
Games / Avg per game	5/70899	6/55328
Neutral site games	-	0/0

**Score by Periods**

<b>Team</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>TOT</b>
Michigan St.	83	121	63	83	3	353
Opponents	65	111	41	64	0	281



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Michigan St. - Game Highs

<b>RUSHES</b>	44	Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	326	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	8.8	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	5	Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	38	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	22	Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	339	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	12.6	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	4 4 4	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Maryland (11/13/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	74	Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	595	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	9.0	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>POINTS</b>	48	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	7	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	28	Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	12	at Indiana (10/16/2021)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	134	at Indiana (10/16/2021)
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	2 2 2 2 2	Maryland (11/13/2021) at Purdue (11/06/2021) Michigan (10/30/2021) at Indiana (10/16/2021) at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>PUNTS</b>	9	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	58.8	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	74	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	5	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	88	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)





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**Opponent - Game Highs**

<b>RUSHES</b>	50	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	206	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	4.8	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	2 2 2	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021) Nebraska (09/25/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	65	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	46	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	536	at Purdue (11/06/2021)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	10.4	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	6	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	91	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	655	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	7.6	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>POINTS</b>	56	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	3 3 3	Michigan (10/30/2021) Nebraska (09/25/2021) at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	36	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	13	Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	93	Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	4	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
<b>PUNTS</b>	7 7 7	at Rutgers (10/09/2021) Nebraska (09/25/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	54.5	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	61	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	6	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	22	Michigan (10/30/2021)



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**Michigan St. - Game Lows**

<b>RUSHES</b>	21	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	66	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	2.4	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	0	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
	0	at Indiana (10/16/2021)
	0	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	23	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	14	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	141	at Indiana (10/16/2021)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	4.2	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	0	Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	53	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	224	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	3.8	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>POINTS</b>	7	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	0	Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
	12	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	3	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	30	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS BY</b>	0	at Purdue (11/06/2021)
	0	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
	0	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	0	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>PUNTS</b>	3	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	3	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	30.0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	47	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	47	at Purdue (11/06/2021)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	0	at Purdue (11/06/2021)
	0	Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	0	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
	0	Maryland (11/13/2021)
	0	Michigan (10/30/2021)
	0	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	0	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)



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**Opponent - Game Lows**

<b>RUSHES</b>	24	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	52	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	1.9	at Purdue (11/06/2021)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	0	Michigan (10/30/2021)
	0	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
	0	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	0	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	0	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	32	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	16	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	137	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	3.6	at Indiana (10/16/2021)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	0	at Indiana (10/16/2021)
	0	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	73	Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	304	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	3.7	at Indiana (10/16/2021)
<b>POINTS</b>	13	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	0	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	0	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
	0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	20	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
	20	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
	20	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	1	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	5	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS BY</b>	0	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	0	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
	0	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
	0	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>PUNTS</b>	1	at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	32.4	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	41	Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	0	at Purdue (11/06/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	0	at Indiana (10/16/2021)
	0	at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
	0	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)





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**Michigan St. - Individual Game Highs**

<b>RUSHES</b>	30	Kenneth Walker III vs Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	264	Kenneth Walker III at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	5	Kenneth Walker III vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	94	Kenneth Walker III at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	36	Payton Thorne at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	22	Payton Thorne vs Maryland (11/13/2021)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	339	Payton Thorne at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	4	Payton Thorne vs Maryland (11/13/2021)
	4	Payton Thorne at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	4	Payton Thorne vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	85	Payton Thorne vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	8	Jayden Reed vs Maryland (11/13/2021)
	8	Jalen Nailor vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	221	Jalen Nailor at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	3	Jalen Nailor at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	85	Jayden Reed vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
<b>PUNTS</b>	9	Bryce Baringer at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	58.8	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	74	Bryce Baringer at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	5	Bryce Baringer at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	88	Jayden Reed vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	41	Jayden Reed vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>TACKLES</b>	17	Xavier Henderson vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>SACKS</b>	2	Simeon Barrow at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	2	Drew Beesley at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	2	Jeff Pietrowski vs Maryland (11/13/2021)
	2	Simeon Barrow at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	2	Jacob Slade vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	2	Drew Beesley at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
	2	Xavier Henderson at Northwestern (09/03/2021)



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**Opponent - Individual Game Highs**

<b>RUSHES</b>	21	Master Teague at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
	21	Adrian Martinez vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	95	Master Teague at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	2	Adrian Martinez vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	49	Evan Hull at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	64	Bailey Zappe vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	46	Bailey Zappe vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	536	Aidan O'Connell at Purdue (11/06/2021)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	6	C.J. Stroud at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	93	Cade McNamara vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	17	Jerreth Sterns vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	217	David Bell at Purdue (11/06/2021)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	2	Garrett Wilson at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
	2	Chris Olave at Ohio St. (11/20/2021)
	2	Chigoziem Okonkwo vs Maryland (11/13/2021)
	2	Andrel Anthony vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
	2	Joey Beljan vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	2	Charleston Rambo at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	2	Trey Pugh at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	93	Andrel Anthony vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	4	Mitchell Fineran at Purdue (11/06/2021)
	4	Jake Moody vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>LONG FIELD GOALS</b>	55	Andres Borregales at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
<b>PUNTS</b>	7	Adam Korsak at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	54.5	John Haggerty vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	61	John Haggerty vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	6	Adam Korsak at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	22	A.J. Henning vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	31	Jessie Parson III at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>TACKLES</b>	11	Ami Finau vs Maryland (11/13/2021)
	11	Luke Reimer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
<b>SACKS</b>	2	David Ojabo vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	3	Christian Izien at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	1	Nick Cross vs Maryland (11/13/2021)
	1	Dedrick Mackey at Purdue (11/06/2021)
	1	Mike Morris vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
	1	R.J. Moten vs Michigan (10/30/2021)
	1	Josh Sanguinetti at Indiana (10/16/2021)
	1	Noah Pierre at Indiana (10/16/2021)
	1	Alijah Clark at Rutgers (10/09/2021)
	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	11	233	1557	59	1498	6.4	17	94	136.2
Payton Thorne	11	64	289	151	138	2.2	3	32	12.5
Jordon Simmons	11	54	260	5	255	4.7	0	24	23.2
Harold Joiner	10	10	39	2	37	3.7	0	12	3.7
Elijah Collins	5	7	68	0	68	9.7	0	16	13.6
Jayden Reed	11	6	42	0	42	7.0	1	12	3.8
Donovan Eaglin	10	6	33	0	33	5.5	0	14	3.3
Anthony Russo	2	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	7	5.0
Tre Mosley	11	2	2	3	-1	-0.5	0	2	-0.1
Jalen Nailor	8	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.4
Bryce Baringer	11	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.3
Team	11	9	0	30	-30	-3.3	0	0	-2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>185.8</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>1673</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>123.5</b>

**Passing**

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Payton Thorne	11	150.0	187-309-8	60.5	2618	22	85	238.0
Anthony Russo	2	117.9	7-9-0	77.8	43	0	16	21.5
Tyler Hunt	11	226.0	1-1-0	100.0	15	0	15	1.4
Team	11	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>195-320-8</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>243.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>341-522-9</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>339.9</b>

**Receiving**

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jayden Reed	11	47	857	18.2	7	85	77.9
Jalen Nailor	8	31	587	18.9	6	65	73.4
Tre Mosley	11	29	463	16.0	2	51	42.1
Connor Heyward	11	26	229	8.8	1	35	20.8
Tyler Hunt	11	14	136	9.7	1	16	12.4
Kenneth Walker III	11	13	89	6.8	1	17	8.1
Montorie Foster	11	8	123	15.4	1	52	11.2
Jordon Simmons	11	6	24	4.0	1	14	2.2
Keon Coleman	8	5	30	6.0	1	12	3.8
Maliq Carr	10	4	49	12.3	0	28	4.9
Terry Lockett	7	3	18	6.0	0	8	2.6
Harold Joiner	10	2	17	8.5	0	9	1.7
Elijah Collins	5	2	23	11.5	1	20	4.6
Christian Fitzpatrick	8	2	3	1.5	0	2	0.4
Payton Thorne	11	1	15	15.0	0	15	1.4
Ian Stewart	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Trenton Gillison	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>243.3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>339.9</b>

**Punt Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	10	213	21.3	2	88
Cade McDonald	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>

**Interceptions**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chester Kimbrough	1	62	62.0	0	62
Noah Harvey	1	35	35.0	0	35
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
Cal Haladay	1	30	30.0	1	30
Darius Snow	1	10	10.0	0	10
Charles Brantley	1	7	7.0	0	7
Justin White	1	10	10.0	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>

**Kick Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	16	376	23.5	0	41
Jalen Nailor	4	65	16.3	0	20
Montorie Foster	4	60	15.0	0	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>

**Fumble Returns**

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>





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**Scoring**

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Kenneth Walker III	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108
Matt Coghlin	-	10-16	37-37	-	-	-	-	-	67
Jayden Reed	10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	62
Jalen Nailor	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Payton Thorne	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	18
Tre Mosley	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	14
Connor Heyward	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Elijah Collins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyler Hunt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Montorie Foster	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cal Haladay	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordon Simmons	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Keon Coleman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Stephen Rusnak	-	0-1	4-5	-	-	-	-	-	4
Maliq Carr	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>10-17</b>	<b>41-42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>353</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>30-30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281</b>

**Field Goals**

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Matt Coghlin	10-16	62.5	0-0	6-6	2-4	1-3	1-3	51	1
Stephen Rusnak	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>

**FG Sequence**

Team Name	Michigan St.	Opponents
Northwestern	60,(37)	44,38
Youngstown St.	50	
Miami (FL)	(23),39	27,(55)
Ohio St.	46	
Western Ky.		(37)
Indiana		(24)
Michigan		(26)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

**Total Offense**

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Payton Thorne	11	373	138	2618	2756	250.5
Kenneth Walker III	11	233	1498	0	1498	136.2
Jordon Simmons	11	54	255	0	255	23.2
Elijah Collins	5	7	68	0	68	13.6
Anthony Russo	2	12	10	43	53	26.5
Jayden Reed	11	6	42	0	42	3.8
Harold Joiner	10	10	37	0	37	3.7
Donovan Eaglin	10	6	33	0	33	3.3
Tyler Hunt	11	1	0	15	15	1.4
Tre Mosley	11	2	-1	0	-1	-0.1
Jalen Nailor	8	1	-3	0	-3	-0.4
Bryce Baringer	11	1	-3	0	-3	-0.3
Team	11	0	-30	0	-30	-2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>4720</b>	<b>429.1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>5097</b>	<b>463.4</b>

**Punting**

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bryce Baringer	53	2619	49.4	74	8	12	18	25	0
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2619</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>

**Kickoffs**

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Matt Coghlin	55	3362	61.1	41	1			
Stephen Rusnak	14	741	52.9	3	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4103</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3734</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>26</b>



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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Kenneth Walker III	11	1498	89	0	0	0	1587	144.3
Jayden Reed	11	42	857	213	376	0	1488	135.3
Jalen Nailor	8	-3	587	0	65	0	649	81.1
Tre Mosley	11	-1	463	0	0	0	462	42.0
Jordon Simmons	11	255	24	0	0	0	279	25.4
Connor Heyward	11	0	229	0	0	0	229	20.8
Montorie Foster	11	0	123	0	60	0	183	16.6
Payton Thorne	11	138	15	0	0	0	153	13.9
Tyler Hunt	11	0	136	0	0	0	136	12.4
Elijah Collins	5	68	23	0	0	0	91	18.2
Chester Kimbrough	10	0	0	0	0	62	62	6.2
Harold Joiner	10	37	17	0	0	0	54	5.4
Maliq Carr	10	0	49	0	0	0	49	4.9
Noah Harvey	9	0	0	0	0	35	35	3.9
Donovan Eaglin	10	33	0	0	0	0	33	3.3
Keon Coleman	8	0	30	0	0	0	30	3.8
Cal Haladay	11	0	0	0	0	30	30	2.7
Terry Lockett	7	0	18	0	0	0	18	2.6
Darius Snow	11	0	0	0	0	10	10	0.9
Justin White	9	0	0	0	0	10	10	1.1
Anthony Russo	2	10	0	0	0	0	10	5.0
Ian Stewart	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Charles Brantley	7	0	0	0	0	7	7	1.0
Trenton Gillison	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.0
Christian Fitzpatrick	8	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.4
Cade McDonald	4	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-0.3
Bryce Baringer	11	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-0.3
Team	11	-30	0	0	0	0	-30	-2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>2676</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>5587</b>	<b>507.9</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>3739</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5597</b>	<b>508.8</b>



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**Total Tackles**

Player	S-A	Total	NU	YSU	Miami	Nebr	WestKy	RU	IND	Mich	Purdue	MD	OSU
Xavier Henderson	57-32	89	7-2	2-6	8-0	10-7	2-1	3-4	5-3	4-3	5-3	6-1	5-2
Darius Snow	56-23	79	2-1	3-1	3-1	1-1	2-3	6-3	3-3	6-4	11-2	6-1	13-3
Quavaris Crouch	37-38	75	5-2	1-6	3-0	4-3	4-4	2-5	6-7	7-6	4-3	DNP	1-2
Cal Haladay	29-45	74	3-3	1-6	2-4	0-8	3-7	2-2	5-2	4-6	6-1	1-5	2-1
Angelo Grose	53-20	73	5-4	4-0	2-1	4-3	11-5	4-4	6-0	4-0	2-1	3-2	8-0
Chester Kimbrough	27-13	40	DNP	4-1	2-1	1-0	4-2	1-3	3-1	1-0	6-0	1-2	4-3
Michael Dowell	25-14	39	2-2	2-1	3-0	3-2	5-2	3-1	4-2	1-1	1-0	-	1-3
Ronald Williams Jr.	28-9	37	4-1	0-1	3-0	4-0	3-1	1-1	3-1	4-0	1-1	1-2	4-1
Jacob Slade	12-19	31	1-0	0-1	0-1	5-3	1-1	0-4	2-3	1-2	1-1	1-1	0-2
Jeff Pietrowski	15-13	28	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-2	0-4	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	3-0	1-1
Jacub Panasiuk	12-16	28	-	1-3	1-0	2-5	2-0	0-4	3-2	0-2	3-0	-	-
Simeon Barrow	12-16	28	3-0	1-3	1-1	2-5	1-1	2-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	DNP	DNP
Maverick Hansen	10-13	23	1-0	-	1-0	1-2	2-0	0-4	1-4	-	2-0	1-0	1-3
Noah Harvey	11-11	22	0-1	1-2	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-3	2-0	2-3	3-2
Drew Beesley	14-6	20	3-0	DNP	4-1	0-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	4-1	1-0	2-0
Charles Brantley	15-3	18	-	3-0	3-0	2-0	1-0	DNP	DNP	4-0	2-3	DNP	DNP
Marqui Lowery	12-6	18	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1	2-2	1-1	DNP	5-2	3-0
Drew Jordan	6-10	16	2-0	DNP	1-0	1-1	1-2	0-4	-	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1
Kalon Gervin	13-1	14	8-0	3-1	2-0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Dashaun Mallory	3-9	12	-	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-4	1-0	0-1	-	-	1-3
Ben VanSumeren	6-5	11	-	1-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	-	-	-	-	3-1
Chase Kline	4-7	11	2-1	1-3	1-1	0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kendell Brooks	7-2	9	-	2-2	DNP	-	-	2-0	1-0	-	1-0	-	1-0
Justin White	5-3	8	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	2-1	1-2	2-0	-
Michael Fletcher	1-5	6	-	0-1	DNP	0-1	1-1	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1
Harold Joiner	4-1	5	-	-	DNP	1-0	-	1-0	-	1-0	0-1	-	1-0
Hank Pepper	4-0	4	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-0	1-0
Jalen Nailor	4-0	4	-	-	1-0	1-0	1-0	-	-	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kyle King	4-0	4	2-0	-	-	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	-
Jalen Hunt	3-1	4	1-0	-	DNP	1-0	1-0	DNP	DNP	0-1	-	-	-
Ma'a Gaoteote	3-1	4	DNP	1-0	DNP	-	1-0	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1
Itayvion Brown	3-1	4	2-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-1	-
Emmanuel Flowers	2-1	3	-	0-1	1-0	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tre Mosley	2-0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-0
Bryce Baringer	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
Aj Arcuri	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Matt Allen	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
Spencer Rowland	1-0	1	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-
Payton Thorne	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Jack Camper	0-1	1	-	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Zach Slade	0-1	1	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Brandon Wright	0-1	1	DNP	-	DNP	0-1	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-
Elijah Collins	0-1	1	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	0-1	-



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Passing Game-by-Game  
All games

#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
Western Ky.	20	30	0	66.7	327	1	46	0-0	169.2
Rutgers	16	27	1	59.3	339	3	65	0-0	194.0
Indiana	14	26	2	53.8	126	1	28	2-15	91.9
Michigan	19	30	2	63.3	196	0	40	3-23	104.9
Purdue	20	30	1	66.7	276	2	35	1-9	159.3
Maryland	22	30	1	73.3	287	4	52	2-15	191.0
Ohio St.	14	36	0	38.9	158	1	46	2-10	84.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>2618</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>18-127</b>	<b>150.0</b>

#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
Ohio St.	2	2	0	100.0	0	0	2	0-0	100.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>117.9</b>

#97 Tyler Hunt	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Indiana	1	1	0	100.0	15	0	15	0-0	226.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>226.0</b>





2021-22 Michigan St. Football  
Red-Zone Results  
All games

Michigan St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total		Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
					Pts	TDs				FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	W 38-21	5	5	31	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	W 42-14	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	W 38-17	5	5	31	4	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/25/2021	Nebraska	W 23-20	3	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	W 48-31	6	6	34	4	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	W 31-13	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/16/2021	at Indiana	W 20-15	3	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
10/30/2021	Michigan	W 37-33	2	2	15	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/06/2021	at Purdue	L 29-40	4	2	15	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
11/13/2021	Maryland	W 40-21	4	4	27	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	L 7-56	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals 34 of 40 (85.0%)</b>			<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Opponents Inside Michigan St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total		Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ					
					Pts	TDs				FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/03/2021	Northwestern	W 38-21	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	W 42-14	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/18/2021	Miami (FL)	W 38-17	3	2	14	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/25/2021	Nebraska	W 23-20	5	4	20	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	W 48-31	6	5	23	2	0	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
10/09/2021	Rutgers	W 31-13	4	3	13	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
10/16/2021	Indiana	W 20-15	3	3	12	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/30/2021	Michigan	W 37-33	6	6	26	2	0	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
11/06/2021	Purdue	L 29-40	7	7	33	3	1	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
11/13/2021	Maryland	W 40-21	3	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
11/20/2021	Ohio St.	L 7-56	6	5	35	5	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals 40 of 48 (83.3%)</b>			<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**2021-22 Michigan St. Football**  
**By Quarter Statistics**  
**All games**

**3rd-Down Conversions**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	W 38-21	4-10 40.0	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	2-3 66.7	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	W 42-14	4-10 40.0	1-3 33.3	2-2 100.0	0-3 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	W 38-17	7-15 46.7	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	1-3 33.3	3-4 75.0	0-0 0.0
09/25/2021	Nebraska	Wot1 23-20	1-11 9.1	1-4 25.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	W 48-31	5-11 45.5	1-2 50.0	1-1 100.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	W 31-13	4-13 30.8	0-2 0.0	2-4 50.0	2-5 40.0	0-2 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/16/2021	at Indiana	W 20-15	5-16 31.3	1-4 25.0	0-3 0.0	2-4 50.0	2-5 40.0	0-0 0.0
10/30/2021	Michigan	W 37-33	4-13 30.8	0-3 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	4-6 66.7	0-0 0.0
11/06/2021	at Purdue	L 29-40	6-13 46.2	2-3 66.7	2-5 40.0	1-3 33.3	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
11/13/2021	Maryland	W 40-21	8-13 61.5	0-2 0.0	4-5 80.0	2-3 66.7	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	L 7-56	5-16 31.3	3-5 60.0	1-5 20.0	0-3 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
<b>Michigan St.</b>			<b>53-141 37.6</b>	<b>12-35 34.3</b>	<b>14-35 40.0</b>	<b>12-35 34.3</b>	<b>15-36 41.7</b>	<b>0-0 0.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>79-189 41.8</b>	<b>18-42 42.9</b>	<b>18-45 40.0</b>	<b>20-45 44.4</b>	<b>23-56 41.1</b>	<b>0-1 0.0</b>

**4th-Down Conversions**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	W 38-21	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	W 42-14	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	W 38-17	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0
09/25/2021	Nebraska	Wot1 23-20	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	W 48-31	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	W 31-13	0-1 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/16/2021	at Indiana	W 20-15	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/30/2021	Michigan	W 37-33	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/06/2021	at Purdue	L 29-40	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/13/2021	Maryland	W 40-21	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	L 7-56	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
<b>Michigan St.</b>			<b>8-12 66.7</b>	<b>0-2 0.0</b>	<b>3-3 100.0</b>	<b>2-2 100.0</b>	<b>3-5 60.0</b>	<b>0-0 0.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>20-32 62.5</b>	<b>0-1 0.0</b>	<b>6-7 85.7</b>	<b>4-6 66.7</b>	<b>10-18 55.6</b>	<b>0-0 0.0</b>

**Time of Possession**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/03/2021	at Northwestern	W 38-21	22:25	07:07	03:07	05:50	06:21	00:00
09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	W 42-14	26:40	05:57	06:51	07:06	06:46	00:00
09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	W 38-17	31:15	05:10	09:48	09:18	06:59	00:00
09/25/2021	Nebraska	Wot1 23-20	22:32	08:23	07:27	03:08	03:34	00:00
10/02/2021	Western Ky.	W 48-31	30:25	06:31	07:37	08:35	07:42	00:00
10/09/2021	at Rutgers	W 31-13	29:03	07:45	08:28	07:30	05:20	00:00
10/16/2021	at Indiana	W 20-15	26:30	05:59	04:34	06:45	09:12	00:00
10/30/2021	Michigan	W 37-33	25:10	06:33	06:02	04:43	07:52	00:00
11/06/2021	at Purdue	L 29-40	24:47	06:09	08:39	03:43	06:16	00:00
11/13/2021	Maryland	W 40-21	35:50	06:49	13:29	07:15	08:17	00:00
11/20/2021	at Ohio St.	L 7-56	22:02	07:09	04:37	03:56	06:20	00:00
<b>Michigan St.</b>			<b>Total 296:39</b>	<b>73:32</b>	<b>80:39</b>	<b>67:49</b>	<b>74:39</b>	<b>00:00</b>
			<b>Avg. 26:58</b>	<b>06:41</b>	<b>07:20</b>	<b>06:10</b>	<b>06:47</b>	<b>00:00</b>



## 2021-22 Michigan St. Football Team Game-by-Game Comparison All games

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Pen	Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	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	79 / 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 / 50-194	14-23-1 / 25-36-1	183 / 248	53-254 / 86-442	208 / 12	1 / 2	
Western Ky.	48-31	26 / 31	10 / 6	13 / 22	3 / 3	43-192 / 26-72	20-30-0 / 46-65-0	327 / 488	73-519 / 91-560	151 / 2	0 / 1	
Rutgers	31-13	20 / 20	10 / 6	10 / 12	0 / 2	38-249 / 36-111	16-27-1 / 22-41-0	339 / 266	65-588 / 77-377	11 / 75	2 / 1	
Indiana	20-15	14 / 24	6 / 10	6 / 9	2 / 5	35-100 / 36-134	15-27-2 / 28-52-2	141 / 188	62-241 / 88-322	83 / 13	2 / 3	
Michigan	37-33	21 / 26	7 / 8	11 / 17	3 / 1	36-199 / 34-146	19-30-2 / 31-48-1	196 / 406	66-395 / 82-552	27 / 101	2 / 2	
Purdue	29-40	21 / 29	8 / 2	12 / 25	1 / 2	33-182 / 31-58	20-30-1 / 40-54-0	276 / 536	63-458 / 85-594	24 / 67	2 / 1	
Maryland	40-21	28 / 24	9 / 7	13 / 14	6 / 3	44-194 / 25-101	22-30-1 / 29-48-1	287 / 350	74-481 / 73-451	131 / 124	2 / 1	
Ohio St.	7-56	12 / 36	5 / 13	7 / 21	0 / 2	21-66 / 43-206	16-38-0 / 36-43-1	158 / 449	59-224 / 86-655	121 / 38	1 / 1	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>353-281</b>	<b>225 / 285</b>	<b>97 / 90</b>	<b>107 / 171</b>	<b>21 / 24</b>	<b>396-2044 / 388-1358</b>	<b>195-320-8 / 341-522-9</b>	<b>2676 / 3739</b>	<b>716-4720 / 910-5097</b>	<b>867 / 508</b>	<b>14 / 17</b>	

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
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 / 52:28	-29:56	2.4 / 3.9	8.0 / 6.9	4.8 / 5.1	6-58.8 / 7-32.4	5-44.0 / 6-40.0	7 / 3
Western Ky.	5-11 / 7-17	0-1 / 2-4	30:25 / 29:35	00:50	4.5 / 2.8	10.9 / 7.5	7.1 / 6.2	3-44.3 / 2-54.5	6-60.0 / 8-75.0	3 / 0
Rutgers	4-13 / 6-17	0-1 / 0-2	29:03 / 30:49	-01:46	6.6 / 3.1	12.6 / 6.5	9.0 / 4.9	4-44.5 / 7-46.1	9-68.0 / 7-65.0	4 / 0
Indiana	5-16 / 8-20	0-0 / 1-2	26:30 / 33:30	-07:00	2.9 / 3.7	5.2 / 3.6	3.9 / 3.7	7-44.1 / 5-39.4	12-134.0 / 4-35.0	3 / 2
Michigan	4-13 / 8-17	2-2 / 1-3	25:10 / 34:50	-09:40	5.5 / 4.3	6.5 / 8.5	6.0 / 6.7	5-55.8 / 2-39.5	7-75.0 / 8-59.0	0 / 3
Purdue	6-13 / 11-18	1-2 / 1-1	24:47 / 35:13	-10:26	5.5 / 1.9	9.2 / 9.9	7.3 / 7.0	4-39.0 / 2-36.5	6-70.0 / 3-25.0	2 / 1
Maryland	8-13 / 3-13	1-1 / 2-5	35:50 / 24:10	11:40	4.4 / 4.0	9.6 / 7.3	6.5 / 6.2	4-53.0 / 4-39.5	8-79.0 / 13-93.0	4 / 2
Ohio St.	5-16 / 6-10	1-1 / 0-0	22:02 / 37:58	-15:56	3.1 / 4.8	4.2 / 10.4	3.8 / 7.6	9-49.7 / 1-50.0	3-30.0 / 1-5.0	2 / 2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>53-141 / 79-189</b>	<b>8-12 / 20-32</b>	<b>296:39 / 378:13</b>	<b>-81:34</b>	<b>5.2 / 3.5</b>	<b>8.4 / 7.2</b>	<b>6.6 / 5.6</b>	<b>54-48.5 / 45-41.3</b>	<b>77-746.0 / 70-557.0</b>	<b>34 / 18</b>

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

## 2021 Michigan State Football Michigan St. - Long Plays

### 20-YARD PLUS PLAYS

Yds	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
94*	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Rutgers
88*	PR	Reed, Jayden	Western Ky.
85*	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Youngstown St.
75*	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Youngstown St.
75*	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Northwestern
65*	Pass	Nailor, Jalen from Thorne, Payton	Rutgers
63*	Pass	Nailor, Jalen from Thorne, Payton	Rutgers
63*	Pass	Nailor, Jalen from Thorne, Payton	Rutgers
62*	PR	Reed, Jayden	Nebraska
62	INT	Kimbrough, Chester	Nebraska
58*	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Michigan
52*	Pass	Foster, Montorie from Thorne, Payton	Maryland
51	Pass	Mosley, Tre from Thorne, Payton	Miami (FL)
50	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Northwestern
46	Pass	Mosley, Tre from Thorne, Payton	Ohio State
46	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Western Ky.
46*	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Western Ky.
43	Pass	Nailor, Jalen from Thorne, Payton	Western Ky.
41	KR	Reed, Jayden	Nebraska
40	Pass	Nailor, Jalen from Thorne, Payton	Michigan
39	KR	Reed, Jayden	Maryland
39*	Pass	Nailor, Jalen from Thorne, Payton	Miami (FL)
39	Pass	Mosley, Tre from Thorne, Payton	Rutgers
36	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Maryland
35	Pass	Mosley, Tre from Thorne, Payton	Nebraska
35*	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Nebraska
35	INT	Harvey, Noah	Maryland
35	Pass	Heyward, Connor from Thorne, Payton	Purdue
34	Pass	Heyward, Connor from Thorne, Payton	Nebraska
34	KR	Reed, Jayden	Western Ky.
33	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Purdue
32	KR	Reed, Jayden	Youngstown St.
32*	Rush	Thorne, Payton	Purdue
32	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Purdue
30	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Northwestern
30*	INT	Haladay, Cal	Indiana
30	PR	Reed, Jayden	Youngstown St.
29	KR	Reed, Jayden	Western Ky.
29	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Purdue
29*	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Maryland
28	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Michigan
28	Pass	Carr, Maliq from Thorne, Payton	Purdue
28	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Maryland
28	KR	Reed, Jayden	Nebraska
28	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Indiana
28	Pass	Nailor, Jalen from Thorne, Payton	Miami (FL)
28	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Purdue
27*	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Michigan
27	Pass	Mosley, Tre from Thorne, Payton	Western Ky.
26	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Maryland
26*	Pass	Mosley, Tre from Thorne, Payton	Purdue
26	Pass	Mosley, Tre from Thorne, Payton	Northwestern
26	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Miami (FL)
25	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Miami (FL)
25	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Rutgers
25	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Western Ky.
24	Rush	Simmons, Jordon	Youngstown St.
24	Pass	Heyward, Connor from Thorne, Payton	Miami (FL)
24	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Youngstown St.
23*	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Michigan
23	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Indiana
23	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Northwestern
23	KR	Reed, Jayden	Maryland
23	KR	Reed, Jayden	Ohio State
23	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Northwestern
23	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Nebraska
22	Rush	Thorne, Payton	Michigan
22	KR	Foster, Montorie	Ohio State
22	Rush	Thorne, Payton	Miami (FL)
21	Pass	Nailor, Jalen from Thorne, Payton	Western Ky.
21	KR	Foster, Montorie	Purdue
21	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Ohio State
21	Rush	Walker, Kenneth	Maryland
21	Pass	Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton	Maryland
21	Pass	Mosley, Tre from Thorne, Payton	Maryland
20*	Pass	Collins, Elijah from Thorne, Payton	Youngstown St.

### LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Long Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	1	1
80-89	2	2
70-79	2	2
60-69	5	4
50-59	4	2
40-49	6	1
30-39	17	4
20-29	43	5

Long Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	23	6
Passing	39	12
Punt returns	3	2
Kick returns	12	0
Interceptions	3	1
Fumble returns	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	80	21

### 20-YARD PLUS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
Reed, Jayden	28	7	0	16	9	3	0	0
Walker, Kenneth	19	5	19	0	0	0	0	0
Nailor, Jalen	9	4	0	8	1	0	0	0
Mosley, Tre	9	1	0	9	0	0	0	0
Thorne, Payton	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Foster, Montorie	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Heyward, Connor	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Haladay, Cal	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Collins, Elijah	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kimbrough, Chester	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Carr, Maliq	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Simmons, Jordon	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Harvey, Noah	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	80	21	23	39	12	3	3	0

### LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

**Rushing**  
94 Walker, Kenneth vs Rutgers (10/9/2021)

**Rushing Touchdown**  
94 Walker, Kenneth vs Rutgers (10/9/2021)

**Passing**  
85 Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton vs Youngstown St. (9/11/2021)

**Passing Touchdown**  
85 Reed, Jayden from Thorne, Payton vs Youngstown St. (9/11/2021)

**Punt Return**  
88 Reed, Jayden vs Western Ky. (10/2/2021)

**Kick Return**  
41 Reed, Jayden vs Nebraska (9/25/2021)

**Interception Return**  
62 Kimbrough, Chester vs Nebraska (9/25/2021)

**Fumble Return**  
19 Slade, Jacob vs Rutgers (10/9/2021)

**Punt**  
80 Baringer, Bryce+Henning,A.J. vs Michigan (10/30/2021)

**Field Goal**  
51 Coghlin, Matt vs Indiana (10/16/2021)

\* touchdown scored on play