



MICHIGAN STATE

NATION'S BEST SIX FINAL FOURS APPEARANCES IN 14 SEASONS

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

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2012-13 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

30 **NORTHWOOD (FLA.)** (Exh.) (BTN.com) W, 85-57

NOVEMBER

2 **ST. CLOUD STATE** (Exh.) (BTN.com) W, 62-49

9 vs. Connecticut (ESPN) L, 62-66

13 vs. #7 Kansas (ESPN) W, 67-64

18-25 Spartan Showcase presented by Auto-Owners Insur.

18 **TEXAS SOUTHERN** (BTN.com) W, 69-41

20 **BOISE STATE** (BTN) W, 74-70

23 **OAKLAND** (BTN) W, 70-52

25 **LOUISIANA** (ESPN3.com) W, 63-60

28 at Miami (Fla.) (ESPN) 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

1 **NICHOLLS STATE** (BTN) 12 p.m.

5 **ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF** (BTN) 8 p.m.

8 **LOYOLA (CHICAGO)** (BTN) 2 p.m.

14-15 Jenison Weekend

14 **ALUMNI GAME** (Jenison Fieldhouse) TBA

15 **TUSKEGEE** (Jenison Fieldhouse) (ESPN) 9 p.m.

18 at Bowling Green (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

22 **TEXAS** (ESPN2) 2 p.m.

31 at Minnesota (ESPN2) 2 p.m.

JANUARY

5 **PURDUE** (BTN) 12 p.m.

10 at Iowa (ESPN/2) 7 p.m.

13 **NEBRASKA** (BTN) TBA

16 at Penn State (BTN) 7 p.m.

19 **OHIO STATE** (ESPN) 6 p.m.

22 at Wisconsin (ESPN) 7 p.m.

27 at Indiana (CBS) 1 p.m.

31 **ILLINOIS** (ESPN/ESPN2) 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

6 **MINNESOTA** (BTN) 7 p.m.

9 at Purdue (BTN) 7 p.m.

12 **MICHIGAN** (ESPN) 9 p.m.

16 at Nebraska (BTN) 8 p.m.

19 **INDIANA** (ESPN) 7 p.m.

24 at Ohio State (TBA) TBA

MARCH

2/3 at Michigan (TBA) TBA

7 **WISCONSIN** (ESPN/ESPN2) 9 p.m.

10 **NORTHWESTERN** (TBA) TBA

14-17 Big Ten Tournament

19-20 NCAA Tournament - First Round

21-24 NCAA Tournament - Second & Third Rounds

28-31 NCAA Tournament - Regionals

APRIL

6 & 8 NCAA Final Four Atlanta, Ga.

Home games (**BOLD**)

Game times are Eastern Standard Time



GAME #7 - ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

#13/14 MICHIGAN STATE (5-1) VS. MIAMI (3-1)

November 28, 2012 - 7:30 p.m. EST
Coral Gables, Fla. - BankUnited Center

Radio: Spartan Sports Network - Will Tieman (Play by Play), Gus Ganakas and Matt Steigenga (Color), Adam Ruff (Host)

TV: ESPN - Mark Jones (Play by Play), Jimmy Dykes (Color)

Satellite Radio: SIRIUS 113/XM 191

THE OPENING TIP

Michigan State makes its third road trip of November, traveling to Miami for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Spartans have won five straight games since dropping the season opener in Germany. The Big Ten is looking to win its fourth straight challenge.

THE JUMP BALL

	Michigan State	Miami
Record	5-1	3-1
Coach	Tom Izzo	Jim Larranaga
Career Record (Years)	417-170 (18th)	493-348 (29th)
Leading Scorer	Keith Appling (16.8)	Shane Larkin (17.3)
Leading Rebounder	Derrick Nix (7.7)	Reggie Johnson (10.0)
Leading Assists	Keith Appling (4.2)	Shane Larkin (4.5)
Series Record (Road)	First Meeting	
Last Meeting	First Meeting	
Series Streak	First Meeting	

POSSIBLE MICHIGAN STATE STARTING LINEUP

Michigan State Spartans (5-1)		Ppg.	Rpg.	Appg.	Other
F	- #5 Adreian Payne (Jr., 6-10, 240)	7.8	6.7	0.5	1.8 bpg
* Scored a career-high 16 points vs. Iowa in the Big Ten Tournament and LIU Brooklyn in the NCAA Tournament ... One career double-double ... Ranks 9th in MSU career blocks (78).					
C	- #25 Derrick Nix (Sr., 6-9, 270)	8.0	7.7	0.7	2.7 orpg
* Voted co-captain ... One career double-double came in his MSU debut ... Ranks tied for fourth in the Big Ten in rebounding ... Tallied double-figure rebounds twice this season.					
G	- #22 Branden Dawson (So., 6-6, 230)	11.3	6.5	2.0	3.0 spg
* Recovering from ACL injury suffered in March ... MSU's leading returning rebounder ... Leads current Spartans with four career double-doubles ... Big Ten leader in steals.					
G	- #45 Denzel Valentine (Fr., 6-5, 220)	6.3	4.5	3.2	1.5 spg
* Won back-to-back state titles at Lansing Sexton ... Nearly averaged a triple-double as a senior ... Started last three games ... Averaging 8.5 ppg in last four games.					
G	- #11 Keith Appling (Jr., 6-1, 190)	16.8	4.2	4.2	.435 3FG%
* Leading returning scorer ... In second season playing the point ... Six career 20-point game - MSU is 5-1 in those games ... Dished out career-best nine assists vs. Iowa in 2012.					
KEY	G - #0 Russell Byrd (R-So., 6-7, 205)	2.3	1.2	0.5	16.2 mpg
	* Voted co-captain ... Had three surgeries on left foot between May '10 and May '11.				
SUBS	G - #20 Travis Trice (So., 6-0, 170)	3.0	0.0	1.0	.333 3FG%
	* Led Big Ten freshmen in 3-point FG% (.405) in 2011-12 ... Missed five straight games (concussion).				
	G - #3 Brandon Kearney (So., 6-5, 185)	3.2	1.2	0.7	.800 FT%
	* Notched career highs in points (10) and minutes (29) vs. Louisiana.				
	F - #2 Alex Gauna (R-So., 6-9, 245)	1.7	0.7	0.3	.500 FG%
* Scored a career-high 8 points twice last season ... Made first career start vs. Texas Southern.					
	G - #14 Gary Harris (Fr., 6-4, 205)	12.0	1.3	0.3	.514 FG%
* 2012 McDonald's All-American ... 2012 Indiana Mr. Basketball ... Missed two games w/ shoulder sprain.					
	F - #10 Matt Costello (Fr., 6-9, 245)	2.3	1.3	0.0	0.5 bpg
* 2012 Michigan Mr. Basketball ... Made Spartan debut vs. Texas Southern.					



Keith Appling ranks fourth in the Big Ten in scoring and fifth in assists.

2012-13 MICHIGAN STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School
0	Russell Byrd	G	6-7	205	R-So.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Blackhawk Christian
2	Alex Gauna	F	6-9	245	R-So.	Eaton Rapids, Mich.	Eaton Rapids
3	Brandan Kearney	G	6-5	190	So.	Detroit, Mich.	Southeastern
5	Adreian Payne	C	6-10	240	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio	Jefferson Township
11	Keith Appling	G	6-1	190	Jr.	Detroit, Mich.	Pershing
14	Gary Harris	G	6-4	205	Fr.	Fishers, Ind.	Hamilton Southeastern
15	Keenan Wetzel	G	6-4	200	R-So.	Monroe, Mich.	St. Mary Catholic Central
20	Travis Trice	G	6-0	170	So.	Huber Heights, Ohio	Wayne
22	Branden Dawson	G	6-6	230	So.	Gary, Ind.	Lew Wallace
25	Derrick Nix	C	6-9	270	Sr.	Detroit, Mich.	Pershing
30	Kenny Kaminski	F	6-8	240	Fr.	Medina, Ohio	Medina
40	Dan Chapman	G	6-3	190	Jr.	Okemos, Mich.	Okemos
41	Colby Wollenman	F	6-7	225	So.	Big Horn, Wyo.	Big Horn
45	Denzel Valentine	G	6-5	220	Fr.	Lansing, Mich.	Sexton

Head Coach: Tom Izzo (18th season)

Associate Head Coach: Dwayne Stephens (10th season)

Assistant Coach: Mike Garland (13th season)

Assistant Coach: Dane Fife (2nd season)

Director of Basketball Operations: Kevin Pauga

Video Coordinator: Jordan Ott

Assistant Video Coordinator: Doug Herner

Athletic Trainer: Quinton Sawyer

Equipment Manager: Dave Pruder

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Mike Vorkapich

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Alex Gauna.....GOWN-a

Brandan Kearney.....KERR (rhymes with her)-knee

ON THIS DATE

Michigan State is 14-2 all-time on Nov. 28, including 0-1 on the road.

Year	Site	W/L	Score	Opponent
1972	H	W	98-96	Toledo
1977	H	W	68-61	Central Mich.
1980	H	W	89-77	Western Mich.
1981	H	L	79-83	Western Mich.
1986	H	W	99-83	Eastern Mich.
1988	H	W	98-68	Furman
1990	A	L	69-71	Nebraska
1993	N	W	92-69	East Tenn. St.
1995	N	W	75-72	Arkansas
1997	H	W	89-61	Central Mich.
1998	H	W	90-66	Western Mich.
2003	N	W	80-60	Montana
2007	H	W	81-58	N.C. State
2008	N	W	94-79	Oklahoma St.
2009	N	W	106-68	U Mass
2010	H	W	73-55	Tenn. Tech

THE STARTING FIVE

1. Big Ten/ACC Challenge History

Michigan State is 6-6 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge and had its 2001 game against Virginia in Richmond cancelled due to unplayable wet floor conditions. The Spartans and Hurricanes have never met in challenge history. After dropping the first 10 challenges, the Big Ten has captured the last three. (Recaps on page 7)

2. Short-Handed Spartans

The Spartans have been at less than full strength for most of the season, especially in the backcourt. Travis Trice has been out of action since suffering a concussion in the season opener against Connecticut. Less than one minute into the Boise State contest, Gary Harris suffered a shoulder sprain that forced him to miss the following two games. In addition to being two of the team's top perimeter shooters, their absence has forced other players into more minutes. In particular, Keith Appling has played 116 of 120 minutes over the last three games (38.7 mpg), while Branden Dawson is averaging 28.8 minutes this season, just over eight months after ACL surgery.

3. Too Many Turnovers

One early area of concern for Michigan State is the number of turnovers, as the Spartans are averaging 16.5 per game, including 20 in each of the last two games. MSU's primary ballhandler Keith Appling, however, is averaging just 2.5 per contest despite averaging more than 36 minutes, posting a 1.7 assist-to-turnover ratio.

4. Spartan Defense

The 2011-12 season was one of Michigan State's best defensive efforts on record. The Spartans ranked second in the nation, allowing opponents to shoot .379 from the field, the lowest percentage by Spartan opponents since 1957-58 (.343). In addition, MSU ranked No. 15 in the nation in scoring defense (59.3 ppg) and 3-point field-goal percentage defense (.299). This season, MSU is allowing opponents to shoot .373 from the field, including .283 from 3-point range, ranking third in the Big Ten.

5. There's An App For That

Keith Appling entered the season as Michigan State's leading returning scorer and assist distributor, and the junior guard has picked up right where he left off in 2011-12. Through six games, Appling leads the Spartans in scoring (16.8 ppg - 4th Big Ten) and assists (4.2 apg - 5th Big Ten). One area where Appling has improved over last season is his outside shooting, as he is shooting .435 (10-of-23) from 3-point range, compared to .250 (24-of-96) in 2011-12. His play has not gone unnoticed by his head coach, as Tom Izzo remarked "I'm not an easy guy to please. But I'm really excited for him and proud of him for what he's doing right now in an incredible way."

Tom Izzo and Jim Larranaga have split the two career meetings.

TALE OF THE TAPE - MSU/UM STAT BREAKDOWNS

Category	MSU	UM
Scoring Offense	67.5	72.0
Scoring Defense	58.8	65.2
Scoring Margin	+8.7	+6.8
Field Goal Pct. ....	.476 .....	.474
Field Goal Pct. Defense .....	.373 .....	.422
3Pt. FG Pct. ....	.279 .....	.311
3Pt. FG Pct. Defense .....	.283 .....	.340
Free Throw Pct. ....	.735 .....	.677
Rebound Margin	+9.7	+4.5
Turnovers per game	16.5	14.3

POSSIBLE MIAMI STARTING LINEUP

Miami Hurricanes (3-1)	Ppg.	Rpg.	Apg.	Other
F - #35 Kenny Kadji (Sr., 6-11, 242)	11.5	8.8	2.5	1.0 bpg
C - #42 Reggie Johnson (Sr., 6-10, 292)	11.7	10.0	1.7	1.0 bpg
G - #1 Durand Scott (Sr., 6-5, 203)	15.0	5.0	3.0	.667 FG%
G - #4 Trey McKinney Jones (Sr., 6-5, 220)	11.5	4.0	2.0	.353 3FG%
G - #0 Shane Larkin (So., 5-11, 176)	17.3	3.3	4.5	.444 3FG%

MSU VS. MIAMI NOTES

Series History

This is the first ever meeting between Michigan State and Miami.

Coach Larranaga

Jim Larranaga (Providence, '71) is 493-348 in 29 seasons as a collegiate head coach, including 23-14 in two seasons at Miami. Prior to directing the Hurricane program, Larranaga spent 14 seasons at George Mason, posting a 273-164 record, including guiding the Patriots to the 2006 Final Four, beginning the run with a 75-65 win over Michigan State. His head coaching career also includes an 11-year stint at Bowling Green (1987-97) and two seasons at American International (1977-79). Larranaga is 3-3 in his career against Michigan State, posting a 2-2 mark at Bowling Green and 1-1 at George Mason.

Hurricane Notes

Miami is one of the bigger teams that Michigan State will face, likely starting two players 6-foot-10 or taller, and another two at 6-foot-5 ... Miami has shot better than 50 percent in all three home games this season ... Senior guard Durand Scott missed the first three games of the season due to an NCAA suspension, but returned to score 15 points in the last game against Detroit ... Senior center Reggie Johnson is averaging a double-double at 11.7 points and 10.0 rebounds per contest.

GM. 6 RECAP • MICHIGAN STATE 63 - LOUISIANA 60

Playing for the fourth time in eight days, Michigan State held off a late run by Louisiana, emerging with a 63-60 victory. The Ragin' Cajuns got off to a hot start and held a 20-13 lead midway through the first half. The Spartans answered with a 10-1 run to take a 23-21 lead, capped by back-to-back 3-pointers from Russell Byrd and Brandan Kearney. At the half, MSU has pushed its lead up to six points at 33-27. The Spartans led by as many as 10 points in the half, and held a 60-50 lead with 3:09 remaining. However, they committed three turnovers in the final 2:27, facilitating a Cajun comeback. The final turnover resulted in a transition layup for UL, cutting MSU's lead to two points at 62-60 with 51 seconds remaining. On MSU's next possession, Adreian Payne missed a layup, giving the ball back to the Cajuns with the chance to tie or take the lead. UL missed a shot and Branden Dawson lept above everyone to pull down the rebound. He hit the front end of a one-and-one pushing the lead to three, and the Cajuns missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer as MSU escaped with the victory.

MSU VS. LOUISIANA NOTES

- * All nine Spartans that played scored.
- * MSU improved to 3-1 in games decided by five points or less.
- * The Spartans scored a season-high 18 points from the foul line.
- * Keith Appling led the Spartans in scoring for the fifth time through the first six games.
- * Adreian Payne notched his first double-figure rebounding effort (10) of the season.
- * Brandan Kearney recorded career highs in points (10) and minutes (29).
- * Tom Izzo improved to 49-0 all-time at home in November.
- * The Spartans recorded the 100th November victory in program history.

MSU VS. MIAMI

Series Quick Facts

Overall: First Meeting

Michigan State has out-rebounded all six opponents this season.

Big Ten Conference Standings (Through games of Nov. 25)

	Big Ten		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Illinois	0-0	---	7-0	1.000
Indiana	0-0	---	6-0	1.000
Northwestern	0-0	---	6-0	1.000
Michigan	0-0	---	5-0	1.000
Ohio State	0-0	---	4-0	1.000
Minnesota	0-0	---	6-1	.857
Iowa	0-0	---	5-1	.833
Michigan State	0-0	---	5-1	.833
Nebraska	0-0	---	4-1	.800
Wisconsin	0-0	---	4-2	.667
Penn State	0-0	---	3-2	.600
Purdue	0-0	---	2-3	.400

Big Ten Conference Schedule Nov. 26 - Dec. 2 (All Times Eastern)

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Minnesota at Florida State, 7:15 p.m.
Iowa at Virginia Tech, 7:15 p.m.
NC State at Michigan, 7:30 p.m.
Maryland at Northwestern, 9:15 p.m.
Nebraska at Wake Forest, 9:15 p.m.
North Carolina at Indiana, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Virginia at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Purdue at Clemson, 7:15 p.m.
Michigan State at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Illinois, 9 p.m.
Boston College at Penn State, 9:15 p.m.
Ohio State at Duke, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Nicholls State at Michigan State, 12 p.m.
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Iowa, 1 p.m.
Penn at Penn State, 2 p.m.
North Florida at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Illinois-Chicago at Northwestern, 2 p.m.
Xavier at Purdue, 2:15 p.m.
Michigan at Bradley, 4 p.m.
Northern Kentucky at Ohio State, 4:30 p.m.
Coppin State at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2

California at Wisconsin, 4 p.m.

MSU BASKETBALL NOTES

It's All About Boardwork

Michigan State has led the nation in rebounding in four of the last 13 seasons (2000, 2001, 2009, 2010), ranking in the Top 10 eight times and the Top 25 on 11 occasions. MSU has led the Big Ten in rebounding in 12 of the last 15 years. In the Tom Izzo era, MSU has out-rebounded 451 of 587 opponents (.768), posting a 357-94 (.792) mark in those games. The Spartans have out-rebounded all six opponents this season, posting a +9.7 margin, including averaging 11.3 offensive rebounds per game.

Harris Out Of Action

Gary Harris suffered a shoulder sprain in the first defensive possession of the game against Boise State, and has missed the last two games. Prior to the BSU contest, he was MSU's leading scorer, averaging 16.0 points through three games. He was just the third freshman in MSU history to score in double figures in each of his first three games.

Searching For A Rotation

Michigan State has used four different starting lineups through the season's first six games, as the Spartans work with different combinations. Nine players are averaging more than 16 minutes per game, and 11 are averaging six minutes or more. Finding a rotation is a chore for the Spartan coaching staff that's been made even more difficult due to injuries to Travis Trice, Matt Costello and Gary Harris. In fact, MSU has not had its full allotment of scholarship players available for any game, including exhibitions.

Payne's Efficiency

Junior center Adreian Payne ranks third in the Big Ten with a .655 field-goal percentage (19-of-29). Payne is averaging 7.8 points and 6.7 rebounds. The main thing limiting Payne's production is foul trouble, as he's played more than 20 minutes in just two games, averaging 9.0 points and 9.5 rebounds in those contests. In the other four games, Payne picked up two first-half fouls and had to sit for large stretches.

In The Paint

Michigan State has out-scored its opponents in the paint by an average of 35.7-25.0, out-scoring four of its six opponents. MSU has dominated the paint in two of its last four games, out-scoring Texas Southern, 46-10, and Oakland, 40-16.

Spartans Shooting Better

Michigan State got off to a cold shooting start this season, failing to shoot better than 39 percent in either half in the opener against Connecticut. In the 10 halves of basketball that have followed, the Spartans have shot 50 percent or better six times. Through the first six games, MSU is shooting .476 from the field, ranking fourth in the Big Ten. Individually, Adreian Payne ranks third in the conference at .655 (19-of-29).

Nix Attacks The Glass

Derrick Nix leads the Spartans and ranks tied for fourth in the Big Ten in rebounding, averaging 7.7 caroms per contest. Nix grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds in his Spartan debut three seasons ago, but did not record double figures in rebounds again until the 2012-13 season opener when he collected 11 boards against Connecticut. Two games later, he equalled the 11-board effort against Texas Southern.

SIX FINAL FOURS IN LAST 14 YEARS



* Michigan State is the only team to have appeared in six of the last 14 Final Fours and just the fourth school in NCAA history to appear in six Final Fours in any 12-year period. The other schools are Duke, North Carolina, and UCLA.

* Every four-year player recruited by Tom Izzo has appeared in at least one Final Four before leaving Michigan State.

Six Big Ten teams are currently ranked in the Associated Press Top 25.

Dawson Gets Defensive

Branden Dawson has recorded 18 steals through the first six games of the season (3.0 spg), pacing the Big Ten. As a freshman, Dawson collected 29 steals in 31 games. For comparison, Draymond Green led the 2011-12 Spartans with 54 steals.

MSU In November

Michigan State has an all-time record of 100-29 in games played in the month of November. This includes a 71-3 mark at home. The last team to beat MSU at home in November was a David Robinson-led Navy squad that bested the Spartans, 91-90, in overtime on Nov. 29, 1986. Tom Izzo is 49-0 all-time at home in November.

Appling Takes Over

In three of Michigan State's five wins, Keith Appling has made key plays down the stretch to secure a Spartan victory. Against Kansas, Appling scored five points in the final 1:36, first hitting a 3-pointer to give MSU a four-point lead, and then connecting on an acrobatic driving layup with 14 seconds left to give MSU a 67-64 win. He scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half against the Jayhawks. Against Boise State, with MSU leading by two points in the final minute, Appling hit another driving layup with 14 seconds left again, this time converting on a three-point play to give MSU a 73-68 advantage. With six seconds left, he hit one of two free throws to secure the win. Against Oakland, with the Golden Grizzlies having cut the lead to four points with under seven minutes left, Appling knocked down a 3-pointer to spark a 15-1 run to close the game.

Freshman Contributions

Freshmen Gary Harris and Denzel Valentine have made key contributions early in their Spartan careers. Harris ranks second on the squad in scoring (12.0 ppg), and fifth in minutes (22.8 mpg). Valentine also has made his mark, ranking second in assists (3.2 apg), second in blocks (0.8 bpg), fourth in rebounds (4.5 rpg) and fourth in minutes (24.8 mpg).

Second-Chance Points

Michigan State is outscoring opponents, 71-50, in second-chance points for the season. That's an average of +3.5 points per game (11.8-8.3). The Spartans are averaging 11.3 offensive boards per game. MSU has 68 offensive rebounds on the year compared to 116 defensive rebounds for its opponents, good for an offensive rebound percentage of .370.

Playing The Best

Since the 1997-98 season, the year of Michigan State's first of 15 straight trips to the NCAA Tournament, the Spartans have played 164 games against ranked opponents. That total ranks first among teams that have appeared in a Final Four since then. The Spartans are followed by North Carolina (151), Kentucky (147), Duke (144) and Connecticut (137). (Through Nov. 25)

Frequent Flier Miles

With trips to Ramstein Air Base (vs. Connecticut), Atlanta (vs. Kansas) and Miami, Michigan State will travel nearly 12,000 miles in the month of November. In fact, the Spartans had flown more than 9500 miles prior to their home opener.

Big Ten Strength

Once again, the Big Ten will make a strong claim as the toughest conference in college basketball. Indiana (No. 1), Michigan (No. 3), Ohio State (No. 4), Michigan State (No. 13), Minnesota (No. 21), and Illinois (No. 22) are all ranked in the most recent Associated Press Top 25 (Nov. 26), while Wisconsin received votes. To make matters more difficult for MSU, the Spartans will play a combined 11 games against those six teams during conference play. Michigan State's single plays are at Iowa and Penn State, and hosting Illinois and Northwestern. Last season, eight of the 12 league teams participated in the postseason, including five teams in the NCAA Tournament.

Another Tough Start

Last year, MSU opened the schedule with back-to-back games against ranked opponents for the first time in school history. While that won't be the case this season, the start of the year is no less formidable. The Spartans open the season in Germany, playing UConn at Ramstein Air Base in the Armed Forces Classic on Nov. 9. Four days later, the Spartans will play No. 7 Kansas, the 2012 National Runner-Up, in the Champions Classic in Atlanta, Ga. This is the first time since 1918-19 and 1919-20 that Michigan State will open the season with two games away from East Lansing in back-to-back seasons.

MSU'S RECORD IN 2012-13 WHEN:

At home: 4-0

On road: 0-0

Neutral: 1-1

Leading at the half: 4-0

Trailing at the half: 1-1

Tied at halftime: 0-0

Shoot 50% or above from field: 3-0

Shoot less than 50% from field: 2-1

Opp. shoots 50% or above: 1-0

Opp. shoots less than 50%: 4-1

MSU outshoots opp.: 5-0

Opp. outshoots MSU: 0-1

Both teams shoot same from floor: 0-0

MSU outrebounds opp.: 5-1

Opp. outrebounds MSU: 0-0

Rebounds are equal: 0-0

MSU has more turnovers: 4-1

Opp. has more turnovers: 1-0

Turnovers are equal: 0-0

Game decided by 1-5 pts: 3-1

Game decided by 6-10 pts: 0-0

Game decided by 11-15 pts: 0-0

Game decided by 16+ pts: 2-0

MSU scores less than 60 pts: 0-0

MSU scores 60-69 pts: 3-1

MSU scores 70-79 pts: 2-0

MSU scores 80+ pts: 0-0

MSU allows less than 60 pts: 2-0

MSU allows 60-69 pts: 2-1

MSU allows 70-79 pts: 1-0

MSU allows 80+ pts: 0-0

MSU in overtime: 0-0

One MSU player scores 10+: 0-0

Two MSU players score 10+: 1-0

Three MSU players score 10+: 2-1

Four MSU players score 10+: 2-0

Five MSU players score 10+: 0-0

Six MSU players score 10+: 0-0

In November: 5-1

In December: 0-0

In January: 0-0

In February: 0-0

In March: 0-0

On Sunday: 2-0

On Monday: 0-0

On Tuesday: 2-0

On Wednesday: 0-0

On Thursday: 0-0

On Friday: 1-1

On Saturday: 0-0

Day Games: 2-0

Night Games: 3-1

Michigan State has won at least a share of the Big Ten title in three of the last four years.

The Associated Press Top 25 (Nov. 26)

Team	Pts
1. Indiana (47)	1,606
2. Duke (18)	1,554
3. Michigan	1,421
4. Ohio State	1,416
5. Louisville	1,347
6. Syracuse	1,323
7. Florida	1,227
8. Kentucky	1,180
9. Arizona	1,076
10. Kansas	937
11. Creighton	926
12. Gonzaga	854
13. Michigan State	818
14. North Carolina	718
15. Oklahoma State	668
16. Missouri	665
17. Cincinnati	571
18. North Carolina State	553
19. Colorado	478
20. Georgetown	257
21. Minnesota	197
22. Illinois	185
23. San Diego State	182
24. UNLV	175
25. New Mexico	141

ESPN/USA Today Top 25 (Nov. 26)

Team	Pts
1. Indiana (27)	769
2. Duke	723
3. Michigan	691
4. Ohio State	689
5. Syracuse	630
6. Louisville	615
7. Florida	573
8. Kentucky	557
9. Arizona	520
10. Kansas	484
11. Creighton	463
12. Gonzaga	440
13. North Carolina	355
14. Michigan State	320
15. Missouri	319
16. Cincinnati	295
17. Oklahoma State	261
18. North Carolina State	240
19. Colorado	172
20. UNLV	144
21. San Diego State	139
22. Illinois	103
23. New Mexico	68
24. UCLA	62
25. Georgetown	56

MSU By Week

Date	AP	Coaches
Preseason	14	14
Nov. 12	21	22
Nov. 19	15	19
Nov. 26	13	14

Payne's Block Party

Junior center Adreian Payne ranks ninth in MSU history with 78 career blocks. Paul Davis is eighth on the career list with 87 blocks. Earlier this season, Payne equalled his career high with four blocks against Kansas.

Returning Productivity

Michigan State returns four of its top six scorers and 10 of its top 13 scorers from last season. The Spartans return 58.6% of their minutes, 57.6% percent of their scoring, 51.7% of their rebounding, and 54.8% percent of their assists. Keith Appling was the only player to start all 37 games last year, while Adreian Payne (36) and Branden Dawson (31) also started more than 30 contests. In addition, Derrick Nix entered the year having started 18 games in his career. On the other hand, however, only five Spartans entered the season having played more than 350 minutes in their time at MSU.

Spartan Captains

Senior Derrick Nix and red-shirt sophomore Russell Byrd will serve as team captains during the 2012-13 season. They were chosen by a vote of their teammates, and Tom Izzo made the announcement at MSU Men's Basketball Media Day on October 9.

More Non-Conference Highlights

The games against Connecticut and Kansas to open the season get a bulk of the attention, but there are other highlights throughout the non-conference schedule. Michigan State will travel to Miami for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Nov. 28. The highlight of the home schedule is a game against Texas on Dec. 22. In addition, MSU is returning to Jenison Field House for the first time since 1989, hosting Tuskegee on Dec. 15, while also celebrating the 50th anniversary season of the "Game of Change" contest between Mississippi State and Loyola in the 1963 NCAA Tournament at Jenison.

Freshman Class

Michigan State welcomes a talented and decorated class to the team in 2012-13. Gary Harris was a 2012 McDonald's All-American, and the recipient of the Indianapolis Star Indiana Mr. Basketball award, averaging 25.4 points at Hamilton Southeastern. Matt Costello was the Hal Schram Michigan Mr. Basketball Award winner after averaging 25 points and 19 rebounds as a senior at Bay City Western. Denzel Valentine led Lansing Sexton to back-to-back Class B state championships, and was the 2012 Associated Press Class B Player of the Year after nearly averaging a triple-double with 14 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists. Kenny Kaminski missed most of his senior season at Medina with a shoulder injury, but returned in time to lead his team to the Elite Eight of the state tournament. Harris, Costello and Valentine all are expected to contribute this year, while a different shoulder injury makes Kaminski a possible redshirt candidate.

Big Ten Success

Michigan State has captured at least a share of the Big Ten Championship in three of the last four seasons. After winning the title outright in 2009, the Spartans shared the conference crown in 2010 and 2012. Last season, MSU also added a Big Ten Tournament title to its resume. During Tom Izzo's tenure, the Spartans have won seven regular-season titles and three tournament crowns.

Spartan Strong

Michigan State has a reputation for being a strong, physical team and the numbers back it up. Twelve players on MSU's roster can leg press over 700 pounds, with Derrick Nix leading the way with 1100 pounds. Since his arrival on campus, Keith Appling has increased his leg press by 315 pounds under the direction of Strength and Conditioning Coach Mike Vorkapich. Collectively, the Spartans can leg press 6 tons - the equivalent of three cars or one African elephant. In terms of upper body strength, Nix leads the way once again, bench pressing the NBA testing standard of 185 pounds 22 times. Gary Harris is the strongest of the guards, ranking tied with Alex Gauna for second on the team with 19 repetitions.

Athletes Too

In addition to their strength, the Spartans have also proven to be incredibly athletic, leading to the up-tempo pace Michigan State desires to play this season. When Coach Izzo recruited Adreian Payne, he called Payne the most athletic big man he's ever coached. He wasn't exaggerating as Payne holds the Izzo-era record for a standing vertical jump (no step) at 38 inches. Given a running start, three players can elevate greater than 40 inches: Keith Appling (42"), Adreian Payne (41"), and Travis Trice (40.5").

ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE NOTES

Challenge History

This is the 14th season of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. Michigan State is 6-6 in the challenge and had its 2001 game against Virginia in Richmond cancelled due to unplayable wet floor conditions. The Big Ten has won the challenge the last three seasons.

Dec. 1, 1999 - MSU 86 - North Carolina 76 - Chapel Hill, N.C.

Morris Peterson scored 31 points to hand the Tar Heels their first loss in a home opener since 1928. All-American Mateen Cleaves missed the game with a stress fracture in his foot.

Nov. 29, 2000 - MSU 77 - North Carolina 64 - East Lansing, Mich.

Jason Richardson led MSU with 16 points and Charlie Bell tallied 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists, while holding UNC All-American Joseph Forte 11 points below his scoring average.

Nov. 28, 2001 - MSU vs. Virginia (Cancelled) - Richmond, Va.

The game was halted at the 15:04 mark of the second half due to unplayable floor conditions as unseasonably warm temperatures caused a steady supply of moisture to collect on the court laid over a sheet of ice used by a minor league hockey team.

Dec. 4, 2002 - MSU 82 - Virginia 75 - East Lansing, Mich.

Michigan State used a 17-0 first-half run to take control of the contest, as Chris Hill led four Spartans in double figures with 22 points.

Dec. 3, 2003 - Duke 72 - MSU 50 - East Lansing, Mich.

Duke out-shot MSU, 59.2%-40.0%, from the field and the Spartans committed 20 turnovers, including 17 in the first half.

Nov. 30, 2004 - Duke 81 - MSU 74 - Durham, N.C.

J.J. Redick and Daniel Ewing each scored 29 points for Duke, including a combined 35 in the first half. MSU pulled within a single point in the final three minutes, but could not overcome shooting 9-of-18 at the foul line in the second half.

Nov. 30, 2005 - MSU 88 - Georgia Tech 86 - East Lansing, Mich.

Paul Davis scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half, but Georgia Tech hit five 3-pointers in the final 1:26 and nearly rallied from a 10-point deficit. Shannon Brown also scored 22 for MSU.

Nov. 29, 2006 - Boston College 65 - MSU 58 - Boston, Mass.

Boston College turned 17 offensive rebounds into 21 second-chance points and held off a late Spartan run to take the victory.

Nov. 28, 2007 - MSU 81 - North Carolina State 58 - East Lansing, Mich.

Goran Suton's 16-point, 12-rebound double-double led the Spartans, as Michigan State jumped to a 41-19 halftime lead and cruised to victory.

Dec. 3, 2008 - North Carolina 98 - MSU 63 - Detroit, Mich.

North Carolina turned 22 MSU turnovers into 27 points and the Spartans shot just 20 percent in the second half, including connecting on just 1-of-14 shots from 3-point range. Raymar Morgan scored 21 to lead MSU.

Dec. 1, 2009 - North Carolina 89 - MSU 82 - Chapel Hill, N.C.

North Carolina led by as many as 19 points in the second half, but MSU battled back to within six points and possession of the ball with 90 seconds left. The Spartans, however, were hampered by poor shooting as MSU shot just 2-of-20 from 3-point range. UNC out-shot MSU, 57.9%-43.0%.

Dec. 1, 2010 - Duke 84 - MSU 79 - Durham, N.C.

Freshman Kyrie Irving scored 31 points to lead Duke past MSU. The Spartans shot 49.2 percent from the field and 52.9 percent from 3-point range, but couldn't overcome 20 turnovers, resulting in 28 Blue Devil points. MSU almost stole a victory thanks in part to 16 offensive rebounds, resulting in 18 second-chance points.

Nov. 30, 2011 - MSU 65 - Florida State 49 - East Lansing, Mich.

The Spartans used a 12-2 run midway through the second half to take a 51-42 lead en route to a 16-point victory. Keith Appling had a dominating 24-point, seven rebound effort, and Brandon Wood added 16 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. In fact, Appling, Wood and Draymond Green (16 points), out-scored FSU, 56-49. Green recorded his 1,000th career point in the contest.

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Tom Izzo is Michigan State's all-time winningest coach.



THE BOOK ON TOM IZZO

- * *Eight-Time National Coach of the Year*
- * *One NCAA, Seven Big Ten & Three Big Ten Tournament titles*
- * *Six Final Four appearances*
- * *Three-Time Big Ten Coach of the Year*
- * *15 straight NCAA Tournament appearances*
- * *13 NBA Draft Picks, including six first rounders*
- * *Seven All-Americans - Two Academic All-Americans*
- * *Graduates 80% of players that complete eligibility*
- * *Longest serving active Big Ten men's basketball coach*

* *One of five coaches in Big Ten history with seven league titles.*

* *MSU's all-time winningest coach*

* *12 20-win seasons*

Coach Izzo

In his 18th year, Tom Izzo (Northern Michigan, '77) is 417-170 (.710), and 196-90 (.689) in the Big Ten, as the coach of the Michigan State basketball program. He ranks as the winningest coach in Michigan State history, having passed his mentor Jud Heathcote with his 341st career victory on Nov. 28, 2009. In his 17 seasons as a head coach, Izzo has captured eight National Coach of the Year awards, including the Clair Bee Award in 2005 and NABC honors in 2001 and 2012. In 1999, Izzo was named National Coach of the year by Basketball Times, while earning similar honors from The Associated Press, Basketball News and the USBWA in '98. He also earned National Coach of the Year accolades from CBSSports.com in 2012. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1998, 2009 and 2012.

Among The Big Ten's Best

Tom Izzo's .685 winning percentage in Big Ten games ranks third all-time among league coaches with at least 10 years of service, behind Wisconsin's Bo Ryan (.710), and former Indiana coach Bob Knight (.700), and ahead of former Purdue coach Ward Lambert (.685). In all games, Knight ranks first at .734, followed by Ryan (.725), Wisconsin's Walter Meanwell (.712), Izzo (.710) and Lambert (.709). With 196 conference victories, Izzo ranks sixth all-time.

Izzo Among Best Ever

Through his first 17 seasons, Tom Izzo won 412 games, ranking tied for second in college basketball history for most wins by a college coach in his first 17 years.

Izzo's Coaching Tree

Five current Division I head coaches all served as assistants to Tom Izzo, including Tom Crean (Indiana), Brian Gregory (Georgia Tech), Stan Heath (South Florida), Mark Montgomery (Northern Illinois) and Doug Wojcik (College of Charleston). Mike Garland served as head coach at Cleveland State for three seasons and Stan Joplin, an assistant during Izzo's first season, spent 12 seasons as head coach at Toledo. Jim Boylen was head coach at Utah for four years.

IZZO CAREER COACHING RECORD

Year	Overall	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Finish	Postseason
1995-96	16-16	.500	9-9	.500	7th	NIT Second Round
1996-97	17-12	.586	9-9	.500	T-6th	NIT Second Round
1997-98	22-8	.733	13-3	.813	T-1st	NCAA Sweet 16
1998-99	33-5	.868	15-1	.938	1st	NCAA Final Four
1999-2000	32-7	.821	13-3	.813	T-1st	NCAA Champion
2000-01	28-5	.848	13-3	.813	T-1st	NCAA Final Four
2001-02	19-12	.613	10-6	.625	5th	NCAA First Round
2002-03	22-13	.629	10-6	.625	T-3rd	NCAA Elite Eight
2003-04	18-12	.600	12-4	.750	T-2nd	NCAA First Round
2004-05	26-7	.788	13-3	.813	2nd	NCAA Final Four
2005-06	22-12	.647	8-8	.500	T-6th	NCAA First Round
2006-07	23-12	.657	8-8	.500	T-7th	NCAA Second Round
2007-08	27-9	.750	12-6	.667	4th	NCAA Sweet 16
2008-09	31-7	.816	15-3	.833	1st	NCAA Runner Up
2009-10	28-9	.757	14-4	.778	T-1st	NCAA Final Four
2010-11	19-15	.559	9-9	.500	t-4th	NCAA Second Round
2011-12	29-8	.784	13-5	.722	T-1st	NCAA Sweet 16
2012-13	5-1	.833	0-0	---		
18 Years	417-170	.710	196-90	.685		

Highest NCAA Tournament Winning Percentage - Active

Coach	Pct. (W-L)
1. Mike Krzyzewski	.767 (79-24)
2. Roy Williams	.753 (61-20)
3. Billy Donovan	.737 (28-10)
4. Brad Stevens	.733 (11-4)
5. Tom Izzo	.725 (37-14)

Most Final Four Appearances - Active

Coach	Appearances
1. Mike Krzyzewski	11
2. Roy Williams	7
3. Tom Izzo	6
Rick Pitino	6

Most Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances - Active Streak

Coach	Appearances
1. Rick Barnes	17
Mike Krzyzewski	17
3. Tom Izzo	15

Most Wins In First 17 Seasons

Coach	Wins
1. Roy Williams	470
2. Tom Izzo	412
Denny Crum	412

Big Ten Conference Games Winning Percentage

Minimum 10 Years in Conference

Coach	Pct. (W-L)
1. Bo Ryan (UW)	.710 (132-54)
2. Bob Knight (IND)	.700 (353-151)
3. Tom Izzo (MSU)	.685 (196-90)
4. Ward Lambert (PUR)	.685 (228-105)

Career Big Ten Victories

Coach	Wins
1. Bob Knight (IND)	353
2. Gene Keady (PUR)	265
3. Ward Lambert (PUR)	228
4. Lou Henson (ILL)	214
5. Branch McCracken (IND)	210
6. Tom Izzo (MSU)	196
7. Jud Heathcote (MSU)	182

Notable Izzo Wins

Win #1: vs. Chaminade (69-66), 11/20/95

Big Ten Win #1: vs. Indiana (65-60), 1/4/96

Win #100: vs. Indiana (77-71 OT), 1/11/2000

Win #200: vs. Iowa (89-72), 2/4/2004

Big Ten Win #100: vs. Minnesota (69-58), 2/14/2004

Win #232*: vs. Duke (78-68), 3/25/2005

Win #300: vs. Iowa (66-52), 2/23/2008

Win #341:** vs. UMass (106-68), 11/28/2009

Win #400: vs. Minnesota (68-52), 1/25/2012

* Became MSU's second-winningest coach

** Became MSU's all-time winningest coach





CONNECTICUT 66
#14/14 MICHIGAN STATE 62



#21/22 MICHIGAN STATE 67
#7/7 KANSAS 64



#21/22 MICHIGAN STATE 69
TEXAS SOUTHERN 41

#1

Nov. 9, 2012 • Ramstein A.B., Germany
Hangar 5

Key Stat: First-Half FG Percentage
MSU-38.2%; UCONN-58.6%

Quotable: "They (the military) did their job, and we didn't do our job. So I still love them to death and I spent as much time as I could with them. But I don't love us as much right now because we did not come out and play like the military works, and that disappoints me."

- MSU coach Tom Izzo

Key Moment: MSU had battled back from a 16-point first-half deficit to take a 58-56 lead with 5:43 remaining, but UConn hit back-to-back 3-pointers to retake a lead it would not give up.

Notes: Branden Dawson recorded his fourth career double-double, leading all Spartans ... Derrick Nix grabbed 11 rebounds, his first double-figure effort since his Spartan debut ... The Spartans grabbed nearly 50 percent of their misses, recording 20 offensive rebounds, compared to just 22 defensive boards for the Huskies, resulting in 15-1 edge in second-chance points ... Connecticut hit 14 of its first 17 shots, and just 11 of its final 37 ... Gary Harris scored 11 points in his Spartan debut, nine of which came in the second half. The 11 points are tied for the 11th-best debut by a Spartan freshman ... Denzel Valentine grabbed eight rebounds, the fifth-best debut for a Spartan freshman.

Michigan State	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Adreian Payne, f	2-2	0-0	2-2	0-2-2	3	6	1	3	1	0	15
Branden Dawson, f	7-17	0-0	1-2	8-2-10	2	15	0	1	0	5	34
Derrick Nix, c	1-5	0-0	4-6	7-4-11	0	6	1	4	0	0	27
Keith Appling, g	7-17	2-5	1-1	0-3-3	3	17	4	1	0	1	35
Gary Harris, g	4-13	1-7	2-2	1-1-2	3	11	1	0	1	1	30
Russell Byrd	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	10
Alex Gauna	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
Brandon Kearney	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Travis Trice	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-0-0	1	3	1	1	0	1	18
Denzel Valentine	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-8-8	1	4	1	2	0	1	24
Team				3-2-5							
Totals	24-64	4-17	10-13	20-23-43	15	62	9	15	3	9	200

Total FG% 1st: 13-34 (38.2%) 2nd: 11-30 (36.7%) Game: 37.5%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 2-7 (28.6%) 2nd: 2-10 (20.0%) Game: 23.5%
F Throw% 1st: 5-8 (62.5%) 2nd: 5-5 (100%) Game: 76.9%

Connecticut	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Deandre Daniels, f	4-8	1-2	3-4	2-6-8	2	12	0	5	3	1	32
Tyler Olander, f	2-6	0-0	0-0	2-4-6	2	4	4	1	4	2	28
Ryan Boatright, g	6-12	1-2	0-0	0-4-4	1	13	4	2	0	5	30
Shabazz Napier, g	8-16	3-7	6-6	0-0-0	2	25	2	0	0	2	32
Omar Calhoun, g	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-1-2	0	1	2	0	0	0	25
Enosch Wolf	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2-2	3	2	0	0	1	0	11
Niels Giffey	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-1-1	2	3	0	2	0	0	14
RJ Evans	3-7	0-0	0-1	1-1-2	0	6	1	2	2	1	28
Team				1-3-4							
Totals	25-54	6-13	10-13	7-22-29	12	66	13	12	10	11	200

Total FG% 1st: 17-29 (58.6%) 2nd: 8-25 (32.0%) Game: 46.3%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 3-6 (50.0%) 2nd: 3-7 (42.9%) Game: 46.2%
F Throw% 1st: 3-4 (75.0%) 2nd: 7-9 (77.8%) Game: 76.9%

Officials: Jim Burr, Tim Clougherty, Pat Driscoll

Attendance: 3,086

Halftime Score: UCONN 40-33

Record: MSU 0-1; UCONN 1-0

#2

Nov. 13, 2012 • Atlanta, Ga.
Georgia Dome

Key Stat: MSU 3-Point Shooting by Half
1st Half - 14.3% (1-7); 2nd Half - 100% (3-3)

Quotable: "The offense was kind of stagnant, so I wanted to make a play the best way I possible could. From there, it was all she wrote."

- MSU junior Keith Appling

Key Moment: Keith Appling hit a 3-pointer with 1:36 to go up four points. Kansas responded with a three-point play, but an acrobatic driving layup by Appling with 14 seconds remaining gave MSU a 67-64 lead.

Notes: Keith Appling scored 16 of his game-high 19 points in the second half ... The contest featured 12 ties and 11 lead changes ... The Spartans shot 54.5 percent in the second half, including 100 percent (3-of-3) from 3-point range ... Adreian Payne equalled his career high with four blocked shots ... For the second time in as many games, Derrick Nix grabbed more offensive rebounds (5) than defensive boards (3) ... MSU improved to 3-0 at the Georgia Dome under Tom Izzo ... The No. 7 Jayhawks were the highest ranked non-conference team the Spartans had defeated since beating No. 5 Texas on Dec. 20, 2008 ... MSU improved to 1-1 in the Champions Classic.

Michigan State	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Adreian Payne, f	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-8-8	4	4	0	0	4	0	17
Branden Dawson, f	5-6	0-0	2-3	2-2-4	1	12	2	5	0	3	33
Derrick Nix, c	2-8	0-0	4-6	5-3-8	2	8	0	2	0	0	31
Keith Appling, g	6-9	3-3	4-4	0-2-2	3	19	3	2	0	3	38
Gary Harris, g	7-12	1-3	3-4	1-0-1	3	18	0	4	0	1	35
Russell Byrd	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Alex Gauna	3-4	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	6	1	0	0	0	12
Brandon Kearney	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
Denzel Valentine	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1-1	3	0	4	1	2	1	24
Team				1-3-4							
Totals	25-48	4-10	13-17	10-21-31	18	67	11	17	6	8	200

Total FG% 1st: 13-26 (50.0%) 2nd: 12-22 (54.5%) Game: 52.1%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 1-7 (14.3%) 2nd: 3-3 (100%) Game: 40.0%
F Throw% 1st: 5-7 (71.4%) 2nd: 8-10 (80.0%) Game: 76.5%

Kansas	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Perry Ellis, f	2-6	0-0	0-1	1-2-3	0	4	0	1	0	0	17
Jeff Withey, c	4-6	0-0	0-1	0-7-7	2	8	0	4	2	1	28
Elijah Johnson, g	6-15	2-5	2-3	0-4-4	1	16	2	4	0	3	36
Ben McLemore, g	5-7	1-2	3-3	2-1-3	3	14	3	3	1	1	35
Travis Releford, g	2-6	0-1	4-4	0-2-2	3	8	3	2	1	4	36
Naadir Tharpe	1-2	1-1	2-2	0-0-0	2	5	0	1	0	0	13
Justin Wesley	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
Jamarri Traylor	3-5	0-0	0-2	2-2-4	2	6	0	1	3	2	25
Kevin Young	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Team				1-0-1							
Totals	22-72	2-20	9-13	24-25-49	25	55	8	15	3	7	200

Total FG% 1st: 15-29 (51.7%) 2nd: 9-19 (47.4%) Game: 50.0%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 2-5 (40.0%) 2nd: 2-4 (50.0%) Game: 44.4%
F Throw% 1st: 5-7 (60.0%) 2nd: 9-13 (69.2%) Game: 66.7%

Officials: John Higgins, Bert Smith, Tom Eades

Attendance: 22,847

Halftime Score: KU 35-32

Record: MSU 1-1; KU 1-1

#3

Nov. 18, 2012 • East Lansing, Mich.
Breslin Center

Key Stat: Points In the Paint
MSU - 46; TSU - 10

Quotable: "It feels good to finally be at home, but Coach Izzo is trying to test us. We just have to mentally ready to play and step on their toes before they step on ours."

- MSU freshman Gary Harris

Key Moment: Texas Southern was hanging tough trailing by just six points at 23-17 late in the first half. MSU, however, closed the stanza on a 17-2 run and never led by less than 20 points in the second half.

Notes: MSU recorded its 36th-straight victory in a home opener ... Tom Izzo improved to 18-0 in home openers ... Adreian Payne moved into 10th place all-time at Michigan State with 74 career blocks ... MSU held a 46-10 advantage in points in the paint, and an 18-0 edge in fast break points ... Branden Dawson tied his career high with five steals, equalling the mark he established in the season opener against UConn ... MSU committed a season-low 12 turnovers ... Alex Gauna made his first career start ... After missing both exhibition games and the first two games of the season, freshman Matt Costello made his Spartan debut, recording four points and three rebounds.

Michigan State	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Alex Gauna, f	1-5	0-0	0-0	1-2-3	0	2	0	2	0	0	14
Branden Dawson, f	6-10	0-0	1-2	2-4-6	1	13	2	0	1	5	22
Adreian Payne, c	4-6	0-0	1-1	2-5-7	5	9	0	2	2	0	16
Keith Appling, g	1-4	0-1	2-2	1-2-3	1	4	4	3	0	2	28
Gary Harris, g	7-10	2-4	3-3	1-1-2	1	19	0	1	0	2	25
Russell Byrd	1-5	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1	2	0	0	0	1	22
Brandon Kearney	1-4	0-1	0-1	1-0-1	0	2	0	1	0	0	17
Matt Costello	1-4	0-0	2-2	0-3-3	0	4	0	0	2	0	11
Keenan Wetzel	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Derrick Nix	2-3	0-0	2-4	0-11-11	0	6	0	2	0	0	21
Dan Chapman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Denzel Valentine	4-9	0-3	0-0	1-2-3	4	8	5	1	2	2	22
Team				2-2-4							
Totals	28-60	2-13	11-15	11-35-46	13	69	11	12	7	12	200

Total FG% 1st: 16-29 (55.2%) 2nd: 12-31 (38.7%) Game: 46.7%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 2-7 (28.6%) 2nd: 0-6 (0.0%) Game: 15.4%
F Throw% 1st: 6-6 (100%) 2nd: 5-9 (55.6%) Game: 73.3%

Texas Southern	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Dexter Ellington, g	0-6	0-6	0-0	0-2-2	0	0	1	0	0	1	22
Madarious Gibbs, g	0-3	0-2	6-11	0-5-5	3	6	1	3	0	1	36
Fred Sturdivant, f	4-9	0-0	2-4	6-6-12	3	10	0	0	2	1	30
Omar Strong, g	1-9	1-8	0-0	0-0-0	1	3	0	4	0	1	22
Kyrie Sutton, f	2-6	0-0	2-2	6-5-11	4	6	0	2	1	1	24
L. Johnson-Danner	2-6	2-4	0-0	0-0-0	3	6	0	0	0	0	15
Raymond Penn	3-16	2-11	2-2	0-5-5	1	10	4	4	0	3	37
Aaron Clayborn	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	12
Ethan Blackwell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team				2-2-4							
Totals	12-57	5-31	12-19	14-25-39	15	41	6	15	4	8	200

Total FG% 1st: 6-27 (22.2%) 2nd: 6-30 (20.0%) Game: 21.1%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 3-14 (21.4%) 2nd: 2-17 (11.8%) Game: 16.1%
F Throw% 1st: 4-8 (50.0%) 2nd: 8-11 (72.7%) Game: 63.2%

Officials: Tom Eades, Bill Elk, Darryl Smith

Attendance: 14,797

Halftime Score: MSU 40-19

Record: MSU 2-1; TSU 1-3

#15/19 MICHIGAN STATE 74
BOISE STATE 70#15/19 MICHIGAN STATE 70
OAKLAND 52#15/19 MICHIGAN STATE 63
LOUISIANA 60

#4

Nov. 20, 2012 • East Lansing, Mich.
Breslin Center**Key Stat:** Second-Half FG Percentage
MSU - 57.8%; BSU - 42.0%**Quotable:** "I told him, 'It's time, big boy.' You wanted the stage, you got it. Bring it home. You gotta take this thing over because we don't have many guys left."

- MSU coach Tom Izzo on his instruction to Keith Appling down the stretch

Key Moment: Boise State had just taken a 61-56 lead with an 11-0 run. MSU immediately responded with a 10-1 run with defensive steals and rebounding triggering several transition opportunities.**Notes:** Denzel Valentine made his first career start, scoring in double-figures for the first time in his career (12 points) ... MSU recorded season highs in points (74) and assists (16) ... Four Spartans scored in double figures for the first time this season ... Keith Appling recorded season highs in points (22) and assists (7). For Appling it was his fifth career 20-point game ... Michigan State shot a season-high 57.8 percent from the field ... Brandon Kearney played a career-high 27 minutes, and scored a season-high seven points ... Freshman Gary Harris injured his left shoulder in the first possession of the game and did not return.

Michigan State	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Denzel Valentine, f	4-9	2-6	2-3	1-3-4	2	12	2	3	0	2	29
Brandon Dawson, f	4-5	0-0	2-5	1-4-5	1	10	3	1	1	3	33
Derrick Nix, c	3-3	0-0	3-4	0-4-4	4	9	0	0	0	1	27
Keith Appling, g	8-14	2-5	4-6	0-5-5	4	22	7	4	0	3	40
Gary Harris, g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Russell Byrd	1-5	1-5	1-3	1-1-2	2	4	2	1	0	0	23
Alex Gauna	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Brandon Kearney	1-3	1-3	4-4	1-1-2	3	7	0	2	0	1	27
Adreian Payne	5-6	0-0	0-0	1-3-4	2	10	2	3	1	0	16
Matt Costello	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Team				0-2-2							
Totals	26-45	6-19	16-25	5-23-28	20	74	16	15	2	10	200

Total FG% 1st: 12-23 (52.2%) 2nd: 14-22 (63.6%) Game: 57.8%
3-PT FG% 1st: 4-12 (33.3%) 2nd: 2-7 (28.6%) Game: 31.6%
F Throw% 1st: 10-16 (62.5%) 2nd: 6-9 (66.7%) Game: 64.0%

Boise State	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Anthony Dmric, f	2-7	0-2	2-3	1-3-4	3	6	3	5	0	0	39
Ryan Watkins, c	4-5	0-0	4-4	4-0-4	4	12	0	1	1	0	20
Derrick Marks, g	6-16	1-2	11-12	1-2-3	5	24	4	2	0	2	29
Jeff Elorriaga, g	2-5	2-5	0-0	0-4-4	4	6	1	0	0	0	31
Igor Hadzimerovic, g	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	2	0	1	2	0	0	14
Mikey Thompson	5-11	2-4	2-2	1-4-5	2	14	3	2	0	2	34
Thomas Bropleh	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-0-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	14
Darius Hamilton	0-0	0-0	1-4	0-0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
Kenny Buckner	2-3	0-0	2-2	0-1-1	4	6	0	1	0	2	14
Team				1-1-2							
Totals	21-50	5-14	23-29	8-16-24	26	70	12	14	1	6	200

Total FG% 1st: 10-24 (41.7%) 2nd: 11-26 (42.3%) Game: 42.0%
3-PT FG% 1st: 4-8 (50.0%) 2nd: 1-6 (16.7%) Game: 35.7%
F Throw% 1st: 8-11 (72.7%) 2nd: 15-18 (83.3%) Game: 79.3%

Officials: Mike Eades, Brian Dorsey, Kelly Pfeifer**Attendance:** 14,797**Halftime Score:** MSU 38-32**Record:** MSU 3-1; BSU 3-1

#5

Nov. 23, 2012 • East Lansing, Mich.
Breslin Center**Key Stat:** Points In Paint
MSU - 40; OU - 14**Quotable:** "I'm not an easy guy to please. But I'm really excited for him and proud of him for what he's doing right now in an incredible way."

- MSU coach Tom Izzo on Keith Appling

Key Moment: Oakland had trimmed MSU's lead to 55-51 with 6:36 left. OU then missed two 3-pointers that could have cut the lead to a single point. On the Spartans' next possession, Derrick Nix kicked the ball out to Keith Appling for a 3-pointer to spark a 15-1 run to close the game.**Notes:** MSU shot a season-best 83.3 percent from the foul line ... MSU held a 43-28 advantage on the glass, including out-rebounding Oakland, 27-13, in the first half ... Denzel Valentine recorded his first career double-double with 10 points and a season-high 10 rebounds, adding a season-best six assists ... With two blocks, Adreian Payne moved into sole possession of ninth place for MSU career blocks with 77 ... Payne also recorded season highs in points (15) and rebounds (9) ... Keith Appling recorded his second-straight 20-point game, adding a season-high six rebounds ... For the second consecutive game, four Spartans scored in double figures ... Derrick Nix notched his first double-figure scoring effort of the season ... The Spartans held a 40-16 advantage in points in the paint, but were out-scored, 24-10, in points off turnovers.

Michigan State	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Adreian Payne, f	6-7	0-0	3-4	3-6-9	2	15	0	3	2	1	30
Brandon Dawson, f	3-7	0-0	0-0	1-5-6	3	6	2	5	1	0	20
Derrick Nix, c	5-6	0-0	0-0	2-5-7	3	10	2	1	0	2	28
Keith Appling, g	7-15	2-4	4-5	0-6-6	2	20	2	1	0	1	38
Denzel Valentine, g	2-4	0-1	6-6	3-7-10	2	10	6	3	0	2	30
Russell Byrd	2-7	1-5	0-0	0-1-1	1	5	0	4	0	0	20
Alex Gauna	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Brandon Kearney	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0-1	1	0	2	2	0	0	23
Matt Costello	1-1	0-0	2-3	0-1-1	1	4	0	0	0	0	8
Keenan Wetzel	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0+
Dan Chapman	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Team				0-2-2							
Totals	26-49	3-11	15-18	10-33-43	16	70	15	20	4	6	200

Total FG% 1st: 12-26 (46.2%) 2nd: 14-23 (60.9%) Game: 53.1%
3-PT FG% 1st: 1-7 (14.3%) 2nd: 2-4 (50.0%) Game: 27.3%
F Throw% 1st: 9-11 (81.8%) 2nd: 6-7 (85.7%) Game: 83.3%

Oakland	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Drew Valentine, f	1-5	0-3	3-6	2-2-4	1	5	2	1	0	3	40-
Corey Petros, c	3-7	0-0	8-8	3-6-9	3	14	0	4	0	3	36
Travis Bader, g	2-13	2-11	2-2	0-0-0	1	8	0	2	0	2	39
Duke Mondy, g	6-20	1-6	3-4	0-3-3	4	16	5	3	0	6	37
Lloyd Neely II, g	2-3	0-0	1-4	2-1-3	4	5	0	1	0	1	21
Dante Williams	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	4	2	0	0	0	1	14
Korab Imami	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Jordan Howenstine	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Raphael Carter	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	0	2	0	0	0	1	7
Mitch Baenziger	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Matt Poches	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Ryan Bass	0-3	0-0	0-0	1-0-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Joey Asbury	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team				4-2-6							
Totals	16-58	3-21	17-24	13-15-28	20	52	7	11	0	17	200

Total FG% 1st: 6-29 (20.7%) 2nd: 10-29 (34.5%) Game: 27.6%
3-PT FG% 1st: 0-10 (0.0%) 2nd: 3-11 (27.3%) Game: 14.3%
F Throw% 1st: 9-12 (75.0%) 2nd: 8-12 (66.7%) Game: 70.8%

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Lamont Simpson, Jim Schipper**Attendance:** 14,797**Halftime Score:** MSU 34-21**Record:** MSU 4-1; OU 2-4**Key Stat:** Turnovers
MSU - 20; UL - 15**Quotable:** "Coach talks about it every day in practice. Guys need to stop being lackadaisical and casual with the ball"

- MSU sophomore Branden Dawson

Key Moment: The Spartans had their 10-point lead cut to two points with 51 seconds left thanks to three Spartan turnovers. On MSU's next possession, Adreian Payne missed a layup, giving the ball back to the Cajuns with the chance to tie or take the lead. UL missed a shot and Branden Dawson went above everyone to pull down the rebound and hit one free throw to clinch the victory.**Notes:** All nine Spartans that played scored ... MSU improved to 3-1 in games decided by five points or less ... The Spartans scored a season-high 18 points from the foul line ... Keith Appling led the Spartans in scoring for the fifth time through the first six games ... Adreian Payne notched his first double-figure rebounding effort (10) of the season ... Brandon Kearney recorded career highs in points (10) and minutes (29) ... Tom Izzo improved to 49-0 all-time at home in November ... The Spartans recorded the 100th November victory in program history.

Michigan State	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Adreian Payne, f	0-4	0-0	3-4	3-7-10	1	3	0	0	1	2	23
Branden Dawson, f	5-10	0-1	2-4	1-7-8	2	12	3	1	2	2	38
Derrick Nix, c	4-5	0-0	1-1	2-3-5	1	9	1	2	0	0	26
Keith Appling, g	4-11	1-5	10-12	1-5-6	2	19	5	4	2	2	38
Denzel Valentine, g	1-6	1-4	1-2	1-0-1	4	4	1	5	1	1	20
Russell Byrd	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1-1	3	3	1	4	1	1	19
Alex Gauna	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	8
Brandon Kearney	4-8	2-4	0-0	1-0-1	2	10	1	4	0	1	29
Matt Costello	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Team				2-5-7							
Totals	20-47	5-16	18-25	12-28-40	17	63	12	20	7	9	200

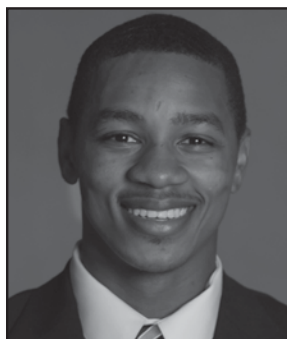
Total FG% 1st: 12-28 (42.9%) 2nd: 8-19 (42.1%) Game: 42.6%
3-PT FG% 1st: 3-8 (37.5%) 2nd: 2-8 (25.0%) Game: 31.3%
F Throw% 1st: 6-9 (66.7%) 2nd: 12-16 (75.0%) Game: 72.0%

Louisiana	FG	3FG	FT	O-D-R	PF	PTS	A	T	B	S	MIN
Bryant Mbamalu, f	0-6	0-5	1-2	1-4-5	3	1	2	3	0	1	28
Elfrid Payton, g	8-15	0-2	4-6	2-4-6	3	20	2	1	0	7	39
Steven Wronkoski, g	1-4	1-2	1-2	0-2-2	2	4	0	2	0	1	36
Shawn Long, f	6-15	3-5	1-2	2-6-8	1	16	0	2	3	0	35
Eldridge Moore, f	2-4	0-0	1-5	1-3-4	2	5	2	3	1	1	35
Cornell Barnett	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kasey Shepherd	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Alan-Micha Thompson	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Kevin Brown	4-7	3-3	3-4	2-1-3	2	14	0	2	0	2	14
Braylon Lazare	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Matthew Moss	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team				2							
Totals	21-52	7-18	11-21	8-20-28	15	60	6	15	5	12	200

Total FG% 1st: 11-27 (40.7%) 2nd: 10-25 (40.0%) Game: 40.4%
3-PT FG% 1st: 3-9 (33.3%) 2nd: 4-9 (44.4%) Game: 38.9%
F Throw% 1st: 2-6 (33.3%) 2nd: 9-15 (60.0%) Game: 52.4%

Officials: Jim Burr, Larry Sciotto, Chris Beaver**Attendance:** 14,797**Halftime Score:** MSU 33-27**Record:** MSU 5-1; UL 2-4

11 KEITH APPLING

Junior • Guard • 6-1 • 190
Detroit, Mich. • Pershing

Get To Know Keith

* Wore #1 in high school and AAU, but when he got to MSU, Kalin Lucas wore #1, so Appling chose to wear #11

* High school teammate of Derrick Nix at Detroit Pershing, where they teamed to capture the 2009 Class A state title

* Team-best running-start vertical jump of 42 inches

*** Averaged 20.3 points and 38.7 minutes in three games last week**

*** MSU's leading scorer in five of six games**

*** Leads Spartans in assists (4.2 apg - 5th Big Ten) and scoring (16.8 ppg - 8th Big Ten)**

*** Shooting .435 from 3-point range, compared to .250 last season**

Capsule: Quick, explosive guard that will attack the rim ... Tough, hard-nosed defender that ranks among the best of Izzo's coaching tenure ... Decision making was top off-season priority after making the switch to the point last season.

2012-13 Notes: Notched his sixth-career, and second-straight, 20-point game with 20 points and a season-high six rebounds against Oakland ... All-around effort with 22 points, seven assists and five rebounds against Boise State ... Scored 16 of his game-high 19 points vs. Kansas in the second half; scored MSU's final five points - a 3-pointer with 1:36 left and a driving layup with 14 seconds remaining to provide the final margin.

Appling's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	7-17	2-5	1-1	0-3	3 3	3	17	4	1	0	1	35
vs. Kansas (11/13)	6-9	3-3	4-4	0-2	2 3	19	3	2	0	3	38	
Texas Southern (11/18)	1-4	0-1	2-2	1-2	3 1	4	4	3	0	2	28	
Boise State (11/20)	8-14	2-5	4-6	0-5	5 4	22	7	4	0	3	40	
Oakland (11/23)	7-15	2-4	4-5	0-6	6 2	20	2	1	0	1	38	
Louisiana (11/25)	4-11	1-5	10-12	1-5	6 2	19	5	4	2	2	38	
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
at Indiana (1/27)												
Illinois (1/31)												
Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Appling's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	-3-Point-		FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
					FG-FGA	FG%												
2010-11	34/18	780/22.9	72-165	.436	39-95	.411	34-38	.895	19-77	96	2.8	76/0	45	53	16	21	217	6.4
2011-12	37/37	1139/30.8	131-307	.427	24-96	.250	134-170	.788	17-89	106	2.9	90/1	144	85	15	43	420	11.4
2012-13	6/6	217/36.2	33-70	.471	10-23	.435	25-30	.833	2-23	25	4.2	15/0	25	15	2	12	101	16.8
Totals	77/61	2136/27.7	236-542	.435	73-214	.341	193-538	.811	38-189	227	2.9	181/1	241	153	33	76	738	9.6

Career/Season Highs

Minutes

Career: 40 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)

Season: 40 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)

Big Ten: 37 - vs. Indiana (1/30/11)

Points

Career: 25 - vs. Indiana (12/28/11)

Season: 22 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)

Big Ten: 25 - vs. Indiana (12/28/11)

Rebounds

Career: 9 - vs. Nebraska Omaha (12/4/11)

Season: 6 - two times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)

Big Ten: 7 - vs. Purdue (2/27/11)

Assists

Career: 9 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Season: 7 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)

Big Ten: 9 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Field Goals

Career: 8 - three times, last vs. Boise State (11/20/12)

Season: 8 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)

Big Ten: 7 - two times, last vs. Indiana (12/28/11)

Field Goal Attempts

Career: 17 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)

Season: 17 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)

Big Ten: 14 - vs. Wisconsin (1/3/12)

3-Point Field Goals

Career: 5 - vs. Northwestern (1/15/11)

Season: 3 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)

Big Ten: 5 - vs. Northwestern (1/15/11)

3-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career: 8 - vs. Northwestern (1/15/11)

Season: 5 - three times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)

Big Ten: 8 - vs. Northwestern (1/15/11)

Free Throws

Career: 12 - vs. Lehigh (12/22/11)

Season: 10 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)

Big Ten: 9 - two times, last vs. Northwestern (1/14/12)

Free Throw Attempts

Career: 13 - vs. Northwestern (1/14/12)

Season: 12 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)

Big Ten: 13 - vs. Northwestern (1/14/12)

Steals

Career: 3 - six times, last vs. vs. Boise State (11/20/12)

Season: 3 - two times, vs. Boise State (11/20/12)

Big Ten: 3 - three times, last vs. Minnesota (2/22/12)

Blocks

Career: 5 - vs. Northwestern (1/3/11)

Season: 2 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)

Big Ten: 5 - vs. Northwestern (1/3/11)

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	5 (4-1)	36 (29-7)
Double-Figure Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	5 (4-1)	14 (11-3)
Led MSU in Rebounding	1 (1-0)	3 (1-2)
Led MSU in Assists	3 (2-1)	22 (14-8)
20+ Point Games	2 (2-0)	6 (5-1)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

O RUSSELL BYRD

R-Sophomore • Guard • 6-7 • 205
Fort Wayne, Ind. • Blackhawk Christian



Get To Know Russell

- * Underwent three surgeries on his left foot between May 2010 and 2011
- * Excelled at golf in high school.
- * Says being a Spartan has taught him how to persevere through adversity and how to be mentally tough

* **Voted Co-Captain by teammates**

Capsule: Strong wing with great size ... Sharp shooter with range well beyond the 3-point arc ... Possesses a smooth, silky stroke ... Owns a tremendous passion for the game.

Byrd's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
vs. Kansas (11/13)	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Texas Southern (11/18)	1-5	0-4	0-0	0-1	1 1	2	0	0	0	0	1	22
Boise State (11/20)	1-5	1-5	1-3	1-1	2 2	4	2	1	0	0	0	23
Oakland (11/23)	2-7	1-5	0-0	0-1	1 1	5	0	4	0	0	0	20
Louisiana (11/25)	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1 3	3	1	4	1	1	1	19
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
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Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Byrd's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	3-Point- FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2011-12	27/0	149/5.5	12-43	.279	9-33	.273	8-10	.800	8-8	16	0.6	18/0	11	9	3	5	41	1.5
2012-13	6/0	97/16.2	5-20	.250	3-17	.176	1-3	.333	2-5	7	1.2	8/0	3	10	1	2	14	2.3
Totals	33/0	246/7.5	17-63	.270	12-50	.240	9-13	.692	10-13	23	0.7	26/0	14	19	4	7	55	1.7

Career/Season Highs

Minutes

Career: 23 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Season: 23 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten: 7 - two times, last vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

Points

Career: 8 - vs. Iowa (3/9/12)
Season: 5 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 6 - vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

Rebounds

Career: 2 - five times, last vs. Purdue (1/21/12)
Season: 2 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Assists

Career: 3 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/11)
Season: 2 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten:

Field Goals

Career: 2 - four times, last vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Season: 2 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

Field Goal Attempts

Career: 7 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Season: 7 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 5 - vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

3-Point Field Goals

Career: 2 - vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)
Season: 1 - three times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

3-Point FG Attempts

Career: 5 - four times, last vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Season: 5 - two times, last vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 5 - vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

Free Throws

Career: 3 - vs. Iowa (3/9/12)
Season: 1 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Minnesota (1/25/12)

Free Throw Attempts

Career: 3 - three times, last vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Season: 3 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Minnesota (1/25/12)

Steals

Career: 2 - vs. Eastern Michigan (11/27/11)
Season: 1 - two times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten:

Blocks

Career: 1 - three times, last vs. Wisconsin (3/10/12)
Season: 1 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten:

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

10 MATT COSTELLO

Freshman • Forward • 6-9 • 245
Bay City, Mich. • Bay City Western**Get To Know Matt**

- * Has a twin brother (John) that attends MSU and is an accomplished saxophone player
- * Would like to get into coaching after his playing career is over
- * Owns a 7-foot-2 wingspan - second longest on the team

Capsule: Long, tough post player ... Loves to use his body to create space and angles in the post ... Combination of soft hands and great feet that allow him to be a threat to score with his back to the basket ... Can be effective in transition by out-running opponents rim to rim.

2012-13 Notes: Made his Spartan debut vs. Texas Southern ... Missed both exhibition games with a tailbone bruise suffered the day before the exhibition opener. Returned to practice a few days before the season opener but did not see action.

Costello's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)					DNP							
vs. Kansas (11/13)					DNP							
Texas Southern (11/18)	1-4	0-0	2-2	0-3	3 0	4	0	0	0	2	0	11
Boise State (11/20)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Oakland (11/23)	1-1	0-0	2-3	0-1	1 1	4	0	0	0	0	0	8
Louisiana (11/25)	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-0	1 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
at Indiana (1/27)												
Illinois (1/31)												
Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Costello's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	3-Point- FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2012-13	4/0	26/6.5	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	1-4	5	1.3	3/0	0	1	2	0	9	2.3
Totals	4/0	26/6.5	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	1-4	5	1.3	3/0	0	1	2	0	9	2.3

Season Highs**Minutes**

Season: 11 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)
Big Ten:

Points

Season: 4 - two times, last vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Rebounds

Season: 3 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)
Big Ten:

Assists

Season:
Big Ten:

Field Goals

Season: 1 - two times, last vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Field Goal Attempts

Season: 4 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)
Big Ten:

3-Point Field Goals

Season:
Big Ten:

3-Point FG Attempts

Season:
Big Ten:

Free Throws

Season: 2 - two times, last vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Free Throw Attempts

Season: 3 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Steals

Season:
Big Ten:

Blocks

Season: 2 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)
Big Ten:

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

22 BRANDEN DAWSON

Sophomore • Guard • 6-6 • 230
Gary, Ind. • Lew Wallace

Get To Know Branden

- * Says his mother Cassandra Dawson is his role model
- * Since having ACL surgery in March, Dawson has leg pressed 870 pounds, a 20-pound increase from his last summer
- * Also matched his best vertical jump this summer, months after ACL surgery

*** Second on the team in minutes just eight months after ACL surgery**

*** Big Ten leader in steals (3.0 spg)**

*** 2012 Big Ten All-Freshman Team and Honorable Mention honoree**

Capsule: Tremendous recovery from ACL injury suffered in March ... Athletic wing with Big Ten body ... Owns incredible rebounding instincts both on the offensive and defensive end ... Strength and length allow him to defend multiple positions, having developed into one of MSU's premier defenders.

2012-13 Notes: Recorded fourth career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds vs. Connecticut; eight of his rebounds were offensive, while also recording a career-high five steals.

Dawson's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	7-17	0-0	1-2	8-2	10	2	15	0	1	0	5	34
vs. Kansas (11/13)	5-6	0-0	2-3	2-2	4	1	12	2	5	0	3	33
Texas Southern (11/18)	6-10	0-0	1-2	2-4	6	1	13	2	0	1	5	22
Boise State (11/20)	4-5	0-0	2-5	1-4	5	1	10	3	1	1	3	33
Oakland (11/23)	3-7	0-0	0-0	1-5	6	3	6	2	5	1	0	20
Louisiana (11/25)	5-10	0-1	2-4	1-7	8	2	12	3	1	2	2	31
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
at Indiana (1/27)												
Illinois (1/31)												
Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Dawson's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	-3-Point- FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2011-12	31/31	640/20.6	109-189	.577	0-3	.000	41-69	.594	67-72	139	4.5	41/0	29	43	26	29	259	8.4
2012-13	6/6	173/28.8	30-55	.545	0-1	.000	8-16	.500	15-24	39	6.5	10/0	12	13	5	18	68	11.3
Totals	37/37	813/22.0	139-244	.570	0-4	.000	49-85	.576	82-96	178	4.8	51/0	41	56	31	47	327	8.8

Career/Season Highs

Minutes

Career: 35 - vs. North Carolina (11/11/11)
Season: 34 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 28 - vs. Illinois (1/31/12)

Points

Career: 16 - two times, last vs. Minnesota (1/25/12)
Season: 15 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 16 - vs. Minnesota (1/25/12)

Rebounds

Career: 13 - vs. Illinois (1/31/12)
Season: 10 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 13 - vs. Illinois (1/31/12)

Assists

Career: 4 - vs. Nebraska Omaha (12/4/11)
Season: 3 - two times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 3 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Field Goals

Career: 8 - vs. UMKC (12/19/11)
Season: 7 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 7 - two times, last vs. Purdue (2/19/12)

Field Goal Attempts

Career: 17 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Season: 17 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 12 - vs. Purdue (2/19/12)

3-Point Field Goals

Career:
Season:
Big Ten:

3-Point FG Attempts

Career: 1 - four times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Season: 1 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 1 - vs. Illinois (1/31/12)

Free Throws

Career: 4 - vs. Illinois (1/31/12)
Season: 2 - three times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Illinois (1/31/12)

Free Throw Attempts

Career: 6 - vs. Milwaukee (11/23/11)
Season: 5 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten: 4 - four times, last vs. Indiana (2/28/12)

Steals

Career: 5 - two times, last vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)
Season: 5 - two times, last vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)
Big Ten: 3 - two times, last vs. Penn State (2/8/12)

Blocks

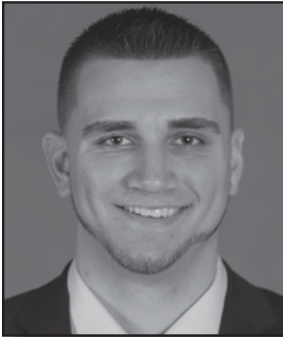
Career: 4 - vs. Minnesota (1/25/12)
Season: 2 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 4 - vs. Minnesota (1/25/12)

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	5 (4-1)	17 (14-3)
Double-Figure Rebounding	1 (0-1)	4 (2-2)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	1 (0-1)	4 (2-2)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	3 (2-1)
Led MSU in Rebounding	1 (1-0)	4 (3-1)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

2 ALEX GAUNA

R-Sophomore • Forward • 6-6 • 230
Eaton Rapids, Mich. • Eaton Rapids



Get To Know Alex

* Bench pressed 185 pounds (NBA testing standard) 19 times, ranking tied for second on the team

* Says his grandfather, Samuel Gauna, who passed away when he was 12, was always his biggest fan, and Alex wishes Samuel could see what his grandson is doing now

Capsule: Strong, athletic forward ... Has the ability to shoot the perimeter jump shot ... Wide base allows him to be an effective rebounder ... Ability to become pick-and-pop player.

2012-13 Notes: Made his first career start against Texas Southern, playing a career-high 14 minutes and equalling his career best with three rebounds ... Provided an offensive spark with six first-half points against Kansas.

Gauna's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
vs. Kansas (11/13)	3-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	6	1	0	0	0	12
Texas Southern (11/18)	1-5	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	14
Boise State (11/20)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oakland (11/23)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Louisiana (11/25)	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	8
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
at Indiana (1/27)												
Illinois (1/31)												
Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Gauna's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	-3-Point-		FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
					FG-FGA	FG%												
2011-12	30/0	142/4.7	22-39	.564	0-0	.000	11-21	.524	11-13	24	0.8	26/0	0	13	3	1	55	1.8
2012-13	6/1	41/6.8	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3	4	0.7	6/0	2	5	0	0	10	1.7
Totals	36/1	183/5.1	27-49	.551	0-0	.000	11-21	.524	12-16	28	0.8	32/0	2	18	3	1	65	1.8

Career/Season Highs

Minutes

Career: 14 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Season: 14 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten: 11 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Points

Career: 8 - two times, last vs. UMKC (12/19/11)

Season: 6 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)

Big Ten: 4 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Rebounds

Career: 3 - two times, last vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Season: 3 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten: 2 - two times, last vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Assists

Career: 1 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)

Season: 1 - two times, last vs. Oakland (11/23/12)

Big Ten:

Field Goals

Career: 4 - vs. Nebraska Omaha (12/4/11)

Season: 3 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)

Big Ten: 2 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Field Goal Attempts

Career: 6 - vs. Nebraska Omaha (12/4/11)

Season: 5 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten: 3 - two times, last vs. Northwestern (1/14/12)

3-Point Field Goals

Career:

Season:

Big Ten:

3-Point FG Attempts

Career:

Season:

Big Ten:

Free Throws

Career: 2 - two times, last vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Season:

Big Ten: 2 - vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Free Throw Attempts

Career: 6 - vs. UMKC (12/19/11)

Season:

Big Ten: 2 - three times, last vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

Steals

Career: 1 - vs. North Carolina (11/11/11)

Season:

Big Ten:

Blocks

Career: 2 - vs. Nebraska Omaha (12/4/11)

Season:

Big Ten:

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

14 GARY HARRIS

Freshman • Guard • 6-4 • 205
Fishers, Ind. • Hamilton Southeastern**Get To Know Gary**

- * His mother Joy was an All-American basketball player at Purdue and played for the WNBA's Detroit Shock
- * Accomplished prep wide receiver, with 33 career TD's
- * Committed to Tom Izzo via phone as Izzo stood on the deck of the USS Carl Vinson at the Carrier Classic last November
- * Bench pressed 185 pounds (NBA testing standard) 19 times, ranking tied for second on the team

- * **Missed two games after suffering shoulder sprain against Boise State**
- * **Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Nov. 19)**
- * **Joins Sam Vincent (1981) and Raymar Morgan (2006) as the only Spartan freshmen to score in double figures in first three games**

Capsule: Athletic, explosive wing with Big Ten size and strength ... Can slash to the rim off the dribble as well as stretch the defense with his outside shooting ability ... Possesses the frame and intangibles necessary to defend other perimeter guards in the league.

2012-13 Notes: Injured his left shoulder in first possession of game against Boise State and will miss 2-3 weeks of action ... Scored a season-high and team-best 19 points against Texas Southern ... Scored 18 points against Kansas ... Scored nine of his 11 points in the second half vs. Connecticut.

Harris' 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	4-13	1-7	2-2	1-1	2 3	11	1	0	1	1	1	30
vs. Kansas (11/13)	7-12	1-3	3-4	1-0	1 3	18	0	4	0	1	1	35
Texas Southern (11/18)	7-10	2-4	3-3	1-1	2 1	19	0	1	0	2	2	25
Boise State (11/20)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland (11/23)												
Louisiana (11/25)												
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
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Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
at Indiana (1/27)												
Illinois (1/31)												
Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Harris' Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	3-Point- FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2012-13	4/4	91/28.8	18-35	.514	4-14	.286	8-9	.889	3-2	5	1.3	7/0	1	5	1	4	48	12.0
Totals	4/4	91/28.8	18-35	.514	4-14	.286	8-9	.889	3-2	5	1.3	7/0	1	5	1	4	48	12.0

Season Highs**Minutes**

Season: 35 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)

Big Ten:

Points

Season: 19 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten:

Rebounds

Season: 2 - two times, last vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten:

Assists

Season: 1 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)

Big Ten:

Field Goals

Season: 7 - two times, last vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten:

Field Goal Attempts

Season: 13 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)

Big Ten:

3-Point Field Goals

Season: 2 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten:

3-Point FG Attempts

Season: 7 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)

Big Ten:

Free Throws

Season: 3 - two times, last vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten:

Free Throw Attempts

Season: 4 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)

Big Ten:

Steals

Season: 2 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)

Big Ten:

Blocks

Season: 1 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)

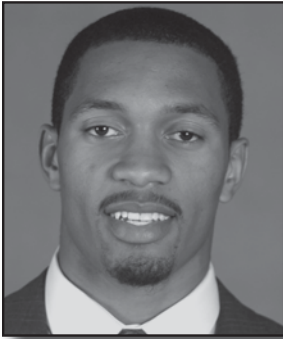
Big Ten:

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	3 (2-1)	3 (2-1)
Double-Figure Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Led MSU in Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

3 BRANDAN KEARNEY

Sophomore • Guard • 6-5 • 190
Detroit, Mich. • Southeastern



Get To Know Brandan

- * Won a Gold Medal with Team USA at the 2009 FIBA Americas U16 Championship
- * Has the longest wingspan of the Spartan guards at 6-foot-11.25 inches
- * Fell in love with Michigan State watching Maurice Ager and Shannon Brown battle Adam Morrison and Gonzaga in the 2005 Maui Invitational

*** Averaging 26.3 minutes and 5.7 points over the last three games in Gary Harris' absence**

Capsule: Long, lanky versatile wing ... Great distributor who is able to get his teammates the ball in position to score ... Crafty, offensive scorer with range out to the 3-point arc, but also possesses solid mid-range game ... Worked to improve his shot mechanics in off-season ... Great basketball IQ allows him to play multiple positions.

2012-13 Notes: Scored a career-high 10 points in a career-best 29 minutes against Louisiana ... Notched then-career highs in minutes (27) and points (7) against Boise State.

Kearney's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1 0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
vs. Kansas (11/13)	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1 0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
Texas Southern (11/18)	1-4	0-1	0-1	1-0	1 0	2	0	1	0	0	0	17
Boise State (11/20)	1-3	1-3	4-4	1-1	2 3	7	0	2	0	1	27	
Oakland (11/23)	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1 1	0	2	2	0	0	23	
Louisiana (11/25)	4-8	2-4	0-0	1-0	1 2	10	1	4	0	1	29	
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
at Indiana (1/27)												
Illinois (1/31)												
Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Kearney's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	3-Point- FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2011-12	34/0	327/9.6	17-36	.472	5-13	.385	2-7	.286	9-19	28	0.8	27/0	19	11	6	8	41	1.2
2012-13	6/0	109/18.2	6-20	.300	3-11	.273	4-5	.800	5-2	7	1.2	6/0	4	10	1	2	19	3.2
Totals	40/0	436/10.9	23-56	.411	8-24	.333	6-12	.500	14-21	35	0.9	33/0	23	21	7	10	60	1.5

Career/Season Highs

Minutes

Career: 29 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Season: 29 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 19 - vs. Wisconsin (2/16/12)

Points

Career: 10 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Season: 10 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 6 - vs. Michigan (1/17/12)

Rebounds

Career: 3 - three times, last vs. Ohio State (3/11/12)
Season: 2 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten: 3 - vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Assists

Career: 4 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)
Season: 2 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 4 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Field Goals

Career: 4 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Season: 4 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 2 - two times, last vs. Michigan (1/17/12)

Field Goal Attempts

Career: 8 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Season: 8 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 3 - vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

3-Point Field Goals

Career: 2 - two times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Season: 2 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Michigan (1/17/12)

3-Point FG Attempts

Career: 4 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Season: 4 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 2 - two times, last vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Free Throws

Career: 4 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Season: 4 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten:

Free Throw Attempts

Career: 4 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Season: 4 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Wisconsin (1/31/12)

Steals

Career: 2 - vs. Purdue (1/21/12)
Season: 1 - two times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Blocks

Career: 1 - seven times, last vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Season: 1 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 1 - three times, last vs. Illinois (1/31/12)

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Double-Figure Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

25 DERRICK NIX

Senior • Center • 6-9 • 270
Detroit, Mich. • Pershing**Get To Know Derrick**

- * Came to MSU weighing 306 pounds after weighing as much as 340 in high school. Since then he has dropped nearly 40 pounds and eight percent body fat
- * High school teammate of Keith Appling at Detroit Pershing, where they teamed to capture the 2009 Class A state title
- * The strongest Spartan, he has a team-best 1100-pound leg press, and can bench press 185 pounds (NBA testing standard) 22 times

- * **Voted Co-Captain by teammates**
- * **Ranks tied for fourth in Big Ten in rebounding (7.7 rpg)**
- * **Started at the 2010 Final Four as a freshman**

Capsule: Extremely tough, wide-bodied frontcourt player ... Possesses great hands and very good footwork ... Below-the-rim player with excellent post moves

2012-13 Notes: Notched first double-figure scoring game of the season against Oakland ... Grabbed 11 rebounds in just 21 minutes against Texas Southern ... Played a career-high 31 minutes against Kansas ... Led the Spartans with 11 rebounds against UConn, marking his first double-figure rebound game since his debut in November 2009.

Nix's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	1-5	0-0	4-6	7-4	11	0	6	1	4	0	0	27
vs. Kansas (11/13)	2-8	0-0	4-6	5-3	8	2	8	0	2	0	0	31
Texas Southern (11/18)	2-3	0-0	2-4	0-11	11	0	6	0	2	0	0	21
Boise State (11/20)	3-3	0-0	3-4	0-4	4	4	9	0	0	0	1	27
Oakland (11/23)	5-6	0-0	0-0	2-5	7	3	10	2	1	0	2	28
Louisiana (11/25)	4-5	0-0	1-1	2-3	5	1	9	1	2	0	0	26
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
at Indiana (1/27)												
Illinois (1/31)												
Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Nix's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	3-Point- FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2009-10	36/16	279/7.8	35-69	.507	0-0	.000	13-48	.271	34-42	76	2.1	20/0	9	13	6	7	83	2.3
2010-11	30/1	246/8.2	27-45	.600	0-0	.000	27-51	.529	31-28	59	2.0	28/0	8	22	8	9	81	2.7
2011-12	37/1	700/18.9	129-231	.558	0-0	.000	43-74	.581	59-80	139	3.8	61/1	38	50	13	27	301	8.1
2012-13	6/5	160/26.7	17-30	.567	0-0	.000	14-21	.667	16-30	46	7.7	10/0	4	11	0	3	48	8.0
Totals	109/23	1385/12.7	208-375	.555	0-0	.000	97-194	.500	140-180	320	2.9	119/1	59	96	27	46	513	4.7

Career/Season Highs**Minutes**

Career: 31 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Season: 31 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Big Ten: 26 - vs. Indiana (2/28/12)

Points

Career: 18 - vs. LIU Brooklyn (3/16/12)
Season: 10 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 14 - vs. Indiana (12/28/11)

Rebounds

Career: 14 - vs. Florida Gulf Coast (11/13/09)
Season: 11 - two times, last vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)
Big Ten: 7 - vs. Nebraska (12/31/11)

Assists

Career: 5 - vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)
Season: 2 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 5 - vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

Field Goals

Career: 8 - vs. LIU Brooklyn (3/16/12)
Season: 5 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 6 - three times, last vs. Purdue (2/19/12)

Field Goal Attempts

Career: 13 - two times, last vs. LIU Brooklyn (3/16/12)
Season: 8 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Big Ten: 9 - two times, last vs. Indiana (12/28/11)

3-Point Field Goals

Career:
Season:
Big Ten:

3-Point FG Attempts

Career:
Season:
Big Ten:

Free Throws

Career: 5 - vs. Iowa (3/2/11)
Season: 4 - two times, last vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Big Ten: 5 - vs. Iowa (3/2/11)

Free Throw Attempts

Career: 6 - seven times, last vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Season: 6 - two times, last vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Big Ten: 5 - vs. Iowa (3/2/11)

Steals

Career: 3 - two times, last vs. Tenn. Tech (11/28/10)
Season: 2 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 2 - four times, last vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

Blocks

Career: 3 - vs. Gonzaga (11/17/09)
Season:
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Ohio State (3/4/12)

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	1 (1-0)	16 (13-3)
Double-Figure Rebounding	2 (1-1)	3 (2-1)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	1 (1-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	1 (0-1)
Led MSU in Rebounding	3 (2-1)	5 (3-2)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	2 (2-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

5 ADREIAN PAYNE

Junior • Center • 6-10 • 240
Dayton, Ohio • Jefferson Township**Get To Know Adreian**

- * Owns a team-best 7-foot-4 wingspan
- * His 38 inch no-step vertical jump is the best of the Izzo era
- * Didn't start playing basketball until the sixth grade when his cousin kept pestering him to play - says all he could do at first was run the court
- * Raised by his grandmother Mary Lewis, after his mother Gloria Lewis passed away at age 13. Mary passed away in August 2011, and the entire team bused to Dayton for the funeral

- * **Ranks 9th in MSU career blocks (78)**
- * **Ranks third in the Big Ten in field-goal percentage (.655)**
- * **2012 Academic All-Big Ten and recipient of MSU's Scholar-Athlete Award**

Capsule: Extremely long athletic forward ... Has skills to knock down perimeter jump shot - working to develop range out beyond the three-point arc ... Shot-blocking presence due to his superior length and leaping ability ... Effective in transition because of his straight-line speed.

2012-13 Notes: First double-figure rebound effort of the season vs. Louisiana, grabbing 10 ... Impressive 15-point, nine-rebound effort against Oakland ... Matched career high with four blocks against Kansas.

Payne's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	2-2	0-0	2-2	0-2	2 3	6	1	3	1	0	15	
vs. Kansas (11/13)	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-8	8 4	4	4	0	0	4	0	17
Texas Southern (11/18)	4-6	0-0	1-1	2-5	7 5	9	0	2	2	0	16	
Boise State (11/20)	5-6	0-0	0-0	1-3	4 2	10	2	3	1	0	16	
Oakland (11/23)	6-7	0-0	3-4	3-6	9 2	15	0	3	2	1	30	
Louisiana (11/25)	0-4	0-0	3-4	3-7	10 1	3	0	0	1	2	23	
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
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Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Payne's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	-3-Point- FG-FGA FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2010-11	34/6	306/9.0	34-72	.472	0-1 .000	17-35	.486	31-49	80	2.4	41/0	5	21	28	9	85	2.5
2011-12	37/36	661/17.9	98-173	.566	1-2 .500	62-89	.697	57-100	157	4.2	84/2	12	39	39	25	259	7.0
2012-13	6/5	117/19.5	19-29	.655	0-1 .000	9-11	.818	9-31	40	6.7	17/1	3	11	11	3	47	7.8
Totals	77/47	1084/14.1	151-274	.551	1-4 .250	88-135	.652	97-180	277	3.6	142/3	20	71	78	37	391	5.1

Career/Season Highs**Minutes**

Career: 30 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Season: 30 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 25 - vs. Minnesota (2/22/12)

Points

Career: 16 - two times, last vs. LIU Brooklyn (3/16/12)
Season: 15 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 15 - vs. Ohio State (2/11/12)

Rebounds

Career: 12 - vs. Duke (11/15/11)
Season: 10 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 6 - two times, last vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Assists

Career: 2 - two times, last vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Season: 2 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten: 1 - two times, last vs. Nebraska (2/25/12)

Field Goals

Career: 8 - vs. LIU Brooklyn (3/16/12)
Season: 6 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 6 - vs. Ohio State (2/11/12)

Field Goal Attempts

Career: 11 - vs. LIU Brooklyn (3/16/12)
Season: 7 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten: 10 - vs. Illinois (1/31/012)

3-Point Field Goals

Career: 1 - vs. Illinois (1/31/012)
Season:
Big Ten: 1 - vs. Illinois (1/31/012)

3-Point FG Attempts

Career: 1 - three times, last vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Season: 1 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Big Ten: 1 - vs. Illinois (1/31/12)

Free Throws

Career: 6 - vs. Penn State (2/8/12)
Season: 3 - two times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 6 - vs. Penn State (2/8/12)

Free Throw Attempts

Career: 8 - three times, last vs. Penn State (2/8/12)
Season: 4 - two times, last vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 8 - vs. Penn State (2/8/12)

Steals

Career: 3 - vs. Indiana (12/28/11)
Season: 2 - vs. Louisiana (11/25/12)
Big Ten: 3 - vs. Indiana (12/28/11)

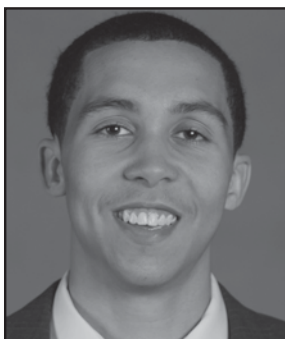
Blocks

Career: 4 - three times, last vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Season: 4 - vs. Kansas (11/13/12)
Big Ten: 4 - vs. Ohio State (3/4/12)

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	2 (2-0)	13 (11-2)
Double-Figure Rebounding	1 (1-0)	3 (2-1)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	1 (1-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	1 (1-0)
Led MSU in Rebounding	2 (2-0)	5 (3-2)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

20 TRAVIS TRICE

Sophomore • Guard • 6-0 • 170
Huber Heights, Ohio • Wayne

Get To Know Travis

* Played for his dad Travis in high school - his father played two years each at Purdue and Butler. His grandfather, Bob Pritchett, played at Vincennes and Old Dominion and is in the Old Dominion Hall of Fame

* His running-start vertical jump of 40.5 inches is third best on the team

Capsule: Pass-first point guard with the ability to shoot from deep ... Tough determined player despite small frame ... Developing into a leader, even as an underclassman ... Son of a high-school coach who owns leadership skills and high basketball IQ.

2012-13 Notes: Missed the last five games with a concussion and broken nose suffered against Connecticut.

Trice's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	1	1	0	1	18
vs. Kansas (11/13)					DNP							
Texas Southern (11/18)					DNP							
Boise State (11/20)					DNP							
Oakland (11/23)					DNP							
Louisiana (11/25)					DNP							
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
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at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
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Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Trice's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	3-Point- FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2011-12	32/0	551/17.2	48-126	.381	30-74	.405	19-33	.576	5-52	57	1.8	58/0	56	37	2	25	145	4.5
2012-13	1/0	18/18.0	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	1/0	1	1	0	1	3	3.0
Totals	33/0	569/17.2	49-131	.374	31-77	.403	19-33	.576	5-52	57	1.7	59/0	57	38	2	26	148	4.5

Career/Season Highs

Minutes

Career: 27 - vs. Florida State (11/30/11)
Season: 18 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 23 - vs. Northwestern (1/10/12)

Points

Career: 20 - vs. CCSU (12/7/11)
Season: 3 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 10 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Rebounds

Career: 5 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/11)
Season: 0 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 4 - vs. Ohio State (2/11/12)

Assists

Career: 5 - two times, last vs. Lehigh (12/22/11)
Season: 1 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 4 - two times, last vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Field Goals

Career: 6 - vs. CCSU (12/7/11)
Season: 1 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 3 - two times, last vs. Northwestern (1/14/12)

Field Goal Attempts

Career: 8 - two times, last vs. CCSU (12/7/11)
Season: 5 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 6 - three times, last vs. Penn State (2/8/12)

3-Point Field Goals

Career: 4 - vs. CCSU (12/7/11)
Season: 1 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

3-Point FG Attempts

Career: 6 - vs. Texas Southern (11/18/11)
Season: 3 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 3 - four times, last vs. Penn State (2/8/12)

Free Throws

Career: 4 - vs. CCSU (12/7/11)
Season:
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Iowa (1/10/12)

Free Throw Attempts

Career: 5 - vs. CCSU (12/7/11)
Season:
Big Ten: 2 - two times, last vs. Purdue (1/21/12)

Steals

Career: 3 - three times, last vs. Eastern Mich. (11/27/11)
Season: 1 - vs. Connecticut (11/9/12)
Big Ten: 2 - vs. Northwestern (1/14/12)

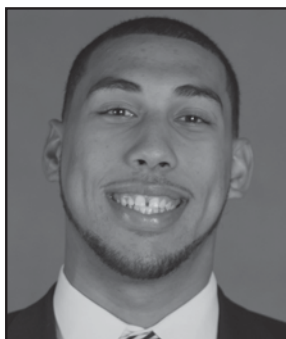
Blocks

Career: 1 - two times, last vs. Bowling Green (12/17/11)
Season:
Big Ten:

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	0 (0-0)	3 (3-0)
Double-Figure Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	1 (1-0)
Led MSU in Rebounding	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Assists	0 (0-0)	4 (3-1)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	1 (1-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

45 DENZEL VALENTINE

Freshman • Guard • 6-5 • 220
Lansing, Mich. • Sexton**Get To Know Denzel**

- * Played for father Carlton, who was a four-year letterwinner at MSU from 1985-88
- * Brother Drew is a senior on the basketball team at Oakland University
- * Posted the sixth best score on the VO2 treadmill conditioning test by a Spartan freshman during the Izzo era

*** Averaging 8.5 ppg over the last four games**

*** Ranks second on the team in assists (3.2 apg), and has led MSU in assists in three of last five games**

Capsule: Possesses a high basketball IQ that allows him to be a playmaker in the open court, as well as the half court ... Excellent passing and ball skills ... Long, versatile guard with the size to score in the lane and the post ... Second generation Spartan that embraces the Michigan State tradition.

2012-13 Notes: Recorded first career double-double against Oakland (10 pts., 10 reb.), adding a team-best six assists ... Made first career start against Boise State, scoring a season-high 12 points ... Grabbed eight rebounds in his Spartan debut, the fifth-best debut for an MSU freshman.

Valentine's 2012-13 Game-by-Game Stats

Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
vs. Connecticut (11/9)	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-8	8	1	4	1	2	0	1	24
vs. Kansas (11/13)	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	3	0	4	1	2	1	24
Texas Southern (11/18)	4-9	0-3	0-0	1-2	3	4	8	5	1	2	2	22
Boise State (11/20)	4-9	2-6	2-3	1-3	4	2	12	2	3	0	2	29
Oakland (11/23)	2-4	0-1	6-6	3-7	10	2	10	6	3	0	2	30
Louisiana (11/25)	1-6	1-4	1-2	1-0	1	4	4	1	5	1	1	20
at Miami (11/28)												
Nicholls State (12/1)												
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)												
Loyola (12/8)												
Tuskegee (12/15)												
at Bowling Green (12/18)												
Texas (12/22)												
at Minnesota (12/31)												
Purdue (1/5)												
at Iowa (1/10)												
Nebraska (1/13)												
at Penn State (1/16)												
Ohio State (1/19)												
at Wisconsin (1/22)												
at Indiana (1/27)												
Illinois (1/31)												
Minnesota (2/6)												
at Purdue (2/9)												
Michigan (2/12)												
at Nebraska (2/16)												
Indiana (2/19)												
at Ohio State (2/24)												
at Michigan (3/2-3)												
Wisconsin (3/7)												
Northwestern (3/10)												

Season Highs**Minutes**

Season: 30 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Points

Season: 12 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten:

Rebounds

Season: 10 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Assists

Season: 6 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Field Goals

Season: 4 - two times, last vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten:

Field Goal Attempts

Season: 9 - two times, last vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten:

3-Point Field Goals

Season: 2 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten:

3-Point FG Attempts

Season: 6 - vs. Boise State (11/20/12)
Big Ten:

Free Throws

Season: 6 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Free Throw Attempts

Season: 6 - vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Steals

Season: 2 - three times, last vs. Oakland (11/23/12)
Big Ten:

Blocks

Season: 2 - two times, last vs. Texas Southern (11/18/12)
Big Ten:

Miscellaneous Stats (MSU's Record)

	Season	Career
Double-Figure Scoring	2 (2-0)	2 (2-0)
Double-Figure Rebounding	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Double-Figure Assists	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Double-Doubles	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Scoring	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
Led MSU in Rebounding	1 (1-0)	1 (1-0)
Led MSU in Assists	3 (3-0)	3 (3-0)
20+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)
30+ Point Games	0 (0-0)	0 (0-0)

Valentine's Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	-3-Point- FG-FGA	FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
2012-13	6/3	149/24.8	13-34	.382	3-16	.188	9-11	.818	6-21	27	4.5	16/0	19	15	5	9	38	6.3
Totals	6/3	149/24.8	13-34	.382	3-16	.188	9-11	.818	6-21	27	4.5	16/0	19	15	5	9	38	6.3

2012-13 MSU Basketball
Michigan State Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 25, 2012)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	5-1	4-0	0-0	1-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-1	4-0	0-0	1-1

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total	3-Point	F-Throw	Rebounds	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg		
11	Appling, Keith	6-6	217	36.2	33-70	.471	10-23	.435	25-30	.833	2	23	25	4.2	15	0
14	Harris, Gary	4-4	91	22.8	18-35	.514	4-14	.286	8-9	.889	3	2	5	1.3	7	0
22	Dawson, Branden	6-6	173	28.8	30-55	.545	0-1	.000	8-16	.500	15	24	39	6.5	10	0
25	Nix, Derrick	6-5	160	26.7	17-30	.567	0-0	.000	14-21	.667	16	30	46	7.7	10	0
05	Payne, Adreian	6-5	117	19.5	19-29	.655	0-1	.000	9-11	.818	9	31	40	6.7	17	1
45	Valentine, Denzel	6-3	149	24.8	13-34	.382	3-16	.188	9-11	.818	6	21	27	4.5	16	0
03	Kearney, Brandon	6-0	109	18.2	6-20	.300	3-11	.273	4-5	.800	5	2	7	1.2	6	0
20	Trice, Travis	1-0	18	18.0	1-5	.200	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0
00	Byrd, Russell	6-0	97	16.2	5-20	.250	3-17	.176	1-3	.333	2	5	7	1.2	8	0
10	Costello, Matt	4-0	26	6.5	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	1	4	5	1.3	3	0
02	Gauna, Alex	6-1	41	6.8	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	0.7	6	0
15	Wetzel, Keenan	2-0	1	0.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0
40	Chapman, Dan	2-0	1	0.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0
Team											8	16	24		2	
Total.....		6	1200		149-313	.476	24-86	.279	83-113	.735	68	163	231	38.5	99	1
Opponents.....		6	1200		119-319	.373	30-106	.283	85-124	.685	57	116	173	28.8	102	-

TEAM STATISTICS	MSU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	405	353	11/09/12	vs UCONN	L 62-66	3086
Points per game	67.5	58.8	11/13/12	vs Kansas	w 67-64	0
Scoring margin	+8.7	-	11/18/12	TEXAS SOUTHERN	w 69-41	14797
FIELD GOALS-ATT	149-313	119-319	11/20/12	BOISE STATE	w 74-70	14797
Field goal pct	.476	.373	11/23/12	OAKLAND	w 70-52	14797
3 POINT FG-ATT	24-86	30-106	11/25/12	LOUISIANA	w 63-60	14797
3-point FG pct	.279	.283	* - Conference game			
3-pt FG made per game	4.0	5.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	83-113	85-124				
Free throw pct	.735	.685				
F-Throws made per game	13.8	14.2				
REBOUNDS	231	173				
Rebounds per game	38.5	28.8				
Rebounding margin	+9.7	-				
ASSISTS	74	52				
Assists per game	12.3	8.7				
TURNOVERS	99	83				
Turnovers per game	16.5	13.8				
Turnover margin	-2.7	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	0.6				
STEALS	54	65				
Steals per game	9.0	10.8				
BLOCKS	29	27				
Blocks per game	4.8	4.5				
ATTENDANCE	59188	3086				
Home games-Avg/Game	4-14797	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-1543				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Michigan State	210	195	405
Opponents	174	179	353