

OCT. 5, 2017 ♦ MICHIGAN STATE AT MICHIGAN

Game Info

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Site: Michigan Stadium (107,601)

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. ET

Television: ABC

Radio: Michigan/IMG Radio Network (950 AM in the Detroit Area, XM/Sirius channel 84) with Dan Dierdorf, Jim Brandstatter and sideline reporter Doug Karsch, a regular contributor to TheWolverine.com.

Series Facts: U-M leads the all-time series 69-35-5 and has won 24 of the last 38 games, although the recent history is more on Michigan State's side, with the Spartans winning seven of the past nine matchups ... At The Big House, the Wolverines hold a 34-19-3 advantage and have won 11 of the last 15 home games in the series ... The 110th meeting between the in-state rivals will be the first played at night; U-M is 3-0 in games played at Michigan Stadium under the lights.

Michigan Football: Previewing Michigan-Michigan State With Spartan Insider

Andrew Vaillencourt | Staff

For the first time ever, Michigan will play Michigan State at night when the Spartans come to The Big House on Saturday.

The buzz in the air and the anxiousness to just get the game under way can be felt around Ann Arbor and beyond.

Michigan State's squad this year comes into play at 3-1 — equaling the number of wins it had last season. It's an improved team from a year ago that should fight for a bowl berth.

Michigan, however, enters the weekend ranked No. 7 in the nation and coming off what coach Jim Harbaugh called "improvement week" instead of a bye week.

The Wolverines haven't lost coming off of a bye week since October of 2014, when U-M fell to the Spartans in Brady Hoke's last year as coach.

Michigan State had its bye week earlier in the season before it played and lost to Notre Dame.

"Michigan State had its bye week two weeks ago and they regressed," Spartan-Mag.com publisher Jim Comparoni said. "They're a young team under construction that needed to keep playing."

Now, the Spartans come to Michigan Stadium following a 17-10 win at home against Iowa, in which they shut down Akrum Wadley and the Hawkeyes rushing attack, allowing just 19 yards on the ground.

The front seven is Michigan State's strength, and if it is going to stick around into the fourth quarter, that group will need to shut down Michigan's ground game and force pressure on new starting quarterback John O'Korn. The fifth-year senior is making his first start since the Indiana game last year, when he didn't perform well and finished 7-of-16 passing for 59 yards.

"MSU's front seven has come around a little quicker than I anticipated," Comparoni said. "I'm not exactly sure how good they are up front, but they're pretty good. Not championship-level good, but pretty good."

Michigan's offensive line has been a weak spot this season, and it's expected that both defensive lines will have an advantage in the contest.

"Defensive line versus offensive line favors the defense for both of these teams," Comparoni said. "Michigan State's offensive line is okay, but they had trouble last week in short yardage against Iowa."

The linebackers are the heart of the Spartan defense, with sophomore Joe Bachie, junior Andrew Dowell and senior Chris Frey first, third and fourth in tackles on the team respectively. Bachie has 34 tackles, four tackles for loss and one sack on the season.

Comparoni called him a "star on the rise."

Frey leads Michigan State in sacks with 2.5. The team as a whole has nine sacks this season, while Michigan has 18.

Comparoni said Michigan State was rusty and undisciplined against Notre Dame, but looked much better against Iowa and doesn't think they'll come out sloppy in the rivalry game.

It's fair to say a defensive battle is expected, given that Michigan has the No. 1 defense in the country and Michigan State has the No. 5-ranked defense. Couple that with the knowledge of both teams struggling on offense, and it only enforces the projection of a defensive game.

"Michigan State is not in a position where they can give Michigan any kind of short field," Comparoni said. "Against Michigan you've got to get first downs. ... You get body blow points too because you get out of a negative field position situation, run some clock which shortens the clock — and that is what you want if you're playing Michigan."

He noted that if Michigan State fails to win the turnover battle its chances to win will be slim.

With such stout defenses, each team will likely struggle to run the football. MSU junior running back LJ Scott has 58 carries for 214 yards and a touchdown, but has also fumbled three times already this season. Redshirt sophomore quarterback Brian Lewerke is actually Michigan State's leading rusher with 38 carries for 248 yards and two scores.

"I think both teams are going to have a lot of trouble running the ball," Comparoni said. "Which quarterback can make something happen for their offense if neither team has a consistent run game?"

Fifth-year senior running back Ty Isaac will likely be the starter over sophomore Chris Evans and junior Karan Higdon, and will be counted on heavily. He has 57 carries for 366 yards and a touchdown this season.

"When Michigan has the two fullbacks or tight ends, when they send two lead blockers at you between the tackles, that's a handful," Comparoni said. "We'll see if Michigan State's linebackers can take that on play after play."

The one area of weakness Michigan's defense has shown is in throwback screens and bubble passes. Purdue ran several successfully against the Wolverines, as did Cincinnati. Look for Michigan State to attempt that, but it could be a challenge given that MSU is not a high-tempo type team.

Lewerke will have to be "terrific" in order to pull off the upset, Comparoni said.

"He's got some of what you need to stay alive in a game like this," he continued. "He can drop back and throw from the pocket, he can move the pocket and throw on the run, and he can keep it a little bit. You don't want him to take too many hits of course."

As if facing the No. 1 ranked defense, at night, on the road wasn't enough — Lewerke has started only one true road game in his career, last season against Maryland.

Michigan State lost that game 28-17, and Lewerke finished 11-of-24 passing for 156 yards, no touchdowns and one interception. He ran 10 times for 79 yards as well.

Comparoni said that's something the Spartans should worry about because it's not uncommon for young quarterbacks to get too excited or be in over their heads on the road in big games.

"A lot is going to be on him because I don't anticipate the ground game being there," Comparoni said. "When Michigan State has upset Michigan, they've caught them sleeping a little bit, not respecting the opponent. That could be the case this time, but I think that secret edge for MSU is dissipated by the home night game. I think Michigan would be fired up to play Ann Arbor Pioneer."

Despite Michigan State's improvements, he said he doesn't see the Spartans pulling off the upset.

"Michigan's defense is just a little too fast, too much, too relentless, and I think they win 24-17, most likely," Comparoni said.

Michigan Football Keys To The Game: Michigan State

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Michigan State isn't the dog some predicted they'd be this year, though the Spartans did fail their only big test miserably in a 38-18 home loss to Notre Dame. Michigan is still a two-score favorite, but the Wolverines won't be locks to beat anyone until the offense improves.

Fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn is now the wild card. He was a big reason the offense moved the ball against Purdue, keeping long drives (84 and 86 yards) alive with his feet when he seemed all but sacked, and he played with confidence in escaping the pass rush and making plays.

Can he do it consistently?

Michigan will also have to run the ball against the Spartans at least a bit to win. The team that wins the rushing battle has won this game 95 percent of the time over the last 40 years, and Michigan State plays to take away the running game with an array of slants and run blitzes, etc.

Many expect a lower-scoring game, but there's a reason Michigan is an 11-point favorite (as of Thursday). It's home, it's under the lights and the defense is smothering.

Here are the keys to beating the Spartans and improving to 5-0:

Protect the quarterback: The Spartans have a stout front seven and love to bring the 'A' gap blitzes (on either side of center) that have confused the Wolverines for many of the years head coach Mark Dantonio has been on the MSU sideline. Quarterback Devin Gardner was hit 25-plus times — literally — and Michigan "managed" negative-48 rushing yards in a 2013 loss, an embarrassing display.

Former Michigan and NFL lineman Doug Skene often relays what his quarterback in New England, Drew Bledsoe, used to say to his linemen — "one way to ensure this is going to be a long day for us is if you let me get hit early."

In other words, keep his uniform clean and he'll have confidence to make plays. O'Korn needs to be able to trust his guys up front so he's not thinking about anything but going through his progressions and finding receivers.

U-M is tied for No. 118 in the country (out of 129 teams) in tackles for loss allowed (8.0 per game). Some of that's on the line, part of it on the quarterbacks and some on

the running backs, who have been weak in protection too often this year. There's the obvious here, too — given that redshirt junior Wilton Speight is out, should O'Korn go down, his backup is redshirt freshman Brandon Peters, a kid with very little experience (his first game action was two weeks ago against Purdue).

Stop the run and contain Brian Lewerke: The Spartans had some success early in last year's game by lining up heavy (multiple tight ends) and running right at linebacker Jabrill Peppers with bigger players. This year's MSU line is young and average, at best — running back LJ Scott hasn't had much room to room, and he managed only 28 yards on 14 carries against Iowa last week.

Lewerke, believe it or not, is the Spartans' leading rusher this year, and a lot of his yardage comes on scrambles. It's almost worth putting a spy on him (though defensive coordinator Don Brown doesn't usually operate that way) given that the scramble might (theoretically) be one of MSU's best offensive plays Saturday.

Head coach Jim Harbaugh wouldn't bite Monday when asked if a four-man front might be a better way to go against a bigger offensive line, saying it wouldn't be prudent to give the Spartans any idea what's coming. Expect to see some of it, though, and a lot of what Brown's defenses do best — coming from all angles to confuse a young quarterback in his first road start of the year and second of his career.

Don't give it away: This will be a chippy game — personal fouls, some extracurriculars after the whistle, etc. often come into play, and they're free yards for the team that's more disciplined. MSU should have trouble moving the ball, so staying away from those scenarios is paramount in winning a field position game, which this should be.

Michigan still struggled with turnovers against Purdue, coughing it up twice. The second one led to three Boilermakers points. A turnover-free game would go a long way toward a solid win ... and that, of course, includes freshman punter Brad Robbins catching the snap should he be called into duty with 11 seconds left and the Wolverines up two.

The Breakdown: If there weren't green uniforms on the other sideline, most Michigan fans would feel very comfortable about this one. The Wolverines are better at just about every position, have more team speed, are playing at home under the lights ... it all adds up to what should be a comfortable win, especially with MSU's offensive woes and Michigan's defensive prowess.

But this game brings out the Spartans' best under Mark Dantonio, and it will be a hard-hitting game. If O'Korn protects the ball and the Wolverines play a decent, turnover-free (or limited) game, they should win comfortably.

THEWOLVERINE.COM STAFF PICKS

TheWolverine.com Senior Editor Chris Balas: Michigan 24, MSU 13

Michigan does enough offensively and relies on its stifling defense to pull away from the Spartans and improve to 5-0.

The Wolverine Senior Editor John Borton: Michigan 27, Michigan State 17

Michigan's defense wears down the Spartans.

(Bonus pick: Michigan 24, Ohio State 20)

TheWolverine.com Recruiting Editor Brandon Brown: Michigan 31, Michigan State 13

Michigan is good, Michigan State is not.

In all seriousness I just think this is the year that U-M plays up to its potential instead of down to Michigan State's.

TheWolverine.com Writer Austin Fox: Michigan 20, Michigan State 13

Michigan's defense should completely shut down Michigan State's offense on Saturday night — unfortunately, I think the Wolverine offense will have a hard time moving the ball as well.

It might not be pretty, but Michigan gets the job done.

TheWolverine.com Writer Andrew Vaillencourt: Michigan 24, Michigan State 10

Rivalry games are always closer than you'd expect, so I don't envision some huge 40-point win for Michigan, but the Wolverines are just too talented for the Spartans. I'm expecting both teams to struggle running the ball, which will mean there will be a lot of pressure on the two quarterbacks.

The Michigan defensive line is going to spend a lot of time in the backfield — they just need to keep Brian Lewerke from escaping the pocket. If he does (he will at least a few times) he should get to meet star sophomore linebacker Devin Bush Jr.

TheWolverine.com Analyst Doug Skene: Michigan 24, Michigan State 10

The Michigan defense will simply not allow MSU to move the ball consistently, and the U-M offense should get good field position to work with.

Michigan Football News & Views: Jim Harbaugh On Michigan State, More

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Jim Harbaugh wasn't exactly a bastion of information during his Monday press conference, but he did meet with the media. Our take on his weekly comments:

NEWS: Fifth-year senior linebacker Mike McCray is second on the team in tackles with 26 and has added 4.5 tackles for loss with 2.5 sacks as the leader of this year's defense.

HARBAUGH: "He was elected captain by his teammates, and he's playing good ball. He's a good, sure tackler and quarterback of the defense ... We sometimes refer to a linebacker that way, a signal-caller, etc.

"He's been steady ... been a really good football player."

IEWS: And yet there are some who believe he's been somewhat disappointing due to a "lack of speed." As former All-American linebacker Ron Simpkins said recently, many people look slow in comparison to sophomore Devin Bush.

It's clear that there's a rapport between these two linebackers, and McCray has been outstanding as a leader of one of the nation's top defenses.

NEWS: Opponents are averaging 3.5 points per game against Michigan in the second half of games this year.

HARBAUGH: "Our defensive staff, led by Don Brown, is at the highest level in all phases — not just making adjustments at halftime, but game planning, teaching, all areas of coaching."

IEWS: Nobody's disputing that. But making adjustments is critical, and Brown is one of the best in the country in that aspect. If something works once against U-M (and there's usually about a drive a game), it doesn't usually work again.

Michigan State will have saved something for the Wolverines that the defense hasn't seen before. It happens every year. Adjusting to it will be critical, especially in a game in which points could come at a premium.

Having Brown on the sideline should make Michigan fans rest easier.

NEWS: Redshirt junior quarterback Wilton Speight will be out for the Michigan State game with an apparent back injury.

HARBAUGH: "He won't be able to compete this week or for multiple weeks ... he's going to be out. John O'Korn will be the starter."

IEWS: O'Korn would likely have been the starter, regardless, given how well

he played in a win over Purdue, but this is now a position of concern. There's a reason Speight was the starter, and this week's challenge is bigger than the one in West Lafayette. Can O'Korn meet it, or will we see the guy who struggled against Indiana last year?

MSU will throw every blitz in the book at O'Korn. The offensive line and the backs need to protect well early to give him the confidence to make the throws he can in the comfort of a pocket. How they do early in the game often sets a tone for the rest of it.

Harbaugh has faith in his fifth-year senior.

"John's done a fantastic job ever since he got here," he said. "Every role that he's been in he's acquitted himself very well. Coming off the bench and leading our team to victory against Purdue ... I think that speaks volumes.

"We're putting in the game plan [Monday]. John does a great job of studying that, the opponent. I expect this week he'll continue doing a great job of that. Stick to the scouting report and game plan. That will be the message."

NEWS: Michigan State is 3-1 coming off a 17-10 win over Iowa, already matching last year's win total.

HARBAUGH: "It's a fantastic football team that we're playing. It's a huge game ... big game.

"They're playing very well. I think their offense, defense and special teams have played extremely well ... very good football team."

IEWS: This is a game U-M should win comfortably, but strange things have happened in this rivalry. The Wolverines are a 14-point favorite and have more talent, but if they don't play well and MSU brings its 'A' game, this could be a tough one.

Michigan has had two weeks to prepare. Brown and Co. should have an idea how the Spartans will attack them (last year's blueprint would be a good start), so it will be interesting to see if the Wolverines go with a three- or four-man front.

"I think you'd like your opponents to think that all options are open and available," Harbaugh said.

NEWS: Michigan's secondary continues to improve, having blanketed receivers this year.

HARBAUGH: "[I like] all areas of our defensive backfield play. Good, tight coverage, we've defended well, been assignment-good. Not really any blown coverages I can think of ... they're a bright spot of our football team."

IEWS: MSU's Felton Davis has emerged as a receiving threat, but this isn't

Iowa's soft zone he's going against. Expect MSU quarterback Brian Lewerke to get rid of the ball quickly, similar to the game plan the Spartans used a few years ago in Ann Arbor with some success, and see if his receivers can't make some plays on deep balls.

This isn't the best group of receivers the Wolverines will face this year, but there will be a lot of pressure on the secondary ... especially if MSU continues to struggle running the ball.

"[Lewerke] throws very well, runs very well and has a penchant for making the big play," Harbaugh said.

He's also the Spartans' leading rusher, and many of his yards have come on scrambles. U-M will need to keep an eye on him.

Harbaugh did say there was good improvement, focus and energy during the bye week, and many good practices. The Wolverines should be ready to play their best game of the year.

Wolverine Watch: On An Angry Mission

John Borton | Senior Editor

"These are just two teams that don't really like each other. There's kind of a hatred. Our fans don't like each other. Our teams don't like each other. It's always been like that, at least since I've been here."

— Senior left tackle Mason Cole

The dislike remains normal, filled with mutual slings and slights, along with simmering resentment on one side, antagonism on the other. But results-wise, there's been nothing normal about the Michigan-Michigan State football series since Cole arrived, or for the last decade.

When Bo Schembechler rolled into Ann Arbor in 1969, the conflagration settled into a comfortable one for the winged helmets, producing a frustration- and fury-filled four decades for the Spartans. The Wolverines won at a .775 clip, going 31-9 from Schembechler through Lloyd Carr.

Then Michigan exited the big stage, the Spartans surged, and the college football world in the Great Lakes State spun out of control. The Wolverines couldn't beat an egg in the 2008 transition from power football to the spread, and could only knock off MSU in one out of the next eight.

While U-M went DOA (Defense Optional Alternative), the Spartans began playing bully ball. They not only beat Michigan, they beat up the Wolverines.

Fifth-year senior defensive tackle Maurice Hurst Jr. and Cole both made their playing debuts in the 35-11 smack-down in East Lansing in 2014, from which former quarterback Devin Gardner might still suffer PTSD. Hurst and Cole, from Massachusetts and Florida, respectively, quickly absorbed the U-M/MSU feel.

"I was used to just knocking people back in high school," Hurst recalled. "My first play, I got a double team and caught one under the chin. I knew this was sort of a different game, and you really had to bring it every play."

It didn't take Cole that long to feel the Gang Green revulsion.

"Just running out on the field my first year, in East Lansing," Cole said of his rivalry-grasping moment. "You were hated there ... and you still are. Their fans will still hate us when we're playing here, and our fans will probably hate them. There's not a lot of liking between these two teams."

There's also not nearly the MSU swagger since Jim Harbaugh showed up. Yes, the Spartans stole one in Michigan Stadium in 2015, a mishandled punt situation literally handing the game to the visitors on the contest's final play.

But MSU's hoped-for "new norm" is done, and all but the deeply deluded know it. The Wolverines won in Spartan Stadium a year ago, and at 4-0, No. 7 in the nation, host Mark Dantonio's 3-1 crew on Saturday.

It won't be easy. It rarely is, in the annual fistfight. But the Wolverines are bringing bigger, faster fists to the fray under defensive coordinator Don Brown.

U-M lost two years ago against MSU because it didn't finish the game. The Wolverines missed the College Football Playoff last year because they didn't quite finish the season.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that a 2017 Michigan mantra involves putting people away.

"We talk about that in the defensive meeting room," noted fifth-year senior line-backer Mike McCray, who along with Cole captains the team. "It's just finishing games. Just finishing. I guess we've been doing a great job of that."

You could say so. In four games, Michigan has surrendered a grand total of 14 second-half points, or 3.5 per game over the final 30 minutes. Brown's defense — you know, the one bound for a major falloff after losing 10 starters from 2016 — is making adjustments like a top NASCAR pit crew.

McCray insists Michigan has the best defensive coaching staff in the nation. He's also not backing away from the notion that the Wolverines' defense is better than last year's.

"Right now I'd say yes," McCray said. "It's the second year in the system, and everybody is more comfortable in the system. We're out there having fun with each

other, playing with a lot of confidence and playing hard.”

Of course, all assessments change every week. A Purdue cheap shot sidelined redshirt junior starting QB Wilton Speight for the foreseeable future. The Spartans know they’re one Denard Robinson-style head-twister on fifth-year senior John O’Korn away from facing a redshirt freshman behind center.

Last year, the Spartans gashed Michigan’s staunch run stoppers at times. They’ll try the same this season, against a crew that leads the nation in run defense (69.3 yards per game allowed), total defense (203.3) and sack average (4.5).

The veteran Wolverines are ready to get back to a normal they haven’t experienced.

“It’s your last shot,” Cole stressed. “It’s the last time we get to play Michigan State. The last time any of these seniors will. You want to go out the right way.

“It’s the same thing with this whole year. You don’t want to go out with any regrets, wishing you’d played a little harder or prepared a little more. You want to do everything you can now.”

There’s no added motivation necessary. But a little dislike can go a long way.

By The Numbers: A Look At Michigan/Michigan State Through The Years

Austin Fox | Staff Writer

Michigan and Michigan State have a rich and storied rivalry on the football field, one that dates back to 1898.

The competition has been dominated by the Wolverines, though, with the Maize and Blue holding a 69-35-5 all-time series edge.

In fact, there are only two other teams Michigan has beaten more than the Spartans — Minnesota (73) and Illinois (70).

However, MSU has had its way with the Wolverines lately, winning seven of the past nine meetings.

The only other time the Spartans have endured success like this in the rivalry came in the 1950s and ‘60s. From 1950 to 1969, Michigan State posted a 14-4-2 record against the Maize and Blue.

However, the longest stretch of dominance from either team in the rivalry’s history came from Michigan from 1898 to 1933, when it compiled a 23-2-3 record

against its in-state rival.

The series has obviously evened out a bit since that early domination, but Michigan has still always held the upper hand.

In fact, the Wolverines have posted a winning record against MSU in every full decade since the 1910s, with the exception of three — the 1930s, ‘50s and ‘60s. MSU does have a lead in the ongoing decade, but Jim Harbaugh and his Wolverines will be focused on evening up their current 2-5 disadvantage before 2020.

Decade	Michigan's Record
1910s	8-2
1920s	10-0
1930s	4-4-2
1940s	8-0*
1950s	2-7-1
1960s	2-7-1
1970s	9-1
1980s	8-2
1990s	6-4
2000s	7-3
2010s	2-5

* – The two teams did not play in 1943 and 1944, due to World War II.

Michigan’s best-ever decade in the series came in the 1920s, when it went a perfect 10-0 against the Spartans, outscoring them 307-3 over the 10 games.

The two programs first met as conference foes in 1953, which was also the first year the Paul Bunyan Trophy was introduced. It was created to commemorate the Spartans’ induction into the Big Ten and reflects the state of Michigan’s history as a lumber-producing region.

Although MSU won the 1953 matchup, Michigan athletic director Fritz Crisler had said before the game that his team would not take the trophy if it had won.

After the Wolverines came out victorious in 1954, they grudgingly took the trophy, but stored it in an equipment closet in the Michigan Stadium locker room.

Bo Schembechler was hired as the Maize and Blue's head coach in 1969 and lost his debut game to MSU that year, but went on to post a 17-3 record against the Spartans throughout the rest of his tenure (until 1989).

The 2007 matchup marked the last for Wolverine head coach Lloyd Carr, and the first for current MSU head coach Mark Dantonio.

Michigan won the game, 28-24, but Dantonio's teams have posted a 7-2 record against the Wolverines since.

One of those two MSU losses came in 2012, when Michigan won, 12-10, on a Brendan Gibbons field goal with just five seconds left — the victory was the Wolverines' 900th as a football program, making them the first team to ever accomplish the feat.

BY THE NUMBERS: MICHIGAN STATE AT MICHIGAN

1st-Ever meeting between the two rivals in primetime will be Saturday.

2nd Career start for fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn at Michigan. He also started last year's 20-10 victory over Indiana when redshirt junior Wilton Speight was injured. He does have plenty of starting experience, though — he played in 20 games and started 16 during his first two years at Houston.

3.7, 3.9, 3.4 Are the yards per carry average of MSU's top three running backs — junior LJ Scott, fifth-year senior Gerald Holmes and redshirt junior Madre London, respectively. U-M leads the country by allowing an average of just 2.2 yards per tote, per CFBStats.com.

4th Night game at Michigan Stadium. The Maize and Blue are a perfect 3-0 in their first three home night games — against Notre Dame in 2011 and 2013, and versus Penn State in 2014.

16 & 9 Is the national rank of Michigan State's rush defense (96.0 yards per game allowed) and pass defense (152.3), respectively, which is a major improvement from last year. The Spartans finished 51st in the former and 36th in the latter in 2016.

70 Percent chance of rain on Saturday, along with 20 mile-per-hour projected winds.

203.3 Yards per game Michigan's defense is allowing, which is the best mark in the country. The next best Power 5 conference defense is Georgia's, which is allowing 244 yards per game. MSU checks in at No. 5 (248.3).

499 Victories for Michigan all time in Big Ten play. The Wolverines are currently in their 110th season as a member of the Big Ten and will be seeking their 500th league triumph on Saturday.

2006-07 Was the last time Michigan beat Michigan State in consecutive seasons. The Wolverines will try to make it two in a row over their in-state rival on Saturday, after posting a 32-23 victory last year.

Michigan Football: Brian Smith Says Secondary Will Be Ready For Test

Andrew Vaillencourt | Staff

Michigan enters this week's game against Michigan State with the No. 1 defense in the country, allowing just 203.0 yards per game.

It will face a unique challenge with redshirt sophomore quarterback Brian Lewerke leading the Spartans attack, but with two weeks to prepare, the Wolverines are expected to handle their in-state rival.

Michigan State's offense ranks No. 52 in yards per game (429.5) and No. 95 in points per game (24.5). For comparison, Michigan has the No. 73 total offense (407.3) and is No. 58 in points per game (31.5).

In other words, there's potential for Michigan's defense to have a big night.

"Any time you get a running quarterback that can run and throw as well as he can, that presents its own set of challenges and obviously [Lewerke] is someone we have to account for," Michigan defensive backs coach Brian Smith said.

Lewerke himself has had a nice season, and is 84-of-133 passing for 963 yards with eight touchdowns and two picks through four games. He's also MSU's leading rusher — which may or may not be a good thing. He's rushed for 248 yards on 38 carries (6.5 yards per rush), compared to junior running back LJ Scott, who has carried the ball 58 times for 214 yards (3.7-yard average) and fumbled three times.

"We always have to take care of the pass first as a defensive back," Smith said.

Last week against Iowa, Michigan State scored two touchdowns relatively quickly in the first half, but was shut out in the second half of a sloppy affair at Spartan Stadium. Both of those touchdowns came courtesy of junior wide receiver Felton Davis III, giving him four for the year.

"[Our cornerbacks] face a good challenge," Smith said. "They have good solid receivers. Felton is coming off of a good game against Iowa and he's a threat down the field. He's a tall guy, so they can throw him the ball and he can come down and

get it. He poses a problem.”

The 6-4, 195-pound receiver had nine catches for 114 yards against the Hawkeyes, and has 21 catches for 256 yards this season.

Despite the success Davis had last week, Smith is confident in his guys.

“I’m pretty pleased with the progress so far,” Smith said. “I think the guys have played well and gotten off to a great start. I’m looking forward to continuing that this week. ... You get better at football by actually playing more football.”

Sophomore wide receiver Darrell Stewart Jr. (6-2, 210) is Michigan State’s second-leading pass catcher, with 17 receptions for 170 yards and a touchdown.

“They’ll spread it around a good bit so we have our hands full,” Smith said. “Everybody is ready to go.”

Around The Big Ten: Week Six

Austin Fox | Staff Writer

The Wolverine takes a look around the Big Ten heading into college football’s sixth week of action.

Illinois (2-2, 0-1 Big Ten)

Coming off a disappointing blowout loss to Nebraska last Friday, Illinois heads to Iowa ... The Illini hold a slim 38-32-2 edge in the all-time series ... Illinois is just 2-10 in its last 12 road games ... Head coach Lovie Smith announced during the week that redshirt sophomore quarterback Jeff George will start in place of redshirt junior Chayce Crouch.

Indiana (2-2, 0-2 Big Ten)

Indiana will step out of conference and face FCS foe Charleston Southern on Saturday; the game will serve as a replacement contest for the Hoosiers’ Sept. 16 matchup against Florida International that was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma ... Indiana holds an impressive 10-1 record in its last 11 regular-season non-conference games, dating back to 2014 ... Head coach Tom Allen announced during the week that redshirt freshman quarterback Peyton Ramsey will replace fifth-year senior Richard Lagow as the team’s starter.

Iowa (3-2, 0-2 Big Ten)

Iowa will be looking to avoid an 0-3 conference start when it hosts Illinois on Saturday ... Fifth-year senior linebacker Josey Jewell’s 60 tackles lead the Big Ten, and are the third-most in the nation ... The Hawkeyes have just a 4-4 record in their last eight home games ... Head coach Kirk Ferentz said during the week that redshirt junior safety Brandon Snyder could potentially see game action for the first time this season, despite tearing his ACL on April 7 ... Redshirt sophomore cornerback

Michael Ojemudia will start in place of injured sophomore position-mate Manny Rugamba for a third straight week.

Maryland (3-1, 1-0 Big Ten)

Coming off its impressive 31-24 win at Minnesota last week, Maryland hits the road once again to face No. 10 Ohio State ... Under the tutelage of head coach DJ Durkin and defensive coordinator Andy Buh, the Terrapin defense has not allowed a 100-yard rusher in eight consecutive games ... Sophomore quarterback Max Bortenschlager performed admirably in his first start of the season last week, completing 18 of 28 passes for two touchdowns and no picks; he will start once again on Saturday ... Junior running back Ty Johnson’s 8.9 yards per carry are the most in the Big Ten.

Michigan State (3-1, 1-0 Big Ten)

Michigan State heads to No. 7 Michigan for a primetime rivalry showdown ... This will be the Spartans’ first road game of the season ... The Wolverines hold an all-time series lead of 69-35-5, including a 49-21-3 record in Ann Arbor ... The two teams will battle for the Paul Bunyan trophy, which was first introduced in 1953 and is reflective of the state of Michigan’s lumber-producing history ... The team that rushes for the most yards has won 42 of the last 47 meetings.

Minnesota (3-1, 0-1 Big Ten)

Minnesota will be looking to bounce back from its first loss of the season when it hits the road for Purdue this weekend ... The Gophers are currently riding a four-game winning streak against the Boilermakers, which is their longest in the series history ... Minnesota’s defense is only allowing 13.8 points per game this season, the 11th-best mark in college football ... Sophomore wideout Tyler Johnson’s 87.8 receiving yards per game are the third-most in the league, as are his 23.4 yards per catch.

Nebraska (3-2, 2-0 Big Ten)

Nebraska squares off with No. 9 Wisconsin in a game that will have huge West Division implications ... The two teams will battle for the Freedom Trophy, which was introduced in 2014 ... The Cornhuskers’ 2016 undefeated 7-0 start came to an end in Madison last October, when they fell to the Badgers in overtime ... Junior receiver Stanley Morgan’s 98 receiving yards per game are the second-most in the conference.

Northwestern (2-2, 0-1 Big Ten)

Northwestern welcomes undefeated and No. 4-ranked Penn State to Evanston on Saturday ... Senior running back Justin Jackson needs just 83 yards on the ground to tie Damien Anderson’s school-record of 4,485 rushing yards ... The Wildcats beat the Nittany Lions on a field goal with just nine seconds left, 23-21, the last time they visited Evanston two years ago ... Redshirt junior quarterback Clayton Thorson’s 265.3 passing yards per game are the second-most in the Big Ten.

No. 10 Ohio State (4-1, 2-0 Big Ten)

No. 10 Ohio State will face off against Maryland in Columbus this weekend ... The Buckeyes have won each of their four games by at least 28 points this season ... After Indiana and Oklahoma torched Ohio State’s secondary for 420 and 386 yards,

respectively, the Buckeyes have held their last three opponents to less than 100 passing yards ... Sophomore defensive end Nick Bosa's eight tackles for loss rank second in the conference.

No. 4 Penn State (5-0, 2-0 Big Ten)

No. 4 Penn State faces a stiff test this weekend when it heads to Northwestern ... The Nittany Lions are looking to extend their road winning streak to five games ... Fifth-year senior receiver DaeSean Hamilton was named Co-Big Ten Player of the Week after his 122-yard, three-touchdown performance last week against Indiana ... Junior running back Saquon Barkley's 27 receptions are the second-most in the conference, and his 386 receiving yards are third-most ... He also ranks ninth nationally and first in the Big Ten with 574 rushing yards.

Purdue (2-2, 0-1 Big Ten)

Fresh off a bye week, Purdue welcomes Minnesota to Ross-Ade Stadium ... The Boilermakers will celebrate the 1997 Alamo Bowl championship team during Saturday's game ... Purdue has dominated the Gophers in West Lafayette, holding a 20-6 all-time record against them there ... Redshirt junior tight end Cole Herdman's 26.6 yards per catch ranks third in the country ... The Boilermakers hold just a 3-11 record in their last 14 home games, dating back to 2015.

No. 9 Wisconsin (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten)

No. 9 Wisconsin faces a huge primetime test when it travels to Nebraska on Saturday night ... These two teams are the only two West Division squads who still have unblemished conference records ... The Badgers are 5-1 against the Cornhuskers since they joined the Big Ten in 2011 ... Wisconsin has posted an impressive 15-2 record in its last 17 road games, dating back to 2013 ... Fifth-year senior linebacker Garret Dooley's 4.5 sacks are tied for second-most in the league.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 7

— No. 4 Penn State at Northwestern: 12:00 p.m. (ABC)

— Illinois at Iowa: 12:00 p.m. (BTN)

— Minnesota at Purdue: 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

— Charleston Southern at Indiana: 3:30 p.m. (BTN)

— Maryland at No. 10 Ohio State: 4:00 p.m. (FOX)

— Michigan State at No. 7 Michigan: 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

— No. 9 Wisconsin at Nebraska: 8:00 p.m. (BTN)

Bye: Rutgers

Michigan Football: NFL Wolverines, How They Fared — Week Four

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Former Michigan receiver Devin Funchess notched his first career multi-TD game in the NFL. That and more in this update of how all former Wolverines fared in Week Four play:

- Richard Ash (Played at U-M from 2010-13), DT, Dallas Cowboys: Got cut by the Cowboys, but was signed to the team's practice squad.

- Ben Braden (2013-16), OG, New York Jets: Made New York's practice squad as an undrafted free agent.

- Tom Brady (1996-99), QB, New England Patriots: Completed 32 of 45 passes for 307 yards with two touchdowns in a 33-30 loss to Carolina ... Has completed 103 of 155 throws for 1,399 yards with 10 scores for 2-2 New England ... Leads the NFL in passing yards and is tied for first in touchdown throws ... His passer rating of 116.6 ranks second in the league among passers with at least 100 attempts.

- Alan Branch (2004-06), DT, New England Patriots: Played in the 33-30 loss to Carolina, but did not register a tackle ... Has recorded two solo tackles for 2-2 New England.

- Jake Butt (2013-16), TE, Denver Broncos: Still working his way back from an ACL injury suffered in the Orange Bowl ... Started the season on the physically unable to perform list and will be out for at least the first six games.

- Taco Charlton (2013-16), DE, Dallas Cowboys: Assisted on one tackle in a 35-30 loss to the Los Angeles Rams ... Has registered three stops (two solo) for the 2-2 Cowboys.

- Jehu Chesson (2013-16), WR, Kansas City Chiefs: Did not play in a 29-20 win against Washington on Monday night ... Has played in one game and has yet to catch a pass for 4-0 Kansas City.

- Frank Clark (2011-14), DE, Seattle Seahawks: Registered four tackles (two solo) in a 46-18 win over Indianapolis ... Has notched eight tackles (four solo) and 1.5 sacks in four games for 2-2 Seattle.

- Jeremy Clark (2013-16), S, New York Jets: Did not play in the preseason, still rehabbing from his ACL injury suffered early last year ... Was moved to the reserve/non-football injury list Sept. 1.

- Blake Countess (2011-14), S, Los Angeles Rams: Played in a 35-30 win at Dallas, but did not register a tackle ... Has recorded seven tackles (six solo) for the 3-1 Rams.

- Amara Darboh (2013-16), WR, Seattle Seahawks: Caught two passes for 10 yards

in a 46-18 thrashing of Indianapolis ... Has three receptions for 26 yards for the 2-2 Seahawks.

- Devin Funchess (2012-14), WR, Carolina Panthers: Hauled in seven receptions for 70 yards and two touchdowns in a 33-30 win at New England ... Has caught 17 passes for 216 yards and two scores in four starts for 3-1 Carolina.
- Ben Gedeon (2014-16), LB, Minnesota Vikings: Started and made one tackle in a 14-7 loss to Detroit ... Has started four games and registered nine tackles (five solo) for 2-2 Minnesota.
- Graham Glasgow (2012-15), OG, Detroit Lions: Started at guard in a 14-7 win at Minnesota ... Has started all four games for the 3-1 Lions.
- Ryan Glasgow (2013-16), DT, Cincinnati Bengals: Played in a 31-7 win at Cleveland, but did not register a stop ... Has notched three tackles (one solo) for the 1-3 Bengals.
- Matt Godin (2013-16), DT, Houston Texans: Had been playing well with four tackles in two preseason games before tearing his ACL and going to injured reserve.
- Brandon Graham (2006-09), DE, Philadelphia Eagles: Notched one solo tackle in a 26-24 win at the Los Angeles Chargers ... Has racked up 10 tackles (six solo), 2.5 sacks, one pass broken up and one forced fumble for 3-1 Philadelphia.
- David Harris (2003-06), LB, New England Patriots: Did not play in a 33-30 loss to Carolina ... Has played in three games and recorded one tackle for 2-2 New England.
- Chad Henne (2004-07), QB, Jacksonville Jaguars: Did not play in a 23-20 road loss to the New York Jets ... Is 0-of-2 passing in mop-up duty this year for 2-2 Jacksonville.
- Willie Henry (2013-15), DT, Baltimore Ravens: Registered one solo tackle and broke up two passes in a 26-9 loss to Pittsburgh ... Has played in two games for the 2-2 Ravens and notched six tackles (five solo) and two passes broken up.
- Delano Hill (2013-16), S, Seattle Seahawks: Recorded two tackles (one solo) in a 46-18 win over Indianapolis, his first stats in three games played for the 2-2 Seahawks.
- Kyle Kalis (2013-16), OG, Washington Redskins: The undrafted free agent was signed to the Redskins' practice squad after a solid camp.
- Taylor Lewan (2010-13), OT, Tennessee Titans: Started at tackle in a 57-14 loss at Houston ... Has started all four games this year for the 2-2 Titans.
- Jourdan Lewis (2014-16), CB, Dallas Cowboys: Registered three tackles (two solo) in a 35-20 loss to the Los Angeles Rams ... Has started one of the three games in which he's appeared for 2-2 Dallas, missing the first with injury, and racked up 15 tackles (14 solo), two passes broken up and one interception, which he returned

25 yards.

- Erik Magnuson (2013-16), OL, San Francisco 49ers: Not activated for the Niners' 18-15 loss to Arizona ... Has yet to play this year for the 0-4 49ers.
- Patrick Omoreh (2009-12), OG, Jacksonville Jaguars: Started in the Jaguars' 23-20 loss at New York Jets, his third straight start and fourth game played for 2-2 Jacksonville.
- Jabrill Peppers (2014-16), S, Cleveland Browns: Started at safety and notched four tackles (two solo) in a 31-7 loss to Cincinnati ... Also returned three punts for four yards and five kickoffs for 116 yards ... Has registered 18 tackles (15 solo) and one pass broken up in four starts for the 0-4 Browns ... Has also returned seven kickoffs for 148 yards and eight punts for 38 yards (long of 25).
- Thomas Rawls (2010-13), RB, Seattle Seahawks: Did not play in a 46-18 win over Indianapolis ... Has run five times for four yards in two games played for the 2-2 Seahawks.
- Jake Rudock (2015), QB, Detroit Lions: Has not played in any of the 3-1 Lions' games while serving as the backup quarterback.
- Jake Ryan (2010-14), LB, Green Bay Packers: Started and registered five tackles (two solo) in a 35-14 win over Chicago ... Has played in three games, starting two for the 3-1 Packers, and recorded 11 tackles (four solo).
- Michael Schofield (2010-13), OG, Los Angeles Chargers: Did not start but played in a 26-24 loss to Philadelphia ... Has played in three games this year, starting one for 1-3 Los Angeles.
- De'Veon Smith (2013-16), RB, Miami Dolphins: Made Miami's practice squad as an undrafted free agent.
- Channing Stribling (2013-16), CB, Indianapolis Colts: Signed to the Browns' practice squad Sept. 6, but was released Sept. 19 ... Signed with the Colts shortly thereafter.
- Dymonte Thomas (2013-16), S, Denver Broncos: Played well enough in the pre-season to make the practice squad as an undrafted free agent.
- Fitz Toussaint (2010-13), RB, Pittsburgh Steelers: Was signed to the Steelers' practice squad after being cut.
- Jarrod Wilson (2012-15), S, Jacksonville Jaguars: Played in the Jags' 23-20 loss at the New York Jets and notched one solo tackle ... Has recorded one tackle in four games played with 2-2 Jacksonville.
- Chris Wormley (2014-16), DE, Baltimore Ravens: Didn't play in Baltimore's 26-9 loss to Pittsburgh ... Has yet to see game action for the 2-2 Ravens.

The Week In Michigan Recruiting: Oct. 5

Brandon Brown | Recruiting Editor

Here's a look back at the last week of action involving the Maize and Blue's recruiting efforts:

- With college and high school teams both several weeks into their 2017 seasons, recruiting news is starting to pick back up. The recruiting trail always has some action and some Michigan-related nuggets have surfaced over the past week. Here is a look back at The Daily Rewinds on Sept. 27, Sept. 29, Sept. 30, Oct. 2, Oct. 3 and Oct. 4.

- Tampa (Fla.) Berkeley Prep four-star offensive tackle Nick Petit-Frere is one of the more coveted prospects in the country and he's having a tough time figuring out where he wants to go. Luckily, the 6-5, 265-pounder has a very experienced head coach in Dominick Ciao and a staff full of former college football players, including former Wolverine kicker Garrett Rivas, to lean on.

- During a stop at Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) St. Thomas Aquinas, three offered prospects gave the latest to TheWolverine.com on their recruitment involving Michigan. Three-star 2019 safety Jordan Battle is bonding well with Michigan safeties coach Brian Smith, four-star 2019 running back Daniel Carter is very intrigued by Jim Harbaugh and his NFL success, and 2019 cornerback Jaden Davis loved how U-M dominated Florida in the season opener.

- After swinging through Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) St. Thomas Aquinas, TheWolverine.com stopped by University School in Fort Lauderdale and caught up with four-star cornerback Joshua Sanguinetti and four-star athlete Kenny McIntosh — both offered 2019 prospects. McIntosh is looking forward to visiting Ann Arbor for the Ohio State game in order to learn more about the program. Sanguinetti also plans to be in Ann Arbor for that game and said that Michigan checks all of his boxes.

- A little over a week ago Michigan picked up a commitment from Washington (D.C.) St. John's College High three-star pro-style quarterback Kevin Doyle and also offered a couple of prospects from around the Baltimore area. Brandon Brown hosted a podcast and was joined by Rivals.com's Adam Friedman to talk about the commitment of Doyle and also to discuss those offers from around the DMV.

- Naples (Fla.) High three-star cornerback Sammy Faustin has had a rough start to his senior season. He injured his ankle prior to his season opener, and then he and his community had to deal with a hurricane which caused his season to be put on hold for a few weeks. Last Thursday, he finally got on the field but was clearly not 100 percent. He and his Golden Eagles defeated Palmetto Ridge 29-16, but Faustin wasn't able to perform exactly how he wanted because of the ankle. The weather also didn't cooperate, which caused our coverage to be cut short.

- Orlando (Fla.) Olympia four-star dual-threat quarterback and Michigan commit Joe Milton and his Titans defeated Freedom High on Friday night, 42-9. Milton was impressive throughout the game and showed that he's the leader of his team. He also made a lot of very impressive throws despite dealing with a slick ball in the rain.

Milton has been a member of U-M's class since early May and that is not going to be changing. The 6-5, 210-pounder spoke about why he's glad to be a part of U-M's class and also discussed who he's recruiting as well as his plans to enroll early.

Olympia head coach Kyle Hayes called Milton a special talent and thinks he'll do big things in Ann Arbor.

- Bradenton (Fla.) IMG Academy three-star outside linebacker Charles Thomas and his Ascenders defeated Miami Northwestern on Saturday night, 21-0. Thomas didn't start but played a good bit in the second half and left his mark on the game while he was on the field.

Thomas was first to commit to Michigan in the 2019 class back in June and looks like he'll be a phenomenal fit in Don Brown's system. He talks about that, how similar he is to star sophomore Devin Bush, who else he's recruiting and more after a 21-0 win over Miami Northwestern on Saturday night.

His coach also had great things to say about him.

- Indianapolis Cathedral four-star offensive guard Emil Ekiyor has been committed to Michigan for a long time, but it's not as solid as it once was. The 6-4, 339-pounder was in Tuscaloosa last weekend for an official visit and left on Monday. The Tide staff has been pushing really hard for him to flip and it just might work.

- High school football is going strong around the country and all of Michigan's commits are in action. Here's a look at how each did in their last game.

- With a few of Michigan's bigger home games coming up, things have started to pick back up on the recruiting trail. The 2018 class is going to be on the small side and it already contains 14 members after the recent commitment of quarterback Kevin Doyle.

There's been a change in the coaching staff's approach to getting kids on campus for visits. The early season non-conference schedule was not used as a recruiting tool. Instead, the coaches and staffers loaded up on inviting prospects to marquee Big Ten contests, like Michigan State and Ohio State. There are still several targets that Michigan is pursuing at just about every position. Here's a look at the targets on the defensive side of the ball.

- Michigan commit Jalen Mayfield was honored at Grand Rapids (Mich.) Catholic Central on Wednesday morning as a U.S. Army All-American in the presence of his friends, family and coaches. Afterward, the three-star offensive tackle spoke about his upcoming visit to Michigan for the Michigan State

game. He also touched on who he's recruiting and even looked ahead at his official visit for the Ohio State game.

- Like mentioned before, the Michigan recruiting staff is approaching things a bit differently this season in terms of bringing prospects in for visits. This weekend's contest for the Michigan State will welcome the season's first official visitors, along with a more star-studded underclassmen list than earlier in the year. There will always be some local prospects and a few commits around the stadium, but the uncommitted star power is definitely starting to roll in now at this part of the slate.

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INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Offense	Michigan	Michigan St.
Points Per Game	31.5	24.5
First Downs	76	91
Rushing Yards	737	750
Rushing Yards Per Game	184.2	187.5
Rushing Attempts	172	167
Average Yards Per Rush	4.3	4.5
Passing Yards	892	968
Passing Yards Per Game	223.0	242.0
Passing Attempts	109	138
Average Yards Per Catch	13.9	11.4
Total Yards	1629	1718
Average Yards Per Game	407.2	429.5
Average Kickoff Return	17.6	24.0
Average Punt Return	13.5	5.7
Third-Down Conversions	22-62	31-63
Third-Down Conversion Percentage	35%	49%
Fourth-Down Conversions	4-4	3-5
Fourth-Down Conversion Percentage	100.0%	60%
Defense	Michigan	Michigan St.
Points Allowed Per Game	13.5	18.0
First Downs Allowed	46	52
Rushing Yards Allowed	277	384
Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game	69.2	96.0
Opponent Rushing Attempts	126	125
Average Yards Per Rushing Attempt	2.2	3.1
Passing Yards Allowed	536	609
Passing Yards Allowed Per Game	134.0	152.2
Opponent Passing Attempts	105	110
Average Yards Per Catch Allowed	12.6	11.5
Total Yards Allowed	813	993
Average Yards Per Game Allowed	203.2	248.2
Average Kickoff Return Allowed	15.9	27.2
Average Punt Return Allowed	2.8	5.0
Third-Down Conversions	11-57	15-56
Third-Down Conversion Percentage	19%	27%
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-4	4-8
Fourth-Down Conversion Percentage	50%	50%

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	Avg.	Turnover Margin	Gain	Lost	+/-
Michigan	27	19	37	43	—	126	31.5	Michigan	7	7	+0
MSU	28	24	31	15	—	98	24.5	MSU	4	8	-4

Class Breakdowns (2017 Two-Deep)

	Sr.	Jr.	So.	Fr.		Sr.	Jr.	So.	Fr.
U-M Offense	6	4	10	4	MSU Offense	5	7	5	10
U-M Defense	3	6	11	4	MSU Defense	4	10	8	6
U-M Specialists	1	2	5	5	MSU Specialists	3	1	5	6
U-M Totals	10	13	24	14	MSU Totals	12	18	18	22

2017 MICHIGAN STATE STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	INT
Brian Lewerke	84	133	963	8	2
Trishton Jackson	1	1	5	0	0
Damion Terry	0	3	0	0	0
Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Brian Lewerke	38	248	6.5	2	61
LJ Scott	58	214	3.7	1	44
Gerald Holmes	27	105	3.9	0	16
Darrell Stewart Jr.	10	101	10.1	0	46
Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Felton Davis	21	256	12.2	4	31
Darrell Stewart Jr.	17	170	10.0	1	40
Trishton Jackson	9	121	13.4	0	22
Matt Sokol	8	107	13.4	1	18
Hunter Rison	6	92	15.3	0	24
Tackles	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.
Joe Bachie	12	22	34	4.0-10	1.0-3
Khari Willis	10	14	24	1.5-7	1.0-7
Andrew Dowell	6	16	22	1.5-12	1.0-11
Chris Frey	7	13	20	3.0-18	2.5-17
Matt Morrissey	9	9	18	1.5-4	0
Kenny Willekes	5	12	17	3.0-4	0
Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
Josiah Scott	1	0	0	0	
Tyson Smith	1	38	38.0	1	
Kicking	PAT	FG	LG		
Matt Coghlin	12-12	2-3	40		
Punting	No.	Avg.	I20	LG	
Jake Hartbarger	20	43.3	10	57	

2017 MICHIGAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (ET)/TV
Sept. 2	vs. Florida*	W, 33-17
Sept. 9	Cincinnati	W, 36-14
Sept. 16	Air Force	W, 29-13
Sep. 23	at Purdue	W, 28-10
Oct. 7	Michigan State	7:30pm/ABC
Oct. 14	at Indiana	Noon/TBA
Oct. 21	at Penn State	TBA/TBA
Oct. 28	Rutgers	Noon/TBA
Nov. 4	Minnesota	TBA/TBA
Nov. 11	at Maryland	TBA/TBA
Nov. 18	at Wisconsin	TBA/TBA
Nov. 25	Ohio State	Noon/FOX

* at Arlington, Texas

2017 MICHIGAN STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (ET)/TV
Sept. 2	Bowling Green	W, 35-10
Sept. 9	Western Michigan	W, 28-14
Sept. 23	Notre Dame	L, 18-38
Sept. 30	Iowa	W, 17-10
Oct. 7	at Michigan	7:30pm/ABC
Oct. 14	at Minnesota	8:00pm/BTN
Oct. 21	Indiana	TBA/TBA
Oct. 28	at Northwestern	TBA/TBA
Nov. 4	Penn State	TBA/TBA
Nov. 11	at Ohio State	TBA/TBA
Nov. 18	Maryland	TBA/TBA
Nov. 25	at Rutgers	TBA/TBA

MICHIGAN DEPTH CHART (UNOFFICIAL)

OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
WR	88	Grant Perry	6-0	191	Jr.
	1	Kekoa Crawford	6-2	187	So.
LT	52	Mason Cole	6-5	297	Sr.
	76	J. Bushell-Beatty	6-6	315	R-Jr.
LG	74	Ben Bredeson	6-5	308	So.
	72	Stephen Spanellis	6-5	307	R-Fr.
C	57	Patrick Kugler	6-5	296	5th-Sr.
	51	Cesar Ruiz	6-4	316	Fr.
RG	50	Michael Onwenu	6-3	350	So.
	or 75	Jon Runyan Jr.	6-4	298	R-So.
RT	70	Nolan Ulizio	6-5	295	R-So.
	75	Jon Runyan Jr.	6-4	298	R-So.
TE	84	Sean McKeon	6-5	248	So.
	17	Tyrone Wheatley	6-6	265	R-So.
	83	Zach Gentry	6-7	248	R-So.
WR	9	D. Peoples-Jones	6-2	199	Fr.
	4	Nico Collins	6-4	206	Fr.
QB	3	Wilton Speight	6-6	240	R-Jr.
	8	John O'Korn	6-4	211	5th-Sr.
FB	19	Henry Poggi	6-4	244	5th-Sr.
	or 80	Khalid Hill	6-2	265	5th-Sr.
RB	32	Ty Isaac	6-3	228	5th-Sr.
	12	Chris Evans	5-11	206	So.
	22	Karan Higdon	5-10	190	Jr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
PK	3	Quinn Nordin	6-1	195	R-Fr.
	39	Kyle Seychel	6-2	174	R-Jr.
P	3	Brad Robbins	6-2	181	Fr.
	17	Will Hart	6-3	196	R-Fr.
KO	31	James Foug	5-11	178	R-So.
	6	Ryan Tice	6-1	172	R-So.
H	15	Garrett Moores	6-5	214	5th-Sr.

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
DE	15	Chase Winovich	6-3	253	R-Jr.
	4	Reuben Jones	6-4	245	R-So.
DT	90	Bryan Mone	6-4	325	R-Jr.
	5	Aubrey Solomon	6-3	297	Fr.
or 50	Michael Dwumfour	6-2	290	R-Fr.	
DT	73	Maurice Hurst	6-2	280	5th-Sr.
	93	Lawrence Marshall	6-4	285	R-Jr.
DE	3	Rashan Gary	6-5	281	So.
	2	Carlo Kemp	6-3	246	So.
OLB	7	Khaleke Hudson	6-0	205	So.
	59	Noah Furbush	6-5	240	R-Jr.
ILB	9	Mike McCray	6-4	242	5th-Sr.
	10	Devin Bush Jr.	5-11	222	So.
ILB	10	Devin Bush Jr.	5-11	222	So.
	36	Devin Gil	6-2	220	So.
or 46	M. Wroblewski	6-2	237	5th-Sr.	
FS	23	Tyree Kinnel	5-11	201	Jr.
	26	J'Marick Woods	6-3	203	Fr.
SS	14	Josh Metellus	6-0	199	So.
	29	Jordan Glasgow	6-1	210	R-So.
CB	24	Lavert Hill	5-11	177	So.
	1	Ambry Thomas	6-0	179	Fr.
CB	22	David Long	5-11	187	So.
	or 28	Brandon Watson	5-11	200	R-Jr.

MICHIGAN STATE DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
X	18	Felton Davis III	6-4	195	Jr.
	7	Cody White	6-3	206	Fr.
LT	61	Cole Chewins	6-8	284	So.
	73	Dennis Finley	6-7	307	5th-Sr.
LG	70	Tyler Higby	6-5	293	So.
	94	Chase Gianacacos	6-6	296	Jr.
C	65	Brian Allen	6-2	302	Sr.
	64	Matt Allen	6-3	301	R-Fr.
RG	59	David Beedle	6-5	329	Jr.
	75	Kevin Jarvis	6-4	312	Fr.
RT	62	Luke Campbell	6-5	293	R-Fr.
	55	Jordan Reid	6-4	271	Fr.
TE	81	Matt Sokol	6-6	250	Jr.
	84	Noah Davis	6-4	248	R-Fr.
F	25	Darrell Stewart	6-2	210	So.
	5	Hunter Rison	5-11	200	Fr.
Z	86	Trishton Jackson	6-1	179	So.
	21	Cam Chambers	6-2	211	R-Fr.
	5	Hunter Rison	5-11	200	Fr.
QB	14	Brian Lewerke	6-3	212	So.
	6	Damion Terry	6-4	220	5th-Sr.
	10	Messiah Deweaver	6-4	221	R-Fr.
FB	40	Collin Lucas	6-1	232	Jr.
	45	Joe Palange	6-1	250	5th-Sr.
TB	3	LJ Scott	6-1	229	Jr.
	or 24	Gerald Holmes	6-1	231	5th-Sr.
or 28	Madre London	6-1	218	Jr.	

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
KO	8	Brett Scanlon	5-11	210	5th-Sr.
	4	Matt Coghlin	5-9	188	R-Fr.
PK	4	Matt Coghlin	5-9	188	R-Fr.
	8	Brett Scanlon	5-11	210	5th-Sr.
P	25	Jake Hartbarger	6-4	201	Jr.
	8	Brett Scanlon	5-11	210	5th-Sr.
SN	57	Collin Cafilisch	6-4	275	So.
	47	Ryan Armour	6-0	219	So.

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
DE	48	Kenny Willekes	6-4	244	So.
	98	Demetrius Cooper	6-6	249	5th-Sr.
DT	72	Mike Panasiuk	6-4	294	So.
	41	Gerald Owens	6-2	312	Jr.
NT	99	Raequan Williams	6-4	300	So.
	93	Naquan Jones	6-4	328	R-Fr.
DE	52	Dillon Alexander	6-4	247	Jr.
	91	Robert Bowers	6-5	249	Jr.
86	Drew Beesley	6-2	250	R-Fr.	
STAR 5	Andrew Dowell	6-1	222	Jr.	
	26	Brandon Randle	6-2	231	R-Fr.
MIKE 35	Joe Bachie	6-2	233	So.	
	38	Byron Bullough	6-1	228	Jr.
SAM 23	Chris Frey	6-2	238	Sr.	
	49	Shane Jones	6-1	236	Sr.
	17	Tyriq Thompson	6-1	239	So.
FC 19	Josh Butler	6-0	186	So.	
	2	Justin Layne	6-3	180	So.
	31	T.J. Harrell	6-0	198	Jr.
FS 10	Matt Morrissey	6-3	208	Jr.	
	6	David Dowell	6-1	191	So.
	24	Tre Person	5-10	165	Fr.
BS 27	Khari Willis	6-0	215	Jr.	
	44	Grayson Miller	6-3	208	Jr.
9	Dominique Long	6-2	185	Fr.	
BC 22	Josiah Scott	5-10	173	Fr.	
	15	Tyson Smith	5-11	170	Jr.



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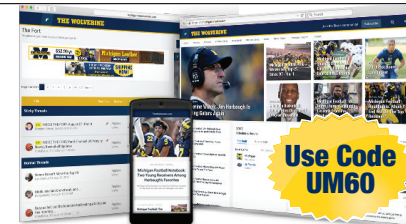
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MICHIGAN CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

Rushing	G	No	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Isaac, Ty	3	47	346	10	336	7.1	0	53	112.0
Evans, Chris	3	33	137	14	123	3.7	0	29	41.0
Higdon, Karan	3	23	106	1	105	4.6	2	36	35.0
Peoples-Jones, D	3	1	44	0	44	44.0	0	44	14.7
Hill, Khalid	3	4	10	0	10	2.5	0	4	3.3
McDoom, Eddie	3	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	5	3.3
Samuels, O	1	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
TEAM	3	2	0	3	-3	-1.5	0	0	-1.0
O'Korn, John	2	2	0	5	-5	-2.5	0	0	-2.5
Speight, Wilton	3	12	21	46	-25	-2.1	0	8	-8.3
Total	4	172	851	114	737	4.3	5	53	184.2
Opponent	4	126	484	207	277	2.2	1	46	69.2

Passing	G	Att	Comp	%	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Speight, Wilton	4	81	44	54.3	2	581	3	48	145.2
O'Korn, John	3	27	19	70.4	1	307	1	37	102.3
Peters, Brandon	1	1	1	100.0	0	4	0	4	4.0
Total	4	109	64	58.7	3	892	4	48	223.0
Opponent	4	105	43	41.0	3	536	3	64	134.0

Receiving	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Perry, Grant	4	13	163	12.5	1	33	40.8
Black, Tarik	3	11	149	13.5	1	46	49.7
McKeon, Sean	4	10	120	12.0	0	30	30.0
Gentry, Zach	4	6	119	19.8	1	36	29.8
Crawford, Kekoa	4	7	99	14.1	1	43	24.8
Eubanks, Nick	4	2	61	30.5	0	48	15.2
Peoples-Jones, D	4	3	60	20.0	0	37	15.0
Schoenle, Nate	4	2	29	14.5	0	15	7.2
Evans, Chris	4	2	28	14.0	0	24	7.0
Higdon, Karan	4	1	22	22.0	0	11	5.5
McDoom, Eddie	4	2	14	7.0	0	9	3.5
Poggi, Henry	4	1	11	11.0	0	11	2.8
Wheatley, T	3	1	7	7.0	0	7	2.3
Isaac, Ty	4	2	6	3.0	0	8	1.5
Ways, Maurice	3	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Total	4	64	892	13.9	4	48	223.0
Opponent	4	43	536	12.5	3	64	134.0

Total Offense	G	Rush	Pass	Total	PG
Speight, Wilton	4	-41	581	540	135.0
Isaac, Ty	4	356	0	356	89.0
O'Korn, John	3	-5	307	302	100.7
Evans, Chris	4	220	0	220	55.0
Higdon, Karan	4	136	0	136	34.0
Peoples-Jones, D	4	44	0	44	11.0
Hill, Khalid	4	10	0	10	2.5
McDoom, Eddie	4	10	0	10	2.5
Walker, Kareem	1	7	0	7	7.0
Peters, Brandon	1	0	4	4	4.0
Samuels, O	2	3	0	3	1.5
TEAM	3	-3	0	-3	-1.0
Total	4	737	892	1629	407.2
Opponent	4	277	536	813	203.2

All Purpose	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	IR	Total	PG
Isaac, Ty	4	356	6	0	0	0	362	90.5
Peoples-Jones, D	4	44	60	162	0	0	266	66.5
Evans, Chris	4	220	28	0	0	0	248	62.0
Crawford, Kekoa	4	0	99	0	125	0	224	56.0
Perry, Grant	4	0	163	0	0	0	163	40.8
Higdon, Karan	4	136	22	0	0	0	158	39.5
Black, Tarik	3	0	149	0	0	0	149	49.7
McKeon, Sean	4	0	120	0	0	0	120	30.0
Gentry, Zach	4	0	119	0	0	0	119	29.8
Eubanks, Nick	4	0	61	0	0	0	61	15.2
Schoenle, Nate	4	0	29	0	0	0	29	7.2
Kinnel, Tyree	4	0	0	0	0	28	28	7.0
Hill, Lavert	4	0	0	0	0	24	24	6.0
McDoom, Eddie	4	10	14	0	0	0	24	6.0
Hawkins, Brad	3	0	0	0	16	0	16	5.3
Poggi, Henry	4	0	11	0	0	0	11	2.8
Hill, Khalid	4	10	0	0	0	0	10	2.5
Walker, Kareem	1	7	0	0	0	0	7	7.0
Wheatley, T	3	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.3
Ways, Maurice	3	0	4	0	0	0	4	1.3
Samuels, O	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
TEAM	3	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.0
O'Korn, John	3	-5	0	0	0	0	-5	-1.7
Speight, Wilton	4	-41	0	0	0	0	-41	-10.2
Total	4	737	892	162	141	52	1984	496.0
Opponent	4	277	536	14	143	96	1066	266.5

Punt Ret	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Peoples-Jones, D	4	11	162	14.7	1	79	40.5
TEAM	3	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	4	12	162	13.5	1	79	40.5
Opponent	4	5	14	2.8	0	7	3.5

Kick Ret	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Crawford, Kekoa	4	7	125	17.9	0	27	31.2
Hawkins, Brad	3	1	16	16.0	0	16	5.3
Total	4	8	141	17.6	0	27	35.2
Opponent	4	9	143	15.9	0	26	35.8

Punting	G	No	Avg	Lg	Blk	TB	FC	50+	In 20
Robbins, Brad	1	7	40.6	45	0	0	5	0	1
Hart, Will	3	12	37.9	61	0	1	5	1	6
TEAM	3	1	12.0	12	1	0	0	0	0
Total	4	20	37.5	61	1	1	10	1	7
Opponent	4	33	41.5	59	0	1	12	11	8

Field Goals	G	Att	Made	Lg	Blkd
Nordin, Quinn	4	13	11	55	0
Total	4	13	11	55	0
Opponent	4	7	4	50	0

Defense	G	Tack	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sack	PD	FF	R
Bush, Devin	4	21	11	32	5.5-35	4.5-33	2	0	0

McCray, Mike	4	12	11	23	3-9	1-5	1	0	0
Winovich, Chase	4	13	9	22	8-43	6-40	0	1	0
Kinnel, Tyree	4	13	6	19	2.5-10	1-8	2	0	0
Hudson, Khaleke	4	8	9	17	3.5-12	2.5-9	3	1	0
Gary, Rashan	4	5	10	15	2.5-18	1-8	0	1	0
Hurst, Maurice	4	7	8	15	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Metellus, Josh	4	7	7	14	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Furbush, Noah	4	2	7	9	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	2
Hill, Lavert	4	6	2	8	2-6	0-0	2	0	0
Long, David	4	2	4	6	1-1	0-0	1	0	0
Schoenle, Nate	4	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Solomon, Aubrey	4	1	3	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0
Thomas, Ambry	4	3	1	4	0.5-0	0-0	0	1	1
Wroblewski, M	4	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Watson, Brandon	4	1	2	3	0.5-1	0-0	3	0	0
Marshall, L	3	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Uche, Josh	3	2	0	2	1-10	1-10	0	0	0
Woods, J'Marick	4	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Crawford, Kekoa	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dwumfour, M	2	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gil, Devin	4	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Glasgow, Jordan	4	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Higdon, Karan	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kemp, Carlo	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Mason, Ben	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Paye, Kwity	3	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ross, Josh	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
St-Juste, Ben	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wangler, Jared	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

Int Ret	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Kinnel, Tyree	4	1	28	28.0	1	28	7.0
Hill, Lavert	4	1	24	24.0	1	24	6.0
Hudson, Khaleke	4	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	4	3	52	17.3	2	28	13.0
Opponent	4	3	96	32.0	2	48	24.0

Scoring	G	TD	FG	SAF	PAT-1	PAT-2	Total	PG
Nordin, Quinn	4	0	11	0	13	0	46	11.5
Evans, Chris	4	2	0	0	0	0	12	3.0
Higdon, Karan	4	2	0	0	0	0	12	3.0
Black, Tarik	3	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.0
Crawford, Kekoa	4	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.5
Furbush, Noah	4	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.5
Gentry, Zach								

2017 MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Elig	Hometown (High School)
1	Kekoa Crawford	WR	6-2	187	So.	So.	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Santa Margarita Catholic)
1	Ambry Thomas	DB	6-0	179	Fr.	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)
2	Carlo Kemp	DL	6-3	264	So.	So.	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)
2	Oliver Martin	WR	6-1	198	Fr.	Fr.	Coralville, Iowa (West Senior)
3	Rashan Gary	DL	6-5	281	So.	So.	Plainfield, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)
3	Quinn Nordin	K	6-1	195	So.	Fr.	Rockford, Mich. (Rockford)
3	Brad Robbins	P	6-2	181	Fr.	Fr.	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville South)
3	Wilton Speight	QB	6-6	240	Sr.	Jr.	Richmond, Va. (The Collegiate School)
4	Nico Collins	WR	6-4	206	Fr.	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Clay-Chalkville)
4	Reuben Jones	DL	6-4	245	Jr.	So.	Lakeland, Fla. (Lake Gibson)
5	Aubrey Solomon	DL	6-3	297	Fr.	Fr.	Leesburg, Ga. (Lee County)
5	Kurt Taylor	RB	5-8	194	Fr.	Fr.	Covington, Ga. (Grayson)
6	Drake Harris	DB	6-4	188	Sr.	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Grand Rapids Christian)
6	Michael Sessa*	QB	6-8	210	So.	Fr.	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
6	Ryan Tice*	K	6-1	172	Jr.	So.	Saline, Mich. (Saline)
6	Kareem Walker	RB	6-1	211	So.	Fr.	Irvington, N.J. (DePaul Catholic)
7	Tarik Black	WR	6-3	206	Fr.	Fr.	Hamden, Conn. (Cheshire Academy)
7	Khaleke Hudson	DB	6-0	205	So.	So.	McKeesport, Pa. (McKeesport)
8	John O'Korn	QB	6-4	211	5th	Sr.	Huntingdon, Pa. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
8	Drew Singleton	LB	6-2	219	Fr.	Fr.	Union City, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)
9	Mike McCray	LB	6-4	242	5th	Sr.	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)
9	D. Peoples-Jonesones	WR	6-2	199	Fr.	Fr.	Fr. Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
10	Devin Bush	LB	5-11	222	So.	So.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)
10	Dylan McCaffrey	QB	6-5	199	Fr.	Fr.	Castle Rock, Colo. (Valor Christian)
12	Chris Evans	RB	5-11	206	So.	So.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis)
12	Josh Ross	LB	6-2	229	Fr.	Fr.	Southfield, Mich. (St. Mary's)
13	Eddie McDoom	WR	6-0	181	So.	So.	Winter Garden, Fla. (West Orange)
14	Josh Metellus	DB	6-0	199	So.	So.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)
15	Alex Malzone	QB	6-2	228	Jr.	So.	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
15	Garrett Moores*	QB	6-5	214	5th	Sr.	Northville, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)
15	Chase Winovich	DL	6-3	253	Sr.	Jr.	Jefferson Hills, Pa. (Thomas Jefferson)
16	Jaylen Kelly-Powell	DB	6-0	173	Fr.	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
16	Jack Wangler*	WR	6-1	202	5th	Sr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (De La Salle)
17	Will Hart*	P	6-3	196	So.	Fr.	Hunting Valley, Ohio (University School)
17	Nate Johnson	DB	5-11	185	So.	So.	Thompson's Station, Tenn. (Independence)
17	Tyrone Wheatley	TE	6-6	265	Jr.	So.	Buffalo, N.Y. (Canisius)
18	Brandon Peters	QB	6-5	220	So.	Fr.	Avon, Ind. (Avon)
18	Luiji Vilain	DL	6-4	242	Fr.	Fr.	Ottawa, Ontario (Episcopal [Va.])
19	Kwity Paye	DL	6-4	241	Fr.	Fr.	Providence, R.I. (Bishop Hendricken)
19	Henry Poggi	FB	6-4	244	5th	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)
20	Brad Hawkins	DB	6-2	204	Fr.	Fr.	Pennsauken, N.J. (Suffield Academy [Conn.])
20	Matt Mitchell*	DB	5-10	185	Sr.	Jr.	Dexter, Mich. (Dexter)
20	Tru Wilson*	RB	5-10	200	So.	So.	Warren, Mich. (De La Salle)
22	Karan Higdon	RB	5-10	190	Jr.	Jr.	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)
22	David Long	DB	5-11	187	So.	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Elig	Hometown (High School)
23	Tyree Kinnel	DB	5-11	201	Jr.	Jr.	Huber Heights, Ohio (Wayne)
23	O'maury Samuels	RB	5-10	192	Fr.	Fr.	Los Lunas, N.M. (Los Lunas)
24	Lavert Hill	DB	5-11	177	So.	So.	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)
24	Jake Martin*	WR	5-11	191	So.	Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Northern)
25	Benjamin St-Juste	DB	6-3	193	Fr.	Fr.	Rosemere, Quebec (Cegep Du Vieux Montreal)
26	J'Marick Woods	DB	6-3	203	Fr.	Fr.	Florence, Ala. (Florence)
27	Joe Hewlett*	RB	6-0	196	Sr.	Jr.	Novi, Mich. (Northville)
27	Hunter Reynolds*	DB	6-0	188	Fr.	Fr.	Wallingford, Conn. (Choate Rosemary Hall)
28	Austin Brenner*	DB	6-2	189	Sr.	Jr.	Saline, Mich. (Saline)
28	Brandon Watson	DB	5-11	200	Sr.	Jr.	Wilmington, Del. (Eastern Christian Academy)
29	Jordan Glasgow	DB	6-1	210	Jr.	So.	Aurora, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
29	Brendan White*	WR	6-1	194	Jr.	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep)
30	Joe Beneducci*	FB	5-9	229	Sr.	Jr.	Far Hills, N.J. (West Morris Mendham)
30	Tyler Cochran*	DB	6-1	194	So.	Fr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (Orchard Lake St. Mary's)
31	James Foug*	K	5-11	178	Jr.	So.	Palo Alto, Calif. (Palo Alto)
31	Phillip Paea	DL	6-4	275	Fr.	Fr.	Berrien Springs, Mich. (Berrien Springs)
32	Louis Grodman*	DB	5-11	188	Jr.	So.	Commerce, Mich. (Walled Lake Northern)
32	Ty Isaac	RB	6-3	228	5th	Sr.	Shorewood, Ill. (Joliet Catholic Academy)
33	C. Cheeseman*	LS	6-4	239	So.	Fr.	New Albany, Ohio (Gahanna Lincoln)
34	Jordan Anthony	LB	6-0	236	Fr.	Fr.	Silver Spring, Md. (IMG Academy [Fla.])
35	Josh Uche	LB	6-3	226	So.	So.	Miami, Fla. (Columbus)
36	Devin Gil	LB	6-2	220	So.	So.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)
37	Dane Drobocky*	DE	6-3	234	So.	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
37	Bradford Jones*	TE	6-3	237	Sr.	Jr.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
38	Joseph Files*	TE	6-4	247	Jr.	So.	Lake Orion, Mich. (Cranbrook Kingwood)
38	Jared Wangler	FB	6-2	240	Sr.	Jr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (De La Salle)
39	Evan Latham*	WR	6-2	191	Fr.	Fr.	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
39	Kyle Seychel*	K	6-2	174	Sr.	Jr.	Brighton, Mich. (Hartland)
40	Nick Volk*	FB	5-11	257	Sr.	Jr.	Frankenmuth, Mich. (Frankenmuth)
41	Adam Fakih*	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Fr.	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Detroit Country Day)
41	Jacob West*	DB	6-1	205	Jr.	So.	Pinckney, Mich. (Pinckney)
42	Ben Mason	FB	6-3	251	Fr.	Fr.	Newtown, Conn. (Newtown)
43	Eric Kim*	WR	6-2	205	So.	Fr.	Mercer Island, Wash. (Mercer Island)
43	Jake McCurry*	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Fr.	Solon, Ohio (Solon)
44	Matt Baldeck*	LS	6-0	210	Fr.	Fr.	Lewistown, Idaho (Lewistown)
44	Jared Char*	RB	5-10	192	So.	Fr.	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison)
44	Deron Irving-Bey	DL	6-5	274	Fr.	Fr.	Flint, Mich. (Southwestern Academy)
45	Adam Shibley*	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	Fr.	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Ignatius)
46	Matt Brown*	FB	6-0	220	Fr.	Fr.	Solon, Ohio (Solon)
46	Chris Hanlon*	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Fr.	Naples, Fla. (Naples)
46	Mike Wroblewski*	LB	6-2	237	5th	Sr.	Saint Clair Shores, Mich. (Detroit Jesuit)
49	Andrew Robinson*	LS	6-0	221	Sr.	Jr.	Troy, Mich. (Troy Athens)
50	Michael Dwumfour	DL	6-2	290	So.	Fr.	Wayne, N.J. (DePaul Catholic)
50	Michael Onwenu	OL	6-3	350	So.	So.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
51	Peter Bush*	LB	6-2	225	So.	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona Del Mar)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Elig	Hometown (High School)
51	Cesar Ruiz	OL	6-4	316	Fr.	Fr.	Pennsauken, N.J. (IMG Academy [Fla.])
52	Mason Cole	OL	6-5	297	Sr.	Sr.	Tarpon Springs, Fla. (East Lake)
52	Elysee Mbem-Bosse	LB	6-3	232	So.	So.	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
54	Carl Myers*	DL	6-3	276	So.	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (West Catholic)
55	James Hudson	OL	6-5	302	Fr.	Fr.	Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic)
56	Jameson Offerdahl*	LB	6-2	218	Jr.	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
57	Patrick Kugler	OL	6-5	296	5th	Sr.	Wexford, Pa. (North Allegheny)
58	Alex Kaminski*	LB	5-11	226	Sr.	Jr.	Ada, Mich. (Lowell)
59	Noah Furbush	LB	6-5	240	Sr.	Jr.	Kenton, Ohio (Kenton)
59	Joel Honigford	OL	6-6	275	Fr.	Fr.	Sugarcreek, Ohio (Garaway)
61	Dan Jokisch*	OL	6-4	251	So.	Fr.	Clarkston, Mich. (Orchard Lake St. Mary's)
62	Sean Fitzgerald*	OL	6-3	311	Fr.	Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (Mt. Pleasant)
66	Chuck Filiaga	OL	6-6	345	Fr.	Fr.	Aledo, Tex. (Aledo)
67	Jess Speight*	OL	6-4	289	Fr.	Fr.	Richmond, Va. (The Collegiate School)
68	Andrew Vastardis*	OL	6-3	311	So.	Fr.	Ashburn, Va. (Stone Bridge)
70	Nolan Ulizio	OL	6-5	295	Jr.	So.	West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)
71	Andrew Stueber	OL	6-7	314	Fr.	Fr.	Darien, Conn. (Darien)
72	Stephen Spanellis	OL	6-5	307	So.	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)
73	Ja'Raymond Hall	OL	6-5	282	Fr.	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
73	Maurice Hurst	DL	6-2	280	5th	Sr.	Westwood, Mass. (Xaverian Brothers)
74	Ben Bredeson	OL	6-5	308	So.	So.	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
75	Jon Runyan	OL	6-4	298	Jr.	So.	Moorestown, N.J. (St. Joseph's Prep)
76	J. Bushell-Beatty	OL	6-6	315	Sr.	Jr.	Paramus, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)
77	Grant Newsome	OL	6-7	314	Jr.	Jr.	McLean, Va. (The Lawrenceville School [N.J.])
79	Greg Robinson*	OL	6-6	288	So.	Fr.	Hudson, Ohio (Hudson)
80	Khalid Hill	FB	6-2	265	5th	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (East English Village Prep Academy)
81	Nate Schoenle*	WR	6-2	192	So.	So.	Plymouth, Mich. (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard)
82	Nick Eubanks	TE	6-5	240	So.	So.	Plantation, Fla. (American Heritage)
82	Carter Selzer*	TE	6-8	222	Fr.	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
83	Zach Gentry	TE	6-7	248	Jr.	So.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado)
84	Sean McKeon	TE	6-5	248	So.	So.	Dudley, Mass. (Shepherd Hill Regional)
85	Maurice Ways	WR	6-3	215	Sr.	Jr.	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Detroit Country Day)
86	Conner Edmonds*	TE	6-5	252	So.	Fr.	Richfield, Wis. (Germantown)
88	Jack Dunaway*	LB	6-2	241	Jr.	So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
88	Grant Perry	WR	6-0	191	Jr.	Jr.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
89	Ian Bunting	TE	6-7	252	Sr.	Jr.	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
90	Bryan Mone	TE	6-4	325	Sr.	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland)
92	C. Robertson*	LB	6-3	228	Jr.	So.	Union City, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep)
93	Lawrence Marshall	DL	6-4	285	Sr.	Jr.	Southfield, Mich. (Southfield)
95	Donovan Jeter	DL	6-3	288	Fr.	Fr.	Beaver Falls, Pa. (Beaver Falls)
97	Ron Johnson	DL	6-4	264	So.	So.	Camden, N.J. (Camden)
99	John Luby*	DL	6-6	241	Jr.	So.	Lake Orion, Mich. (Lake Orion)

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