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# 1975 BASEBALL



# MICHIGAN STATE



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY -- QUICK FACTS

FOUNDED -- 1855

ENROLLMENT -- 43,459

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE -- Big Ten

SCHOOL COLORS -- Green and White

NICKNAME -- Spartans

HOME DIAMOND -- John H. Kobs Field (4,000)

STARTED BASEBALL -- 1883

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COVER -- Spartan baseball coach Danny Litwhiler poses with two of his top 1975 performers, kneeling l-r, soph pitcher Rick Moore, second team All-Big Ten in 1974, and designated hitter-catcher Dale Frietch, All-Big Ten first team in 1974.

# 1975 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
March 15-26	Miami Twin Hurricane Tournaments (15 games -- Others: Miami, Mercer, Buffalo, Louisiana State, Florida State, Army)	Coral Gables, Fla.
April 5 (Sat.)	Ball State (2)	Muncie
8 (Tues.)	Albion (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
11 (Fri.)	*Purdue (2)	Lafayette
12 (Sat.)	*Illinois (2)	Champaign
15 (Tues.)	Western Michigan (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
18 (Fri.)	*Minnesota (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
19 (Sat.)	*Iowa (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
25 (Fri.)	Wayne State (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
26 (Sat.)	Detroit (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
29 (Tues.)	Notre Dame (2)	Notre Dame
May 3 (Sat.)	*Michigan	Ann Arbor
4 (Sun.)	*Michigan (1:30 p.m.)	East Lansing
6 (Tues.)	Central Michigan (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
9 (Fri.)	*Ohio State (2)	Columbus
10 (Sat.)	*Indiana (2)	Bloomington
13 (Tues.)	Eastern Michigan (2)	Ypsilanti
16 (Fri.)	*Wisconsin (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
17 (Sat.)	*Northwestern (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing

## \*Big Ten Games

HOME GAMES at John Kobs Field. Home EST through April 27, EDT thereafter

GAMES SCHEDULED -- 49 (15 in Florida, 34 in regular season, 18 in Big Ten,  
19 at home)

# 1975 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	B	T	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	CL	HOME-HIGH SCHOOL-COACH
4	**Ballard, Don	IF	R	R	5-10	170	2-15-53	Sr.	Lansing-Everett-Myron Smith
5	*Weston, Al	OF	R	R	5-9	175	8- 4-55	So.	Hazel Park-Chuck Mikulas
6	Willingham, Tyrone	OF	R	R	5-8	155	12-30-53	Jr.	Jacksonville, N.C.-Ken Miller
7	*Seid, Rick	C	R	R	6-0	185	7-10-53	Sr.	Oak Park-Mickey Sinks
8	*Schryer, Howard	1B	L	L	6-3	205	11-14-53	Sr.	Plymouth-Joe Sparkman
9	Simpson, Pat	IF	R	R	6-1	174	11-22-55	So.	Royal Oak-Shrine-James MacDougan
10	*Moore, Rick	P	R	L	6-6	232	2- 9-55	So.	Midland-Frank Altimore
11	**Gerard, Craig	2B	R	R	5-11	170	9-15-53	Sr.	Grand Blanc-Joe Pitock
12	**Hewitt, Amos	OF	R	R	5-11	180	12-25-52	Sr.	San Francisco, Calif.-John Kennedy-Bill Solars
14	*Mahan, George	P	R	R	6-0	195	6- 9-54	Jr.	Davison-Dan Root
15	*Hop, Terry	SS	R	R	5-9	165	2- 9-54	Jr.	Zeeland-Jack Rumohr
16	Hubert, Todd	P	R	R	6-2	170	7-18-55	So.	Harper Woods-Bishop Gallagher-Jim Bresciam
17	*Palamara, Joe	IF	R	R	5-11	175	9-26-53	Sr.	Wyandotte-Roosevelt-Dave Lange
18	Pruitt, Randy	3B	R	R	6-0	185	2-25-55	So.	Flint-Central-Jim Fuller
19	Lincoln, John	P	R	R	6-1	170	3-25-55	So.	Portage-Northern-Dave Reeves
20	*Collison, Dave	OF	L	L	5-10	182	10-19-53	Sr.	Saginaw-Carrollton-Bill DeLonge
21	Kniivila, Jim	P	R	R	6-3	190	3-31-55	So.	Holt-Jerry Reynolds
22	*Fricke, Mike	OF	L	L	6-2	175	8-13-54	Jr.	Grosse Pt. Woods-Bishop Gallagher-Jim Bresciam
23	Danielewicz, Moe	P	R	R	6-0	185	7- 7-54	Jr.	Hamtramck-St. Ladislaus-Mike Soluk
24	**Frietch, Dale	C	R	R	6-1	215	10-24-53	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio-Purcell-Corky Alfes
25	*Evans, Scott	P	R	R	6-4	200	5- 3-54	Jr.	Northville-Chuck Shonta
26	**Bickel, Duane	P	R	R	5-11	180	12-20-52	Sr.	Muskegon-Orchard View-Tom Stribley
--	Frantell, Bob	P	R	R	6-3	210	3-30-53	Jr.	Mt. Prospect, Ill.-John Elaisik
--	Northey, Cliff	IF	R	R	5-11	185	2-27-56	Fr.	Troy-Bill McElreath
--	Pashnick, Larry	P	R	R	6-2	180	4-25-56	Fr.	Wyandotte-Roosevelt-Dave Lange
--	Spotts, Steve	P	R	R	6-8	205	2-22-55	So.	Goshen, Ind.-Devon Hoffman
--	St. Clair, Bill	P	R	R	6-4	205	5-14-55	So.	Springfield, Mass.-Tech-Howie Burns
--	Wenson, Tony	C	R	R	6-2	190	9-25-54	Jr.	Farmington-Richard Roy

\*Denotes Varsity Letters Won

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

4	Ballard, Don, if	15	Hop, Terry, ss	18	Pruitt, Randy, 3b
26	Bickel, Duane, p	16	Hubert, Todd, p	8	Schryer, Howard, lb
20	Collison, Dave, of	21	Kniivila, Jim, p	7	Seid, Rick, c
23	Danielewica, Moe, p	19	Lincoln, John, p	9	Simpson, Pat, if
25	Evans, Scott, p	14	Mahan, George, p	--	Spotts, Steve, p
--	Frantell, Bob, p	10	Moore, Rick, p	--	St. Clair, Bill, p
22	Fricke, Mike, of	--	Northey, Cliff, if	--	Wenson, Tony, c
24	Frietch, Dale, c	17	Palamara, Joe, if	5	Weston, Al, of
11	Gerard, Craig, 2b	--	Pashnick, Larry, p	6	Willingham, Tyrone, of
12	Hewitt, Amos, of				



## 1974 FINAL STATISTICS

## BATTING-FIELDING

PLAYER	GP	AB	R	H	AVG	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	SH	SF	HP	PO	A	E	TC	DP	AVG
Dale Frietch, c .....	31	87	13	37	.425	5	0	0	42	17	13	7	0	1	0	2	100	8	3	111	1	.973
Mike Fricke, lb .....	24	35	17	12	.343	2	1	0	16	3	3	4	2	0	0	0	29	1	0	30	2	1.000
Don Ballard, p .....	11	6	1	2	.333	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	1	13	0	.923
Bill Simpson, of .....	39	125	30	41	.328	8	2	2	59	15	28	19	13	0	0	2	68	2	4	74	1	.946
Rick Seid, c/dh .....	40	143	21	44	.308	10	0	3	60	21	11	18	3	1	0	1	134	9	5	198	4	.966
Amos Hewitt, 3b .....	40	127	27	39	.307	7	2	5	65	28	19	13	4	1	3	1	35	71	17	123	5	.862
Terry Hop, ss .....	40	147	33	44	.299	6	6	1	65	24	23	9	9	3	0	0	70	110	12	193	15	.937
Al Weston, of .....	40	139	21	40	.288	2	1	6	62	31	10	20	6	0	4	1	52	1	6	59	0	.898
Howard Schryer, lb .....	39	129	28	35	.271	11	1	3	57	29	16	24	4	0	1	0	280	32	10	322	25	.969
Larry Romaine, of/dh .....	28	67	15	18	.269	2	1	0	23	16	12	14	1	0	2	0	12	1	2	15	1	.867
Dave Collison, of/dh .....	25	54	9	12	.222	4	0	0	16	9	15	9	3	0	4	1	14	4	4	22	2	.818
Craig Gerard, 2b .....	38	98	13	19	.194	4	0	0	23	9	12	16	6	1	0	1	69	95	13	177	15	.927
Mark Danielewicz, of .....	11	25	5	5	.192	2	0	1	10	5	3	6	0	0	0	1	5	0	2	7	0	.714
Joe Palamara, if .....	18	10	8	1	.100	0	0	0	1	0	6	4	1	0	0	1	16	9	1	26	2	.962
Todd Hubert, p .....	4	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	1	10	0	.900
Duane Bickel, p .....	9	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	11	2	1.000
Rick Moore, p .....	10	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	2	23	0	.913
Jim Kniivila, p .....	7	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	1	17	0	.991
George Mahan, p .....	9	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	10	1	1.000
Scott Evans, p .....	11	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	1.000
Steve VanderLaan, p .....	9	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	3	11	0	.727
Steve Spotts, p .....	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	0	.000
Bill St. Clair, p/pr .....	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	1.000
David Vliek, pr .....	2	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
MICHIGAN STATE .....	40	1191	242	349	.293	63	14	21	507	210	175	160	52	7	14	10	900	417	87	1404	37	.938
OPPONENTS .....	40	1147	181	282	.245	48	5	14	386	157	187	201	29	24	11	5	883	388	78	1349	23	.942

## 1974 FINAL STATISTICS

## PITCHING

PITCHER	THROWS	GP	GS	CG	W - L	PCT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	SHO	ERA
Steve Spotts .....	R	1	0	0	0 - 0	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Todd Hubert .....	R	4	0	0	0 - 0	.000	8	5	2	1	9	2	0	3	0	0	1.12
Duane Bickel .....	R	9	7	3	4 - 2	.667	42	28	13	8	26	29	5	2	0	1	1.71
Rick Moore .....	L	12	8	6	7 - 1	.875	70	58	28	20	49	45	0	1	0	0	2.57
George Mahan .....	R	11	3	1	3 - 3	.500	43.1	34	20	17	26	40	3	0	0	1	3.53
Scott Evans .....	R	11	5	1	3 - 1	.750	30.1	28	22	13	12	22	3	0	0	0	3.85
Bill St. Clair .....	R	2	1	0	0 - 0	.000	4.2	4	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	3.85
Jim Kniivila .....	R	8	8	3	4 - 3	.571	46	47	30	27	33	20	2	3	0	3	5.29
Steve VanderLaan .....	R	9	6	2	2 - 3	.400	37	55	40	30	19	30	1	2	2	0	7.29
Don Ballard .....	R	8	2	0	0 - 3	.000	17.2	27	24	17	11	12	2	1	0	0	8.66
MICHIGAN STATE .....		40	40	16	23 - 16	.590	300	282	181	135	187	201	16	12	2	4	4.05
OPPONENTS .....		40	40	12	16 - 23	.410	294.1	349	242	179	175	160	10	30	7	1	5.47

FINAL 1974 RECORD -- 23-16-1

Big Ten (7-8 Record)

5 Ohio State	3	8 Albion	0
10 Buffalo	2	9 Purdue	0
6 Seton Hall	10	5 Purdue	1
7 Ohio State	4	6 Illinois	1
20 Seton Hall	6	3 Illinois	10
7 Buffalo	7	1 Minnesota	6
1 Miami (Fla.)	4	3 Minnesota	2
1 Southern Illinois	3	8 Iowa	9
10 Montclair State	7	4 Iowa	10
3 Miami (Fla.)	10	7 Wayne State	2
14 Southern Illinois	6	4 Wayne State	3
7 Montclair State	12	5 Detroit	4
3 Miami (Fla.)	13	8 Detroit	5
8 Albion	3		

## BIG TEN STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT
Minnesota	11	5	.688
Iowa	11	5	.688
Michigan	7	5	.583
Illinois	9	7	.563
Indiana	8	7	.533
Michigan State	7	8	.466
Northwestern	7	9	.437
Wisconsin	6	8	.429
Ohio State	5	11	.312
Purdue	4	10	.286



## PROSPECTS FOR 1975

State's 1975 team should have better hitting, fielding and pitching than last year's, says Head Coach Danny Litwhiler, and hence produce an improved over-all record and a stronger performance in the Big Ten.

The 1974 club achieved a 23-16-1 card in all games and 7-8 in the Big Ten, good for sixth place. Only two regulars are gone from that team, outfielder Bill Simpson, who also was an All-America defensive back in football and now plays for the Los Angeles Rams, and pitcher Steve VanderLaan. Simpson batted .328 in his senior season and VanderLaan posted a 2-3 won-lost mark on the mound.

That means the current Spartan team will be loaded with veterans who should show improvement through additional maturity and experience.

A rundown by positions:

Pitching -- Rick Moore, 7-1 and a second team All-Big Ten choice last season, George Mahan (3-3), Duane Bickel (4-2 despite an arm injury), Jim Kniivila (4-3) and Scott Evans (3-1) will form the nucleus. Others expected to contribute materially include junior Moe Danielewicz and sophomores Todd Hubert and John Lincoln.

Catching -- A very strong position with both Dale Frietch (.425 and All-Big Ten first team and third team All-America last year as a designated hitter) and Rick Seid (.308) in action again. The one which isn't catching may be the designated hitter for the game.

Infield -- Likely starters are three regulars from last season and either of two newcomers at third base. The veterans are first baseman Howard Schryer (.271), second baseman Craig Gerard (.194) and shortstop Terry Hop (.299). The fresh faces at third are sophomore Randy Pruitt, kid brother of recent Spartan star Ron Pruitt who now is a catcher with the Texas Rangers, and Pat Simpson, younger brother of Bill Simpson. Ready for utility work will be Joe Palamara and converted pitcher Don Ballard.

Outfield -- All-Big Ten outfielder Al Weston (.288 and six homers in 1974) is a fixture in right. Converted first baseman Mike Fricke (.343) will go in center and converted third baseman Amos Hewitt (.307 and five homers) will work in left. Likely backup men are veteran Dave Collison (.222) and newcomer Tyrone Willingham, a junior better known as a quarterback on the football team, who is making his first try at baseball.

## PLAYER SKETCHES

DONALD BALLARD Infielder -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Senior -- Lansing.

Begins final year of competition with the Spartans. Shifted to infield to take advantage of his strong bat. Will be available for spot mound duty. Appeared in eight games last spring as pitcher. Two-time All-City selection as prepster. Cousin of Spartan stars and later major leaguers Dean and Bruce Look. Agriculture and natural resources major. Born 2-15-53.

DUANE BICKEL Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Senior -- Muskegon (Orchard View). Spartans' top hurler in 1974 until a sore arm sidelined him. Pitched well over the summer and seems to be ready for regular duty. Registered a 4-2 record in seven starts. ERA of 1.71 was best among regulars. Possesses a live fastball and a sharp curveball. One of MSU's best fielding pitchers. Health, physical education and recreation major. Born 12-20-52.



PLAYER SKETCHES (Continued)

DAVE COLLISON Outfielder -- Throws Left -- Bats Left -- Senior -- Saginaw (Carrollton). Available for utility work in outfield. Spartans' No. 1 pinch-hitter from left side. Should perform better in 1975. Nicknamed "Collision." Made All-Conference and All-State. Health, physical education and recreation major with specialty in youth leadership. Born 10-19-54.

MOE DANIELEWICZ Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Junior -- Hamtramck (St. Ladislaus). Sat out most of 1974 campaign because of injury. Has looked impressive in indoor practice. Good fastball and curve. Only thing he lacks is experience. Was prep team's MVP. Brother Mike worked with Spartan football squad while brother Mark was a member of MSU baseball team. Health, physical education and recreation major. Born 7-7-54.

SCOTT EVANS Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Junior -- Northville (Northville). One of MSU's strongest pitchers. Has excellent shot at being fourth man in pitching rotation. Appeared in 11 games last season, five as a starter, and wound up with 3-1 mark. Won eight letters at Northville High. Agriculture and natural resources major. Born 5-3-54.

MIKE FRICKE Outfield -- Throws Left -- Bats Left -- Junior -- Grosse Pte. Woods (Bishop Gallagher). The early season choice for the starting job in center field. Will replace Bill Simpson. Can move to first base if needed. Moved up from JV's last year and batted .343 in 24 games. An excellent gloveman, he fielded 30 balls without an error. Liberal arts major. Born 8-13-54.

DALE FRIETCH (as in itch) Catcher/Designated Hitter -- Throws Right -- Bats Right Senior -- Cincinnati, Ohio (Purcell). Was a third-team All-America selection last year after powdering opposing pitching for a .425 batting average. Also an All-Big Ten pick as a designated hitter. Chosen as MSU's Most Improved Player in 1974. His .425 average was sixth best in Spartan record book. Will again share designated hitter and catching duties with Rick Seid. Has improved his throwing arm since last spring. Twice baseball MVP at Purcell High. Mathematics and statistics major. Academic All-America selection. Born 10-24-53.

CRAIG GERARD Infielder -- Throws Right -- Switch Hitter -- Senior -- Grand Blanc (Grand Blanc). Holds starting job at second base for MSU in 1975. As good a gloveman as any in the Big Ten. Has had hitting problems in the past. Learned to bunt over the summer and with his speed, he should be able to get on base with consistency. Social science major. Born 9-15-53.

AMOS HEWITT Outfielder -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Senior -- San Francisco, Calif. (Kennedy). Figures to make debut in left field in 1975. Operation on arm prompted switch to outfield from his regular third base spot. Could end up as Spartans' designated hitter. Career batting average hovers near .300 mark. Hit five homers last season to rank second on team in that department. Brother Anthony was member of Spartan grid team. Urban and metropolitan studies major. Born 12-25-52.

TERRY HOP Infielder -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Junior -- Zeeland (Zeeland). Rated by Spartan coaching staff as one of the best shortstops in MSU history. Hit for a solid .299 average and led the team in triples (6). Tied for the team leadership in total bases (65). Best hit and run man on squad. Transferred to MSU from Grand Rapids Junior College. Pitched in high school and won All-League and All-District honors. Health, physical education and recreation major. Born 2-9-54.



## PLAYER SKETCHES (Continued)

TODD HUBERT Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Harper Woods (Bishop Gallagher). Will likely land a job in bullpen or as spot starter. Came down with stiff arm after relieving two games in 1974, got back into action and then was struck by a batted ball in practice. Has looked impressive in indoor workouts. Possesses the best curveball on the Spartan staff. An Honor Society member in high school. Pre-veterinary major. Born 7-18-55.

JIM KNIIVILA Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Holt (Holt). Registered 4-3 mark in eight appearances last year. Injured his throwing arm at tail-end of last season and will have to work his way back onto starting staff. Tossed three shutouts as a freshman. All-State and All-America at Holt High School. Nickname is "Evil." Won nine letters as prepster. Liberal arts major. Born 3-31-55.

JOHN LINCOLN Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Portage (Northern). One of three newcomers to make the spring trip to Florida. Available for spot mound duty. Main weakness is his inexperience. Dad was a member of Chicago White Sox organization. Lettered in baseball and basketball in high school. A member of the National Honor Society. An accounting major. Born 3-25-55.

GEORGE MAHAN Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Junior -- Davison (Davison). Will probably break into Spartans' starting four. Finished up as MSU's top pitcher last year. Chalked up a 3-3 record in 1974, including one shutout. Fastest thrower on Spartan staff. Transferred to State from Genesee Community College. Member of National Honor Society in high school. Health, physical education and recreation major. Born 6-9-54.

RICK MOORE Pitcher -- Throws Left -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Midland (Midland). Selected to All-Big Ten team as a freshman. Hurlled his way to an impressive 7-1 record in 12 appearances. Has a good variety of pitches including an excellent change of pace. An imposing figure on the mound, he stands 6-6 and weighs in at 232. Runs into control problems at times. Made All-Conference and All-State teams as prep pitcher. Liberal arts major. Born 2-9-55.

JOE PALAMARA Infielder -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Senior -- Wyandotte (Roosevelt). Most valuable utility player on Spartan squad. Can play anywhere in infield or outfield. His good speed makes him a prime candidate for pinch-running duties. A smart player, he mans the first base coaching lines when not in the game. Nephew of the late Frank Palamara, one-time Spartan baseball captain and director of MSU's Ralph Young Scholarship Fund. Played on Trenton American Legion state championship team. Hotel and restaurant management major. Born 9-26-53.

RANDY PRUITT Infielder -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Flint (Central). Figures to be leading candidate for regular third base job. Sidelined last season by academic problems. Has good all-round talent, and hits with power. Brother of ex-Spartan star Ron Pruitt, now a member of the Texas Rangers. Made All-Conference and All-State teams in high school. Liberal arts major. Born 2-25-55.

HOWARD SCHRYER Infielder -- Throws Left -- Bats Left -- Senior -- Plymouth (Plymouth). Returns to handle first base duties. Has been hampered by broken finger in early practice, but should recover in time for start of regular season. Expected to have a fine year at the plate for the Spartans. Hammered opposing pitching for a .323 average as a sophomore, but slipped to .273 last season. Despite mediocre average, he led the team in doubles (11) and was second in RBI's (29). Tied a Big Ten mark last season against Northwestern (May 19) when he drove in eight runs in one game. Advertising major. Born 11-14-53.



## PLAYER SKETCHES (Continued)

RICK SEID Catcher/Designated Hitter -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Senior -- Oak Park (Oak Park). Will alternate with Dale Frietch between catcher and designated hitter. Made great debut as Spartan, batting .308 in his initial season. Ranked high in most of the hitting categories. Tied for team leadership in hits (44), second in doubles (10) and fourth in total bases (60). Transferred to MSU from Michigan where he lettered as a freshman. Has exceptional arm. Won eight letters in three sports as prep player. Made All-League, All-Metro and was drafted by Red Sox. Radio-TV major. Born 7-10-53.

PAT SIMPSON Infielder -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Royal Oak (Shrine). Joins varsity squad from Spartan JV team. Brother Bill was All-America football star at MSU and won MVP honors in 1974 with baseball team. Another brother, Gary, is a member of the University of Detroit baseball club. Can play anywhere in infield or outfield. Needs to work on his hitting. In high school, he made All-State and All-League teams. Liberal arts major. Born 11-22-55.

STEVE SPOTTS Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Goshen, Ind. (Goshen). A 6-8 sidewinder who could be quite a hurler if he can conquer his control problems. Tore cartilage in knee during the summer and is having problems getting back into shape. His sidearm delivery reminds coach Litwhiler of former major leaguer Ewell (The Whip) Blackwell. Agriculture and natural resources major. Born 2-22-55.

BILL ST. CLAIR Pitcher -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Springfield, Mass. (Tech). Recovering from arm injury incurred last season. May see early action with Spartan junior varsity club. Came to MSU with All-State and All-New England prep credentials. Possesses a lot of poise for a youngster. Drafted by Red Sox, but opted for college career. Health, physical education and recreation major. Born 5-14-55.

AL WESTON Outfielder -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Sophomore -- Hazel Park (Hazel Park). Returns to claim starting job in right field. A first-team selection on All-Big Ten squad as freshman. Led Spartans in homers (6) and RBI's (31). Ranked second in total bases (62), third in stolen bases (6) and fourth in hits (40). Expected to raise his .288 batting average during his sophomore campaign. As a prepster, he made All-State teams in both baseball and football. Was member of the National Honor Society and won the American Legion Award for his school. Hotel, restaurant and institutional management major. Born 8-4-55.

TYRONE WILLINGHAM Outfielder -- Throws Right -- Bats Right -- Junior -- Jacksonville, N.C. (Jacksonville). Begins his first season with MSU baseball team. A two-time letterwinner on MSU football squad, he's the Spartans' second-string quarterback behind Charlie Baggett. Will be a valuable addition as reserve outfielder. Has excellent speed, strong arm and is a good defensive player. His absence from the game has hurt his hitting. Could see bulk of action as designated runner or as pinch hitter. Agriculture and natural resources major. Born 12-30-53.



DANIEL W. LITWHILER -- Head Coach

Daniel W. Litwhiler, former major league baseball star, has coached the diamond sport at Michigan State University for 11 seasons.

He moved in as head coach of the Spartans in the fall of 1963 and in 11 full years his clubs have played 458 games, winning 294, losing 157 and tying seven for a fine winning percentage of .649.

His 1974 outfit won 23, lost 16 and tied one, and finished sixth in Big Ten standings with a 7-8 mark. One of his best units was the 1971 varsity that won 36 games, most ever for a State nine, losing only 10 and took MSU's second Big Ten team title in history.

All but one of his Michigan State teams have posted winning records in overall play and only one has ever finished out of the conference first division.

The head coaching position at State is the second in collegiate ranks for Litwhiler, who previously was at the helm of Florida State teams for nine years.

His Florida State teams won 189 games and lost 81. His teams had no losing seasons and played in seven district playoffs and three college world series.

Danny's complete college coaching records for 20 seasons show 483 victories, 238 losses and seven ties for an excellent winning percentage of .668.

Six of his Florida State players achieved All-America selection and many went on to professional ball.

Fifteen of Litwhiler's players at Michigan State have earned first-team Big Ten selection, one has made the All-America first team and two the second team picked by the collegiate coaches. Four Spartans coached by Danny have made The Sporting News All-America and two have been All-America Academic first-team picks.

Several of his performers have reached major league ranks, including Florida Staters Dick Howser (New York Yankees), Woody Woodward (Cincinnati Reds) and Ken Suarez (Cleveland Indians), and Spartans Bruce Look (New York Yankees), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Dick Billings (Texas Rangers), Mel Behney (Cincinnati Reds), Rick Miller (Boston Red Sox) and Rob Ellis (Milwaukee Brewers).

Litwhiler, a 1939 graduate of Bloomsburg, Pa. State College, spent 12 years as a player in the majors before stepping down in 1951. During that time he played with the Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, the old Boston Braves, and the Cincinnati Reds. Dan was with the Cardinals in the 1943 and 1944 World Series, and played in the 1942 All-Star game.

He managed in professional ball for five seasons. He was playing manager of Fargo, N.D., in 1952, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in 1953, and at Jamestown, N.Y., and Duluth, Minn., in 1954. From there he joined the Florida State staff.

Among his memorable performances is his string of 21 straight games in which he hit safely in his first season in the majors. In 1941 he belted a home run in every National League park.

Litwhiler was a perfectionist in the field. He became the first major leaguer to play an entire season without making an error. That was in 1942 when he handled 317 chances in 151 games.



DANIEL W. LITWHILER -- Head Coach (Continued)

Over a period of two seasons he set a record of playing 187 consecutive games without an error. This feat put Litwhiler's glove in baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.

His best full season at bat came in 1941 when he hit .305. He had a life-time average of .282.

Litwhiler is known for several innovations in coaching, such as unbreakable mirror for pitchers to use for checking their throwing, and employment of a bat sawed in half to teach bunting. He's also constantly seeking to improve the attractiveness of the home baseball games and the last three years has had batgirls working at home contests.

Litwhiler has contributed to several baseball publications. They include "Fundamentals of Baseball" by University Press, 1956; "Baseball Glossary" in English, Dutch, Italian and Spanish, by University Press, 1958; "Baseball Coaches Guide to Drills and Skills" by Prentice-Hall, 1963; and "Baseball" by Prentice-Hall, 1967.

His alma mater honored him in 1973 by naming its new baseball stadium in his name. Danny also received a special honor last summer from his home area in the state of Pennsylvania. He was inducted into the Jerry Wolman Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in Shennandoah. The chapter, named after the one-time owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, since 1963 has cited men and women in athletics who by distinguished performance have brought honor to that part of the state.

Danny was born August 31, 1916, at Ringtown, Pa. He was married in 1971 to Patricia Walsh James and the couple has ten children. Mrs. Litwhiler received her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State. Two of their children, Marcia and Dick, graduated from MSU and another daughter, Nancy is in her senior year at State.

Son Dick was a pitcher on the Spartan varsity nine years ago. He received his M.A. degree in physical education and now teaches in that field and is assistant baseball coach at Georgia Southwestern. Son Danny teaches math and is assistant baseball coach at the Air Force Academy.

FRANK PELLERIN -- Assistant Coach

Continuing a longtime association with Michigan State baseball is Frank E. Pellerin, member of Spartan teams as an undergraduate, and a staff member for the 22nd season.

He was appointed as assistant coach in 1953, working with the late John H. Kobs, and the same assignment was extended in 1963 with present head man Danny Litwhiler.

During Pellerin's tenure, Spartan baseballers have played more than 700 games (782 games, 490 wins, 281 losses and 11 ties), won two Big Ten team titles (in 1954 and in 1971) and placed second three times. He's helped coach the Spartans in 21 of their 24 Big Ten seasons and has had a hand in the development of 31 athletes who've earned All-Big Ten first-team selection.

FRANK PELLERIN -- Assistant Coach (Continued)

Pellerin played under Kobs at State, earning varsity letters in 1941, 1942 and 1943 with stints at second base and at third base. He enrolled at State after graduation from Redford High School in Detroit where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball.

His first teaching and coaching position was at Highland Park, Mich., High School, where he remained until joining the Michigan State staff in September, 1953.

While at Highland Park, Pellerin was head baseball coach, assisted in swimming, football, basketball and physical education classes, and also taught classes in mathematics.

Pellerin received the master's degree in counseling and guidance in 1951 at Wayne State University. He and wife, Nancy, have two sons, Michael and Tim.

TOM SMITH -- Freshman Coach

In his eighth season as freshman baseball coach at Michigan State is Thomas W. Smith, who was appointed to the post in September of 1967.

He had served unofficially in the capacity the previous four years while working towards his B.S. degree. In the years that he's handled the Spartan young players, the MSU varsity has recorded an impressive 198-98-5 won-lost-tied mark.

Smith enrolled at State as an undergraduate after playing in professional baseball from 1961 to 1963 with the Milwaukee Braves organization. He was a catcher. He went with the Braves following high school graduation.

Tom is a native of Coldwater, Mich., born Dec. 9, 1942. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1961 and immediately signed his professional contract.

He received his B.S. degree in physical education in March, 1967 and his master's degree in March of 1971.

In addition to his coaching duties, Smith teaches in physical education. He and wife, Jane Marie, have two daughters, Jamie and Julie.



# LITWHILER'S COACHING RECORD

YEAR	G	W	L	T	POSITION
1955	23	17	6	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1956	29	24	5	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1957	31	22	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1958	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1959	33	22	11	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1960	22	13	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1961	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1962	37	23	14	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1963	39	26	13	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1964	34	22	12	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1965	39	28	11	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1966	38	24	13	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1967	46	22	23	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1968	43	32	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1969	41	24	17	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1970	45	28	15	2	Head Coach, Michigan State
1971	46	36	10	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1972	39	28	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1973	47	27	20	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1974	40	23	16	1	Head Coach, Michigan State

	G	W	L	T	PCT.
Florida State Record (9 seasons)	270	189	81	0	.700
Michigan State Record (11 seasons)	458	294	157	7	.650
TOTAL (20 seasons)	728	483	238	7	.668

## ALL TIME COACHES' RECORDS

COACH	YEARS	G	W	L	T	PCT.
No Established Coach	1883-1886	17	10	7	0	.588
Prof. Carpenter	1887-1888	24	16	8	0	.667
No Established Coach	1889-1895	50	24	25	1	.490
Robert T. Gales	1896-1898	34	14	20	0	.412
Coach Ferguson	1899	9	5	4	0	.556
Charles O. Bemies	1900-1901	12	4	8	0	.333
George E. Denman	1902-1903	25	10	15	0	.400
Chester L. Brewer	1904-1910	102	62	39	1	.612
John E. Macklin	1911-1915	79	52	27	0	.658
John Morrissey	1916-1917	26	17	9	0	.654
Chester L. Brewer	1918-1920	40	17	23	0	.425
George Clark	1921	14	6	8	0	.429
John Morrissey	1922	17	9	8	0	.529
Fred M. Walker	1923-1924	31	20	11	0	.645
John H. Kobs	1925-1963	967	574	377	16	.602
Daniel W. Litwhiler	1964-	458	294	157	7	.650
ALL TIME RECORD		1904	1133	746	25	.602

## SPARTAN BASEBALL HONOR ROLL

### All-America Selections

(Selected by American Association  
of College Baseball Coaches)

#### First Team

Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972

#### Second Team

Jack Kinney, of, 1949  
Albert Cummins, 2b, 1950  
Jack Risch, of, 1954  
Bob Powell, of, 1955  
Jim Sack, of, 1956  
Dick Radatz, p, 1959  
Tom Riley, of, 1961  
John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965  
Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968

#### Third Team

George Rutenbar, of, 1949  
Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
George Smith, 2b, 1955  
Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Dale Frietch, dh, 1974

(Selected by The  
Sporting News)

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1969  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Robert Ellis, of, 1970  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972

### All-America Academic

Jerry Sackmann, of, 1972  
Jerry Sackmann, of, 1973  
Dale Frietch, c-dh, 1974

### All-NCAA District 4

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968	Harry Kendrick, c, 1969
Mel Behney, p, 1968	Rick Miller, of, 1969

### All-Big Ten Selections

#### First Team

Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
Jack Risch, of, 1954  
Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
Charley Mathews, 1b, 1954 & 1955  
Bob Powell, of, 1955  
Dick Idzkowski, p, 1955  
Jim Sack, of, 1956  
Roscoe Davis, 1b, 1957  
Alan Luce, c, 1957  
Frank Palamara, 2b, 1958  
Ron Perranoski, p, 1958  
Dean Look, of, 1958  
John Fleser, of, 1959  
Dick Radatz, p, 1959  
Tom Riley, of, 1961  
Joe Porrevecchio, of, 1962, 1963 & 1964

Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
Jerry Walker, 2b, 1965  
John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965 & 1966  
Bob Speer, of, 1966  
Bill Steckley, 3b, 1967  
Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Mel Behney, p, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1968 & 1969  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Dick Vary, 3b, 1970  
Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1971 & 1972  
Robert Clancy, p, 1971  
Shaun Howitt, of, 1972  
Dale Frietch, dh, 1974  
Al Weston, of, 1974



# SPARTAN BASEBALL HONOR ROLL (Continued)

## All-Big Ten Selections

### Second Team

Bob Ciolek, lb, 1951  
 Charley Mathews, lb, 1953  
 John Matsock, ss, 1954  
 Bud Erickson, p, 1954  
 George Smith, 2b, 1955  
 Frank Palamara, 2b, 1957  
 Ron Perranoski, p, 1957  
 Don Gilbert, c, 1958  
 Dick Radatz, p, 1958  
 Dean Look, of, 1959  
 Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1963

Dick Billings, of, 1964  
 Bob Maniere, of, 1965  
 Tom Binkowski, lb, 1968  
 Steve Rymal, 2b, 1968  
 Dan Bielski, p, 1968  
 Gary Boyce, of, 1970 & 1971  
 Brad VanPelt, p, 1972  
 Larry Ike, p, 1972  
 John Rohde, lb, 1973  
 Rick Moore, p, 1974

### Third Team

George Smith, 2b, 1954  
 Bob Powell, of, 1954  
 Ed Hobaugh, p, 1954  
 Alan Luce, c, 1956  
 John Fleser, of, 1958  
 William Schudlich, lb, 1960  
 Mickey Sinks, p, 1960  
 Sam Calderone, 3b, 1961  
 Jeff Abrecht, of, 1962  
 Dennis Ketcham, 2b, 1962  
 Jack Nutter, p, 1963  
 Jerry Sutton, lb, 1964  
 Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1964

Dick Billings, of, 1965  
 Jim Goodrich, p, 1966  
 Dick Kenney, p, 1966  
 Tom Binkowski, lb, 1967  
 John Walters, of, 1967  
 Tom Hummel, of, 1968  
 Dan Bielski, p, 1969  
 Robert Ellis, 2b, 1970  
 Phil Fulton, p, 1970  
 Larry Ike, p, 1971  
 Bailey Oliver, lb, 1972  
 Bill Simpson, of, 1974

## ANNUAL TEAM AWARDS

### Most Valuable Performer

1953 Wayne Lawrie, 3b  
 1954 John Matsock, ss  
 1955 Jim Sack, of  
 1956 Jim Sack, of  
 1957 Frank Palamara, 2b  
 1958 Dean Look, of  
 1959 Dean Look, 2b  
 1960 John Hendee, of  
 1961 Bill Schudlich, lb  
 1962 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
 1963 Jerry Sutton, lb  
 1964 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
 1965 John Biedenbach, 3b  
 1966 Tom Binkowski, lb  
 1967 Tom Hummel, of  
 1968 Harry Kendrick, c  
 1969 Rick Miller, of  
 1970 Gary Boyce, of  
 1971 Robert Ellis, of  
 1972 Shaun Howitt, of  
 1973 Bill Simpson, of  
 1974 Bill Simpson, of

### Leading Pitcher

1953 Ernest Erickson  
 1954 Ed Hobaugh  
 1955 Dick Idzkowski  
 1956 Walt Godfrey  
 1957 Ron Perranoski  
 1958 Ron Perranoski  
 1959 Dick Radatz  
 1960 Mickey Sinks  
 1961 Robert Ross  
 1962 Gary Ronberg  
 1963 Jack Nutter  
 1964 John Krasnan  
 1965 Doug Dobrei  
 1966 Dick Kenney  
 1967 Zana Easton  
 1968 Mickey Knight  
 1969 Dan Bielski  
 1970 Phil Fulton  
 1971 Robert Clancy  
 1972 Elliott Moore  
 1973 Elliott Moore  
 1974 Rick Moore

### Most Improved Player

1953 Jack Risch, of  
 1954 Dick Idzkowski, p  
 1955 Bob Powell, of  
 1956 Frank Palamara, 2b  
 1957 Bill Mansfield, p  
 1958 Dick Schiesel, 3b  
 1959 Bob Ross, p  
 1960 Mickey Sinks, p  
 1961 Tom Riley, of  
 1962 Jerry Sutton, lb  
 1963 John Hines, 3b  
 1964 Dick Billings, of  
 1965 Jerry Walker, 2b  
 1966 Dennis Maedo, 2b  
 1967 Mickey Knight, p  
 1968 Steve Rymal, 2b  
 1969 Richie Jordan, of  
 1970 Dick Vary, 3b  
 1971 Larry Rettenmund, if  
 1972 Bailey Oliver, c-if  
 1973 Larry Romaine, dh  
 1974 Dale Frietch, c-dh



## SPARTAN BATTING CHAMPIONS

Year	Name	Pos.	AB	H	R	Avg.
1925	Don Fleser .....	OF	56	33	18	.589
1926	Don Fleser .....	OF	81	54	32	.667
1927	D. Zimmerman .....	OF	79	43	30	.545
1928	Gerald Bryne .....	P-OF	66	27	13	.409
1929	Forest Rinehart .....	OF	85	32	19	.376
1930	Ed Gibbs .....	OF	99	45	32	.454
1931	H. Cuthbertson .....	2B	81	29	14	.361
1932	John Madona .....	SS	97	34	19	.349
1933	Alton Kircher .....	OF	86	37	20	.430
1934	William McCann .....	2B	80	30	12	.375
1935	Steve Sebo .....	C	76	26	12	.342
1936	Steve Sebo .....	C	87	35	17	.402
1937	Milt Lenhardt .....	OF	95	31	23	.326
1938	John Kuk .....	OF	96	34	17	.354
1939	Norman Duncan .....	SS	88	30	16	.341
1940	Norman Duncan .....	SS	88	35	18	.398
1941	Howard Ladue .....	OF	65	27	20	.415
1942	Peter Fornari .....	C	66	20	18	.303
1943	Arthur Maischoss .....	3B	60	20	8	.333
1944	No Varsity Team		(war year)			
1945	Ben Hudenko .....	C	54	20	9	.370
1946	Jacweir Breslin .....	1B	77	26	19	.338
1947	Edward Barbarito .....	2B	75	26	17	.347
1948	Dan Urbanik .....	3B	94	32	15	.340
1949	George Rutenbar .....	OF	106	40	29	.377
1950	Al Cummins .....	2B	117	43	30	.367
1951	Darrell Lindley .....	OF	103	43	28	.418
1952	Robert Ciolek .....	1B	55	20	9	.364
1953	Charles Mathews .....	1B	89	29	18	.326
1954	Charles Mathews .....	1B	105	37	25	.352
1955	George Smith .....	2B	103	42	29	.408
1956	Jim Sack .....	OF	117	42	25	.393
1957	Frank Palamara .....	2B	106	38	23	.358
1958	Ted Kearly .....	OF	61	23	13	.377
1959	John Fleser .....	OF	95	33	15	.347
1960	Robert Monczka .....	C	53	15	6	.283
1961	Tom Riley .....	OF	103	37	9	.359
1962	Jerry Sutton .....	1B	63	25	22	.397
1963	John Hines .....	3B	59	22	18	.373
1964	Jerry Sutton .....	1B	115	44	30	.383
1965	John Biedenbach .....	3B	146	57	29	.390
1966	Steve Polisar .....	SS	136	45	27	.331
1967	Bill Steckley .....	3B	157	51	34	.325
1968	Harry Kendrick .....	C	143	56	25	.392
1969	Richard Miller .....	OF	118	42	24	.356
1970	Robert Ellis .....	IF	158	60	26	.380
1971	Robert Ellis .....	OF	145	59	48	.407
1972	Ronald Pruitt .....	C-OF	130	50	37	.392
1973	John Rohde .....	1B-2B	158	50	24	.316
1974	Dale Frietch .....	C-DH	87	37	13	.425



## SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Season Individual Batting

## Highest Batting Average

*Don Fleser, '26 .....	.667
*Don Fleser, '25 .....	.589
*Del Zimmerman, '27 .....	.545
Ed Gibbs, '30 .....	.454
Alton Kircher, '33 .....	.430
Dale Frietch, '74 .....	.425
Darrell Lindley, '51 .....	.418
Howard La Due, '41 .....	.415
George Smith, '55 .....	.408

## Most Hits

Robert Ellis, '70 .....	60
Robert Ellis, '71 .....	59
Gary Boyce, '71 .....	57
John Biedenbach, '65 .....	57
Harry Kendrick, '68 .....	56
*Don Fleser, '26 .....	54
Bill Steckley, '67 .....	51
Steve Garvey, '68 .....	50
Ron Pruitt, '72 .....	50
John Rohde, '73 .....	50
John Dace, '71 .....	48
Tom Hummel, '67 .....	48

## Most Runs Scored

Gary Boyce, '71 .....	49
Robert Ellis, '71 .....	48
Chuck Mathews, '55 .....	40
Bill Simpson, '73 .....	38
Tom Hummel, '67 .....	37
Joe Gavel, '69 .....	37
Ron Pruitt, '72 .....	37
Ron DeLonge, '72 .....	35
Joe Porrevecchio, '64 .....	34
Bill Steckley, '67 .....	34

## Most Runs Batted In

Shaun Howitt, '72 .....	45
Robert Ellis, '71 .....	44
John Rohde, '73 .....	42
Steve Garvey, '68 .....	38
Dick Billings, '64 .....	37
Rick Miller, '69 .....	36
Jack Kinney, '49 .....	35
Ronald Pruitt, '70 .....	35
Ronald Pruitt, '71 .....	35

## Most Doubles

Bailey Oliver, '72 .....	15
Bob Speer, '66 .....	13
Robert Ellis, '70 .....	13
John Biedenbach, '65 .....	12
Ron Pruitt, '72 .....	12
Ron DeLonge, '73 .....	12
Bailey Oliver, '73 .....	12

## Most Triples

Ronald Pruitt, '71 .....	7
Robert Ellis, '71 .....	6
Abe Eliowitz, '31 .....	6
Terry Hop, '74 .....	6
John Biedenbach, '65 .....	5
Jim Sack, '56 .....	5
Ray Collard, '55 .....	5
Chuck Mathews, '53 .....	5
John Kuk, '38 .....	5
Milt Lehnhardt, '36 .....	5
Chuck Brown, '34 .....	5
Irvin Bartling, '34 .....	5
Alton Kircher, '33 .....	5
Ed Gibbs, '30 .....	5
Bill Steckley, '67 .....	5

## Most Home Runs

Robert Ellis, '71 .....	14
Shaun Howitt, '72 .....	12
Steve Garvey, '68 .....	9
Al Luce, '57 .....	9
Jerry Sutton, '63 .....	8
Ronald Pruitt, '71 .....	7
Robert Ellis, '70 .....	7
Joe Porrevecchio, '62 .....	7
Joe Rivich, '51 .....	7
Vince Magi, '50 .....	7
Ed Gibbs, '30 .....	7
Dick Billings, '64 .....	7
Rick Miller, '69 .....	7

## Most Total Bases

Robert Ellis, '71 .....	123
Robert Ellis, '70 .....	98
Steve Garvey, '68 .....	93
Ron Pruitt, '72 .....	88
Gary Boyce, '71 .....	86
John Biedenbach, '65 .....	85
Shaun Howitt, '72 .....	83
Ron Pruitt, '71 .....	82
Ed Gibbs, '30 .....	79
Harry Kendrick, '68 .....	78
Jim Sack, '56 .....	76

## Most Stolen Bases

Joe Gavel, '69 .....	21
Charles Fawcett, '32 .....	20
Richie Jordan, '69 .....	18
Theron Fager, '34 .....	17
Ed Gibbs, '31 .....	16

(Listings are based upon statistics available from seasons of 1930 through 1974 with exception of 1942 and 1943. Performances known prior to 1930 are noted with astericks.)



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (Continued)

## Season Individual Pitching

### Most Games Worked

Phil Fulton, '70	22
Mickey Knight, '68	19
Mickey Knight, '67	18
Robin Roberts, '47	17
Fred Devereux, '65	17
Kirk Maas, '70	17
Richard Kenney, '67	16

### Most Wins

Robert Clancy, '71	10
Dick Radatz, '59	10
Mel Behney, '68	9
Dick Idzkowski, '55	9
Larry Ike, '71	8
Mickey Sinks, '60	8
Ron Perranoski, '58	8
Phil Fulton, '70	8
Larry Ike, '70	8
Duane Bickel, '73	8
Elliott Moore, '73	8

### Most Losses

Richard Kenney, '67	7
Duane Bickel, '73	6
Doug Miller, '63	5
Jack Nutter, '63	5
Don Sackett, '59 & '60	5
Craig Van Sciever, '59	5
Bob Dangel, '53	5
Gary Smith, '67	5
Dan Bielski, '69	5

### Most Innings Pitched

Dick Radatz, '59	96
Duane Bickel, '73	95
Mickey Sinks, '60	92 2/3
Robin Roberts, '47	90 2/3
Ron Perranoski, '58	86 2/3
Phil Fulton, '70	86 2/3
Mel Behney, '68	84 1/3

### Most Strikeouts

Mel Behney, '68	107
Dick Radatz, '59	106
Ron Perranoski, '58	89
Richard Kenney, '67	88
Ron Perranoski, '57	86
Robin Roberts, '47	86

### Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel, '73	50
Rick Moore, '74	49
Rick Deller, '72	48
Ron Perranoski, '57 & '58	45
Mel Behney, '68	44
Jim Goodrich, '66	41
Mickey Knight, '69	39
Mel Behney, '67	37
Tom Lawson, '50	36

### Lowest Earned Run Average (30 or more innings)

Dick Holmes, '65	0.47
Jim Goodrich, '65	0.76
Dick Radatz, '59	1.12
Fred Devereux, '65	1.43
Bill Mansfield, '57	1.48

## Career Batting

### Highest Batting Average

Ed Gibbs, '30 & '31	.398
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71	.393
Steve Garvey, '68	.376
Jerry Sutton, '62, '63 & '64	.373
Joe Porrevecchio, '62, '63 & '64	.360
Jim Sack, '54, '55 & '56	.354
George Smith, '54, '55 & '56	.352

### Most Hits

Gary Boyce, '69, '70 & '71	142
Ron Pruitt, '70, '71 & '72	133
John Biedenbach, '64, '65 & '66	132
Harry Kendrick, '67, '68 & '69	126
Ron DeLonge, '70, '71, '72 & '73	124
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71	119
Chuck Mathews, '52, '53, '54 & '55	117
Phillip Rashead, '69, '70 & '71	113
Bob Maniere, '63, '64 & '65	110

### Most Runs

Gary Boyce, '69, '70 & '71	100
Ron DeLonge, '70, '71, '72 & '73	99
Ron Pruitt, '70, '71 & '72	92
Chuck Mathews, '52, '53, '54 & '55	87
Joe Porrevecchio, '62, '63 & '64	79
Jerry Sutton, '62, '63 & '64	75
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71	74
Shaun Howitt, '70, '71 & '72	73
Bill Steckley, '65, '66 & '67	72
Tom Binkowski, '66, '67 & '68	72



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (Continued)

## Career Batting

### Most Runs Batted In

Ron Pruitt, '70, '71 & '72 .....	103
Jerry Sutton, '62, '63 & '64 .....	89
Shaun Howitt, '70, '71 & '72 .....	82
Tom Binkowski, '66, '67 & '68 .....	78
Ron DeLonge, '70, '71, '72 & '73 ..	77
John Rohde, '70, '71, '72 & '73 ...	77
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71.....	74
Joe Porrevecchio, '62, '63 & '64 ..	71
Gary Boyce, '69, '70 & '71 .....	70
Ronald Pruitt, '70 & '71 .....	70
Jack Kinney, '49 & '50 .....	66
Harry Kendrick, '67, '68 & '69 ....	65
Bailey Oliver, '70, '71, '72 & '73	65

### Most Doubles

Bailey Oliver, '70, '71, '72 & '73	29
John Biedenbach, '64, '65 & '66 ...	27
John Dace, '70, '71 & '72 .....	27
Ron DeLonge, '70, '71, '72 & '73 ..	27
Joe Porrevecchio, '62, '63 & '64 ..	25
Ron Pruitt, '70, '71 & '72 .....	24
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71 .....	23
Phillip Rashead, '60, '70 & '71 ...	23
Harry Kendrick, '67, '68 & '69 ....	23
Tom Binkowski, '66, '67 & '68 .....	20

### Most Triples

Ray Collard, '54, '55 & '56 .....	11
Chuck Mathews, '52, '53, '54 & '55	11
Abe Eliowitz, '31, '32 & '33 .....	10
Milt Lehnhardt, '35, '36 & '37 ....	9
Ed Gibbs, '30 & '31 .....	9
John Biedenbach, '64, '65 & '66 ...	9
Ron Pruitt, '70, '71 & '72 .....	9

### Most Home Runs

Shaun Howitt, '70, '71 & '72 .....	22
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71.....	21
Ron Pruitt, '70, '71 & '72 .....	21
Jerry Sutton, '62, '63 & '64 .....	18
Al Luce, '55, '56 & '57 .....	14
Tom Binkowski, '66, '67 & '68 .....	13
Joe Porrevecchio, '62, '63 & '64 ..	13
Jack Kinney, '49 & '50 .....	12
Gary Boyce, '69, '70 & '71 .....	10
Joe Rivich, '50, '51 & '52 .....	10
Vince Magi, '49, '50 & '51 .....	10
Ed Gibbs, '30 & '31 .....	10
Harry Kendrick, '67, '68 & '69 ....	10
John Dace, '70, '71 & '72 .....	10

## Career Pitching

### Most Wins

Larry Ike, '70, '71 & '72 .....	23
Ron Perranoski, '56, '57 & '58 ...	21
Kirk Maas, '69, '70 & '71 .....	17
Mickey Sinks, '59, '60 & '61 .....	17
Dick Radatz, '57, '58 & '59 .....	17
Keith Steffee, '45, '46 & '47 ....	16
Mickey Knight, '67, '68 & '69 ....	16
Larry Ike, '70 & '71 .....	16
Rob Clancy, '70, '71, '72 & '73 ..	16

### Most Losses

Richard Kenney, '65, '66 & '67 ...	11
Don Sackett, '58, '59 & '60 .....	11
Ed Hobaugh, '54, '55 & '56 .....	10
Mickey Knight, '67, '68 & '69 ....	10
Mickey Sinks, '59, '60 & '61 .....	9
Bob Dangel, '51, '52 & '53 .....	8
Duane Bickel, '72 & '73 .....	8

### High Winning Percentage

Keith Steffe, '45, '46 & '47 ....	.889
(16-2)	
Zana Easton, '67, '68 & '69 .....	.846
(11-2)	
Elliott Moore, '70, '71, '72 & '73	.833
(15-3)	
Jim Goodrich, '65 & '66 .....	.818
(9-2)	
Dick Radatz, '57, '58 & '59 .....	.810
(17-4)	
Roger Howard, '51 & '52 .....	.800
(8-2)	

### Most Innings Pitched

Ron Perranoski, '56, '57 & '58 .	213 2/3
Mickey Sinks, '59, '60 & '61 ...	210 1/3
Larry Ike, '70, '71 & '72 .....	209 1/3
Ed Hobaugh, '54, '55 & '56 .....	206 1/3
Dick Radatz, '57, '58 & '59 ....	194 2/3
Kirk Maas, '69, '70 & '71 .....	190
Mickey Knight, '67, '68 & '69 ..	185 1/3

### Most Strikeouts

Ron Perranoski, '56, '57 & '58 ...	223
Dick Radatz, '57, '58 & '59 .....	193
Mickey Sinks, '59, '60 & '61 .....	180
Richard Kenney, '65, '66 & '67 ...	178
Mickey Knight, '67, '68 & '69 ....	174
Mel Behney, '67 & '68 .....	166



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (Continued)

## Career Pitching

### Most Bases on Balls

Ron Perranoski, '56, '57 & '58 .....	115
Elliott Moore, '70, '71, '72 & '73 .	88
Lou Bloch, '47, '48, '49 & '50 .....	84
Mel Behney, '67 & '68 .....	81
Larry Ike, '70, '71 & '72 .....	81
Mickey Knight, '67, '68 & '69 .....	79
Dick Idzkowski, '53, '54 & '55 .....	76
Richard Kenney, '65, '66 & '67 .....	73

## SPARTAN SEASON RECORDS -- TEAM

### Most Wins

1971 Varsity .....	36
1968 Varsity .....	32
1965 Varsity .....	28
1970 Varsity .....	28
1972 Varsity .....	28
1973 Varsity .....	27
1954 Varsity .....	25
1966 Varsity .....	24
1969 Varsity .....	24

### Most Losses

1967 Varsity .....	23
1973 Varsity .....	20
1953 Varsity .....	17
1969 Varsity .....	17
1974 Varsity .....	16
1970 Varsity .....	15
1963 Varsity .....	14
1959 Varsity .....	14
1952 Varsity .....	14
1948 Varsity .....	14

### Most Hits

1971 Varsity .....	421
1968 Varsity .....	396
1970 Varsity .....	378
1965 Varsity .....	363
1973 Varsity .....	359
1972 Varsity .....	356
1964 Varsity .....	350
1974 Varsity .....	349
1954 Varsity .....	344

### Most Runs

1971 Varsity .....	317
1972 Varsity .....	261
1968 Varsity .....	257
1955 Varsity .....	251
1974 Varsity .....	242
1964 Varsity .....	236
1973 Varsity .....	235
1962 Varsity .....	227
1969 Varsity .....	224

### Most Runs Batted In

1971 Varsity .....	271
1972 Varsity .....	236
1968 Varsity .....	222
1974 Varsity .....	210
1955 Varsity .....	207
1964 Varsity .....	203
1970 Varsity .....	200
1973 Varsity .....	200

### Most Doubles

1972 Varsity .....	70
1973 Varsity .....	69
1971 Varsity .....	66
1964 Varsity .....	65
1974 Varsity .....	63
1970 Varsity .....	58
1965 Varsity .....	56
1958 Varsity .....	55
1968 Varsity .....	54

### Most Triples

1971 Varsity .....	26
1955 Varsity .....	25
1932 Varsity .....	24
1954 Varsity .....	21
1962 Varsity .....	19
1951 Varsity .....	19
1949 Varsity .....	19
1934 Varsity .....	19

### Most Home Runs

1972 Varsity .....	43
1971 Varsity .....	42
1970 Varsity .....	37
1968 Varsity .....	31
1964 Varsity .....	31
1951 Varsity .....	27
1956 Varsity .....	24
1955 Varsity .....	24
1973 Varsity .....	24

## ALL-TIME RECORD

Year	Games Played	W	L	Tied	Pct.	Runs	Opp. Runs	Coach
1883	1	0	1	0	.000	11	12	
1884	6	4	2	0	.666	108	84	
1885	2	1	1	0	.500	27	13	
1886	8	5	3	0	.625	131	46	
1887	16	11	5	0	.688	223	95	Prof. Carpenter
1888	8	5	3	0	.625	79	95	Prof. Carpenter
1889	11	4	7	0	.636	105	125	
1890	8	3	5	0	.375	63	60	
1891	8	5	3	0	.625	81	81	
1892	4	3	1	0	.750	27	18	
1893	4	2	2	0	.500	31	47	
1894	6	3	2	1	.400	47	37	
1895	9	4	5	0	.444	80	102	
1896	12	3	9	0	.250	110	157	Robert T. Gale
1897	10	4	6	0	.400	103	84	Robert T. Gale
1898	12	7	5	0	.583	144	131	Robert T. Gale
1899	9	5	4	0	.555	79	64	Coach Ferguson
1900	9	3	6	0	.333	84	85	Charles O. Bemies
1901	3	1	2	0	.333	23	34	Charles O. Bemies
1902	10	2	8	0	.200	60	93	George E. Denman
1903	15	8	7	0	.534	140	100	George E. Denman
1904	16	12	4	0	.750	115	53	Chester L. Brewer
1905	15	11	4	0	.734	99	64	Chester L. Brewer
1906	19	11	8	0	.579	81	72	Chester L. Brewer
1907	12	4	8	0	.334	84	53	Chester L. Brewer
1908	13	7	5	1	.584	66	44	Chester L. Brewer
1909	13	9	4	0	.692	67	65	Chester L. Brewer
1910	14	8	6	0	.572	66	44	Chester L. Brewer
1911	16	11	5	0	.688	79	46	John F. Macklin
1912	13	10	3	0	.769	62	34	John F. Macklin
1913	18	11	7	0	.612	81	83	John F. Macklin
1914	18	12	6	0	.667	97	83	John F. Macklin
1915	14	8	6	0	.572	66	41	John F. Macklin
1916	15	11	4	0	.734	72	28	John Morrissey
1917	11	6	5	0	.546	70	44	John Morrissey
1918	12	7	5	0	.584	82	72	Chester L. Brewer
1919	13	4	9	0	.308	53	85	Chester L. Brewer
1920	15	6	9	0	.400	98	81	Chester L. Brewer
1921	14	6	8	0	.429	88	75	Geo. "Potsy" Clark
1922	17	9	8	0	.529	138	99	John Morrissey
1923	18	14	4	0	.778	134	103	Fred M. Walker
1924	13	6	7	0	.462	57	51	Fred M. Walker
1925	15	9	5	1	.643	102	85	John H. Kobs
1926	20	13	7	0	.650	120	69	John H. Kobs
1927	21	13	8	0	.619	140	106	John H. Kobs
1928	18	11	7	0	.611	132	115	John H. Kobs
1929	24	12	11	1	.522	122	145	John H. Kobs
1930	22	16	6	0	.750	129	73	John H. Kobs
1931	23	13	9	1	.591	132	95	John H. Kobs
1932	24	10	12	2	.455	126	106	John H. Kobs



## ALL-TIME RECORD (Continued)

Year	Games Played	W	L	Tied	Pct.	Runs	Opp. Runs	Coach
1933	20	13	7	0	.650	125	81	John H. Kobs
1934	22	10	11	1	.477	129	133	John H. Kobs
1935	21	11	9	1	.550	103	93	John H. Kobs
1936	20	13	7	0	.650	144	78	John H. Kobs
1937	27	16	11	0	.593	149	116	John H. Kobs
1938	24	15	9	0	.615	106	89	John H. Kobs
1939	23	13	10	0	.566	127	113	John H. Kobs
1940	22	12	8	2	.600	142	118	John H. Kobs
1941	23	13	10	0	.566	137	110	John H. Kobs
1942	25	13	11	1	.542	133	139	John H. Kobs
1943	16	9	7	0	.563	89	72	John H. Kobs
1944	(No varsity team, war year)							
1945	16	12	4	0	.750	101	65	John H. Kobs
1946	26	21	5	0	.808	168	78	John H. Kobs
1947	24	16	8	0	.667	163	94	John H. Kobs
1948	25	10	14	1	.416	129	141	John H. Kobs
1949	28	19	8	1	.696	214	134	John H. Kobs
1950	28	19	9	0	.679	198	151	John H. Kobs
1951	26	17	9	0	.653	206	141	John H. Kobs
1952	32	18	14	0	.563	143	128	John H. Kobs
1953	28	11	17	0	.393	115	158	John H. Kobs
1954	36	25	10	1	.708	219	139	John H. Kobs
1955	32	21	11	0	.656	251	179	John H. Kobs
1956	29	16	13	0	.551	169	140	John H. Kobs
1957	32	18	13	1	.580	210	154	John H. Kobs
1958	34	22	12	0	.647	195	114	John H. Kobs
1959	35	21	14	0	.600	187	139	John H. Kobs
1960	30	17	13	0	.567	135	126	John H. Kobs
1961	33	21	11	1	.656	187	120	John H. Kobs
1962	30	17	13	0	.567	227	171	John H. Kobs
1963	33	18	14	1	.560	210	153	John H. Kobs
1964	34	22	12	0	.647	236	155	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1965	39	28	11	0	.718	221	117	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1966	38	24	13	1	.644	211	150	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1967	46	22	23	1	.489	211	158	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1968	43	32	10	1	.734	257	104	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1969	41	24	17	0	.585	224	162	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1970	45	28	15	2	.644	222	156	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1971	46	36	10	0	.783	325	148	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1972	39	28	10	1	.731	261	128	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1973	47	27	20	0	.574	235	204	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1974	40	23	16	1	.588	242	181	Daniel W. Litwhiler
TOTAL	1904	1133	746	25	.602	12017	8808	

INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORD  
(College & Service Teams Only)

Opp.	G	W	L	T	1st Game	Opp.	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Adrian	3	3	0	0	1927	Ft. Jackson	3	2	1	0	1946
Akron	1	1	0	0	1914	Ft. Knox	3	3	0	0	1959
Alabama	2	1	1	0	1957	Ft. Lee	9	7	2	0	1953
Albion	80	59	20	1	1896	Furman	2	2	0	0	1935
Alma	26	24	2	0	1900	Geo. Wash.	1	1	0	0	1963
Amherst	1	0	0	1	1957	Georgia	17	10	7	0	1913
Arizona	1	1	0	0	1954	Ga. South.	1	1	0	0	1964
Armour Tech	10	9	1	0	1906	Ga. Tech.	3	2	0	1	1932
Army	6	5	0	1	1967	Great Lakes	3	2	1	0	1942
Auburn	2	0	2	0	1926	Hillsdale	29	24	5	0	1896
Ball State	13	11	2	0	1966	Hope	9	8	1	0	1923
Baruch	2	2	0	0	1972	Hosei	2	0	2	0	1931
Beloit	2	1	1	0	1902	Hunter AFB	1	1	0	0	1958
Bethany	4	2	2	0	1914	Illinois	40	22	18	0	1952
Bradley	7	6	1	0	1926	Ill. Wesl.	1	0	1	0	1940
Buchtel	1	1	0	0	1913	Indiana	49	28	21	0	1919
Buffalo	3	2	0	1	1916	Iowa	57	34	22	1	1921
Butler	3	2	1	0	1924	Iowa St. Col.	2	1	1	0	1930
California	3	1	2	0	1938	Ithaca	1	0	1	0	1963
Cp. Gordon	1	0	1	0	1952	Kalamazoo	31	19	12	0	1895
Cp. Lejeune	19	11	8	0	1953	Kentucky	1	1	0	0	1913
Case	2	1	1	0	1913	Lake Forest	7	6	1	0	1908
Cent. Mich.	30	19	11	0	1911	Marshall	4	2	2	0	1915
Cherry Pt.	2	0	2	0	1953	Maryville	6	2	4	0	1927
Chicago	7	4	3	0	1923	Mass.	3	2	1	0	1954
Cincinnati	8	6	2	0	1929	Mercer	2	1	1	0	1926
Clemson	13	9	3	1	1935	Miami (Fla.)	32	13	17	2	1965
Coe	1	1	0	0	1934	Miami (O.)	2	1	1	0	1930
Colgate	3	1	2	0	1929	Michigan	163	59	103	1	1884
Connecticut	1	1	0	0	1970	Minnesota	40	14	26	0	1925
Cornell	5	4	1	0	1936	Mississippi	2	0	2	0	1931
Cumberland	3	2	0	1	1928	Miss. A & M	1	1	0	0	1931
Davidson	2	1	1	0	1934	Missouri	1	0	1	0	1954
Defiance	1	1	0	0	1929	Nebraska	1	1	0	0	1937
DePaul	7	6	1	0	1908	Newberry	7	5	1	1	1935
DePauw	4	2	2	0	1903	Newport News	1	1	0	0	1961
Detroit	63	52	11	0	1915	New York	2	2	0	0	1966
Det. Bus.	1	1	0	0	1905	Niagara	2	2	0	0	1916
Det. College	5	3	2	0	1902	N. Carolina	20	6	13	1	1933
Det. U. School	3	2	0	1	1907	N. Car. St.	11	9	2	0	1936
Duke	24	10	14	0	1933	No. Iowa	3	1	2	0	1973
E. Kentucky	2	2	0	0	1937	Northwestern	44	33	10	1	1931
E. Michigan	76	53	22	1	1896	Notre Dame	110	60	50	0	1907
Elon	3	2	1	0	1933	Oberlin	10	7	3	0	1914
Fairleigh						Ogelthorpe	1	1	0	0	1926
Dickinson	2	1	0	1	1961	Ohio	15	8	7	0	1932
Florida	2	1	1	0	1965	Ohio North.	2	1	1	0	1913
Florida A & M	1	1	0	0	1969	Ohio State	89	42	46	1	1911
Florida St.	13	5	8	0	1957	Ohio Wesl.	6	4	2	0	1910
Ft. Belvoir	2	2	0	0	1962	Olivet	56	39	16	1	1884
Ft. Benning	14	6	7	1	1926	Parris Island	6	2	4	0	1956
Ft. Custer	2	0	2	0	1942	Penn State	4	3	1	0	1920
Ft. Eustis	3	1	2	0	1954	Pensacola Navy	3	2	1	0	1942



# INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORD (Continued)

Opp.	G	W	L	T	1st Game	Opp.	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	0	1969	Valparaiso	6	2	4	0	1920
Presbyterian	2	2	0	0	1940	Vanderbilt	8	2	6	0	1929
Pressman Tech	1	1	0	0	1928	Virginia	2	2	0	0	1963
Purdue	36	26	10	0	1949	VMI	1	1	0	0	1956
Rhode Island	1	1	0	0	1961	Vir. Tech.	3	2	1	0	1951
Richmond	2	1	0	1	1950	Wabash	13	8	5	0	1908
Rochester	2	2	0	0	1916	Wake Forest	16	5	11	0	1933
Rollins	5	2	3	0	1954	Wash. & Jeff.	1	1	0	0	1903
Rutgers	6	5	1	0	1966	Wayne St.	33	32	1	0	1942
St. John's (O.)	1	1	0	0	1911	Wesleyan	1	1	0	0	1967
St. Mary's (Mich.)	7	6	1	0	1917	Wisconsin	57	30	25	2	1904
St. Viator	8	5	1	2	1909	W. Kentucky	1	0	1	0	1972
Selfridge AF	2	2	0	0	1943	W. Michigan	91	39	52	0	1916
S. Carolina	21	16	5	0	1935	W. Reserve	10	10	0	0	1910
So. Illinois	4	1	2	1	1972	Wilm. J.C.	2	1	1	0	1961
Springfield	1	0	1	0	1960	Wisconsin	65	35	28	2	1904
Spring Arbor	2	2	0	0	1965	Yale	5	4	1	0	1952
Syracuse	12	8	4	0	1908	Xavier	6	5	1	0	1927
Tennessee	1	1	0	0	1949	Montclair St.	2	1	1	0	1974
Toledo	6	5	1	0	1936	Seton Hall	2	1	1	0	1974
Toronto	1	1	0	0	1904						

## STATE'S 24 BIG TEN SEASONS

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	Place
1951 .....	10	4	6	.400	7th
1952 .....	13	7	6	.538	5th
1953 .....	13	6	7	.462	7th
1954 .....	13	11	2	.846	1st
1955 .....	15	10	5	.667	2nd (Tie)
1956 .....	11	4	7	.364	8th
1957 .....	11	5	6	.455	7th
1958 .....	15	10	5	.667	2nd
1959 .....	15	8	7	.533	4th (Tie)
1960 .....	11	4	7	.364	8th
1961 .....	14	6	8	.429	5th
1962 .....	14	6	8	.429	5th (Tie)
1963 .....	14	5	9	.357	8th
1964 .....	15	8	7	.533	4th (Tie)
1965 .....	15	9	6	.600	3rd
1966 .....	13	8	5	.615	4th
1967 .....	18	8	10	.444	6th
1968 .....	17	13	4	.765	2nd
1969 .....	16	8	8	.500	5th (Tie)
1970 .....	16	9	7	.563	3rd
1971 .....	16	13	3	.813	1st
1972 .....	14	10	4	.714	2nd
1973 .....	18	9	9	.500	5th (Tie)
1974 .....	15	7	8	.467	6th
ALL-TIME RECORD .....	342	188	154	.550	

# Michigan State Baseball 1976





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ON THE COVER -- Counted upon as key performers for Michigan State baseball in 1976 are, left to right, second baseman Terry Hop, catcher Rick Seid and first baseman-outfielder Mike Fricke. Fricke made the All-Big Ten second team and Hop and Seid were loop third-team selections in 1975.

# 1976 SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
March 20-31	Miami Twin Hurricane Tournaments (14 games -- Others: Miami, Mercer, Seton Hall, Massachusetts, Maine).	Miami, Fla.
April 9 (Fri.)	Eastern Michigan (2)	Ypsilanti
13 (Tues.)	ALBION (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
16 (Fri.)	*Iowa (2)	Iowa City, Iowa
17 (Sat.)	*Minnesota (2)	Minneapolis, Minn.
20 (Tues.)	DETROIT (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
23 (Fri.)	WAYNE STATE (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
25 (Sun.)	NOTRE DAME (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
27 (Tues.)	Central Michigan (2) (1 p.m.)	Mt. Pleasant
May 1 (Sat.)	*ILLINOIS (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
2 (Sun.)	*PURDUE (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
4 (Tues.)	EASTERN MICHIGAN (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
8 (Sat.)	*INDIANA (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
9 (Sun.)	*OHIO STATE (2) (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
11 (Tues.)	Western Michigan (2)	Kalamazoo
15 (Sat.)	*Northwestern (2)	Evanston, Ill.
16 (Sun.)	*Wisconsin (2)	Madison, Wis.
22 (Sat.)	*MICHIGAN (1 p.m.)	EAST LANSING
23 (Sun.)	*Michigan	Ann Arbor

## \*Big Ten Games

HOME GAMES at John Kobs Field. Home EST through April 23, EDT thereafter.

Games Scheduled -- 48 (14 in Florida, 34 in regular season, 18 in Big Ten,  
19 at home.)



# 1976 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Cl.	Home/High School/Coach
3	Armbruster, Matt	P	R	R	6-0	160	8-10-56	So.	Grosse Pointe/South/George Duditch
4	Bastien, Rodger	SS	R	R	6-0	175	3-22-57	Fr.	Grandville/Tom Nauta
5	**Weston, Al	OF	R	R	5-9	170	8- 4-55	Jr.	Hazel Park/Chuck Mikulas
6	*Willingham, Tyrone	3B	R	R	5-8	155	12-30-53	Sr.	Jacksonville, N.C./Ken Miller
7	**Seid, Rick	C	R	R	6-0	185	7-10-53	Sr.	Oak Park/Mickey Sinks
8	DelPapa, Bob	C	R	R	5-8	180	9- 5-56	Fr.	Fraser/Mario Borrocci
9	*Simpson, Pat	OF	R	R	6-2	185	11-22-55	Jr.	Royal Oak/Shrine/Jim McDougal
10	**Moore, Rick	P	R	L	6-6	230	2- 9-55	Jr.	Midland/Frank Altimore
11	Bakunas, Joe	C	R	R	5-11	190	8- 7-56	Jr.	Linden, N.J./Tom Hoagland
12	Conklin, Dave	OF	R	L	5-10	165	12-15-56	Fr.	Williamston/Gary Shaffer
14	Wilson, Thomas	P	R	R	6-2	190	10-30-55	Jr.	South Lake/Stam Staphonic
15	**Hop, Terry	2B	R	R	5-9	170	2- 9-54	Sr.	Zeeland/Jack Rumohr
16	*Hubert, Todd	P	R	R	6-2	175	7-18-55	Jr.	Harper Woods/Bishop Gallagher/Jim Bresciam
17	Wedley, Dan	OF	L	L	5-10	175	2-21-56	So.	Lansing/Eastern/Paul Hammond
18	*Pruitt, Randy	1B	R	R	6-0	185	2-25-55	Jr.	Flint/Central/Jim Fuller
19	*Lincoln, John	P	R	R	6-1	175	3-25-55	Jr.	Portage/Northern/Dave Reeves
20	Johnson, Sherm	P	R	L	6-2	195	12-27-54	Jr.	Grand Rapids/Union/John Zakem
21	*Knivvila, Jim	P	R	R	6-3	190	3-31-55	Jr.	Holt/Jerry Reynolds
22	**Fricke, Mike	1B	L	L	6-2	180	8-13-54	Sr.	Grosse Pointe Woods/Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher/Jim Bresciam
23	Wenson, Tony	C	R	R	6-1	195	9-25-54	Jr.	Farmington/Richard Roy
24	Baker, Chuck	P	R	R	6-0	207	3-13-56	So.	Saginaw/Arthur Hill/Ed Perlar
25	**Evans, Scott	P	R	R	6-4	200	5- 3-54	Sr.	Northville/Chuck Shonta
26	Beck, Don	P	R	R	6-0	178	12-28-56	So.	Portage/Northern/Dave Reeves
--	Boland, John	P	R	R	6-3	220	2- 6-57	Fr.	Northville/Chuck Shonta
--	Maupin, Martin	2B	R	R	5-11	165	6- 4-57	Fr.	Ann Arbor/Huron/Jess Kauffman
--	Moore, Mike	C	L	R	6-0	185	11-29-56	Fr.	Fenton/Bill Hajec
--	Pashnick, Larry	P	R	R	6-2	185	4-25-56	So.	Wyandotte/Roosevelt/Dave Lange
--	Porter, Otha	OF	R	R	5-9	165	11-21-56	Fr.	Detroit/Mumford/John Hazely
--	St. Clair, Bill	P	R	R	6-3	202	5-14-55	Jr.	Springfield, Mass./Tech/Howie Burns
--	Sutherland, Mark	SS	R	R	6-0	157	9-15-57	Fr.	Garden City/West/Bob Dropp
--	Tyler, Gary	P	R	R	6-3	195	11-11-57	Fr.	Kalamazoo/Central/Bill Topp
--	Weller, Jerry	OF	R	R	6-1	185	1-12-56	So.	Rochester/Adams/Jerry Summerhays
--	Woodward, Ron	C	R	R	6-0	183	1-10-57	Fr.	Midland/Frank Altimore

\*Denotes Varsity Letters Won

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

3	Armbruster, Matt, p	16	Hubert, Todd, p	9	Simpson, Pat, of
24	Baker, Chuck, p	20	Johnson, Sherm, p	--	St. Clair, Bill, p
11	Bakunas, Joe, c	21	Knivvila, Jim, p	--	Sutherland, Mark, ss
4	Bastien, Rodger, ss	19	Lincoln, John, p	--	Tyler, Gary, p
26	Beck, Don, p	--	Maupin, Martin, 2b	17	Wedley, Dan, of
--	Boland, John, p	--	Moore, Mike, c	--	Weller, Jerry, of
12	Conklin, Dave, of	10	Moore, Rick, p	23	Wenson, Tony, c
8	DelPapa, Bob, c	--	Pashnick, Larry, p	5	Weston, Al, of
25	Evans, Scott, p	--	Porter, Otha, of	6	Willingham, Tyrone, 3b
22	Fricke, Mike, 1b	18	Pruitt, Randy, 1b	14	Wilson, Tom, p
15	Hop, Terry, 2b	7	Seid, Rick, c	--	Woodward, Ron, c



## 1975 FINAL STATISTICS

Player	GP	AB	R	H	AVG	Batting-Fielding																TC	DP	AVG
						2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	SH	SF	HP	PO	A	E					
Scott Evans, p .....	0	1	1	1	1.000	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	11	0	1.000		
Joe Palamara, 2b .....	38	111	25	38	.342	4	1	0	44	19	15	8	5	2	1	0	63	80	8	151	10	.947		
Mike Fricke, of .....	44	135	26	45	.333	6	4	0	59	26	18	10	8	1	2	1	85	3	5	93	0	.946		
Terry Hop, ss .....	44	140	32	46	.329	8	1	1	59	17	27	8	13	3	3	1	74	109	13	196	12	.934		
Pat Simpson, 3b .....	39	103	17	32	.311	3	4	0	43	13	14	12	6	1	0	3	99	34	4	137	9	.971		
Don Ballard, 3b .....	20	33	4	10	.303	1	0	0	11	1	9	3	1	1	0	0	13	26	1	40	2	.975		
Rick Seid, c/dh .....	43	132	21	38	.288	6	3	3	59	21	16	8	0	0	1	2	141	13	8	162	0	.951		
Tyrone Willingham, of ...	28	42	15	12	.286	1	0	0	13	5	16	7	3	2	0	1	26	3	1	30	0	.967		
Howie Schryer, 1b .....	38	105	10	29	.276	8	1	0	39	11	9	18	0	0	0	2	232	34	5	271	15	.982		
Randy Pruitt, 3b .....	33	100	19	27	.270	8	2	0	38	15	11	6	0	0	1	2	13	49	13	75	1	.827		
Al Weston, of .....	44	130	18	34	.261	7	2	3	54	25	8	12	2	0	2	1	54	4	6	64	0	.906		
Amos Hewitt, of .....	43	134	18	33	.246	6	0	3	47	30	17	17	4	1	3	0	49	2	1	52	0	.981		
Dave Collison, of .....	15	29	8	7	.241	0	0	0	7	3	5	10	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1.000		
Craig Gerard, 2b .....	31	59	16	11	.186	2	1	0	15	4	2	8	0	4	0	0	42	55	2	99	12	.980		
Dale Frietch, c/dh .....	21	57	3	10	.175	0	1	0	12	8	4	15	0	1	2	1	86	14	6	106	1	.943		
Moe Danielewicz, p .....	2	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1.000		
Duane Bickel, p .....	0	1	1	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	3	15	1	.800		
Tony Wenson, p .....	1	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	1.000		
Rick Moore, p .....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	1.000		
John Lincoln, p .....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	.667		
Todd Hubert, p .....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	8	0	.875		
George Mahan, p .....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	11	0	15	0	1.000		
Jim Kniivila, p .....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	2	10	0	.800		
MICHIGAN STATE .....	44	1314	234	373	.286	61	20	10	502	201	171	142	43	18	15	15	995	478	80	1553	26	.948		
OPPONENTS .....	44	1276	211	327	.256	56	23	12	475	179	220	212	52	16	13	15	1005	465	105	1575	47	.933		



# 1975 FINAL STATISTICS

Pitcher	Throws	Pitching																
		GP	GS	CG	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	SHO	ERA
Mike Fricke .....	L	1	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Todd Hubert .....	R	13	4	3	6	1	.857	49.1	47	20	16	25	20	0	4	0	1	2.91
Don Ballard .....	R	2	0	0	0	1	.000	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3.00
Duane Bickel .....	R	13	12	4	5	2	.714	77	55	41	27	58	52	3	2	0	2	3.15
Jim Kniivila .....	R	8	8	5	5	3	.625	50.1	43	31	21	39	24	0	7	1	0	3.75
John Lincoln .....	R	9	0	0	0	0	.000	18.2	19	9	8	7	11	2	2	0	0	3.85
George Mahan .....	R	10	10	6	6	4	.600	67	57	32	29	36	66	3	4	1	1	3.89
Rick Moore .....	L	8	8	0	3	4	.429	34.2	41	34	28	28	19	3	1	0	0	7.26
Scott Evans .....	R	9	2	0	3	1	.750	18.2	33	30	23	11	13	2	3	0	0	11.09
Moe Danielewicz .....	R	5	0	0	0	0	.000	11.1	18	16	16	12	4	2	4	0	0	12.07
Larry Pashnick .....	R	1	0	0	0	0	.000	2	6	7	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	18.00
MICHIGAN STATE .....		44	44	18	28	16	.636	333	327	211	173	220	212	15	27	2	3	4.67
OPPONENTS .....		44	44	19	16	28	.364	335	373	234	167	171	142	15	23	4	1	4.21

FINAL 1975 RECORD -- 28-16; BIG TEN RECORD -- 11-4

2 Miami (Fla.) .....	4-	7 *Purdue .....	5+	7 *Indiana .....	2+
8 Mercer .....	4+	9 *Illinois .....	5+	1 *Indiana .....	7-
2 Mercer .....	4-	5 *Illinois .....	3+	2 Eastern Michigan ....	4-
13 Buffalo .....	12+	1 Western Michigan ....	10-	3 Eastern Michigan ....	2+
1 Miami (Fla.) .....	14-	2 Western Michigan ....	3-	5 *Wisconsin .....	4+
6 Buffalo .....	3+	13 *Minnesota .....	11+	3 *Wisconsin .....	2+
7 Buffalo .....	3+	7 Wayne State .....	2+	3 *Northwestern .....	8-
1 Miami (Fla.) .....	6-	7 Wayne State .....	2+	9 *Northwestern .....	2+
6 Louisiana State .....	9-	2 Detroit .....	1+		
18 Louisiana State .....	4+	4 Detroit .....	5-		
4 Florida State .....	3+	9 Notre Dame .....	0+		
3 Florida State .....	11-	2 Notre Dame .....	1+		
10 Army .....	15-	4 *Michigan .....	0+		
13 Army .....	2+	1 *Michigan .....	4-		
5 Army .....	2+	5 Central Michigan ....	4+		
10 Ball State .....	8+	3 Central Michigan ....	2+		
2 Ball State .....	13-	1 *Ohio State .....	0+		
10 *Purdue .....	4+	0 *Ohio State .....	1-		

# 1975 BIG TEN STANDINGS

		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1.	Michigan	13	3	.813
2.	Iowa	11	3	.785
3.	Minnesota	13	4	.764
4.	MICHIGAN STATE	11	4	.733
5.	Wisconsin	9	9	.500
6.	Ohio State	7*	10	.412
7.	Indiana	7	11	.389
8.	Northwestern	6	12	.333
9.	Illinois	4*	11	.266
10.	Purdue	1	15	.067

\*Played tie game, not counted above

## 1976 JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
April 11 (Sun.)	Kalamazoo Valley Community College (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
12 (Mon.)	Grand Rapids Junior College (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
13 (Tues.)	Michigan JV (2)	Ann Arbor
16 (Fri.)	Michigan JV (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
21 (Wed.)	Lansing Community College (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
22 (Thurs.)	Glen Oaks Community College (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
24 (Sat.)	C.S. Mott Community College (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
27 (Tues.)	Alma (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
29 (Thurs.)	Washtenaw Community College (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
May 6 (Thurs.)	C.S. Mott Community College (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
10 (Mon.)	Lansing Community College (2)	Lansing
11 (Tues.)	Alma (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing
12 (Wed.)	St. Clair Community College (2) (1 p.m.)	East Lansing



## 1976 PROSPECTS

Despite the loss of nine important players from last season's strong team, Michigan State baseball coach Danny Litwhiler terms himself "loaded with optimism about the 1976 club."

"We have a good chance to be a Big Ten title contender again," he says. "We should be improved in almost every department of play."

The 1975 club was beset by such horrible weather, including a flood, that it was on its home John Kobs Field just four practice days and five playing dates. Thirty-five out of 44 games were played on the road, yet the Spartans wound up with a 28-16 won-lost card and came within a whisker of winning the Big Ten championship. It stayed in winning range until the final game of the season and ended with an 11-4 league record and 4th place.

Major losses include the club's top hitter and All-Big Ten and All-America second baseman Joe Palamara who hit .342 last season, first baseman Howard Schryer (.276), catcher Dale Frietch (.175), outfielder Amos Hewitt (.246) and pitchers Duane Bickel (5-2) and George Mahan (6-4). The latter signed a professional contract.

### A rundown by positions:

Pitching -- This should be a strong area with five veterans sharing leadership. They are Todd Hubert (6-1 last season), Jim Kniivila (5-3), Rick Moore (3-4), Scott Evans (3-1) and John Lincoln (0-0). Several newcomers figure to make major contributions, headed by sophomore Chuck Baker and freshman John Boland. Both could be regular starters before the season is far advanced. Other new hurlers who may see important action are j.c. transfers Sherman Johnson and Tom Wilson, freshman Gary Tyler and sophomores Larry Pashnick and Don Beck. Another veteran who may be heard from later is junior Bill St. Clair, a victim of misfortunes all through his MSU career. Most recently he broke a leg jumping over a bank of snow and ice.

Catching -- Rick Seid is the man to beat out for the backstopping post. He played in 43 of MSU's 44 games last spring, batted .288 and knocked in 21 runs. His main competition figures to come from either Bob DelPapa, a chunky 5-8 freshman who has picked up the nickname "Road Block", and junior Tony Wenson. Other receivers who could cut in are junior Joe Bakunas and freshmen Mike Moore and Ron Woodward.

Infield -- Three veteran performers and a freshman are likely first string performers here. Randy Pruitt (.270) will be back at third again although he may be called on at times to switch to first. Mike Fricke (.333) probably will be at first most of the time but may also work in center field. Former shortstop Terry Hop (.329) will switch to second. Freshman Roger Bastien, whom Head Coach Danny Litwhiler says is ahead of any shortstop he has ever had at this stage of his career, is expected to be a fixture there. What Danny says is quite a mouthful inasmuch as he tutored a pair of major league shortstops, Woody Woodward and Dick Howser, in their college careers at Florida State. Bastien and Hop could be the most potent double play combination in Spartan history. A pair of freshmen walkons named Martin Maupin and Mark Sutherland have shown considerable promise and could become the key relief men.

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## PROSPECTS, Cont'd.

Outfield -- Three veterans and a sophomore are best bets here. Al Weston (.261), will move from right to left field this spring and Pat Simpson (.311), who was mainly an infield utility player last spring, figures to go to right. When Fricke is working at first base, either varsity returnee Tyrone Willingham (.286) or sophomore Dan Wedley may be in center. Others in the picture for outfield play are sophomore Jerry Weller and freshmen Otha Porter and Dave Conklin.

## PLAYER SKETCHES

**MATT ARMBRUSTER** -- Pitcher, throws right, bats right, sophomore, Grosse Pointe (South). Newcomer to the Spartan staff. A walk-on surprise to the MSU coaches. Owns a good variety of pitches, including the curve and the slider. Small size for a hurler but can be crafty on the mound. A pre-veterinary major. Born 8-10-56.

**CHUCK BAKER** -- Pitcher, throws right, bats right, sophomore, Saginaw (Arthur Hill). Could aid the Spartans in a relief role. Throws hard and has shown considerable improvement since fall practice. Possesses a fine repertoire of pitches. An All-Valley pick at Arthur Hill. Nickname is Buddy. Majors in Parks and Recreation Resources. Born 3-13-56 in Tacoma, Wash.

**JOE BAKUNAS** -- Catcher, throws right, bats right, junior, Linden, N.J. (Linden). A fine defensive receiver. Could see action in relief of a starter or in the late innings. Coaches hope hitting will come around. Lettered in baseball and basketball at Linden High. A Health, Physical Education and Recreation major. Born 8-7-55.

**RODGER BASTIEN** -- Shortstop, throws right, bats right, freshman, Grandville (Grandville). Already acclaimed as one of the finest fielding shortstops State will ever have. Can go left or right; behind second or in the hole; to nab grounders. Owns an accurate rifle for an arm. Hitting is still a bit inconsistent. An All-Conference selection in both baseball and basketball while at Grandville High. A captain and MVP with the cage squad. An English major, born 3-22-57.

**DON BECK** -- Pitcher, throws right, bats right, sophomore, Portage (Northern). Another promising hurler for the future. Throws the curve and slider well. Needs to develop consistent control of his pitches. Will probably begin the season in the bullpen. Attended high school with Spartan junior pitcher John Lincoln. Undeclared academic major. Born 12-28-56.

**DAVE CONKLIN** -- Outfielder, throws left, bats right, freshman, Williamston (Williamston). An excellent athlete, already given a good shot at a starting position. A dangerous hitter with unlimited potential. One of Michigan's most heavily recruited players. Earned nine varsity letters while at Williamston High, two in football, three in basketball and and four in baseball. A three-year pick to the All-League, All-District, All-Regional and All-State squads. Has not designated academic field. Born 12-15-56.

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## PLAYER SKETCHES, Cont'd.

**BOB DEL PAPA** -- Catcher, throws right, bats right, freshman, Fraser (Fraser).  
Tabbed as back-up to starting receiver Rick Seid. Also is a good bet to handle designated hitter chores. A powerful, stocky slugger. Should provide strong punch to the Spartan lineup. A seven sport star at Fraser High, earning three letters in football and baseball, one in basketball. An All-League and All-District performer for the baseballers. Majors in industrial arts. Born 9-5-56.

**SCOTT EVANS** -- Pitcher, throws right, bats right, senior, Northville (Northville).  
Designated as State's No. 1 hurler this spring. The MSU coaches feel this should be Scott's year. Won three and lost one in nine appearances last season. Picked up a double in his only at bat in 1975. President of State's senior class and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on campus. An 11 letterman at Northville. Majoring in building construction and design. Born 5-3-54.

**RANDY PRUITT** -- Infielder, throws right, bats right, junior, Flint (Central).  
Moves to first base this season, after spending most of last at third. Played 33 games last year, hitting a steady .270. Tied for the team lead in doubles with eight. A six letterman at Flint Central, earning three in baseball. An All-State and All-Valley selection, in addition to three years on the All-City squad. Brother of ex-Spartan star Ron Pruitt, now a professional player. Majoring in health, physical education and recreation. Born 2-25-55.

**RICK SEID** -- Catcher, throws right, bats right, senior, Oak Park (Oak Park).  
Obtained another year of eligibility and will return to man the starting post. Played in 43 games last year, some as a designated hitter. Collected 38 hits, averaging .288. Tied for team lead in total bases with 59. Clobbered six doubles, three triples and three homers. Batted .308 in first MSU season two years ago. Transferred from Michigan, where he lettered as a freshman. Gathered eight letters in three sports at Oak Park High. Served as captain on the baseball, football and basketball teams during his junior and senior years. Drafted by the Red Sox after selection to All-League, All-District and All-Metro prep teams. Majoring in telecommunications. Born 7-10-53.

**PAT SIMPSON** -- Outfielder, throws right, bats right, junior, Royal Oak (Shrine).  
Hit .311 in 39 games for State last year, his first with the varsity. Named most improved player by his teammates. Tied for team lead in triples with four. Seemed to disprove weak-hitting label. Will likely start in right this year, but can play almost anywhere. Brother Bill starred in football and baseball at State, now a member of the Los Angeles Rams. Earned All-State, All-League and All-Area honors at Shrine. A health, physical education and recreation major. Born 11-22-55.

**DAN WEDLEY** -- Outfielder, throws left, bats left, sophomore, Lansing (Eastern).  
Joins Mike Fricke as the only two players throwing and hitting lefthanded for the Spartans. Will probably fill a relief role this season. Looking for chance to prove himself after playing with the JVs last year. A football center at Eastern where he won three letters in the grid sport. Captain of the baseball squad during senior season, collecting All-League, All-Region, All-District and MVP merits. Majors in Parks and Recreation. Born 2-21-56.

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## PLAYER SKETCHES, Cont'd.

TONY WENSON -- Catcher, throws right, bats right, junior, Farmington (Farmington). Spent last season in the Spartan bullpen warming up pitchers. Now is battling for backup position behind Rick Seid. Saw action in one game in 1975, handling five chances without error. Spent freshman days at Hillsdale College before transferring. All-League and All-District honors while leading the Farmington baseball squad. Majoring in package engineering. Born 9-25-54.

AL WESTON -- Outfielder, throws right, bats right, junior, Hazel Park (Hazel Park). Hopes to bounce back from slight sophomore jinx a year ago. Named All-Big Ten during freshman season, slamming six home runs and 31 RBIs. Hit .261 last year, playing in all 44 games. Did tie for team lead in four-baggers with three. Seems to be on right track during the early spring drills. A three-letter star in both football and baseball at Hazel Park. All-State, All-League and All-District in both sports. Majoring in agriculture. Born 8-4-55.

MIKE FRICKE -- Outfielder, throws left, bats left, senior, Grosse Pointe Woods (Bishop Gallagher). Should start in centerfield, but could also see plenty of action at first base. MSU's second leading hitter a year ago, collecting 45 hits in 44 games for a .333 average. Hit .343 in 24 1974 games. A fine defensive fielder, he has committed just five errors in two seasons. A personnel management major. Born 8-13-54.

TERRY HOP -- Infielder, throws right, bats right, senior, Zeeland (Zeeland). After being labeled one of MSU's finest all-time shortstops last year, Hop moves to second base in favor of the hot-handed Rodger Bastien. The coaches feel the move puts Terry back into his natural position. Team MVP in 1975. Led the team in hits last season with 46. Third highest average with .329. Continued to carry hot bat into spring drills this year. Stole 13 bases last campaign. Fine hit and run specialist. Transferred from Grand Rapids Junior College. Took All-League and All-District honors at Zeeland High. A health, physical education and recreation major. Born 2-9-54.

TODD HUBERT -- Pitcher, throws right, bats right, junior, Harper Woods (Bishop Gallagher). State's leading pitcher a year ago. Won six out of seven decisions last season, in 13 appearances. Completed three of four starting assignments. Can also be excellent in relief. Owns one of the finest curve balls on the squad. Has shown continuous improvement since entering MSU. A pre-veterinary major. Born 7-18-55.

SHERM JOHNSON -- Pitcher, throws left, bats right, junior, Grand Rapids (Union). Promising transfer from Grand Rapids Junior College. One of only two southpaws on the Spartan staff. Could see some action in the starting rotation. A poised performer on the mound with a fine variety of pitches. All-City and MVP selection at Union High. Also served as captain while in senior season. Majors in packaging. Born 12-27-54.

JIM KNIIVILA -- Pitcher, throws right, bats right, junior, Holt (Holt). Recovered from an arm injury late in freshman year to post five victories for State last season. Started eight games and completed five. Experienced some control problems last spring. Tossed three shutouts and won four decisions during frosh campaign. Earned nine letters at Holt High School. Two-year captain of the baseball team, while taking All-America, All-State, All-League and MVP honors. A health, physical education and recreation major. Born 3-31-55.

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## PLAYER SKETCHES, Cont'd.

**JOHN LINCOLN** -- Pitcher, throws right, bats right, junior, Portage (Northern). Appeared in nine contests last spring, all in relief. Picked up 11 strikeouts in 18 innings of work. Could be the top bullpen ace, with a few spot starts in the offing. Lettered in baseball and basketball at Portage Northern High. Earned membership in the National Honor Society. Father played in the Chicago White Sox organization. Majors in general business. Born 3-25-55.

**RICK MOORE** -- Pitcher, throws left, bats right, junior, Midland (Midland). Stumbled a bit after an exceptional year in 1974. Won three and lost four in eight appearances last spring. Problems stemmed from control difficulties. An All-Big Ten pick during freshman season. Racked up a 7-1 record to claim the honor. Maintains an excellent change of pace, in addition to variety of other pitches. Change can be effective with imposing 6-6 height. An All-State, All-Conference and MVP pitcher at Midland. A health, physical education and recreation major. Born 2-9-55.

**TYRONE WILLINGHAM** -- Infielder, throws right, bats right, senior, Jacksonville, N.C. (Jacksonville). Moves in to play third base this season, after a first year of play in the outfield. Did well on the diamond in 1975, batting .286 in 28 ball games. Collected some key safties for State. Handled 30 chances, committing one error. Has the speed and strong arm to play third. A two-letterman with the Spartan football team. Picked up eight letters at Jacksonville High, as MVP with the football, basketball and baseball teams. Majors in health, physical education and recreation. Born 12-30-53.

DANNY LITWHILER  
Head Coach

Daniel W. Litwhiler, former major league baseball star, has coached the diamond sport at Michigan State University for 12 seasons.

He moved in as head coach of the Spartans in the fall of 1963 and in 12 full years his clubs have played 502 games, winning 322, losing 173 and tying seven for a fine winning percentage of .648.

His 1975 outfit won 28, lost 16 and finished fourth in Big Ten standings with an 11-4 mark. One of his best units was the 1971 varsity that won 36 games, most ever for a State nine, losing only ten and took MSU's second Big Ten team title in history.

All but one of his Michigan State teams have posted winning records in overall play and only one has ever finished out of the conference first division.

The head coaching position at State is the second in collegiate ranks for Litwhiler, who previously was at the helm of Florida State teams for nine years.

His Florida State teams won 189 games and lost 81. His teams had no losing seasons and played in seven district playoffs and three college world series.

Danny's complete college coaching records for 21 seasons shows 511 victories, 254 losses and seven ties for an excellent winning percentage of .666.

Six of his Florida State players achieved All-America selection and many went on to professional ball.

Seventeen of Litwhiler's players at Michigan State have earned first-team Big Ten selection, two (Rob Ellis and Ron Pruitt) have made the All-America first team and three (John Biedenbach, Steve Garvey and Joe Palamara) the second team picked by the collegiate coaches. Five Spartans coach by Danny have made The Sporting News All-America (Garvey, Rick Miller, Ellis, Pruitt and Harry Kendrick) and two have been All-America Academic first-team (Jerry Sachmann and Dale Frietch).

Many of his performers have reached major league ranks, including Florida Staters Dick Howser (New York Yankees), Woody Woodward (Cincinnati Reds) and Ken Suarez (Cleveland Indians), and Spartans Bruce Look (New York Yankees), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Dick Billings (St. Louis Cardinals), Mel Behney (Cincinnati Reds), Rick Miller (Boston Red Sox), Rob Ellis (Milwaukee Brewers), Ron Pruitt (Cleveland Indians) and Rick Kreuger (Boston Red Sox).

Litwhiler, a 1939 graduate of Bloomsburg, Pa. State College, spent 12 years as a player in the majors before stepping down in 1951. During that time he played with the Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, the old Boston Braves, and the Cincinnati Reds. Dan was with the Cardinals in the 1943 and 1944 World Series, and played in the 1942 All-Star game.

He managed in professional ball for five seasons. He was playing manager of Fargo, N.D. in 1952, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1953, and at Jamestown, N.Y. and Duluth, Minn. in 1954. From there he joined the Florida State staff.

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DANNY LITWHILER, Cont.d.

Among his memorable performances is his string of 21 straight games in which he hit safely in his first season in the majors. In 1941 he belted a home run in every National League park.

Litwhiler was a perfectionist in the field. He became the first major leaguer to play an entire season without making an error. That was in 1942 when he handled 317 chances in 151 games.

Over a period of two seasons he set a record of playing 187 consecutive games without an error. This feat put Litwhiler's glove in baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.

His best full season at bat came in 1941 when he hit .305. He had a life-time average of .282.

Litwhiler is known for several innovations in coaching, such as an unbreakable mirror for pitchers to use for checking their throwing, and employment of a bat sawed in half to teach bunting. Recently, Litwhiler came up with the idea of using a radar gun to chart the velocity of pitches. The clever use of the device has brought interested responses from many major league teams. He's also constantly seeking to improve the attractiveness of the home baseball games and the last three years has had batgirls working at home contests.

Litwhiler has contributed to several baseball publications. They include "Fundamentals of Baseball" by University Press, 1956; "Baseball Glossary" in English, Dutch, Italian and Spanish, by University Press, 1958; "Baseball Coaches Guide to Drills and Skills," by Prentice-Hall, 1963, and "Baseball," by Prentice-Hall, 1967.

His alma mater honored him in 1973 by naming its new baseball stadium in his name. Danny also received a special honor last summer from his home area in the state of Pennsylvania. He was inducted into the Jerry Wolman Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in Shennandoah. The chapter, named after the one-time owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, since 1963 has cited men and women in athletics who by distinguished performance have brought honor to that part of the state.

Danny was born August 31, 1901, at Ringtown, Pa. He was married in 1971 to Patricia Walsh James and the couple has ten children. Mrs. Litwhiler received her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State. Three children, Marcia, Dick and Nancy have graduated from MSU.

Son Dick was a pitcher on the Spartan varsity ten years ago. He received his M.A. degree in physical education and now teaches in that field and is assistant baseball coach at Georgia Southwestern. Son Danny teaches math and is assistant baseball coach at the Air Force Academy.



FRANK PELLERIN  
Assistant Coach

Continuing a longtime association with Michigan State baseball is Frank E. Pellerin, member of Spartan teams as an undergraduate, and a staff member for the 23rd season.

He was appointed as assistant coach in 1953, working with the late John H. Kobs, and the same assignment was extended in 1963 with present head man Danny Litwhiler.

During Pellerin's tenure, Spartan baseballers have played more than 800 games (826 games, 518 wins, 297 losses and 11 ties), won two Big Ten team titles (in 1954 and in 1971) and placed second three times. He's helped coach the Spartans in 22 of their 25 Big Ten seasons and has had a hand in the development of 32 athletes who've earned All-Big Ten first-team selection.

Pellerin played under Kobs at State, earning varsity letters in 1941, 1942 and 1943 with stints at second base and at third base. He enrolled at State after graduation from Redford High School in Detroit where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball.

His first teaching and coaching position was at Highland Park, Mich., High School, where he remained until joining the Michigan State staff in September, 1953.

While at Highland Park, Pellerin was head baseball coach, assisted in swimming, football, basketball and physical education classes, and also taught classes in mathematics.

Pellerin received the master's degree in counseling and guidance in 1951 at Wayne State University. He and wife, Nancy, have two sons, Michael and Tim.

TOM SMITH  
Freshman Coach

In his eighth season as freshman baseball coach at Michigan State is Thomas W. Smith, who was appointed to the post in September of 1967.

He had served unofficially in the capacity the previous four years while working towards his B.S. degree. In the years that he's handled the Spartan young players, the MSU varsity has recorded an impressive 226-114-5 won-lost-tied mark.

Smith enrolled at State as an undergraduate after playing in professional baseball from 1961 to 1963 with the Milwaukee Braves organization. He was a catcher. He went with the Braves following high school graduation.

Tom is a native of Coldwater, Mich., born Dec. 9, 1942. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1961 and immediately signed his professional contract.

He received his B.S. degree in physical education in March, 1967 and his master's degree in March of 1971.

In addition to his coaching duties, Smith teaches in physical education. He and wife, Jane Marie, have two daughters, Jamie and Julie.



# LITWHILER'S COACHING RECORD

<u>Year</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Position</u>
1955 .....	23	17	6	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1956 .....	29	24	5	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1957 .....	31	22	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1958 .....	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1959 .....	33	22	11	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1960 .....	22	13	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1961 .....	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1962 .....	37	23	14	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1963 .....	39	26	13	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1964 .....	34	22	12	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1965 .....	39	28	11	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1966 .....	38	24	13	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1967 .....	46	22	23	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1968 .....	43	32	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1969 .....	41	24	17	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1970 .....	45	28	15	2	Head Coach, Michigan State
1971 .....	46	36	10	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1972 .....	39	28	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1973 .....	47	27	20	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1974 .....	40	23	16	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1975 .....	44	28	16	0	Head Coach, Michigan State

	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
Florida State Record (9 seasons) .....	270	189	81	0	.700
Michigan State Record (12 seasons) .....	502	322	173	7	.648
TOTAL (21 seasons) .....	772	511	254	7	.666

## ALL TIME COACHES' RECORDS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
No Established Coach	1883-1886	17	10	7	0	.588
Prof. Carpenter	1887-1888	24	16	8	0	.667
No Established Coach	1889-1895	50	24	25	1	.490
Robert T. Gales	1896-1898	34	14	20	0	.412
Coach Ferguson	1899	9	5	4	0	.556
Charles O. Bemies	1900-1901	12	4	8	0	.333
George E. Denman	1902-1903	25	10	15	0	.400
Chester L. Brewer	1904-1910	102	62	39	1	.612
John E. Macklin	1911-1915	79	52	27	0	.658
John Morrissey	1916-1917	26	17	9	0	.654
Chester L. Brewer	1918-1920	40	17	23	0	.425
George Clark	1921	14	6	8	0	.429
John Morrissey	1922	17	9	8	0	.529
Fred M. Walker	1923-1924	31	20	11	0	.645
John H. Kobs	1925-1963	967	574	377	16	.602
Daniel W. Litwhiler	1964-	502	322	173	7	.648
ALL TIME RECORD		1948	1161	762	25	.602

## SPARTAN BASEBALL HONOR ROLL

### All-America Selections

(Selected by American Association  
of College Baseball Coaches)

#### First Team

Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972

#### Second Team

Jack Kinney, of, 1949  
Albert Cummins, 2b, 1950  
Jack Risch, of, 1954  
Bob Powell, of, 1955  
Jim Sack, of, 1956  
Dick Radatz, p, 1959  
Tom Riley, of, 1961  
John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965  
Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975

### All-America Academic

Jerry Sackmann, of, 1972  
Jerry Sackmann, of, 1973  
Dale Frietch, c-dh, 1974

### All-NCAA District 4

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Mel Behney, p, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1969

### All-Big Ten Selections

#### First Team

Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
Jack Risch, of, 1954  
Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
Charley Mathews, 1b, 1954 & 1955  
Bob Powell, of, 1955  
Dick Idzkowski, p, 1955  
Jim Sack, of, 1956  
Roscoe Davis, 1b, 1957  
Alan Luce, c, 1957  
Frank Palamara, 2b, 1958  
Ron Perranoski, p, 1958  
Dean Look, of, 1958  
John Fleser, of, 1959  
Dick Radatz, p, 1959  
Tom Riley, of, 1961  
Joe Porrevecchio, of, 1962, 1963 & 1964

#### Third Team

George Rutenbar, of, 1949  
Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
George Smith, 2b, 1955  
Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Dale Frietch, dh, 1974

(Selected by the  
Sporting News)

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1969  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Robert Ellis, of, 1970  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972

Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975

Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
Jerry Walker, 2b, 1965  
John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965 & 1966  
Bob Speer, of, 1966  
Bill Steckley, 3b, 1967  
Steve Garvey, 3B, 1968  
Mel Behney, p, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1968 & 1969  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Dick Vary, 3b, 1970  
Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1971 & 1972  
Robert Clancy, p, 1971  
Shaun Howitt, of, 1972  
Dale Frietch, dh, 1974  
Al Weston, of, 1974  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975



# SPARTAN BASEBALL HONOR ROLL, Cont'd.

## All-Big Ten Selections

### Second Team

Bob Ciolek, 1b, 1951  
 Chuck Mathews, 1b, 1953  
 John Matsock, ss, 1954  
 Bud Erickson, p, 1954  
 George Smith, 2b, 1955  
 Frank Palamara, 2b, 1957  
 Ron Perranoski, p, 1957  
 Don Gilbert, c, 1958  
 Dick Radatz, p, 1958  
 Dean Look, of, 1959  
 Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1963  
 Dick Billings, of, 1964  
 Bob Maniere, of, 1965  
 Tom Binkowski, 1b, 1968  
 Steve Rymal, 2b, 1968  
 Dan Bielski, p, 1968  
 Gary Boyce, of, 1970 & 1971  
 Brad VanPelt, p, 1972  
 Larry Ike, p, 1972  
 John Rohde, 1b, 1973  
 Rick Moore, p, 1974  
 Mike Fricke, of, 1975  
 George Mahan, p, 1975

### Third Team

George Smith, 2b, 1954  
 Bob Powell, of, 1954  
 Ed Hobaugh, p, 1954  
 Alan Luce, c, 1956  
 John Fleaser, of, 1958  
 William Schudlich, 1b, 1960  
 Mickey Sinks, p, 1960  
 Sam Calderone, 3b, 1961  
 Jeff Abrecht, of, 1962  
 Dennis Ketcham, 2b, 1962  
 Jack Nutter, p, 1963  
 Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1964  
 Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1964  
 Dick Billings, of, 1965  
 Jim Goodrich, p, 1966  
 Dick Kenney, p, 1966  
 Tom Binkowski, 1b, 1967  
 John Walters, of, 1967  
 Tom Hummel, of, 1968  
 Dan Bielski, p, 1969  
 Robert Ellis, 2b, 1970  
 Phil Fulton, p, 1970  
 Larry Ike, p, 1971  
 Bailey Oliver, 1b, 1972  
 Bill Simpson, of, 1974  
 Terry Hop, ss, 1975  
 Rick Seid, dh, 1975

## ANNUAL TEAM AWARDS

### Most Valuable Performer

1953 Wayne Lawrie, 3b  
 1954 John Matsock, ss  
 1955 Jim Sack, of  
 1956 Jim Sack, of  
 1957 Frank Palamara, 2b  
 1958 Dean Look, of  
 1959 Dean Look, 2b  
 1960 John Hendee, of  
 1961 Bill Schudlich, 1b  
 1962 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
 1963 Jerry Sutton, 1b  
 1964 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
 1965 John Biedenbach, 3b  
 1966 Tom Binkowski, 1b  
 1967 Tom Hummel, of  
 1968 Harry Kendrick, c  
 1969 Rick Miller, of  
 1970 Gary Boyce, of  
 1971 Robert Ellis, of  
 1972 Shaun Howitt, of  
 1973 Bill Simpson, of  
 1974 Bill Simpson, of  
 1975 Terry Hop, ss

### Leading Pitcher

1953 Ernest Erickson  
 1954 Ed Hobaugh  
 1955 Dick Idzkowski  
 1956 Walt Godfrey  
 1957 Ron Perranoski  
 1958 Ron Perranoski  
 1959 Dick Radatz  
 1960 Mickey Sinks  
 1961 Robert Ross  
 1962 Gary Ronberg  
 1963 Jack Nutter  
 1964 John Krasnan  
 1965 Doug Dobrei  
 1966 Dick Kenney  
 1967 Zana Easton  
 1968 Mickey Knight  
 1969 Dan Bielski  
 1970 Phil Fulton  
 1971 Robert Clancy  
 1972 Elliott Moore  
 1973 Elliott Moore  
 1974 Rick Moore  
 1975 Todd Hubert

### Most Improved Player

1953 Jack Risch, of  
 1954 Dick Idzkowski, p  
 1955 Bob Powell, of  
 1956 Frank Palamara, 2b  
 1957 Bill Mansfield, p  
 1958 Dick Schiesel, 3b  
 1959 Bob Ross, p  
 1960 Mickey Sinks, p  
 1961 Tom Riley, of  
 1962 Jerry Sutton, 1b  
 1963 John Hines, 3b  
 1964 Dick Billings, of  
 1965 Jerry Walker, 2b  
 1966 Dennis Maedo, 2b  
 1967 Mickey Knight, p  
 1968 Steve Rymal, 2b  
 1969 Richie Jordan, of  
 1970 Dick Vary, 3b  
 1971 Larry Rettenmund, if  
 1972 Bailey Oliver, c-if  
 1973 Larry Romaine, dh  
 1974 Dale Frietch, c-dh  
 1975 Pat Simpson, of



## SPARTAN BATTING CHAMPIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
1925	Don Fleser .....	OF	56	33	18	.589
1926	Don Fleser .....	OF	81	54	32	.667
1927	D. Zimmerman.....	OF	79	43	30	.545
1928	Gerald Bryne.....	P-OF	66	27	13	.409
1929	Forest Rinehart .....	OF	85	32	19	.376
1930	Ed Gibbs .....	OF	99	45	32	.454
1931	H. Cuthbertson .....	2B	81	29	14	.361
1932	John Madona .....	SS	97	34	19	.349
1933	Alton Kircher .....	OF	86	37	20	.430
1934	William McCann .....	2B	80	30	12	.375
1935	Steve Sebo .....	C	76	26	12	.342
1936	Steve Sebo .....	C	87	35	17	.402
1937	Milt Lenhardt .....	OF	95	31	23	.326
1938	John Kuk .....	OF	96	34	17	.354
1939	Norman Duncan .....	SS	88	30	16	.341
1940	Norman Duncan .....	SS	88	35	18	.398
1941	Howard Ladue .....	OF	65	27	20	.415
1942	Peter Fornari .....	C	66	20	18	.303
1943	Arthur Maischoss .....	3B	60	20	8	.333
1944	No Varsity Team		(war year)			
1945	Ben Hudenko .....	C	54	20	9	.370
1946	Jacweir Breslin .....	1B	77	26	19	.338
1947	Edward Barbarito .....	2B	75	26	17	.347
1948	Dan Urbanik .....	3B	94	32	15	.340
1949	George Rutenbar .....	OF	106	40	29	.377
1950	Al Cummins .....	2B	117	43	30	.367
1951	Darrell Lindley .....	OF	103	43	28	.418
1952	Robert Ciolek .....	1B	55	20	9	.364
1953	Charles Mathews .....	1B	89	29	18	.326
1954	Charles Mathews .....	1B	105	37	25	.352
1955	George Smith .....	2B	103	42	29	.408
1956	Jim Sack .....	OF	117	42	25	.393
1957	Frank Palamara .....	2B	106	38	23	.358
1958	Ted Kearly .....	OF	61	23	13	.377
1959	John Fleser .....	OF	95	33	15	.347
1960	Robert Monczka .....	C	53	15	6	.283
1961	Tom Riley .....	OF	103	37	9	.359
1962	Jerry Sutton .....	1B	63	25	22	.397
1963	John Hines .....	3B	59	22	18	.373
1964	Jerry Sutton .....	1B	115	44	30	.383
1965	John Biedenbach .....	3B	146	57	29	.390
1966	Steve Polisar .....	SS	136	45	27	.331
1967	Bill Steckley .....	3B	157	51	34	.325
1968	Harry Kendrick .....	C	143	56	25	.392
1969	Richard Miller .....	OF	118	42	24	.356
1970	Robert Ellis .....	IF	158	60	26	.380
1971	Robert Ellis .....	OF	145	59	48	.407
1972	Ronald Pruitt .....	C-OF	130	50	37	.392
1973	John Rohde .....	1B-2B	158	50	24	.316
1974	Dale Frietch .....	C-DH	87	37	13	.425
1975	Joe Palamara .....	2B	111	38	25	.342



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## Season Individual Batting

### Highest Batting Average

*Don Fleser, '26	.667
*Don Fleser, '25	.589
*Del Zimmerman, '27	.545
Ed Gibbs, '30	.454
Alton Kircher, '33	.430
Dale Frietch, '74	.425
Darrell Lindley, '51	.418
Howard Ladue, '41	.415
George Smith, '55	.408

### Most Hits

Robert Ellis, '70	60
Robert Ellis, '71	59
Gary Boyce, '71	57
John Biedenbach, '65	57
Harry Kendrick, '68	56
*Don Fleser, '26	54
Bill Steckley, '67	51
Steve Garvey, '68	50
Ron Pruitt, '72	50
John Rohde, '73	50
John Dace, '71	48
Tom Hummel, '67	48

### Most Runs Scored

Gary Boyce, '71	49
Robert Ellis, '71	48
Chuck Mathews, '55	40
Bill Simpson, '73	38
Tom Hummel, '67	37
Joe Gavel, '69	37
Ron Pruitt, '72	37
Ron DeLonge, '72	35
Joe Porrevecchio, '64	34
Bill Steckley, '67	34

### Most Runs Batted In

Shaun Howitt, '72	45
Robert Ellis, '71	44
John Rohde, '73	42
Steve Garvey, '68	38
Dick Billings, '64	37
Rick Miller, '69	36
Jack Kinney, '49	35
Ronald Pruitt, '70	35
Ronald Pruitt, '71	35

### Most Doubles

Bailey Oliver, '72	15
Bob Speer, '66	13
Robert Ellis, '70	13
John Biedenbach, '65	12
Ron Pruitt, '72	12
Ron DeLonge, '73	12
Bailey Oliver, '73	12

### Most Triples

Ronald Pruitt, '71	7
Robert Ellis, '71	6
Abe Eliowitz, '31	6
Terry Hop, '74	6
John Biedenbach, '65	5
Jim Sack, '56	5
Ray Collard, '55	5
Chuck Mathews, '53	5
John Kuk, '38	5
Milt Lehnhardt, '36	5
Chuck Brown, '34	5
Irvin Bartling, '34	5
Alton Kircher, '33	5
Ed Gibbs, '30	5
Bill Steckley, '67	5

### Most Home Runs

Robert Ellis, '71	14
Shaun Howitt, '72	12
Steve Garvey, '68	9
Al Luce, '57	9
Jerry Sutton, '63	8
Ronald Pruitt, '71	7
Robert Ellis, '70	7
Joe Porrevecchio, '62	7
Joe Rivich, '51	7
Vince Magi, '50	7
Ed Gibbs, '30	7
Dick Billings, '64	7
Rick Miller, '69	7

### Most Total Bases

Robert Ellis, '71	123
Robert Ellis, '70	98
Steve Garvey, '68	93
Ron Pruitt, '72	88
Gary Boyce, '71	86
John Biedenbach, '65	85
Shaun Howitt, '72	83
Ron Pruitt, '71	82
Ed Gibbs, '30	79
Harry Kendrick, '68	78
Jim Sack, '56	76

### Most Stolen Bases

Joe Gavel, '69	21
Charles Fawcett, '32	20
Richie Jordan, '69	18
Theron Fager, '34	17
Ed Gibbs, '31	16

(Listings are based upon statistics available from seasons of 1930 through 1975 with exception of 1942 and 1943. performances known prior to 1930 are noted with asterisks.)



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, Cont'd.

## Season Individual Pitching

### Most Games Worked

Phil Fulton, '70	22
Mickey Knight, '68	19
Mickey Knight, '67	18
Robin Roberts, '47	17
Fred Devereux, '65	17
Kirk Maas, '70	17
Richard Kenney, '67	16

### Most Wins

Robert Clancy, '71	10
Dick Radatz, '59	10
Mel Behney, '68	9
Dick Idzkowski, '55	9
Larry Ike, '71	8
Mickey Sinks, '60	8
Ron Perranoski, '58	8
Phil Fulton, '70	8
Larry Ike, '70	8
Duane Bickel, '73	8
Elliott Moore, '73	8

### Most Losses

Richard Kenney, '67	7
Duane Bickel, '73	6
Doug Miller, '63	5
Jack Nutter, '63	5
Don Sackett, '59 & '60	5
Craig VanSciever, '59	5
Bob Dangi, '53	5
Gary Smith, '67	5
Dan Bielski, '69	5

### Most Innings Pitched

Dick Radatz, '59	96
Duane Bickel, '73	95
Mickey Sinks, '60	92 2/3
Robin Roberts, '47	90 2/3
Ron Perranoski, '58	86 2/3
Phil Fulton, '70	86 2/3
Mel Behney, '68	84 1/3

### Most Strikeouts

Mel Behney, '68	107
Dick Radatz, '59	106
Ron Perranoski, '58	89
Richard Kenney, '67	88
Ron Perranoski, '57	86
Robin Roberts, '47	86

### Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel, '75	58
Duane Bickel, '73	50
Rick Moore, '74	49
Rick Deller, '72	48
Ron Perranoski, '57 & '58	45
Mel Behney, '68	44
Jim Goodrich, '66	41
Mickey Knight, '69	39
Jim Knivila, '75	39

### Lowest Earned Run Average (30 or more innings)

Dick Holmes, '65	0.47
Jim Goodrich, '65	0.76
Dick Radatz, '59	1.12
Fred Devereux, '65	1.43
Bill Mansfield, '57	1.48

## Career Batting

### Highest Batting Average

Ed Gibbs, '30 & '31	.398
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71	.393
Steve Garvey, '68	.376
Jerry Sutton, '62-'64	.373
Joe Porrevecchio, '62-'64	.360
Jim Sack, '54-'56	.354
George Smith, '54-'56	.352

### Most Hits

Gary Boyce, '69-'71	142
Ron Pruitt, '70-'72	133
John Biedenbach, '64-'66	132
Harry Kendrick, '67-'69	126
Ron DeLonge, '70-'73	124
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71	119
Chuck Mathews, '52-'55	117
Phillip Rashead, '69-'71	113
Bob Maniere, '63-'65	110

### Most Runs

Gary Boyce, '69-'71	100
Ron DeLonge, '70-'73	99
Ron Pruitt, '70-'72	92
Chuck Mathews, '52-'55	87
Joe Porrevecchio, '62-'64	79
Jerry Sutton, '62-'64	75
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71	74
Shaun Howitt, '70-'72	73
Bill Steckley, '65-'67	72
Tom Binkowski, '66-'68	72



## SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, Cont'd.

Career Batting

## Most Runs Batted In

Ron Pruitt, '70-'72 .....	103
Jerry Sutton, '62-'64 .....	89
Shaun Howitt, '70-'72 .....	82
Tom Binkowski, '65-'68 .....	78
Ron DeLonge, '70-'73 .....	77
John Rohde, '70-'73 .....	77
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71 .....	74
Amos Hewitt, '73-'75 .....	73
Joe Porrevecchio, '62-'64 ...	71
Gary Boyce, '69-'71 .....	70
Ron Pruitt, '70 & '71 .....	70
Jack Kinney, '49 & '50 .....	66
Harry Kendrick, '67-'69 .....	65
Bailey Oliver, '70-'73 .....	65

## Most Doubles

Bailey Oliver, '70-'73 .....	29
John Biedenbach, '64-'66 ....	27
John Dace, '70-'72 .....	27
Ron DeLonge, '70-'73 .....	27
Joe Porrevecchio, '62-'64 ...	25
Ron Pruitt, '70-'72 .....	24
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71 .....	23
Phillip Rashead, '60, 70-71 .	23
Harry Kendrick, '67-'69 .....	23
Amos Hewitt, '73-'75 .....	22
Tom Binkowski, '66-'68 .....	20

## Most Triples

Ray Collard, '54-'56 .....	11
Chuck Mathews, '52-'55 .....	11
Abe Eliowitz, '31-'33 .....	10
Milt Lehnhardt, '35-'37 .....	9
Ed Gibbs, '30-'31 .....	9
John Biedenbach, '64-'66 ....	9
Ron Pruitt, '70-'72 .....	9

## Most Home Runs

Shaun Howitt, '70-'72 .....	22
Robert Ellis, '70 & '71 .....	21
Ron Pruitt, '70-'72 .....	21
Jerry Sutton, '62-'64 .....	18
Al Luce, '55-'57 .....	14
Tom Binkowski, '66-'68 .....	13
Joe Porrevecchio, '62-'64 ...	13
Jack Kinney, '49 & '50 .....	12
Gary Boyce, '69-'71 .....	10
Joe Rivich, '50-'52 .....	10
Vince Magi, '49-'51 .....	10
Ed Gibbs, '30-'31 .....	10
Harry Kendrick, '67-'69 .....	10
John Dace, '70-'72 .....	10

Career Pitching

## Most Wins

Larry Ike, '70-'72 .....	23
Ron Perranoski, '56-'58 .....	21
Kirk Maas, '69-'71 .....	17
Mickey Sinks, '59-'61 .....	17
Dick Radatz, '57-'59 .....	17
Duane Bickel, '72-'75 .....	17
Keith Steffee, '45-'47 .....	16
Mickey Knight, '67-'69 .....	16
Larry Ike, '70 & '71 .....	16
Rob Clancy, '70-'73 .....	16

## Most Losses

Duane Bickel, '72-'75 .....	12
Richard Kenney, '65-'67 .....	11
Don Sackett, '58-'60 .....	11
Ed Hobaugh, '54-'56 .....	10
Mickey Knight, '67-'69 .....	10
Mickey Sinks, '59-'61 .....	9
Bob Dangel, '51-'53 .....	8
Duane Bickel, '72 & '73 .....	8

## Highest Winning Percentage

Keith Steffe, '45-'47 .....	.889
(16-2)	
Zana Easton, '67-'69 .....	.846
(11-2)	
Elliott Moore, '70-'73 .....	.833
(15-3)	
Jim Goodrich, '65 & '66 .....	.818
(9-2)	
Dick Radatz, '57-'59 .....	.810
(17-4)	
Roger Howard, '51 & '52 .....	.800
(8-2)	

## Most Innings Pitched

Duane Bickel, '72-'75 .....	217
Ron Perranoski, '56-'58 .....	213 2/3
Mickey Sinks, '59-'61 .....	210 1/3
Larry Ike, '70-'72 .....	209 1/3
Ed Hobaugh, '54-'56 .....	206 1/3
Dick Radatz, '57-'59 .....	194 2/3
Kirk Maas, '69-'71 .....	190
Mickey Knight, '67-'69 .....	185 1/3

## Most Strikeouts

Ron Perranoski, '56-'58 .....	223
Dick Radatz, '57-'59 .....	193
Mickey Sinks, '59-'61 .....	180
Richard Kenney, '65-'67 .....	178
Mickey Knight, '67-'69 .....	174
Me'l Behney, '67 & '68 .....	166



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, Cont'd

## Career Pitching

### Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel, '72-'75 .....	139
Ron Perranoski, '56-'58 .....	115
Elliott Moore, '70-'73 .....	88
Lou Bloch, '47-'50 .....	84
Mel Behney, '67 & '68 .....	81
Larry Ike, '70-'72 .....	81
Mickey Knight, '67-'69 .....	79
Rick Moore, '74 & '75 .....	77
Dick Idzkowski, '53-'55 .....	76
Richard Kenney, '65-'67 .....	73

### SPARTAN SEASON RECORDS -- TEAM

#### Most Wins

1971 Varsity .....	36
1968 Varsity .....	32
1965 Varsity .....	28
1970 Varsity .....	28
1972 Varsity .....	28
1975 Varsity .....	28
1973 Varsity .....	27
1954 Varsity .....	25
1966 Varsity .....	24
1969 Varsity .....	24

#### Most Losses

1967 Varsity .....	23
1973 Varsity .....	20
1953 Varsity .....	17
1969 Varsity .....	17
1974 Varsity .....	16
1975 Varsity .....	16
1970 Varsity .....	15
1963 Varsity .....	14
1959 Varsity .....	14
1952 Varsity .....	14
1948 Varsity .....	14

#### Most Hits

1971 Varsity .....	421
1968 Varsity .....	396
1970 Varsity .....	378
1975 Varsity .....	373
1965 Varsity .....	363
1973 Varsity .....	359
1972 Varsity .....	356
1964 Varsity .....	350
1974 Varsity .....	349
1954 Varsity .....	344

#### Most Runs

1971 Varsity .....	317
1972 Varsity .....	261
1968 Varsity .....	257
1955 Varsity .....	251
1974 Varsity .....	242
1964 Varsity .....	236
1973 Varsity .....	235
1975 Varsity .....	234
1962 Varsity .....	227
1969 Varsity .....	224

#### Most Runs Batted In

1971 Varsity .....	271
1972 Varsity .....	236
1968 Varsity .....	222
1974 Varsity .....	210
1955 Varsity .....	207
1964 Varsity .....	203
1975 Varsity .....	201
1970 Varsity .....	200
1973 Varsity .....	200

#### Most Doubles

1972 Varsity .....	70
1973 Varsity .....	69
1971 Varsity .....	66
1964 Varsity .....	65
1974 Varsity .....	63
1975 Varsity .....	61
1970 Varsity .....	58
1965 Varsity .....	56
1958 Varsity .....	55
1968 Varsity .....	54

#### Most Triples

1971 Varsity .....	26
1955 Varsity .....	25
1932 Varsity .....	24
1954 Varsity .....	21
1975 Varsity .....	20
1962 Varsity .....	19
1951 Varsity .....	19
1949 Varsity .....	19
1934 Varsity .....	19

#### Most Home Runs

1972 Varsity .....	43
1971 Varsity .....	42
1970 Varsity .....	37
1968 Varsity .....	31
1964 Varsity .....	31
1951 Varsity .....	27
1956 Varsity .....	24
1955 Varsity .....	24
1973 Varsity .....	24



# ALL-TIME RECORD

<u>Year</u>	<u>Games Played</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Tied</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Opp. Runs</u>	<u>Coach</u>
1883	1	0	1	0	.000	11	12	
1884	6	4	2	0	.666	108	84	
1885	2	1	1	0	.500	27	13	
1886	8	5	3	0	.625	131	46	
1887	16	11	5	0	.688	223	95	Prof. Carpenter
1888	8	5	3	0	.625	79	95	Prof. Carpenter
1889	11	4	7	0	.636	105	125	
1890	8	3	5	0	.375	63	60	
1891	8	5	3	0	.625	81	81	
1892	4	3	1	0	.750	27	18	
1893	4	2	2	0	.500	31	47	
1894	6	3	2	1	.400	47	37	
1895	9	4	5	0	.444	80	102	
1896	12	3	9	0	.250	110	157	Robert T. Gale
1897	10	4	6	0	.400	103	84	Robert T. Gale
1898	12	7	5	0	.583	144	131	Robert T. Gale
1899	9	5	4	0	.555	79	64	Coach Ferguson
1900	9	3	6	0	.333	84	85	Charles O. Bemies
1901	3	1	2	0	.333	23	34	Charles O. Bemies
1902	10	2	8	0	.200	60	93	George E. Denman
1903	15	8	7	0	.534	140	100	George E. Denman
1904	16	12	4	0	.750	115	53	Chester L. Brewer
1905	15	11	4	0	.734	99	64	Chester L. Brewer
1906	19	11	8	0	.579	81	72	Chester L. Brewer
1907	12	4	8	0	.334	84	53	Chester L. Brewer
1908	13	7	5	1	.584	66	44	Chester L. Brewer
1909	13	9	4	0	.692	67	65	Chester L. Brewer
1910	14	8	6	0	.572	66	44	Chester L. Brewer
1911	16	11	5	0	.688	79	46	John F. Macklin
1912	13	10	3	0	.769	62	34	John F. Macklin
1913	18	11	7	0	.612	81	83	John F. Macklin
1914	18	12	6	0	.667	97	83	John F. Macklin
1915	14	8	6	0	.572	66	41	John F. Macklin
1916	15	11	4	0	.734	72	28	John Morrissey
1917	11	6	5	0	.546	70	44	John Morrissey
1918	12	7	5	0	.584	82	72	Chester L. Brewer
1919	13	4	9	0	.308	53	85	Chester L. Brewer
1920	15	6	9	0	.400	98	81	Chester L. Brewer
1921	14	6	8	0	.429	88	75	Geo. "Potsy" Clark
1922	17	9	8	0	.529	138	99	John Morrissey
1923	18	14	4	0	.778	134	103	Fred M. Walker
1924	13	6	7	0	.462	57	51	Fred M. Walker
1925	15	9	5	1	.643	102	85	John H. Kobs
1926	20	13	7	0	.650	120	69	John H. Kobs
1927	21	13	8	0	.619	140	106	John H. Kobs
1928	18	11	7	0	.611	132	115	John H. Kobs
1929	24	12	11	1	.522	122	145	John H. Kobs
1930	22	16	6	0	.750	129	73	John H. Kobs
1931	23	13	9	1	.591	132	95	John H. Kobs
1932	24	10	12	2	.455	126	106	John H. Kobs

## ALL-TIME RECORD, Cont'd.

Year	Games Played	W	L	Tied	Pct.	Runs	Opp Runs	Coach
1933	20	13	7	0	.650	125	81	John H. Kobs
1934	22	10	11	1	.477	129	133	John H. Kobs
1935	21	11	9	1	.550	103	93	John H. Kobs
1936	20	13	7	0	.650	144	78	John H. Kobs
1937	27	16	11	0	.593	149	116	John H. Kobs
1938	24	15	9	0	.615	106	89	John H. Kobs
1939	23	13	10	0	.566	127	113	John H. Kobs
1940	22	12	8	2	.600	142	118	John H. Kobs
1941	23	13	10	0	.566	137	110	John H. Kobs
1942	25	13	11	1	.542	133	139	John H. Kobs
1943	16	9	7	0	.563	89	72	John H. Kobs
1944	No Varsity Team, War Year							
1945	16	12	4	0	.750	101	65	John H. Kobs
1946	26	21	5	0	.808	168	78	John H. Kobs
1947	24	16	8	0	.667	163	94	John H. Kobs
1948	25	10	14	1	.416	129	141	John H. Kobs
1949	28	19	8	1	.696	214	134	John H. Kobs
1950	28	19	9	0	.679	198	151	John H. Kobs
1951	26	17	9	0	.653	206	141	John H. Kobs
1952	32	18	14	0	.563	143	128	John H. Kobs
1953	28	11	17	0	.393	115	158	John H. Kobs
1954	36	25	10	1	.708	219	139	John H. Kobs
1955	32	21	11	0	.656	251	179	John H. Kobs
1956	29	16	13	0	.551	169	140	John H. Kobs
1957	32	18	13	1	.580	210	154	John H. Kobs
1958	34	22	12	0	.647	195	114	John H. Kobs
1959	35	21	14	0	.600	187	139	John H. Kobs
1960	30	17	13	0	.567	135	126	John H. Kobs
1961	33	21	11	1	.656	187	120	John H. Kobs
1962	30	17	13	0	.567	227	171	John H. Kobs
1963	33	18	14	1	.560	210	153	John H. Kobs
1964	34	22	12	0	.647	236	155	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1965	39	28	11	0	.718	221	117	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1966	38	24	13	1	.644	211	150	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1967	46	22	23	1	.489	211	158	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1968	43	32	10	1	.734	257	104	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1969	41	24	17	0	.585	224	162	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1970	45	28	15	2	.644	222	156	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1971	46	36	10	0	.783	325	148	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1972	39	28	10	1	.731	261	128	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1973	47	27	20	0	.574	235	204	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1974	40	23	16	1	.588	242	181	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1975	44	28	16	0	.636	234	211	Daniel W. Litwhiler
TOTAL	1948	1161	762	25	.602	12251	9019	



INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORDS  
(College & Service Teams Only)

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Adrian .....	3	3	0	0	1927
Akron .....	1	1	0	0	1914
Alabama .....	2	1	1	0	1957
Albion .....	80	59	20	1	1896
Alma .....	26	24	2	0	1900
Amherst .....	1	0	0	1	1957
Arizona .....	1	1	0	0	1954
Armour Tech .....	10	9	1	0	1906
Army .....	9	7	1	1	1967
Auburn .....	2	0	2	0	1926
Ball State .....	15	12	3	0	1966
Baruch .....	2	2	0	0	1972
Beloit .....	2	1	1	0	1902
Bethany .....	4	2	2	0	1914
Bradley .....	7	6	1	0	1926
Buchtel .....	1	1	0	0	1913
Buffalo .....	6	5	0	1	1916
Butler .....	3	2	1	0	1924
California .....	3	1	2	0	1938
Cp. Gordon .....	1	0	1	0	1952
Cp. Lejeune .....	19	11	8	0	1953
Case .....	2	1	1	0	1913
Central Mich. ...	32	21	11	0	1911
Cherry Pt. ....	2	0	2	0	1953
Chicago .....	7	4	3	0	1923
Cincinnati .....	8	6	2	0	1929
Clemson .....	13	9	3	1	1935
Coe .....	1	1	0	0	1934
Colgate .....	3	1	2	0	1929
Connecticut .....	1	1	0	0	1970
Cornell .....	5	4	1	0	1936
Cumberland .....	3	2	0	1	1928
Davidson .....	2	1	1	0	1934
Defiance .....	1	1	0	0	1929
DePaul .....	7	6	1	0	1908
DePauw .....	4	2	2	0	1903
Detroit .....	65	53	12	0	1915
Detroit Bus. ....	1	1	0	0	1905
Detroit Col. ....	5	3	2	0	1902
Detroit U. ....	3	2	0	1	1907
Duke .....	24	10	14	0	1933
E. Kentucky .....	2	2	0	0	1937
Eastern Mich. ...	78	54	23	1	1896
Elon .....	3	2	1	0	1933
Fairleigh Dickinson .....	2	1	0	1	1961
Florida .....	2	1	1	0	1965
Florida A&M .....	1	1	0	0	1969
Florida State ...	15	6	9	0	1957
Ft. Belvoir .....	2	2	0	0	1962
Ft. Benning .....	14	6	7	1	1926
Ft. Custer .....	2	0	2	0	1942
Ft. Eustis .....	3	1	2	0	1954

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Ft. Jackson .....	3	2	1	0	1946
Ft. Knox .....	3	3	0	0	1959
Ft. Lee .....	9	7	2	0	1953
Furman .....	2	2	0	0	1935
G. Washington ...	1	1	0	0	1963
Georgia .....	17	10	7	0	1913
Ga. Southern ....	1	1	0	0	1964
Ga. Tech .....	3	2	0	1	1932
Great Lakes .....	3	2	1	0	1942
Hillsdale .....	29	24	5	0	1896
Hope .....	9	8	1	0	1923
Hosei .....	2	0	2	0	1931
Hunter AFB .....	1	1	0	0	1958
Illinois .....	42	24	18	0	1952
Illinois Wes. ...	1	0	1	0	1940
Indiana .....	51	29	22	0	1919
Iowa .....	57	34	22	1	1921
Iowa St. Col. ...	2	1	1	0	1930
Ithaca .....	1	0	1	0	1963
Kalamazoo .....	31	19	12	0	1895
Kentucky .....	1	1	0	0	1913
Lake Forest .....	7	6	1	0	1908
Louisiana State ..	2	1	1	0	1975
Marshall .....	4	2	2	0	1915
Maryville .....	6	2	4	0	1927
Massachusetts ..	3	2	1	0	1954
Mercer .....	4	2	2	0	1926
Miami (Fla.) ....	35	13	20	2	1965
Miami (Ohio) ....	2	1	1	0	1930
Michigan .....	165	60	104	1	1884
Minnesota .....	41	15	26	0	1925
Mississippi .....	2	0	2	0	1931
Mississippi A&M ..	1	1	0	0	1931
Missouri .....	1	0	1	0	1954
Nebraska .....	1	1	0	0	1937
Newberry .....	7	5	1	1	1935
Newport News ....	1	1	0	0	1961
New York .....	2	2	0	0	1966
Niagara .....	2	2	0	0	1916
N. Carolina .....	20	6	13	1	1933
N. Carolina St. ..	11	9	2	0	1936
Northern Iowa ...	3	1	2	0	1973
Northwestern ....	46	34	11	1	1931
Notre Dame .....	112	62	50	0	1907
Oberlin .....	10	7	3	0	1914
Ogelthorpe .....	1	1	0	0	1926
Ohio .....	15	8	7	0	1932
Ohio Northern ...	2	1	1	0	1913
Ohio State .....	91	43	47	1	1911
Ohio Wes. ....	6	4	2	0	1910
Olivet .....	56	39	16	1	1884
Parris Island ...	6	2	4	0	1956
Penn State .....	4	3	1	0	1920
Pensacola Navy ..	3	2	1	0	1942



# INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORD, Cont'd.

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Pittsburgh .....	3	2	1	0	1969
Presbyterian ....	2	2	0	0	1940
Pressman Tech ...	1	1	0	0	1928
Purdue .....	38	28	10	0	1949
Rhode Island ....	1	1	0	0	1961
Richmond .....	2	1	0	1	1950
Rochester .....	2	2	0	0	1916
Rollins .....	5	2	3	0	1954
Rutgers .....	6	5	1	0	1966
St. Johns (Ohio) .	1	1	0	0	1911
St. Marys (MI) ..	7	6	1	0	1917
St. Viator .....	8	5	1	2	1909
Selfridge AFB ...	2	2	0	0	1943
S. Carolina .....	21	16	5	0	1935
So. Illinois ....	4	1	2	1	1972
Springfield .....	1	0	1	0	1960
Spring Arbor ....	2	2	0	0	1965
Syracuse .....	12	8	4	0	1908
Tennessee .....	1	1	0	0	1949
Toledo .....	6	5	1	0	1936
Toronto .....	1	1	0	0	1904

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Valparaiso .....	6	2	4	0	1920
Vanderbilt .....	8	2	6	0	1929
Virginia .....	2	2	0	0	1963
VMI .....	1	1	0	0	1956
Virginia Tech .....	3	2	1	0	1951
Wabash .....	13	8	5	0	1908
Wake Forest .....	16	5	11	0	1933
Wash. & Jeff. ....	1	1	0	0	1903
Wayne State .....	35	34	1	0	1942
Wesleyan .....	1	1	0	0	1967
Wisconsin .....	59	32	25	1	1904
Western Kentucky ....	1	0	1	0	1972
Western Michigan ....	93	39	54	0	1916
Western Reserve .....	10	10	0	0	1910
Wilm. J.C. ....	2	1	1	0	1961
Wisconsin .....	65	35	28	2	1904
Yale .....	5	4	1	0	1952
Xavier .....	6	5	1	0	1927
Montclair State .....	2	1	1	0	1974
Seton Hall .....	2	1	1	0	1974

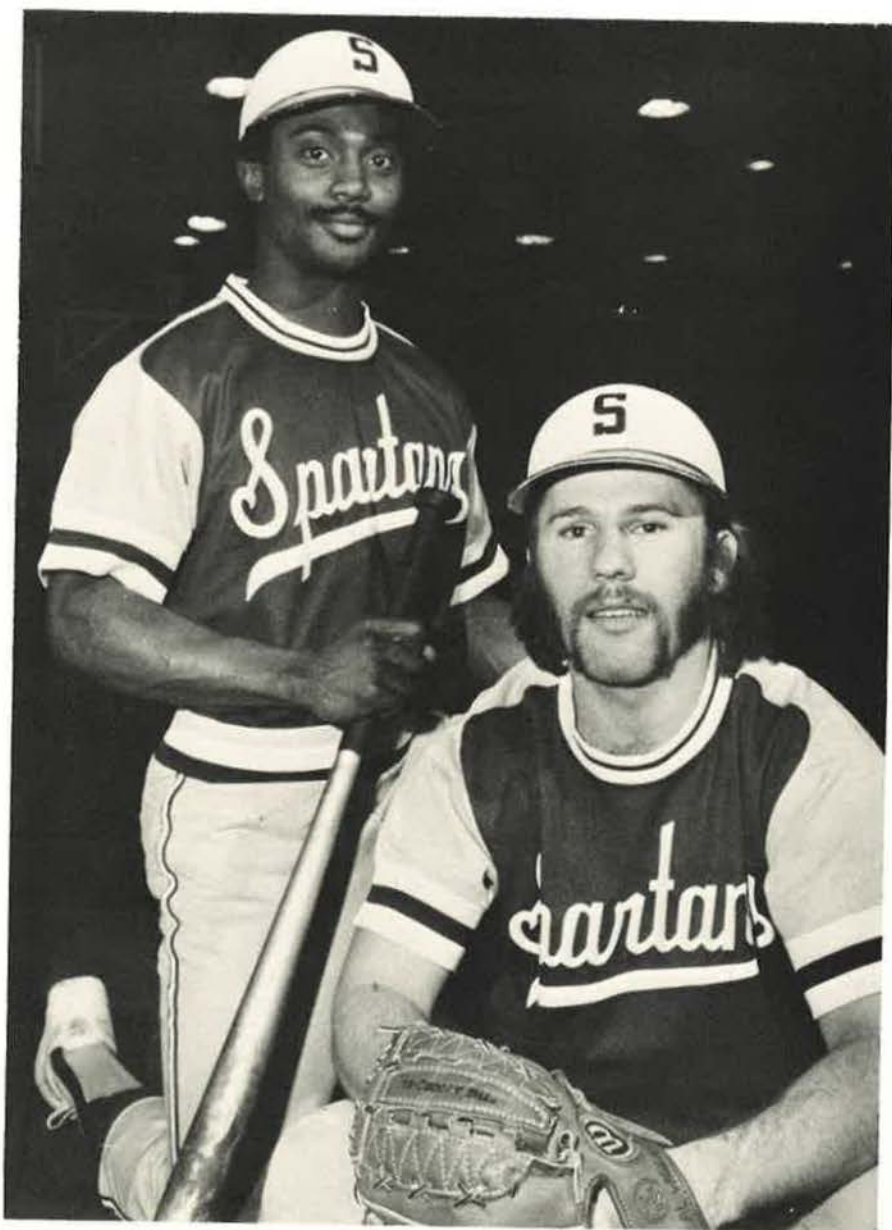
## STATE'S 24 BIG TEN SEASONS

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	Place
1951 .....	10	4	6	.400	7th
1952 .....	13	7	6	.538	5th
1953 .....	13	6	7	.462	7th
1954 .....	13	11	2	.846	1st
1955 .....	15	10	5	.667	2nd (tie)
1956 .....	11	4	7	.364	8th
1957 .....	11	5	6	.455	7th
1958 .....	15	10	5	.667	2nd
1959 .....	15	8	7	.533	4th (tie)
1960 .....	11	4	7	.364	8th
1961 .....	14	6	8	.429	5th
1962 .....	14	6	8	.429	5th (tie)
1963 .....	14	5	9	.357	8th
1964 .....	15	8	7	.533	4th (tie)
1965 .....	15	9	6	.600	3rd
1966 .....	13	8	5	.615	4th
1967 .....	18	8	10	.444	6th
1968 .....	17	13	4	.765	2nd
1969 .....	16	8	8	.500	5th (tie)
1970 .....	16	9	7	.563	3rd
1971 .....	16	13	3	.813	1st
1972 .....	14	10	4	.714	2nd
1973 .....	18	9	9	.500	5th (tie)
1974 .....	15	7	8	.467	6th
1975 .....	15	11	4	.733	4th

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# Michigan State Baseball 1977



## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY -- QUICK FACTS

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LOCATION -- East Lansing, Mich. 48824

FOUNDED -- 1855

ENROLLMENT -- 43,749

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE -- Big Ten

SCHOOL COLORS -- Green and White

NICKNAME -- Spartans

HOME DIAMOND -- John H. Kobs Field (4,000)

STARTED BASEBALL -- 1883

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR -- Dr. Joe Kearney (Seattle Pacific '52)  
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RECORD LAST SEASON -- Overall -- 15-23-1  
Big Ten -- 7-5 (4th)

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TICKET INFORMATION -- MSU Students admitted with ID card  
General Admission \$1

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ON THE COVER -- Serving as co-captains of Michigan State baseball in 1977 are outfielders Tyrone Willingham (left) and Al Weston, both seniors.



# 1977 SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
March 19-29	Spring Trip at Pan American Univ. .. (12 Games -- teams: Pan American, Lubbock Christian, Indiana, Wright State, Southeast Oklahoma State)	Edinburg, Tex.
April 9 (Sat.)	Eastern Michigan (2) .....	Ypsilanti
12 (Tues.)	ALBION (2) .....	EAST LANSING
13 (Wed.)	AQUINAS (2) .....	EAST LANSING
16 (Sat.)	*IOWA (2) .....	EAST LANSING
17 (Sun.)	*MINNESOTA (2) .....	EAST LANSING
19 (Tues.)	Central Michigan (2) .....	Mt. Pleasant
22 (Fri.)	WAYNE STATE (2) .....	EAST LANSING
23 (Sat.)	DETROIT (2) .....	EAST LANSING
26 (Tues.)	CENTRAL MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
27 (Wed.)	Western Michigan (2) .....	Kalamazoo
30 (Sat.)	*Illinois (2) .....	Champaign, Ill.
May 1 (Sun.)	*Purdue (2) .....	Lafayette, Ind.
3 (Tues.)	EASTERN MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
7 (Sat.)	*Indiana (2) .....	Bloomington, Ind.
8 (Sun.)	*Ohio State (2) .....	Columbus, Ohio
10 (Tues.)	WESTERN MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
14 (Sat.)	*NORTHWESTERN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
15 (Sun.)	*WISCONSIN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
18 (Wed.)	OAKLAND (2) .....	EAST LANSING
21 (Sat.)	*Michigan .....	Ann Arbor
22 (Sun.)	*MICHIGAN .....	EAST LANSING

## \*Big Ten Games

HOME GAMES at John Kobs Field beginning at 1 p.m.

Times E.S.T. through April 23, E.D.T. thereafter

Games Scheduled -- 52 (12 in Texas, 40 in regular season,  
18 in Big Ten, 25 at home)

# 1977 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Cl.	Home/High School/Coach
4	*Bastien, Rodger	SS	R	R	6-0	175	3-22-57	So.	Grandville/T. Nauta
5	***Weston, Al	OF	R	R	5-9	173	8- 4-55	Sr.	Hazel Park/C. Mikulas
6	**Willingham, Ty	OF	R	R	5-8	160	12-30-53	Sr.	Jacksonville, NC/K. Miller
7	Robinson, Ken	OF	L	R	6-2	188	1- 6-57	So.	Ypsilanti/P. Digan
8	Pollard, Jerry	C	R	R	5-11	180	1-26-58	Fr.	Livonia/Franklin/R. Heller
9	**Simpson, Pat	OF	R	R	6-1	198	11-22-55	Sr.	Royal Oak/Shrine/J. McDougal
10	Cotter, Jim	P	R	R	6-1	205	10-14-56	Jr.	Pewamo/Westphalia/J. Giardia
11	Wolcott, Brian	P	R	R	6-0	165	2-12-58	Fr.	Plymouth/Salem/W. Sparkman
12	Radke, Dave	SS	R	R	5-11	180	12- 2-55	Jr.	Lansing/Sexton/B. Campbell
14	*Pashnick, Larry	P	R	R	6-2	190	4-25-56	Jr.	Wyandotte/Roosevelt/D. Lange
15	Hop, Randy	2B	R	R	5-10	165	4-25-57	So.	Zeeland/I. Jansen
16	**Hubert, Todd	P	R	R	6-2	175	7-18-55	Sr.	Harper Woods/Bishop Gallagher/ J. Bresciam
17	Sutherland, Mark	SS	R	R	6-0	165	9-15-57	So.	Garden City/West/B. Dropp
18	**Pruitt, Randy	1B	R	R	6-0	186	2-25-55	Sr.	Flint/Central/J. Fuller
19	**Lincoln, John	P	R	R	6-2	178	3-25-55	Sr.	Portage/Northern/D. Reeves
20	*Johnson, Sherman	P	R	L	6-1	195	12-27-54	Sr.	Grand Rapids/Union/J. Zakem
21	Bodary, Jeff	C	L	R	6-0	180	7-27-56	Jr.	Mason/D. Fellows
22	Guy, Dave	P	R	R	5-11	170	11-23-56	So.	Grandville/T. Nauta
23	*Wenson, Tony	C	R	R	6-1	195	9-25-54	Sr.	Farmington/R. Roy
24	*Baker, Chuck	P	R	R	6-0	175	3-13-56	Jr.	Saginaw/Arthur Hill/E. Perlar
25	**Kniivila, Jim	P	R	R	6-3	195	3-31-55	Sr.	Holt/J. Reynolds
26	*Beck, Don	P	R	R	6-0	180	12-28-56	Jr.	Portage/Northern/D. Reeves
27	*Weller, Jerry	OF	R	R	6-2	180	1-12-56	Jr.	Rochester/Adams/J. Summerhays
29	*Bakunas, Joe	C	R	R	5-11	185	8- 7-56	Sr.	Linden, NJ/T. Hoagland
30	Northey, Cliff	3B	R	R	5-11	190	2-27-56	Jr.	Troy/B. McElreath
31	Spada, Tony	3B	R	R	5-9	175	6- 6-56	Jr.	Sterling Hts./B. Kowaleski
--	Armbruster, Matt	P	R	R	6-0	160	8-10-56	Jr.	Grosse Pte./South/G. Duditch
--	*Boland, John	P	R	R	6-3	225	2- 6-57	So.	Northville/C. Shonta
--	Campion, Rob	P	R	R	6-0	175	1- 3-58	Fr.	Lansing/Catholic Central/P. Booth
--	Conklin, Dave	OF	R	L	5-9	170	12-15-56	So.	Williamston/G. Shaffer
--	Davidson, Scott	P	R	R	5-11	165	7- 5-56	Jr.	Richmond/W. Eldred
--	Gladstone, Mitch	2B	R	R	5-9	160		Sr.	Lansing/Everett/M. Smith
--	Griglak, Glen	1B	R	R	6-0	165	2-27-57	So.	Mt. Clemens/Clintondale/J. Smith
--	Moore, Mike	C	L	R	6-0	185	11-29-56	So.	Fenton/B. Hajec
--	Perry, Paul	OF	R	R	6-0	190	11- 8-56	So.	Midland/F. Altimore
--	Schloegl, Dan	P	R	R	6-2	185	1- 6-58	Fr.	Grand Blanc/J. Pitock
--	Schultz, Tom	OF	R	R	6-3	190	2-27-58	Fr.	Grand Rapids/Union/J. Zakem
--	St. Clair, Bill	P	R	R	6-4	208	5-14-55	Sr.	Springfield, MA/Tech/H. Burns
--	Turner, Joe	P	R	L	6-2	200	4-24-58	Fr.	Grand Rapids/Union/J. Zakem
--	Tyler, Gary	P	R	R	6-3	195	11-11-57	So.	Kalamazoo/Central/B. Topp
--	Woodward, Ron	C	R	R	6-0	180	1-10-57	So.	Midland/F. Altimore

\*Denotes Varsity Letters Won

## 1977 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

--	Armbruster/p	--	Davidson/p	30	Northey/3B	31	Spada/3B
24	Baker/p	--	Gladstone/2B	14	Pashnick/p	--	St. Clair/p
29	Bakunas/c	--	Griglak/1B	--	Perry/of	17	Sutherland/ss
4	Bastien/ss	22	Guy/p	8	Pollard/c	--	Turner/p
26	Beck/p	15	Hop/2B	18	Pruitt/1B	--	Tyler/p
21	Bodary/c	16	Hubert/p	12	Radke/ss	27	Weller/of
--	Boland/p	20	Johnson/p	7	Robinson/of	23	Wenson/c
--	Campion/p	25	Kniivila/p	--	Schloegl/p	5	Weston/of
--	Conklin/of	19	Lincoln/p	--	Schultz/of	6	Willingham/of
10	Cotter/p	--	Moore/c	9	Simpson/of	11	Wolcott/p
						--	Woodward



# 1975 FINAL STATISTICS

PLAYER	G	AB	R	H	AVG	Hitting											PO	Fielding		
						2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	SH	SF	HP		A	E	AVG
Jerry Weller, of	13	23	10	8	.343	0	0	4	20	6	10	6	1	0	3	1	21	2	2	.920
Al Weston, of	39	139	25	48	.345	6	3	5	75	21	13	10	7	0	0	1	57	2	4	.937
Pat Simpson, of	39	119	22	37	.311	4	3	0	47	16	15	10	6	0	3	1	71	1	5	.935
Ty Willingham, of	33	91	12	28	.308	6	1	0	36	17	13	15	5	0	2	1	45	11	7	.889
Terry Hop, 2B	39	141	17	41	.291	8	3	1	58	16	22	10	3	1	1	0	104	128	6	.975
Rick Seid, c	39	133	28	37	.278	6	1	3	54	18	13	8	10	1	1	1	119	13	8	.943
Randy Pruitt, 3B	38	134	24	37	.276	4	0	3	50	21	9	17	0	0	1	0	52	75	12	.914
Rodger Bastien, 3B	39	115	22	31	.270	5	1	2	44	14	16	19	8	1	1	3	53	97	16	.904
Joe Bakunas, c	8	19	1	5	.263	2	0	0	7	4	1	7	0	0	0	0	19	3	0	1.000
Mike Fricke, 1B	38	141	20	36	.255	10	4	0	54	23	11	15	3	3	1	0	249	38	8	.973
Tony Wenson, c	15	39	5	9	.231	2	0	1	14	6	2	7	1	0	0	0	16	2	3	.857
Dan Medley, of	29	70	9	16	.229	4	0	0	20	9	3	6	1	1	1	1	26	1	2	.931
Dave Conklin, of	9	8	2	1	.125	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1.000
Bob DelPapa, c	6	17	1	2	.118	1	0	1	6	5	3	7	0	0	0	0	17	6	0	1.000
Dave Radke, of	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Pitchers																	12	33	8	.849

MICHIGAN STATE	39	1194	199	336	.281	58	16	20	486	175	133	143	47	7	11	9	869	415	32	.940
OPPONENTS	39	1151	251	346	.300	54	11	29	510	211	214	128	65	28	12	11	881	376	57	.949

PITCHER	T	G	GS	CG	W-L	PCT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	SHO	ERA
John Lincoln	L	7	0	0	1-2	.333	18.2	7	8	4	17-2	9	1	2	0	0	1.92
Larry Pashnick	R	4	2	0	2-0	1.000	18.1	16	9	4	15	6	0	0	0	0	1.96
Chuck Baker	R	10	9	4	4-3	.571	54	55	29	24	33-1	17	1	6	1	2	4.00
Sherm Johnson	L	10	9	3	5-4	.556	54	65	37	29	20	36	1	5	0	0	4.83
Don Beck	R	6	1	0	1-1	.500	20.1	27	12	11	6-2	6	0	1	0	0	4.87
John Boland	R	5	3	0	0-2	.000	21.2	27	16	13	14	7	0	0	1	0	5.40
Tom Wilson	R	6	2	0	0-3	.000	16.1	22	19	12	10	10	3	3	0	0	6.61
Bill St. Clair	R	3	0	0	0-0	.000	5.2	12	9	5	3	2	0	3	0	0	7.94
Scott Evans	R	3	1	0	0-1	.000	4	9	6	13	5	2	1	0	0	0	3.52
Rick Moore	L	5	2	0	1-1	.500	18.1	20	19	16	25	10	1	2	0	0	9.67
Matt Armbruster	R	4	0	0	0-0	.000	6.1	10	8	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	9.94
Todd Hubert	R	8	1	0	0-2	.000	17.2	34	27	21	11	9	0	4	0	0	10.69
Jim Kniivila	R	7	6	1	1-3	.250	26.1	37	41	34	32-1	12	0	1	0	0	11.62
Gary Tyler	R	2	2	0	0-1	.000	5.1	8	10	10	6	0	1	1	0	0	16.87
MICHIGAN STATE		39	39	8	15-23	.395	289.2	346	251	194	214	128	10	29	2	2	6.02
OPPONENTS		39	39	15	23-15	.605	293.2	336	199	162	133	143	9	19	6	4	4.96

# FINAL 1976 RECORD

Overall: 15-23-1

Big Ten: 7-5

<u>MSU</u>		<u>OPP</u>	<u>MSU</u>		<u>OPP</u>
2	Miami (Fla.)	6-	1	*Minnesota	0+
9	Mercer	8+	0	*Minnesota	5-
7	Seton Hall	7+	6	Detroit	2+
5	Massachusetts	2+	0	Detroit	3-
5	Miami (Fla.)	6-	5	Wayne State	3+
13	Seton Hall	11+	4	Wayne State	2+
8	Massachusetts	9-	5	*Illinois	0+
3	Miami (Fla.)	13-	3	*Illinois	1+
1	Maine	7-	7	Eastern Michigan	12-
0	Miami (Fla.)	10-	6	Eastern Michigan	7-
3	Miami (Fla.)	9-	5	Central Michigan	6-
9	Maine	14-	3	*Indiana	5-
3	Miami (Fla.)	13-	14	*Indiana	5+
19	Maine	9+	4	*Ohio State	2+
			4	*Ohio State	3+
0	Eastern Michigan	5-	2	Western Michigan	4-
2	Eastern Michigan	9-	4	Western Michigan	12-
5	Albion	12-	10	*Michigan	2+
4	Albion	3+	3	*Michigan	11-
1	*Iowa	5-			
11	*Iowa	12-			

\*Big Ten Games

## 1976 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1. Michigan	9	4	.692
2. Minnesota	12	6	.667
3. Indiana	10	7	.588
4. MICHIGAN STATE	7	5	.583
5. Iowa	9	7	.563
- Ohio State	9	7	.563
7. Wisconsin	6	7	.462
8. Purdue	5	9	.357
9. Northwestern	5	11	.313
10. Illinois	3	12	.200



## 1977 PROSPECTS

Armed with more hitting power, an improved defense and a veteran pitching staff, Michigan State enters the 1977 baseball wars with optimism.

Coach Danny Litwhiler begins his 14th season with the Spartans looking to better last year's 15-23-1 record, only the school's second losing campaign in 20 years. However, MSU was in the Big Ten race until the final game and completed play in 4th place with a 7-5 mark. Litwhiler sees State "making things interesting" in the Big Ten again in 1977.

A group of 16 experienced players return to the diamond for MSU. But five valuable people graduated, including All-Big Ten catcher Rick Seid, second baseman Terry Hop, and first sacker Mike Fricke. Filling the receiving post could be a problem, but Litwhiler feels infield replacements are available.

A rundown by positions:

### Pitching

The Spartan pitching staff returns intact this spring with a few additions. Mainstays of last year's hill group, righthander Chuck Baker and lefty Sherman Johnson, have looked good in practice. Baker, one of the Big Ten's strongest hurlers in 1976 with a 2.02 ERA, and 2-2 record, experienced some arm problems early this year but the junior should be ready. Johnson posted a 5-4 mark a year ago and threw a fine game against Michigan late in the campaign. Coaches see him as potentially the team's best pitcher. Veterans Todd Hubert, Jim Kniivila, and John Lincoln all look stronger this spring and seem to be throwing harder. A spot reliever last year, Larry Pashnick could see some starting roles. Newcomers Jim Cotter, Dave Guy and Brian Wolcott have been impressive and could gain important spots on the staff.

### Catching

With Rick Seid out of the picture, MSU must rely on inexperienced personnel behind the plate. But the catching candidates own strong credentials. Lettermen Joe Bakunas and Tony Wenson have had limited playing time but are improved over last year. Wenson is the most powerful hitter on the squad. Livonia freshman Jerry Pollard could find himself starting this year for State. He is an avid competitor and handles himself well under the mask.

### Infield

Litwhiler is proposing some changes this year after the departure of Hop and Fricke from the right side. Senior Randy Pruitt, a third baseman last season, will get first call at first base. Replacing Terry Hop at second may be his brother, Randy Hop. The coaches think the younger Hop can become a better hitter than Terry. Returning at shortstop is standout sophomore Rodger Bastien, a .270 hitter in 1976. Bastien played in all 39 Spartan games last spring, his first at MSU. Third base probably will be manned by one of two first-year varsity players, juniors Cliff Northey and Tony Spada. Northey was a JV performer last season, while Spada is a transfer student from Mott Community College in Flint.

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## Outfield

Litwhiler calls this the best outfield at State since his arrival in 1963. Both hitting and defense of the Spartan outfield are rated very good. Leading the group is All-America and All-Big Ten selection Al Weston in left field. Al, a senior from Hazel Park, hit .450 in conference play and just missed taking last year's loop batting crown. Weston will serve as MSU's co-captain along with centerfielder Ty Willingham. Ty batted .308 a year ago and was voted second team All-Big Ten. The third member of the regular trio will be Pat Simpson, a .311 hitter in 1976. Junior Jerry Weller, a hitting hero from last spring, could play some outfield, but may show up in the designated hitter slot. Another possibility for outfield or DH play is Ypsilanti sophomore Ken Robinson. Also a Spartan football quarterback, Ken is an excellent hitter with a fine swing.

## INDIVIDUAL SKETCHES

**CHUCK BAKER -- 6-0, 175, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Saginaw (Arthur Hill).** One of State's best hurlers last season. Threw two shutouts and won four of nine starts. His 2.02 Big Ten earned run average was among the conference's finest. Experienced some arm problems early in practice. Seems to be back in form now. Possesses a fine variety of pitches. An All-Valley pick at Arthur Hill. Nickname is Buddy. Born 3-13-56 in Tacoma, Wash. Majors in parks and recreation resources.

**JOE BAKUNAS -- 5-11, 185, Sr., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Linden, N.J. (Linden).** A prime candidate for the starting catcher role. Good defensive receiver. Handles pitchers well. Picked up five hits in eight games last year, including two doubles. If hitting continues to improve he could be MSU's top catcher. Lettered in baseball and basketball at Linden. Born 8-7-55. A health, physical education and recreation major.

**RODGER BASTIEN -- 6-0, 175, So., Shortstop (throws right, bats right), Grandville (Grandville).** Good bet for post-season honors. Coach Litwhiler already feels he is one of the finest players in MSU history. An excellent fielder. Hitting is constantly improving. Batted .270 last spring while playing in all 39 Spartan games. Coaches cannot say enough about Bastien's potential at State. An All-Conference selection in both baseball and basketball while at Grandville High. Served as captain and gained MVP honors with the cage team. Born 3-22-57. An English major.

**DON BECK -- 6-0, 180, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Portage (Northern).** Should play a strong relief role for the Spartans. Owns excellent control. Walked an average of one man per game last season. Seemed to gain more control as the 1976 campaign rolled on. Has improved his slider and curve. Attended high school with MSU pitcher John Lincoln. Lettered twice in baseball and three times in football at Portage Northern. Born 12-28-56. Majors in general business and pre-law and hopes to enter law school after graduation.

**JOHN BOLAND -- 6-3, 225, So., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Northville (Northville).** Started three games for MSU last spring and completed the year with an 0-2 record. Showed improvement in early practice. Will probably begin the new season in the bullpen. Took four baseball and basketball letters at Northville, in addition to one football monogram. Selected all-league and all-area as a prep. Born 2-6-57. A mechanical engineering major.

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## INDIVIDUAL SKETCHES, Cont'd.

**JIM COTTER** -- 6-1, 205, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Pewamo (Pewamo-Westphalia). A strong new face on the Spartan pitching scene. A transfer from Lansing Community College. Throws a hard, sinking sidearm that's very tough on right hand hitters. Earned 12 letters while a high school performer, including four in baseball and basketball, one in football, one in track, and two in cross country. An all-area and all-conference selection in baseball. Born 10-14-56. Majors in elementary education.

**DAVE GUY** -- 5-11, 170, So., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Grandville (Grandville). Fine newcomer with good control and an exceptional curve. Coaches saw improvement from fall practice to pre-season practice. Attended the same high school as Spartan shortstop Rodger Bastien. Picked up all-conference honors twice and was selected second team All-State. Born 11-23-56. Has not designated academic field.

**RANDY HOP** -- 5-10, 165, So., Second Base (throws right, bats right), Zeeland (Zeeland). Takes over the second base slot from his brother Terry, who graduated last spring. Coaches already feel Randy may be a better hitter than his brother. Has power and hits well to all fields. Transferred from Grand Rapids Junior College just as Terry did. An all-conference and MVP pick at Zeeland High. Born 4-25-57. Currently a no-preference student.

**TODD HUBERT** -- 6-2, 175, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Harper Woods (Bishop Gallagher). Earned second MSU varsity letter last spring, but failed to win a game in eight appearances. Coaches look for considerable improvement this season. Seems to have regained some of the control he lost in 1976. Hubert led State in 1975 with six wins in seven decisions. Can be effective as a starter or in relief role. Born 7-18-55. A pre-veterinary major.

**SHERM JOHNSON** -- 6-1, 195, Sr., Pitcher (throws left, bats right), Grand Rapids (Union). After a strong pre-season showing, the coaches list Sherm as the team's best pitcher. Won five of nine decisions last year. His finest performance came in the next to last contest with Michigan; a 10-2 Spartan victory at Kobs. Led MSU in strikeouts with 36 on the season. State's only top-flight lefthander on the pitching staff. Transferred from Grand Rapids J.C. two years ago. Won three baseball and two basketball letters at Union High. Born 12-27-54. A packaging major.

**JIM KNIIVILA** -- 6-3, 195, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Holt (Holt). Had a rough year last spring, winning just once in six starts. Posted five victories for MSU in 1975. Coaches say he's working harder than ever this spring. His control seems to be returning. Certainly has the potential to be a great pitcher for the Spartans. A two-year captain of the baseball team at Holt High. Selected to All-America, All-State and all-league teams.

**JOHN LINCOLN** -- 6-2, 178, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Portage (Northern). Put together State's best ERA last year of 1.92 in seven games. All his appearances were in relief. Could see some starting action this season, but he'll probably see primarily relief work. Throwing harder in pre-season. Earned two baseball and two basketball letters at Northern. A National Honor Society member. Father played some in the Chicago White Sox organization. Born 3-25-55. A general business major.

**CLIFF NORTHEY** -- 5-11, 190, Jr., Infielder (throws right, bats right), Troy (Troy). Possible starting third baseman for the Spartans. Looking strong this spring after injuring his back last year. A regular performer with the MSU JV squad during the past two seasons. Consistent fielder with a potent bat. An all-league pick as a third baseman at Troy High. Also an Honor Society member at the school. Born 2-27-56. Currently majoring in chemical engineering.

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## INDIVIDUAL SKETCHES, Cont'd.

LARRY PASHNICK -- 6-2, 190, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Wyandotte (Rossevelt). Came on strong last season to collect a 2-0 record in two starts. Appeared in four games and accumulated an excellent 1.96 ERA. He is a good possibility to start for State in 1977. Delivers an accurate curve with good speed. Lettered in basketball and golf, in addition to baseball at Roosevelt High. An all-league and all-district pick. Born 4-25-56. Has not selected selected academic field.

JERRY POLLARD -- 5-11, 180, Fr., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Livonia (Franklin). A good bet to start for MSU this season. A great competitor with some fine offensive and defensive talents. Must battle veterans Joe Bakunas and Tony Wenson for the top slot in the lineup. Owns a powerful swing and should produce a few homers this spring. An outstanding baseball and football star for Franklin High. Earned all-league, all-district and honorable mention All-State in both sports. Born 1-26-58. Majors in accounting.

RANDY PRUITT -- 6-0, 185, Sr., Infielder (throws right, bats right), Flint (Central). Will take another shot at first base this season. Started there last year, but moved back to his natural position at third. Has fine hands and could probably handle any of the infield positions. Played in all but one game last season for State, hitting .276. Connected for four doubles and three home runs. Always among the team leaders in doubles. Awarded six letters at Flint Central, three for baseball. Selected to All-State, all-valley and all-city teams. Brother Ron, a former Spartan, is a professional player. Born 2-25-55. Majoring in health, physical education and recreation.

DAVE RADKE -- 5-11, 180, Jr., Infielder (throws right, bats right), Lansing (Sexton). Could play important relief role in the infield. An MSU JV performer during the past two seasons. Strongest position is shortstop. Good defensive range. Slugged a grand slam during MSU's Texas trip. Appeared in one varsity game last year in the outfield. Earned three baseball and three football letters at Sexton High. An All-City, all-district, all-region, and all-league pick as a gridder. Selected as one of the top ten scholastic athletes at State during the past two years. Born 12-2-55 in Lakewood, Ohio. Majors in mechanical engineering.

KEN ROBINSON -- 6-2, 188, So., Outfielder (throws right, bats left), Ypsilanti (Ypsilanti). A fine new prospect for the Spartan baseball team. Possesses an excellent swing and tremendous power at the plate. Should see plenty of action as the designated hitter. A quarterback with the MSU football squad. Threw one TD pass last fall. Picked up nine letters as an athlete at Ypsilanti. An All-State selection in baseball and football and earned MVP honor with grid and basketball teams. A three-time all-league performer on the diamond. Father played minor league pro baseball with the Chicago Cubs. Born 1-6-57. Currently a no-preference student at State.

PAT SIMPSON -- 6-1, 198, Sr., Outfielder (throws right, bats right), Royal Oak (Shrine). A starting member of State's fine outfield lineup. Has hit .311 in each of his first two years with the Spartans. Slugged four doubles and three triples last spring. Finished as MSU's third leading hitter in 1976. An All-State, all-league, and all-area pick at Shrine High School. Brother Bill starred in baseball and football at State and is now a member of the Los Angeles Rams. Born 11-22-55. A health, physical education and recreation major.

TONY SPADA -- 5-9, 175, Jr., Infielder (throws right, bats right), Sterling Heights (Sterling Heights). Has a good shot at the third base slot for MSU. Neck and neck with Cliff Northey as the season starts. Played third during high school where he garnered all-league, all-county, and all-area honors. Picked up two years of experience at Mott Community College. While at Mott he was selected to All-State, all-league and all-regional teams. Born 6-6-56. Majoring in business administration. (more)



## INDIVIDUAL SKETCHES, Cont'd.

MARK SUTHERLAND -- 6-0, 165, So., Infielder (throws right, bats right), Garden City (West). Another fine infield prospect for State. Coaches say he is the most improved player on the squad. Played with the junior varsity team last spring. Good defensive technique with a potentially strong bat. Served as captain of the Garden City West baseball team. Also picked up all-league and MVP honors. Born 9-15-57. Majoring in business accounting.

JERRY MELLER -- 6-2, 180, Jr., Outfielder (throws right, bats right), Rochester (Adams). Should hit a lot of home runs for the Spartans. Slugged four last season, all in clusters. Seems to be back in the swing this spring. Completed 1976 with State's best batting average, .348 in 23 at bats. Will probably be seen as the designated hitter most of the time. Played shortstop at Adams High and received All-State, all-league, all-district and MVP honors. Born 1-12-56. Has not decided on academic field.

TONY WENSON -- 6-1, 195, Sr., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Farmington (Farmington). A strong possibility for the catching spot vacated by the graduated Rick Seid. Has most experience of any of the candidates. Played in 15 games last season and hit .231, including one homer. Should hit more HRs this spring. Coaches call him the most powerful hitter on the squad. An all-league and all-district pick at Farmington. A Hillsdale College transfer. Born 9-25-54. Majors in package engineering.

AL WESTON -- 5-9, 173, Sr., Outfielder (throws right, bats right), Hazel Park (Hazel Park). Co-captain of the 1977 Spartans. Team MVP last season after batting .345. Led State in hits (48), home runs (5), and total bases (75). Also slammed six doubles and three triples during the campaign. Took first team All-Big Ten merits after finishing second in conference hitting with a .450 average. Also named to the all-conference team in his freshman year. A three letter star in both baseball and football at Hazel Park High. An All-State, all-league, and all-district pick in both sports. Born 8-4-55. Majoring in agriculture.

TYRONE WILLINGHAM -- 5-8, 160, Sr., Outfielder (throws right, bats right), Jacksonville, N.C. (Jacksonville). Enjoyed his finest season on the diamond last spring. Named to the All-Big Ten second team after hitting .387 in league play. Hit .308 during the regular season for the Spartans. Popped six doubles and one triple. Selected as co-captain for the 1977 MSU squad. An excellent clutch player. Completed a fine career with the Spartan football team last fall, earning his third letter. Looking for a third letter in baseball this spring. Received eight letters while at Jacksonville High and was named MVP on the baseball, football and basketball squads. Born 12-30-53. A health, physical education and recreation major.

BRIAN WOLCOTT -- 6-0, 165, Fr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Plymouth (Salem). One of State's best new pitching prospects. Fired a 16-0 season last spring as a senior at Salem High. A first team All-State selection. Also took all-league and all-area honors. As a basketball guard, he was named to the all-suburban first team. Also received the school's outstanding athlete award. Fine poise and control for a freshman. Didn't allow a hit during last fall's MSU practices. Expected to play a large role in the State pitching staff. Can also be used in a hitting role as he can be dangerous at the plate. Born 2-12-58. Majoring in health, physical education and recreation.

**DANNY LITWHILER**  
**Head Coach**

Daniel W. Litwhiler, former major league baseball star, has coached the diamond sport at Michigan State University for 13 seasons.

He moved in as head coach of the Spartans in the fall of 1963 and in 13 full years his clubs have played 541 games, winning 337, losing 196 and tying eight, for a fine winning percentage of .630.

His 1976 outfit won 15, lost 23 and finished fourth in Big Ten standings with a 7-5 mark. One of his best units was the 1971 varsity that won 36 games, most ever for a State nine, losing only ten and took MSU's second Big Ten team title in history.

All but two of his Michigan State teams have posted winning records in overall play and only one has ever finished out of the conference first division.

The head coaching position at State is the second in collegiate ranks for Litwhiler, who previously was at the helm of Florida State teams for nine years. His Florida State teams won 189 games and lost 81. His teams had no losing seasons and played in seven district playoffs and three college world series.

Danny's complete college coaching records for 22 seasons shows 526 victories, 277 losses and eight ties for an excellent winning percentage of .654.

Six of his Florida State players achieved All-America selection and many went on to professional ball.

Eighteen of Litwhiler's players at Michigan State have earned first-team Big Ten selection, two (Rob Ellis and Ron Pruitt) have made the All-America first team and three (John Biedenbach, Steve Garvey and Joe Palamara) the second team picked by the collegiate coaches. Five Spartans coached by Danny have made The Sporting News All-America (Steve Garvey, Rick Miller, Rob Ellis, Ron Pruitt and Harry Kendrick) and two have been All-America Academic first-team (Jerry Sachmann and Dale Frietch).

Many of his performers have reached major league ranks, including Florida Staters Dick Howser (New York Yankees), Woody Woodward (Cincinnati Reds) and Ken Suarez (Cleveland Indians), and Spartans Bruce Look (New York Yankees), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Dick Billings (St. Louis Cardinals), Mel Behney (Cincinnati Reds), Rick Miller (Boston Red Sox), Rob Ellis (Milwaukee Brewers), Ron Pruitt (Cleveland Indians) and Rick Kreuger (Boston Red Sox).

Litwhiler, a 1939 graduate of Bloomsburg, Pa. State College, spent 12 years as a player in the majors before stepping down in 1951. During that time he played with the Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, the old Boston Braves and the Cincinnati Reds. Dan was with the Cardinals in the 1943 and 1944 World Series, and played in the 1942 All-Star game.

He managed in professional ball for five seasons. He was playing-manager of Fargo, N.D. in 1952, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1953 and at Jamestown, N.Y. and Duluth, Minn. in 1954. From there he joined the Florida State staff.

Among his memorable performances is his string of 21 straight games in which he hit safely in his first season in the majors. In 1941 he belted a home run in every National League park.

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DANNY LITWHILER, Cont'd.

Litwhiler was a perfectionist in the field. He became the first major leaguer to play an entire season without making an error. That was in 1942 when he handled 317 chances in 151 games.

Over a period of two seasons he set a record of playing 187 consecutive games without an error. This feat put Litwhiler's glove in baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.

His best full season at bat came in 1941 when he hit .305. He had a life-time average of .282.

Litwhiler is known for several innovations in coaching, such as an unbreakable mirror for pitchers to use for checking their throwing, and employment of a bat sawed in half to teach bunting. Recently, Litwhiler came up with the idea of using a radar gun to chart the velocity of pitches. The clever use of the device has brought interested responses from many major league teams. He's also constantly seeking to improve the attractiveness of the home baseball games and the last four years has had batgirls working at home contests.

Litwhiler has contributed to several baseball publications. They include "Fundamentals of Baseball" by University Press, 1956; "Baseball Glossary" in English, Dutch, Italian and Spanish, by University Press, 1958; "Baseball Coaches Guide to Drills and Skills," by Prentice-Hall, 1963, and "Baseball" by Prentice-Hall, 1967.

His alma mater honored him in 1973 by naming its new baseball stadium in his name. Danny also received a special honor several summers ago from his home area in the State of Pennsylvania. He was inducted into the Jerry Wolman Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in Shennandoah. The chapter, named after the one-time owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, since 1963 has cited men and women in the field of athletics who by distinguished performance have brought honor to that part of the state.

Danny was born August 31, 1916, at Ringtown, Pa. He was married in 1971 to Patricia Walsh James and the couple has ten children. Mrs. Litwhiler received her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State. Three children, Marcia, Dick and Nancy have graduated from MSU.

Son Dick was a pitcher on the Spartan varsity ten years ago. He received his M.A. degree in physical education and now teaches in that field and is assistant baseball coach at Georgia Southwestern. Son Danny teaches math and is assistant baseball coach at the Air Force Academy.

**FRANK PELLERIN**  
**Assistant Coach**

Continuing a longtime association with Michigan State baseball is Frank E. Pellerin, member of Spartan teams as an undergraduate, and a staff member for the 23rd season.

He was appointed as assistant coach in 1953, working with the late John H. Kobs, and the same assignment was extended in 1963 with present head man Danny Litwhiler.

During Pellerin's tenure, Spartan baseballers have played more than 800 games (865 games, 533 wins, 320 losses and 12 ties), won two Big Ten team titles (in 1954 and in 1971) and placed second three times. He's helped coach the Spartans in 23 of their 26 Big Ten seasons and has had a hand in the development of 33 athletes who've earned All-Big Ten first-team selection.

Pellerin played under Kobs at State, earning varsity letters in 1941, 1942 and 1943 with stints at second base and at third base. He enrolled at State after graduation from Redford High School in Detroit where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball.

His first teaching and coaching position was at Highland Park, Mich. High School, where he remained until joining the Michigan State staff in September, 1953.

While at Highland Park, Pellerin was head baseball coach, assisted in swimming, football, basketball and physical education classes, and also taught classes in mathematics.

Pellerin received the master's degree in counseling and guidance in 1951 at Wayne State University. He and wife, Nancy, have two sons, Michael and Tim.

**TOM SMITH**  
**Freshman Coach**

In his eighth season as freshman baseball coach at Michigan State is Thomas W. Smith, who was appointed to the post in September of 1967.

He had served unofficially in the capacity the previous four years while working towards his B.S. degree. In the years that he's handled the Spartan young players, the MSU varsity has recorded an impressive 241-137-6 won-lost-tied mark.

Smith enrolled at State as an undergraduate after playing in professional baseball from 1961 to 1963 with the Milwaukee Braves organization. He was a catcher. He went with the Braves following high school graduation.

Tom is a native of Coldwater, Mich., born Dec. 9, 1942. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1961 and immediately signed his professional contract. He received his B.S. degree in physical education in March, 1967 and his master's degree in March of 1971.

In addition to his coaching duties, Smith teaches in physical education. He and wife, Jane Marie, have two daughters, Jamie and Julie.



# LITWHILER'S COACHING RECORD

Year	G	W	L	T	Position
1955	23	17	6	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1956	29	24	5	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1957	31	22	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1958	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1959	33	22	11	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1960	22	13	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1961	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1962	37	23	14	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1963	39	26	13	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1964	34	22	12	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1965	39	28	11	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1966	38	24	13	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1967	46	22	23	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1968	43	32	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1969	41	24	17	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1970	45	28	15	2	Head Coach, Michigan State
1971	46	36	10	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1972	39	28	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1973	47	27	20	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1974	40	23	16	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1975	44	28	16	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1976	39	15	23	1	Head Coach, Michigan State

	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Florida State Record (9 seasons) .....	270	189	81	0	.700
Michigan State Record (13 seasons) ...	541	337	196	8	.630
TOTAL (22 seasons) .....	811	526	277	8	.654

## ALL TIME COACHES' RECORDS

Coach	Years	G	W	L	T	Pct.
No Established Coach	1883-1886	17	10	7	0	.588
Prof. Carpenter	1887-1888	24	16	8	0	.667
No Established Coach	1889-1895	50	24	25	1	.490
Robert T. Gales	1896-1898	34	14	20	0	.412
Coach Ferguson	1899	9	5	4	0	.556
Charles O. Bemies	1900-1901	12	4	8	0	.333
George E. Denman	1902-1903	25	10	15	0	.400
Chester L. Brewer	1904-1910	102	62	39	1	.612
John E. Macklin	1911-1915	79	52	27	0	.658
John Morrissey	1916-1917	26	17	9	0	.654
Chester L. Brewer	1918-1920	40	17	23	0	.425
George Clark	1921	14	6	8	0	.429
John Morrissey	1922	17	9	8	0	.529
Fred M. Walker	1923-1924	31	20	11	0	.645
John H. Kobs	1925-1963	967	574	377	16	.602
Daniel W. Litwhiler	1964-	541	337	196	8	.630
All Time Record		1987	1176	785	26	.598

## SPARTAN BASEBALL HONOR ROLL

### All-America Selections

(Selected by American Association of College Baseball Coaches)

#### First Team

Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972

#### Second Team

Jack Kinney, of, 1949  
Albert Cummins, 2b, 1950  
Jack Risch, of, 1954  
Bob Powell, of, 1955  
Jim Sack, of, 1954  
Dick Radatz, p, 1959  
Tom Riley, of, 1961  
John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965  
Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975

#### Third Team

George Rutenbar, of, 1949  
Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
George Smith, 2b, 1955  
Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Dale Frietch, dh, 1974  
Al Weston, of, 1976

(Selected by the Sporting News)

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1969  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Robert Ellis, of, 1970  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972

### All-America Academic

Jerry Sackmann, of, 1972  
Jerry Sackmann, of, 1973  
Dale Freitch, c-dh, 1974

### All-NCAA District 4

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Mel Behney, p, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1969  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975  
Al Weston, of, 1976

### All-Big Ten Selections

#### First Team

Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
Jack Risch, of, 1954  
Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
Chuck Matthews, 1b, 1954-55  
Bob Powell, of, 1955  
Dick Idzkowski, p, 1955  
Jim Sack, of, 1954  
Roscoe Davis, 1b, 1957  
Alan Luce, c, 1957  
Frank Palamara, 2b, 1958  
Ron Perranoski, p, 1958  
Dean Look, of, 1958  
John Fleser, of, 1958  
Dick Radatz, p, 1958  
Tom Riley, of, 1961  
Joe Porrevecchio, of, 1962-63-64  
Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
Jerry Walker, 2b, 1965  
John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965-66  
Bob Speer, of, 1966  
Bill Steckley, 3b, 1967

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Mel Behney, p, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1968-69  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Dick Vary, 3b, 1970  
Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1971-72  
Robert Clancy, p, 1971  
Shaun Howitt, of, 1972  
Dale Frietch, dh, 1974  
Al Weston, of, 1974  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975  
Al Weston, of, 1976  
Rick Seid, c, 1976



## SPARTAN HONOR ROLL, Cont'd.

### All-Big Ten Selections

#### Second Team

Bob Ciolek, 1b, 1951  
Chuck Mathews, 1b, 1953  
John Matsock, ss, 1954  
Bud Erickson, p, 1954  
George Smith, 2b, 1955  
Frank Palamara, 2b, 1957  
Ron Perranoski, p, 1957  
Don Gilbert, c, 1958  
Dick Radatz, p, 1958  
Dean Look, of, 1959  
Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1963  
Dick Billings, of, 1964  
Bob Maniere, of, 1965  
Tom Binkowski, 1b, 1968  
Steve Rymal, 2b, 1968  
Dan Bielski, p, 1968  
Gary Boyce, of, 1970-71  
Brad VanPelt, p, 1972  
Larry Ike, p, 1972  
John Rohde, 1b, 1973  
Rick Moore, p, 1974  
Mike Fricke, of, 1975  
George Mahan, p, 1975  
Ty Willingham, of, 1976

#### Third Team

George Smith, 2b, 1954  
Bob Powell, of, 1954  
Ed Hobaugh, p, 1954  
Alan Luce, c, 1956  
John Fieser, of, 1958  
William Schudlich, 1b, 1960  
Mickey Sinks, p, 1960  
Sam Calderone, 3b, 1961  
Jeff Abrecht, of, 1962  
Dennis Ketcham, 2b, 1962  
Jack Nutter, p, 1963  
Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1964  
Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1964  
Dick Billings, of, 1965  
Jim Goodrick, p, 1966  
Dick Kenney, p, 1966  
Tom Binkowski, 1b, 1967  
John Walters, of, 1967  
Tom Hummel, of, 1968  
Dan Bielski, p, 1969  
Robert Ellis, 2b, 1970  
Phil Fulton, p, 1970  
Larry Ike, p, 1971  
Bailey Oliver, 1b, 1972  
Bill Simpson, of, 1974  
Terry Hop, ss, 1974  
Rick Seid, dh, 1975

### ANNUAL TEAM AWARDS

#### Frank Palamara Memorial Award Most Valuable Performer

1953 Wayne Lawrie, 3b  
1954 John Matsock, ss  
1955 Jim Sack, of  
1956 Jim Sack, of  
1957 Frank Palamara, 2b  
1958 Dean Look, of  
1959 Dean Look, 2b  
1960 John Hendee, of  
1961 Bill Schudlich, 1b  
1962 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
1963 Jerry Sutton  
1964 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
1965 John Biedenbach, 3b  
1966 Tom Binkowski, 1b  
1967 Tom Hummel, of  
1968 Harry Kendrick, c  
1969 Rick Miller, of  
1970 Gary Boyce, of  
1971 Robert Ellis, of  
1972 Shaun Howitt, of  
1973 Bill Simpson, of  
1974 Bill Simpson, of  
1975 Terry Hop, ss  
1976 Al Weston, of

#### Bullpen Club Award Leading Pitcher

1953 Ernest Erickson  
1954 Ed Hobaugh  
1955 Dick Idzkowski  
1956 Walt Godfrey  
1957 Ron Perranoski  
1958 Ron Perranoski  
1959 Dick Radatz  
1960 Mickey Sinks  
1961 Robert Ross  
1962 Gary Ronberg  
1963 Jack Nutter  
1964 John Krasnan  
1965 Doug Dobrei  
1966 Dick Kenney  
1967 Zana Easton  
1968 Mickey Knight  
1969 Dan Bielski  
1970 Phil Fulton  
1971 Robert Clancy  
1972 Elliott Moore  
1973 Elliott Moore  
1974 Rick Moore  
1975 Todd Hubert  
1976 Chuck Baker

#### Gene Scott Award Most Improved Player

1953 Jack Risch, of  
1954 Dick Idzkowski, p  
1955 Bob Powell, of  
1956 Frank Palamara, 2b  
1957 Bill Mansfield, p  
1958 Dick Schiesel, 3b  
1959 Bob Ross, p  
1960 Mickey Sinks, p  
1961 Tom Riley, of  
1962 Jerry Sutton, 1b  
1963 John Hines, 3b  
1964 Dick Billings, of  
1965 Jerry Walker, 2b  
1966 Dennis Maedo, 2b  
1967 Mickey Knight, p  
1968 Steve Rymal, 2b  
1969 Richie Jordan, of  
1970 Dick Vary, 3b  
1971 Larry Rettenmund, if  
1972 Bailey Oliver, c-if  
1973 Larry Romaine, dh  
1974 Dale Frietch, c-dh  
1975 Pat Simpson, of  
1976 Ty Willingham, of

# ANNUAL TEAM AWARDS, Cont'd.

## Joe Kearney Award Spartan Batting Champions

		AB	H	R	Avg.
1925	Don Fleser, of	56	33	18	.589
1926	Don Fleser, of	81	54	32	.667
1927	D. Zimmerman, of	79	43	30	.545
1928	Gerald Bryne, p-of	66	27	13	.409
1929	Forest Rinehart, of	85	32	19	.376
1930	Ed Gibbs, of	99	45	32	.454
1931	H. Cuthbertson, 2b	81	29	14	.361
1932	John Madona, ss	97	34	19	.349
1933	Alton Kircher, of	86	37	20	.430
1934	William McCann, 2b	80	30	12	.375
1935	Steve Sebo, c	76	26	12	.342
1936	Steve Sebo, c	87	35	17	.402
1937	Milt Lenhardt, of	95	31	23	.326
1938	John Kuk, of	96	34	17	.354
1939	Norman Duncan, ss	88	30	16	.341
1940	Norman Duncan, ss	88	35	18	.398
1941	Howard Ladue, of	65	27	20	.415
1942	Peter Fornari, c	66	20	18	.303
1943	Arthur Maischoss, 3b	60	20	8	.333
1944	No Varsity Team (war year)				
1945	Ben Hudenko, c	54	20	9	.370
1946	Jacweir Breslin, 1b	77	26	19	.338
1947	Edward Barbarito, 2b	75	26	17	.347
1948	Dan Urbanik, 3b	94	32	15	.340
1949	George Rutenbar, of	106	40	29	.377
1950	Al Cummins, 2b	117	43	30	.367
1951	Darrell Lindley, of	103	43	28	.418
1952	Robert Ciolek, 1b	55	20	9	.364
1953	Charles Mathews, 1b	89	29	18	.326
1954	Charles Mathews, 1b	105	37	25	.352
1955	George Smith, 2b	103	42	29	.408
1956	Jim Sack, of	117	42	25	.393
1957	Frank Palamara, 2b	106	38	23	.358
1958	Ted Kearly, of	61	23	13	.377
1959	John Fleser, of	95	33	15	.347
1960	Robert Monczka, c	53	15	6	.283
1961	Tom Riley, of	103	37	9	.359
1962	Jerry Sutton, 1b	63	25	22	.397
1963	John Hines, 3b	59	22	18	.373
1964	Jerry Sutton, 1b	115	44	30	.383
1965	John Biedenbach, 3b	146	57	29	.390
1966	Steve Polisar, ss	136	45	27	.331
1967	Bill Steckley, 3b	157	51	34	.325
1968	Harry Kendrick, c	143	56	25	.392
1969	Richard Miller, of	118	42	24	.356
1970	Robert Ellis, if	158	50	26	.380
1971	Robert Ellis, of	145	59	48	.407
1972	Ronald Pruitt, c-of	130	50	37	.392
1973	John Rohde, 1b-2b	158	50	24	.316
1974	Dale Frietch, c-dh	87	37	13	.425
1975	Joe Palamara, 2b	111	38	25	.342
1976	Al Weston, of	139	48	25	.345



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## Season Individual Batting

### Highest Batting Average

*Don Fleser-1926	.667
*Don Fleser-1926	.589
*Del Zimmerman-1927	.545
Ed Gibbs-1930	.454
Alton Kircher-1933	.430
Dale Frietch-1974	.425
Darrell Lindley-1951	.418
Howard Ladue-1941	.415
George Smith-1955	.408

### Most Hits

Robert Ellis-1970	60
Robert Ellis-1971	59
Gary Boyce-1971	57
John Biedenbach-1965	57
Harry Kendrick-1968	56
*Don Fleser-1926	54
Bill Steckley-1967	51
Steve Garvey-1968	50
Ron Pruitt-1972	50
John Rohde-1973	50
John Dace-1971	48
Tom Hummel-1967	48
Al Weston-1976	48

### Most Runs Scored

Gary Boyce-1971	49
Robert Ellis-1971	48
Chuck Mathews-1955	40
Bill Simpson-1973	38
Tom Hummel-1967	37
Joe Gavel-1969	37
Ron Pruitt-1972	37
Ron DeLonge-1972	35
J. Porrevecchio-1964	34
Bill Steckley-1967	34

### Most Runs Batted In

Shaun Howitt-1972	45
Robert Ellis-1971	44
John Rohde-1973	42
Steve Garvey-1968	38
Dick Billings-1964	37
Rick Miller-1969	36
Jack Kinney-1949	35
Ron Pruitt-1970	35
Ron Pruitt-1971	36

### Most Doubles

Bailey Oliver-1972	15
Bob Speer-1966	13
Robert Ellis-1970	13
John Biedenbach-1965	12
Ron Pruitt-1972	12
Ron DeLonge-1973	12
Bailey Oliver-1973	12

### Most Triples

Ron Pruitt-1971	7
Rob Ellis-1971	6
Abe Eliowitz-1931	6
Terry Hop-1974	6
John Biedenbach-1965	5
Jim Sack-1956	5
Ray Collard-1955	5
Chuck Mathews-1953	5
John Kuk-1938	5
Milt Lehnhardt-1936	5
Chuck Brown-1934	5
Irvin Bartling-1934	5
Alton Kircher-1933	5
Ed Gibbs-1930	5
Bill Steckley-1967	5

### Most Home Runs

Rob Ellis-1971	14
Shaun Howitt-1972	12
Steve Garvey-1968	9
Al Luce-1957	9
Jerry Sutton-1963	8
Ron Pruitt-1971	7
Rob Ellis-1970	7
J. Porrevecchio-1962	7
Joe Rivich-1951	7
Vince Magi-1950	7
Ed Gibbs-1930	7
Dick Billings-1964	7
Rick Miller-1969	7

### Most Total Bases

Rob Ellis-1971	123
Rob Ellis-1970	98
Steve Garvey-1968	93
Ron Pruitt-1972	88
Gary Boyce-1971	86
John Biedenbach-1965	85
Shaun Howitt-1972	83
Ron Pruitt-1971	82
Ed Gibbs-1930	79
Harry Kendrick-1968	78
Jim Sack-1956	76

### Most Stolen Bases

Joe Gavel-1969	21
Charles Fawcett-1932	20
Richie Jordan-1969	18
Theron Fager-1934	17
Ed Gibbs-1931	16

## Season Individual Pitching

### Most Games Worked

Phil Fulton-1970	22
Mickey Knight-1968	19
Mickey Knight-1967	18
Robin Roberts-1947	17
Fred Devereux-1965	17
Kirk Maas-1970	17
Dick Kenney-1967	16

### Most Wins

Bob Clancy-1971	10
Dick Radatz-1959	10
Mel Behney-1968	9
Dick Idzkowski-1955	9
Larry Ike-1971	8
Mickey Sinks-1960	8
Ron Perranoski-1958	8
Phil Fulton-1970	8
Larry Ike-1970	8
Duane Bickel-1973	8
Elliott Moore-1973	8

### Most Losses

Dick Kenney-1967	7
Duane Bickel-1973	6
Doug Miller-1963	5
Jack Nutter-1963	5
Don Sackett-1950-60	5
Craig VanSciver-1959	5
Bob Dangi-1953	5
Gary Smith-1967	5
Dan Bielski-1969	5

### Most Innings Pitched

Dick Radatz-1959	96
Duane Bickel-1973	95
Mickey Sinks-1960	92 2/3
Robin Roberts-1947	90 2/3
R. Perranoski-1958	86 2/3
Phil Fulton-1970	86 2/3
Mel Behney-1968	84 1/3

### Most Strikeouts

Mel Behney-1968	107
Dick Radatz-1959	106
Ron Perranoski-1958	89
Dick Kenney-1967	88
Ron Perranoski-1957	86
Robin Roberts-1947	86

(Listings are based upon statistics available from seasons of 1930 through 1975 with exception of 1942 and 1943. Performances known prior to 1930 are noted with asterisks.)

# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## Season Individual Pitching

### Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel-1975	58
Duane Bickel-1973	50
Rick Moore-1974	49
Rick Deller-1972	48
R. Perranoski-1957-58	45
Mel Behney-1968	44
Jim Goodrich-1966	41
Mickey Knight-1969	39
Jim Kniivila-1975	39

### Lowest Earned Run Average (30 or more innings)

Dick Holmes-1965	0.47
Jim Goodrich-1965	0.76
Dick Radatz-1959	1.12
Fred Devereux-1965	1.43
Bill Mansfield-1957	1.48

## Career Batting

### Highest Batting Average

Ed Gibbs-1930-31	.398
Rob Ellis-1970-71	.393
Steve Garvey-1968	.376
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	.373
J. Porrevecchio-1962	.360
Jim Sack-1954-56	.354
George Smith-1954-56	.352

### Most Hits

Gary Boyce-1969-71	142
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	133
J. Biedenbach-1964-66	132
Harry Kendrick-1967-69	126
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	124
Rob Ellis-1970-71	119
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	117
Phil Rashead-1969-71	113
Bob Maniere-1963-65	110

### Most Runs

Gary Boyce-1969-71	100
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	99
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	92
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	87
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	79
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	75
Rob Ellis-1970-71	74
Shaun Howitt-1970-72	73
Bill Steckley-1965-57	72
Tom Binkowski-1966-68	72

### Most Runs Batted In

Ron Pruitt-1970-72	103
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	89
Shaun Howitt-1970-72	82
Tom Binkowski-1965-68	78
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	77
John Rohde-1970-73	77
Rob Ellis-1970-71	74
Amos Hewitt-1973-75	73
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	71
Gary Boyce-1969-71	70
Jack Kinney-1949-50	66
H. Kendrick-1967-69	65
Bailey Oliver-1970-73	65

### Most Doubles

Bailey Oliver-1970-73	29
J. Biedenbach-1964-66	27
John Dace-1970-72	27
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	27
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	25
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	24
Rob Ellis-1970-71	23
Phil Rashead-1970-71	23
H. Kendrick-1967-69	23
Amos Hewitt-1973-75	22
Tom Binkowski-1966-68	20

### Most Triples

Ray Collard-1954-56	11
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	11
Abe Eliowitz-1931-33	10
Milt Lehnhardt-1935-37	9
Ed Gibbs-1930-31	9
J. Biedenbach-1964-66	9
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	9

### Most Home Runs

Shaun Howitt-1970-72	22
Rob Ellis-1970-71	21
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	21
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	18
Al Luce-1955-57	14
Tom Binkowski-1966-68	13
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	13
Jack Kinney-1949-50	12
Gary Boyce-1969-71	10
Joe Rivich-1950-52	10
Vince Magi-1949-51	10
Ed Gibbs-1930-31	10
H. Kendrick-1967-69	10
John Dace-1970-72	10

## Career Pitching

### Most Wins

Larry Ike-1970-72	23
R. Perranoski-1956-58	21
Kirk Maas-1969-71	17
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	17
Dick Radatz-1957-59	17
Duane Bickel-1972-75	17
Keith Steffee-1945-47	16
Mickey Knight-1967-69	16
Larry Ike-1970-71	16
Rob Clancy-1970-73	16

### Most Losses

Duane Bickel-1972-75	12
Dick Kenney-1965-67	11
Don Sackett-1958-60	11
Ed Hobaugh-1954-56	10
Mickey Knight-1967-69	10
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	9
Bob Dangi-1951-53	8
Duane Bickel-1972-73	8

### Highest Winning Percentage

Keith Steffee- 1945-47 (16-2)	.889
Zana Easton 1967-69 (11-2)	.846
Elliott Moore 1970-73 (15-3)	.883
Jim Goodrich 1965-66 (9-2)	.818
Dick Radatz (17-4)	.810
Roger Howard 1951-52 (8-2)	.800

### Most Innings Pitched

Duane Bickel 1972-75	217
Ron Perranoski 1956-58	213 2/3
Mickey Sinks 1959-61	210 1/3
Larry Ike 1970-72	209 1/3
Ed Hobaugh 1954-56	206 1/3
Dick Radatz 1957-59	194 2/3
Kirk Maas 1969-71	190
Mickey Knight 1967-69	185 1/3



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## Career Pitching

### Most Strikeouts

Ron Perranoski-1956-58	223
Dick Radatz-1957-59	193
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	180
Dick Kenney-1965-67	178
Mickey Knight-1967-69	174
Mel Behney-1967-68	166

### Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel-1972-75	139
Ron Perranoski-1956-58	115
Elliott Moore-1970-73	88
Lou Bloch-1947-50	84
Mel Behney-1967-68	81
Larry Ike-1970-72	81
Mickey Knight-1967-69	79
Rick Moore-1974-75	77
Dick Idzkowski-1953-55	76
Dick Kenney-1965-67	73

## SPARTAN TEAM RECORDS

### Season

#### Most Wins

1971	.....	36
1968	.....	32
1965	.....	28
1970	.....	28
1972	.....	28
1975	.....	28
1973	.....	27
1954	.....	25
1966	.....	24
1969	.....	24

#### Most Hits

1971	.....	421
1968	.....	396
1970	.....	378
1975	.....	373
1965	.....	363
1973	.....	359
1972	.....	356
1964	.....	350
1974	.....	349
1954	.....	344

#### Most Runs Batted In

1971	.....	271
1972	.....	236
1968	.....	222
1974	.....	210
1955	.....	207
1964	.....	203
1975	.....	201
1970	.....	200
1973	.....	200

#### Most Triples

1971	.....	26
1955	.....	25
1932	.....	24
1954	.....	21
1975	.....	20
1962	.....	19
1951	.....	19
1949	.....	19
1934	.....	19

#### Most Losses

1976	.....	23
1967	.....	23
1973	.....	20
1953	.....	17
1969	.....	17
1974	.....	16
1975	.....	16
1970	.....	15
1963	.....	14
1959	.....	14
1952	.....	14
1948	.....	14

#### Most Runs

1971	.....	317
1972	.....	261
1968	.....	257
1955	.....	251
1974	.....	242
1964	.....	236
1973	.....	235
1975	.....	234
1962	.....	227
1969	.....	224

#### Most Doubles

1972	.....	70
1973	.....	69
1971	.....	66
1964	.....	65
1974	.....	63
1975	.....	61
1976	.....	53
1970	.....	58
1965	.....	56
1958	.....	55
1968	.....	54

#### Most Home Runs

1972	.....	43
1971	.....	42
1970	.....	37
1968	.....	31
1964	.....	31
1951	.....	27
1956	.....	24
1955	.....	24
1973	.....	24

# ALL-TIME RECORD

Year	Games Played	W	L	Tied	Pct.	Runs	Opp. Runs	Coach
1883	1	0	1	0	.000	11	12	
1884	6	4	2	0	.666	103	84	
1885	2	1	1	0	.500	27	13	
1886	8	5	3	0	.625	131	46	
1887	16	11	5	0	.683	223	95	Prof. Carpenter
1888	8	5	3	0	.625	79	95	Prof. Carpenter
1889	11	4	7	0	.636	105	125	
1890	8	3	5	0	.375	63	60	
1891	8	5	3	0	.625	31	31	
1892	4	3	1	0	.750	27	18	
1893	4	2	2	0	.500	31	47	
1894	6	3	2	1	.400	47	37	
1895	9	4	5	0	.444	80	102	
1896	12	3	9	0	.250	110	157	Robert T. Gale
1897	10	4	6	0	.400	103	84	Robert T. Gale
1898	12	7	5	0	.583	144	131	Robert T. Gale
1899	9	5	4	0	.555	79	64	Coach Ferguson
1900	9	3	6	0	.333	84	85	Charles O. Bemies
1901	3	1	2	0	.333	23	34	Charles O. Bemies
1902	10	2	8	0	.200	60	93	George E. Denman
1903	15	8	7	0	.534	140	100	George E. Denman
1904	16	12	4	0	.750	115	53	Chester L. Brewer
1905	15	11	4	0	.734	99	64	Chester L. Brewer
1906	19	11	8	0	.579	81	72	Chester L. Brewer
1907	12	4	8	0	.334	84	53	Chester L. Brewer
1908	13	7	5	1	.584	66	44	Chester L. Brewer
1909	13	9	4	0	.692	67	65	Chester L. Brewer
1910	14	8	6	0	.572	66	44	Chester L. Brewer
1911	16	11	5	0	.688	79	46	John F. Macklin
1912	13	10	3	0	.769	62	34	John F. Macklin
1913	18	11	7	0	.612	81	83	John F. Macklin
1914	18	12	6	0	.667	97	83	John F. Macklin
1915	14	8	6	0	.572	66	41	John F. Macklin
1916	15	11	4	0	.734	72	28	John Morrissey
1917	11	6	5	0	.546	70	44	John Morrissey
1918	12	7	5	0	.584	82	72	Chester L. Brewer
1919	13	4	9	0	.308	53	85	Chester L. Brewer
1920	15	6	9	0	.400	98	81	Chester L. Brewer
1921	14	6	8	0	.429	88	75	Geo. "Potsy" Clark
1922	17	9	8	0	.529	138	99	John Morrissey
1923	18	14	4	0	.778	134	103	Fred M. Walker
1924	13	6	7	0	.462	57	51	Fred M. Walker
1925	15	9	5	1	.643	102	85	John H. Kobs
1926	20	13	7	0	.650	120	69	John H. Kobs
1927	21	13	8	0	.619	140	106	John H. Kobs
1928	18	11	7	0	.611	132	115	John H. Kobs
1929	24	12	11	1	.522	122	145	John H. Kobs
1930	22	16	6	0	.750	129	73	John H. Kobs
1931	23	13	9	1	.591	132	95	John H. Kobs
1932	24	10	12	2	.455	126	106	John H. Kobs



# ALL-TIME RECORD, Cont'd.

Year	Games Played	W	L	T	Pct.	Runs	Opp. Runs	Coach
1933	20	13	7	0	.650	125	81	John H. Kobs
1934	22	10	11	1	.477	129	133	John H. Kobs
1935	21	11	9	1	.550	103	93	John H. Kobs
1936	20	13	7	0	.650	144	78	John H. Kobs
1937	27	16	11	0	.593	149	116	John H. Kobs
1938	24	15	9	0	.615	106	89	John H. Kobs
1939	23	13	10	0	.566	127	113	John H. Kobs
1940	22	12	8	2	.600	142	118	John H. Kobs
1941	23	13	10	0	.566	137	110	John H. Kobs
1942	25	13	11	1	.542	133	139	John H. Kobs
1943	16	9	7	0	.563	89	72	John H. Kobs
1944	No Varsity Team, War Year							
1945	16	12	4	0	.750	101	65	John H. Kobs
1946	26	21	5	0	.808	163	78	John H. Kobs
1947	24	16	8	0	.667	163	94	John H. Kobs
1948	25	10	14	1	.416	129	141	John H. Kobs
1949	28	19	8	1	.696	214	134	John H. Kobs
1950	28	19	9	0	.679	198	151	John H. Kobs
1951	26	17	9	0	.653	206	141	John H. Kobs
1952	32	18	14	0	.563	143	128	John H. Kobs
1953	28	11	17	0	.393	115	158	John H. Kobs
1954	36	25	10	1	.708	219	139	John H. Kobs
1955	32	21	11	0	.656	251	179	John H. Kobs
1956	29	16	13	0	.551	169	140	John H. Kobs
1957	32	18	13	1	.580	210	154	John H. Kobs
1958	34	22	12	0	.647	195	114	John H. Kobs
1959	35	21	14	0	.600	187	139	John H. Kobs
1960	30	17	13	0	.567	135	126	John H. Kobs
1961	33	21	11	1	.656	187	120	John H. Kobs
1962	30	17	13	0	.567	227	171	John H. Kobs
1963	33	18	14	1	.560	210	153	John H. Kobs
1964	34	22	12	0	.647	236	155	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1965	39	28	11	0	.718	221	117	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1966	38	24	13	1	.644	211	150	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1967	46	22	23	1	.489	211	158	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1968	43	32	10	1	.734	257	104	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1969	41	24	17	0	.585	224	162	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1970	45	28	15	2	.644	222	156	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1971	46	36	10	0	.783	325	148	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1972	39	28	10	1	.731	261	128	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1973	47	27	20	0	.574	235	204	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1974	40	23	16	1	.588	242	181	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1975	44	28	16	0	.636	234	211	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1976	39	15	23	1	.395	199	251	Daniel W. Litwhiler
Total	1987	1176	785	26	.598	12450	9270	

**INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORDS**  
(College & Service Teams Only)

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Adrian .....	3	3	0	0	1927
Akron .....	1	1	0	0	1914
Alabama .....	2	1	1	0	1957
Albion .....	82	60	21	1	1896
Alma .....	26	24	2	0	1900
Amherst .....	1	0	0	1	1957
Arizona .....	1	1	0	0	1954
Armour Tech .....	10	9	1	0	1906
Army .....	9	7	1	1	1967
Auburn .....	2	0	2	0	1926
Ball State .....	15	12	3	0	1966
Baruch .....	2	2	0	0	1972
Beloit .....	2	1	1	0	1902
Bethany .....	4	2	2	0	1914
Bradley .....	7	6	1	0	1926
Buchtel .....	1	1	0	0	1913
Buffalo .....	6	5	0	1	1916
Butler .....	3	2	1	0	1924
California .....	3	1	2	0	1938
Cp. Gordon .....	1	0	1	0	1952
Cp. Lejeune .....	19	11	8	0	1953
Case .....	2	1	1	0	1913
Central Mich. ...	33	21	12	0	1911
Cherry Pt. ....	2	0	2	0	1953
Chicago .....	7	4	3	0	1923
Cincinnati .....	8	6	2	0	1929
Clemson .....	13	9	3	1	1935
Coe .....	1	1	0	0	1934
Colgate .....	3	1	2	0	1929
Connecticut .....	1	1	0	0	1970
Cornell .....	5	4	1	0	1936
Cumberland .....	3	2	0	1	1928
Davidson .....	2	1	1	0	1934
Defiance .....	1	1	0	0	1929
DePaul .....	7	6	1	0	1908
DePauw .....	4	2	2	0	1903
Detroit .....	67	54	13	0	1915
Detroit Bus. ....	1	1	0	0	1905
Detroit Col. ....	5	3	2	0	1902
Detroit Univ. ...	3	2	0	1	1907
Duke .....	24	10	14	0	1933
E. Kentucky .....	2	2	0	0	1937
Eastern Mich. ...	82	54	27	1	1896
Elon .....	3	2	1	0	1933
Fairleigh- Dickinson	2	1	0	1	1961
Florida .....	2	1	1	0	1965
Florida A&M .....	1	1	0	0	1969
Florida State ...	15	6	9	0	1957
Ft. Belvoir .....	2	2	0	0	1962
Ft. Benning .....	14	6	7	1	1926
Ft. Custer .....	2	0	2	0	1942
Ft. Eustis .....	3	1	2	0	1954
Ft. Jackson .....	3	2	1	0	1946

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Ft. Knox .....	3	3	0	0	1959
Ft. Lee .....	9	7	2	0	1953
Furman .....	2	2	0	0	1935
G. Washington .....	1	1	0	0	1963
Georgia .....	17	10	7	0	1913
Ga. Southern .....	1	1	0	0	1964
Ga. Tech .....	3	2	0	1	1932
Great Lakes .....	3	2	1	0	1942
Hillsdale .....	29	24	5	0	1896
Hope .....	9	8	1	0	1923
Hosei .....	2	0	2	0	1931
Hunter AFB .....	1	1	0	0	1958
Illinois .....	44	26	18	0	1952
Illinois Wes. ....	1	0	1	0	1940
Indiana .....	53	30	23	0	1919
Iowa .....	59	34	24	1	1921
Iowa St. Col. ....	2	1	1	0	1930
Ithaca .....	1	0	1	0	1963
Kalamazoo .....	31	19	12	0	1895
Kentucky .....	1	1	0	0	1913
Lake Forest .....	7	6	1	0	1908
Louisiana State ...	2	1	1	0	1975
Maine .....	3	1	2	0	1976
Marshall .....	4	2	2	0	1915
Maryville .....	6	2	4	0	1927
Massachusetts .....	5	3	2	0	1954
Mercer .....	5	3	2	0	1926
Miami (Fla.) .....	41	13	26	2	1965
Miami (Ohio) .....	2	1	1	0	1930
Michigan .....	167	61	105	1	1884
Minnesota .....	43	16	27	0	1925
Mississippi .....	2	0	2	0	1931
Mississippi A&M ...	1	1	0	0	1931
Missouri .....	1	0	1	0	1954
Nebraska .....	1	1	0	0	1937
Newberry .....	7	5	1	1	1935
Newport News .....	1	1	0	0	1961
New York .....	2	2	0	0	1966
Niagra .....	2	2	0	0	1916
N. Carolina .....	20	6	13	1	1933
N. Carolina St. ...	11	9	2	0	1936
Northern Iowa .....	3	1	2	0	1973
Northwestern .....	46	34	11	1	1931
Notre Dame .....	112	62	50	0	1907
Oberlin .....	10	7	3	0	1914
Ogelthorpe .....	1	1	0	0	1926
Ohio .....	15	8	7	0	1932
Ohio Northern .....	2	1	1	0	1913
Ohio State .....	93	45	47	1	1911
Ohio Wesleyan .....	6	4	2	0	1910
Olivet .....	56	39	16	1	1884
Parris Island .....	6	2	4	0	1956
Penn State .....	4	3	1	0	1920
Pensacola Navy ....	3	2	1	0	1942



# INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORD, Cont'd.

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Pittsburgh .....	3	2	1	0	1969
Presbyterian .....	2	2	0	0	1940
Pressman Tech .....	1	1	0	0	1928
Purdue .....	38	28	10	0	1949
Rhode Island .....	1	1	0	0	1961
Richmond .....	2	1	0	1	1950
Rochester .....	2	2	0	0	1916
Rollins .....	5	2	3	0	1954
Rutgers .....	6	5	1	0	1966
St. Johns (Ohio) ..	1	1	0	0	1911
St. Marys (Mich.) ..	7	6	1	0	1917
St. Viator .....	8	5	1	2	1909
Selfridge AFB .....	2	2	0	0	1943
Seton Hall .....	4	2	1	1	1974
S. Carolina .....	21	16	5	0	1935
So. Illinois .....	4	1	2	1	1972
Springfield .....	1	0	1	0	1960
Spring Arbor .....	2	2	0	0	1965
Syracuse .....	12	8	4	0	1908
Tennessee .....	1	1	0	0	1949
Toledo .....	6	5	1	0	1936
Toronto .....	1	1	0	0	1904

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Valparaiso .....	6	2	4	0	1920
Vanderbilt .....	8	2	6	0	1929
Virginia .....	2	2	0	0	1963
WMI .....	1	1	0	0	1956
Virginia Tech ..	3	2	1	0	1951
Wabash .....	13	8	5	0	1908
Wake Forest .....	16	5	11	0	1933
Wash. & Jeff. ..	1	1	0	0	1903
Wayne State .....	37	36	1	0	1942
Wesleyan .....	1	1	0	0	1967
Wisconsin .....	67	37	28	2	1904
W. Kentucky .....	1	0	1	0	1972
Western Mich. ..	95	39	56	0	1916
W. Reserve .....	10	10	0	0	1910
Wilm. J.C. .....	2	1	1	0	1961
Yale .....	5	4	1	0	1952
Xavier .....	6	5	1	0	1927
Montclair St. ..	2	1	1	0	1974

## STATE'S 25 BIG TEN SEASONS

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	Place
1951 .....	10	4	6	.400	7th
1952 .....	13	7	6	.538	5th
1953 .....	13	6	7	.462	7th
1954 .....	13	11	2	.846	1st
1955 .....	15	10	5	.667	2nd (tie)
1956 .....	11	4	7	.364	8th
1957 .....	11	5	6	.455	7th
1958 .....	15	10	5	.667	2nd
1959 .....	15	8	7	.533	4th (tie)
1960 .....	11	4	7	.364	8th
1961 .....	14	6	8	.429	5th
1962 .....	14	6	8	.429	5th (tie)
1963 .....	14	5	9	.357	8th
1964 .....	15	8	7	.533	4th (tie)
1965 .....	15	9	6	.600	3rd
1966 .....	13	8	5	.615	4th
1967 .....	18	8	10	.444	6th
1968 .....	17	13	4	.765	2nd
1969 .....	16	8	8	.500	5th (tie)
1970 .....	16	9	7	.563	3rd
1971 .....	16	13	3	.813	1st
1972 .....	14	10	4	.714	2nd
1973 .....	18	9	9	.500	5th (tie)
1974 .....	15	7	8	.467	6th
1975 .....	15	11	4	.733	4th
1976 .....	12	7	5	.583	4th
Total	369	206	163	.558	

# Michigan State Baseball 1978





# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY -- QUICK FACTS

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LOCATION -- East Lansing, Mich. 48824

FOUNDED -- 1855

ENROLLMENT -- 43,749

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE -- Big Ten

SCHOOL COLORS -- Green and White

NICKNAME -- Spartans

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STARTED BASEBALL -- 1883

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ON THE COVER -- Serving as co-captains for Michigan State baseball in 1978 are senior right-handed pitcher Larry Pashnick (kneeling) of Wyandotte and senior first baseman Jerry Weller of Rochester.

# 1978 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
March 17-29	Spring Trip to Pan American Univ. (14 games -- Pan American, Arkansas State, Texas-Arlington, Morningside, Indiana).	Edinburg, Tex.
April 8 (Sat.)	Eastern Michigan (2) .....	Ypsilanti
11 (Tue.)	ALBION (2) .....	EAST LANSING
12 (Wed.)	AQUINAS (2) .....	EAST LANSING
15 (Sat.)	*Minnesota (2) .....	Minneapolis, Minn.
16 (Sun.)	*Wisconsin (2) .....	Madison, Wis.
18 (Tue.)	CENTRAL MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
19 (Wed.)	FERRIS STATE (2) .....	EAST LANSING
21 (Fri.)	WAYNE STATE (2) .....	EAST LANSING
22 (Sat.)	DETROIT (2) .....	EAST LANSING
25 (Tue.)	Central Michigan (2) .....	Mt. Pleasant
29 (Sat.)	*PURDUE (2) .....	EAST LANSING
30 (Sun.)	*ILLINOIS (2) .....	EAST LANSING
May 2 (Tue.)	Western Michigan (2) .....	Kalamazoo
6 (Sat.)	*OHIO STATE (2) .....	EAST LANSING
7 (Sun.)	*INDIANA (2) .....	EAST LANSING
9 (Tue.)	WESTERN MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
13 (Sat.)	*Iowa (2) .....	Iowa City, Iowa
14 (Sun.)	*Northwestern (2) .....	Evanston, Ill.
16 (Tue.)	EASTERN MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
17 (Wed.)	OAKLAND (2) .....	EAST LANSING
20 (Sat.)	*MICHIGAN .....	EAST LANSING
21 (Sun.)	*Michigan .....	Ann Arbor

\*Big Ten Game  
Home Game in CAPS



# 1978 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Cl.	Home/High School/Coach
4	**Bastien, Rodger	SS	R	R	6-0	175	3-22-57	Jr.	Grandville/T. Nauta
5	Buterakos, Jim	SS	R	R	5-11	155	1-14-59	Fr.	Flint SW/M. Rettenmund
6	*Northey, Cliff	OF	R	R	5-11	190	2-27-56	Sr.	Troy/B. McElreath
7	*Robinson, Ken	OF	L	R	6-1	190	1- 6-57	Jr.	Ypsilanti/P. Dignan
8	*Pollard, Jerry	C	R	R	5-11	180	1-26-58	So.	Livonia/Franklin/R. Hellier
9	*Spada, Tony	3B	R	R	5-9	175	6- 6-56	Sr.	Sterling Hts./B. Kowaleski
10	**Weller, Jerry	1B	R	R	6-2	185	1-12-56	Sr.	Rochester/Adams/J. Summerhays
11	*Wolcott, Brian	P	R	R	6-0	170	2-12-58	So.	Plymouth/Salem/W. Sparkman
12	*Radke, Dave	3B	R	R	5-11	180	12- 2-55	Sr.	Lansing/Sexton/B. Campbell
14	**Pashnick, Larry	P	R	R	6-2	190	4-25-56	Sr.	Wyandotte/Roosevelt/D. Lange
15	*Hop, Randy	2B	R	R	5-10	165	4-25-57	Jr.	Zeeland/I. Jansen
16	*Campion, Rob	P	R	R	5-11	185	1- 3-58	So.	Lansing/Catholic/P. Booth
17	*Sutherland, Mark	P	R	R	6-0	170	9-15-57	Jr.	Garden City/West/B. Dropp
18	Tyler, Gary	P	R	R	6-4	195	11-11-57	So.	Kalamazoo/Central/B. Topp
19	Pomorski, Mark	P	R	R	6-1	170	10-16-59	Fr.	Birmingham/Groves/J. Crosby
20	Schultz, Tom	OF	R	R	6-3	190	2-27-58	So.	Grand Rapids/Union/J. Zakem
21	Haines, Kirk	1B	L	R	5-10	185	1- 7-58	So.	Millington/H. Kern
22	Buelow, Tim	2B	R	R	6-2	160	9-12-58	So.	Marysville/D. Houck
23	Hohs, Larry	C	R	R	6-1	215	9-17-57	Jr.	Grand Rapids/Catholic/J. Jendrasian
24	**Baker, Chuck	P	R	R	6-0	185	3-13-56	Sr.	Saginaw/Arthur Hill/E. Perliard
25	Mehall, Ken	OF	L	R	6-2	210	6-15-59	Fr.	Southgate/L. Janness
26	Rosekrans, Eric	P	L	L	5-10	165	8- 5-57	Jr.	East Lansing/B. Knapp
27	*Cotter, Jim	P	R	R	6-2	200	10-14-56	Sr.	Pewamo/Westphalia/G. Ghiardi
28	Strother, James	P	R	R	5-11	165	10-13-57	So.	Upper St. Clair, Pa.
29	Russ, Mark	C	R	R	5-11	160	12-30-58	Fr.	Lansing/Sexton/B. Campbell
30	Gibson, Kirk	OF	L	L	6-1	210	5-23-57	Jr.	Waterford/Kettering/T. Bryce
31	Gebben, Brad	OF	R	R	6-1	195	6-18-59	Fr.	Portage/Central/R. Johnson
--	Dankovich, Al	SS	R	R	6-0	175	11- 5-59	Fr.	Hillcrest/B. Valisk
--	Hartley, Dean	P	L	L	5-3	165	1- 1-59	Fr.	Lansing/Everett/J. Boss
--	Kruse, Steve	P	L	L	5-11	170	12-23-58	Fr.	East Lansing/B. Knapp
--	Leite, Tim	C	R	R	5-3	160	3-11-58	So.	Ann Arbor/Pioneer/P. Palmer
--	Lopez, Joe	OF	L	L	5-3	170	10- 4-57	Jr.	Coldwater/P. Lowe
--	Magsig, Phil	P	R	R	5-10	160	10- 3-58	Fr.	Dansville/L. Mangle
--	Sarkisian, Dan	3B	R	R	5-9	175	10-28-58	So.	Bloomfield Hills/Andover/
--	Skinner, Ron	IF	R	R	6-0	180	3-28-59	Fr.	Grand Ledge/P. O'Keefe

## Alphabetical Roster

24	Baker/p	23	Hohs/c	12	Radke/3B
4	Bastien/ss	15	Hop/2B	7	Robinson/of
22	Buelow/2B	--	Kruse/p	26	Rosekrans/p
5	Buterakos/ss	--	Leite/c	29	Russ/c
16	Campion/p	--	Lopez/of	--	Sarkisian/3B
27	Cotter/p	--	Magsig/p	20	Schultz/of
--	Dankovich/ss	25	Mehall/of	--	Skinner/if
31	Gebben/of	6	Northey/of	9	Spada/3B
30	Gibson/of	14	Pashnick/p	17	Sutherland/p
21	Haines/1B	8	Pollard/c	18	Tyler/p
--	Hartley/p	19	Pomorski/p	10	Weller/1B
				11	Wolcott/p

# 1977 FINAL STATISTICS

## Batting-Fielding

Player	G	AB	R	H	AVG	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	SH	SF	HP	PO	A	E	AVG
Al Weston, of	53	171	42	70	.409	18	3	7	115	49	16	7	14	0	2	0	66	6	2	.973
Pat Simpson, of	27	88	18	31	.352	4	0	1	38	9	5	7	5	1	0	0	45	2	1	.979
Jerry Weller, of-dh	48	127	32	38	.299	8	2	11	88	38	26	36	7	1	2	1	131	7	4	.972
Cliff Northey, 3b	33	89	13	26	.292	6	0	0	32	14	12	16	5	0	0	0	11	13	7	.788
Randy Hop, 2b	48	140	21	39	.279	11	1	3	61	23	14	12	2	1	1	1	82	104	195	.954
Randy Pruitt, 1b	38	111	12	31	.279	5	2	2	46	16	12	10	2	0	0	3	259	30	3	.990
Ken Robinson, of-dh	52	153	33	42	.275	5	2	4	63	17	28	33	4	0	1	0	73	1	3	.961
Rodger Bastien, ss	54	145	23	38	.262	5	2	4	59	20	20	26	10	4	0	0	74	138	13	.942
Jerry Pollard, c	29	60	10	15	.250	1	1	1	21	4	8	14	3	1	0	0	87	14	3	.971
Ty Willingham, of	52	138	28	32	.232	7	1	0	41	20	31	21	3	3	0	1	80	1	3	.964
Dave Radke, 2b	29	40	12	8	.200	1	0	1	12	11	13	9	2	3	0	4	25	30	5	.917
Jeff Bodary, c	3	5	0	1	.200	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	5	1	1	.257
Joe Bakunas, c	11	27	1	5	.185	1	0	0	6	2	3	9	1	2	0	0	43	6	4	.925
Mark Sutherland, ss	12	11	3	2	.182	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	6	8	2	.875
Tony Spada, 3b	40	101	15	18	.178	4	0	2	28	14	13	14	3	0	0	2	31	69	12	.893
Tim Leite, c	15	27	1	4	.148	1	0	0	5	2	2	4	1	1	0	0	57	6	1	.984
Tony Wenson, c	12	26	2	2	.077	1	0	0	3	2	4	8	0	1	1	0	49	6	4	.932
Mike Moore, c	1	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kirk Haines, of	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Others																	14	66	7	.919

MICHIGAN STATE	54	1448	270	402	.277	78	14	35	622	242	217	233	64	18	7	12	1133	512	89	.948
OPPONENTS	54	1492	243	419	.281	63	17	27	602	210	204	196	79	27	10	5	1130	483	78	.953



1977 FINAL STATISTICS, Cont'd.

Pitcher	G	GS	CG	W	L	PCT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	SHO	ERA
Mark Sutherland	3	0	0	1	0	1.000	8	7	2	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	2.25
Todd Hubert	14	10	1	5	4	.556	59.2	67	36	23	20	31	0	5	3	0	3.46
Sherm Johnson	14	13	3	4	4	.500	67	67	31	27	38	30	1	6	1	2	3.62
Brian Wolcott	11	6	2	4	2	.667	48.1	51	33	22	18	25	2	2	0	1	4.09
John Lincoln	10	0	0	1	1	.500	15.1	16	8	7	8	8	0	0	1	0	4.10
Jim Cotter	19	0	0	4	3	.571	32.2	35	18	15	18	18	1	3	1	0	4.13
Scott Davidson	3	0	0	0	0	.000	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	4.50
Larry Pashnick	16	11	2	4	7	.364	67.1	68	48	34	45	51	0	5	0	0	4.56
Rob Campion	5	5	1	2	1	.667	21	23	14	12	13	4	1	0	0	0	5.14
Don Beck	3	0	0	1	0	1.000	8.1	18	7	7	4	3	0	0	0	0	7.56
Jim Kniivila	4	3	0	0	2	.000	11.2	18	14	10	7	4	0	4	0	0	7.71
Dave Guy	1	0	0	0	0	.000	2	4	2	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	9.00
MICHIGAN STATE	54	54	10	28	26	.419	377.2	419	243	186	204	196	5	29	7	2	4.43
OPPONENTS	54	54	21	26	28	.481	376.2	402	270	229	217	233	12	35	2	4	5.47

1977 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
1. Minnesota	15	3	.833
2. Michigan	14	4	.778
3. Ohio State	11	5	.688
4. Iowa	10	8	.556
- MICHIGAN STATE	10	8	.556
6. Illinois	8	10	.444
7. Northwestern	7	9	.438
8. Wisconsin	7	11	.389
9. Indiana	4	14	.222
10. Purdue	2	16	.111

FINAL 1977 RESULTS

Spring Trip			Regular Season		
4	Pan American	8-	14	Eastern Mich.	5+
5	Wright State	4+	7	Eastern Mich.	8-
3	Lubbock Christian	9-	12	Albion	2+
0	Indiana	2-	12	Albion	3+
4	Wright State	2+	7	Aquinas	6+
0	S.E. Oklahoma St.	1-	1	Aquinas	3-
3	Wright State	8-	5	*Iowa	4+
8	Lubbock Christian	6+	4	*Iowa	3+
9	Pan American	5+	4	*Minnesota	5-
11	S.E. Oklahoma St.	2+	2	*Minnesota	6-
12	Pan American	10+	3	Central Mich.	4-
1	Pan American	3-	2	Central Mich.	7-
5	Pan American	9-	0	Detroit	3-
8	Pan American	5+	1	Detroit	2-
			7	Central Mich.	6+
			3	Central Mich.	5-
			4	Western Mich.	11-
			4	Western Mich.	4-
			1	*Illinois	6-
			2	*Illinois	3-
			12	*Purdue	1+
			6	*Purdue	3+
			1	Eastern Mich.	11-
			7	Eastern Mich.	2+
			0	*Indiana	2-
			4	*Indiana	5-
			2	*Ohio State	5-
			8	*Ohio State	4-
			4	Western Mich.	3+
			6	Western Mich.	2+
			1	*Northwestern	0+
			6	*Northwestern	5+

SPRING TRAINING TRIP  
Edinburg, Texas

Michigan State's hopes for an improved varsity baseball team, one which could be a Big Ten title contender, were buoyed by spring training trip results.

Coach Danny Litwhiler's Spartans produced an 8-7 won-lost record against strong competition. All games were played in the fine baseball stadium at Pan American University, Edinburg, Texas.

Host Pan American beat State in five of six games, but the Spartans topped all other opponents 7-2.

Strong hitting was produced in many games, including frequent long balls. Among the Spartans' 105 hits in the 15 games were 34 extra base knocks. Good depth was demonstrated by the fact that two almost completely separate units were fielded in doubleheaders. The "B" unit acquitted itself well. Several pitchers showed well, indicating improvement in this department.

Only the Spartan defense was disappointing, despite the fact it produced some brilliant plays at times. It also was guilty of 42 errors, almost three per game. Several contests were lost on unearned runs.

Outstanding individuals were numerous, but tops had to be outfielder Kirk Gibson. Playing college baseball for the first time as a junior, this star wide receiver on the Spartan football team was nothing short of sensational. He led the team in hitting with a .486 average on 18 safeties in 37 at bats, in runs batted in with ten and in total bases with 28. He also smashed two tape measure home runs, stole five bases in as many attempts and covered acres of ground in the outfield.

Other potent batsmen were third baseman Tony Spada at .444, second baseman Randy Hop at .370 and outfielder Tom Schultz at .353.

Six pitchers shared the eight winning decisions. Freshman Mark Pomorski and sophomore Brian Wolcott each won twice. Sophomore Eric Rosekrans had no decision but gave up zero earned runs in 7 1/3 innings. Soph Jay Strother's e.r.a. was a nifty 1.92 in building a 1-1 record. Senior Chuck Baker was 1-1 with a 3.11 e.r.a.

Four Spartans were named to the Citrus All-Star Team, a tournament in which the team finished second to Pan American. They were Gibson (also named co-winner of the MVP award with Pan Am's Bobby Rutledge), Hop, Spada and freshman catcher Mark Russ.

The spring trip results:

Arkansas State 7, MSU 4  
Pan American 16, MSU 1  
Texas-Arlington 4, MSU 2  
MSU 5, Morningside 2  
MSU 7, Indiana 3  
Pan American 6, MSU 5  
MSU 10, Morningside 4  
MSU 12, Indiana 4

MSU 1, Texas-Arlington 0  
MSU 10, Indiana 5  
MSU 4, Morningside 2  
Pan American 9, MSU 5  
MSU 6, Pan American 4  
Pan American 3, MSU 2  
Pan American 9, MSU 3



# 1978 SPRING TRAINING TRIP STATISTICS

Player	HITTING--FIELDING																					
	G	AB	R	H	AVG	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	SH	SF	HP	PO	A	E	TC	DP	AVG
Kirk Gibson, of	13	37	9	18	.486	2	1	2	28	10	8	7	5-5	0	1	1	24	1	2	27	0	.926
Tony Spada, 3b	10	27	6	12	.444	4	0	1	19	8	3	3	0-1	1	0	0	7	23	3	33	2	.909
Randy Hop, 2b	13	27	8	10	.370	1	0	1	14	5	5	5	6-6	2	1	0	26	21	2	49	4	.959
Tom Schultz, of	13	34	8	12	.353	1	1	1	17	8	2	4	2-2	1	0	1	13	0	0	13	0	1.000
Dave Radke, 3b	7	20	1	6	.300	2	0	0	8	6	3	5	2-4	1	0	0	9	4	4	17	0	.765
Kirk Haines, 1b	12	29	7	8	.276	4	1	1	17	2	6	7	0-0	3	0	1	43	3	0	46	3	1.000
Mark Russ, c	9	23	5	6	.261	1	0	2	13	7	3	4	4-4	1	0	0	21	3	0	24	0	1.000
Larry Hohns, c	8	16	1	4	.250	0	0	0	4	1	5	2	0-0	0	0	1	21	4	2	27	0	.926
Rodger Bastien, ss	12	30	8	7	.233	1	1	0	10	3	7	7	2-2	0	0	0	2	24	5	31	1	.839
Ken Robinson, of	13	26	7	6	.231	3	0	0	9	5	9	10	7-7	0	1	0	16	0	2	18	0	.889
Jerry Pollard, c	7	21	0	4	.190	1	0	0	5	0	1	6	0-0	0	0	0	18	6	1	25	0	.960
Jerry Weller, 1b	11	26	2	4	.154	0	0	1	7	5	9	8	0-0	0	0	0	56	4	3	63	6	.952
Brad Gebben, of	7	14	3	2	.143	0	0	0	2	1	2	5	2-2	1	0	0	4	0	1	5	0	.800
Jim Buterakos, ss	3	16	9	2	.125	0	0	0	2	0	5	6	6-7	0	0	1	11	8	6	25	1	.760
Tim Buelow, 2b	6	9	1	1	.111	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	3-4	0	0	0	10	7	1	18	3	.944
Ken Mehall, of	6	17	1	1	.059	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0-0	0	0	0	5	1	3	9	0	.667
Cliff Northey, of	8	18	0	1	.056	0	1	0	3	3	2	6	0-0	0	0	0	10	1	0	11	0	1.000
Others																	5	15	6	26	0	.769
MICHIGAN STATE	15	389	77	104	.267	20	5	9	171	65	74	90	39-44	10	3	5	309	135	42	486	9	.914
OPPONENTS	15	399	78	98	.248	14	5	8	146	54	80	67	23-28	7	3	3	309	128	20	457	10	.956

Pitcher	G	GS	CG	W	L	PCT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	SHO	ERA
Eric Rosecrans	2	1	0	0	0	.000	7.1	6	4	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	0.00
Jay Strother	2	1	1	2	0	1.000	9.1	5	2	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	1.92
Mark Pomorski	3	3	2	1	1	.500	21.2	19	10	6	17	9	0	2	0	0	2.53
Rob Campion	3	0	0	0	0	.000	3.1	4	7	1	6	3	0	1	0	0	2.70
Chuck Baker	3	3	1	1	1	.500	17.1	17	10	6	12	9	0	0	0	1	3.11
Mark Sutherland	4	0	0	1	2	.333	7	7	4	3	6	3	0	0	0	0	3.85
Larry Pashnick	3	3	0	1	2	.333	15.2	14	18	7	13	5	2	2	0	0	4.02
Brian Wolcott	3	3	2	2	1	.667	17.1	22	19	12	12	14	0	0	0	0	6.23
Gary Tyler	1	1	0	0	0	.000	4	4	4	4	5	2	1	0	0	0	9.00
MICHIGAN STATE	15	15	6	8	7	.533	103	98	78	41	80	67	3	5	0	1	3.58
OPPONENTS	15	15	4	7	8	.467	103	104	77	61	74	90	5	13	1	0	5.33

The Spartans anticipate an improved baseball team over the 1977 club which produced a 28-26 won-lost record and tied for fourth in the Big Ten race at 10-8. Head Coach Danny Litwhiler, entering his 15th season at Michigan State, points to greater experience and improved depth as the two major factors in MSU's favor.

Graduation losses of All-America outfielder Al Weston, first baseman Randy Pruitt, outfielders Pat Simpson and Ty Willingham, and pitcher Todd Hubert are the most obvious vacancies left by the ten seniors on the 1977 team. But the Spartans have 14 returning lettermen and a good looking corps of newcomers to bolster the baseball fortunes in 1978.

Key veterans around whom the club will be built are first baseman and co-captain Jerry Weller (.299 last spring with 11 home runs), keystone combination of Rodger Bastien (.262) at shortstop and Randy Hop (.279) at second, and outfielders Cliff Northey (.292) and Ken Robinson (.275). A newcomer to MSU baseball with exceptional promise is junior outfielder Kirk Gibson, State's brilliant wide receiver in football.

A rundown by positions:

### Pitching

The Spartan pitching staff should be an improved one in 1978. A desirable blend of experience and youth characterize this year's crew. Mainstays of last spring's pitching corp, Larry Pashnick, Brian Wolcott and Jim Cotter will be counted upon for yeoman duty. Pashnick, a co-captain this spring, pitched the most innings of any Spartan in 1977 (67.1), and will most likely be the No. 1 starter this time around. Wolcott posted a 4-2 mark as a freshman and will probably take over the No. 2 spot in the rotation. Cotter, the relief specialist of the squad, has undergone surgery for the removal of a blood clot in his right arm. His return to form is a key to State's success this year. Other moundsmen with varsity experience are Rob Campion, Chuck Baker and reliever Mark Sutherland. Newcomers Mark Pomorsky, Gary Tyler and Eric Rosecrans are expected to play integral roles in 1978.

### Catching

The receiving corps will be much stronger than in 1977. Coach Litwhiler says that while the catching may not be great, it will definitely be good. Sophomore Jerry Pollard settled in behind the plate last spring as he hit .250 in 29 games. He is a good receiver and is throwing well this year. His hitting during spring practice indicates he will be an even better performer at the plate. Larry Hohns, a transfer from Grand Rapids Junior College, is certain to bolster the squad. He is hailed as an excellent team leader. He also hits for both average and power. The two veterans will be joined by freshman Mark Russ from Lansing Sexton.

### Infield

One of State's major strengths in 1978. The entire infield from 1977 returns intact and there won't be a much better one anywhere in the Big Ten. MSU will field first sacker Jerry Weller (.299 with 11 home runs), second baseman Randy Hop (.279 with 11 doubles), shortstop Rodger Bastien (.262) and third baseman Tony Spada (.178). In addition, Coach Litwhiler will be able to utilize an extremely competent second unit in the following players: Kirk Haines at first, Tim Buelow (.395 last spring with JV) at second, Jim Buterakos at short and veteran Dave Radke at third.

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"For the first time since my Florida State coaching days," said Litwhiler, "I can put two completely different teams on the field in the same day and be competitive."

### Outfield

There's no getting around the loss of Al Weston's bat, but the Spartan outfield should be even better than last year's. Cliff Northey, senior from Troy, is making the switch from third base (.292 in 33 games) to right field and should be an even finer player than in 1977. Centerfielder Ken Robinson (.275) returns to cover a lot of territory in the outfield and wide receiver turned left fielder Kirk Gibson is destined to minimize the loss of Weston as much as possible. Gibson will add speed to an already fast outfield. In spring training he has also been one of the team's leading hitters. As in the infield, State has good depth in its outfield crew. Tom Schultz, fresh from a fine year with the JV team in 1977, will be joined by two freshmen to give the first-liners some relief. Ken Mehall from Southgate and Brad Gebben from Portage are expected to see considerable action in the outfield. Still another prospect is Joe Lopez, a good hitting transfer from Jackson Community College.

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CHUCK BAKER -- 6-0, 185, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Saginaw (Arthur Hill). Chuck had an operation on his right arm prior to 1977 season and was sub par for practically the entire season. He pitched only a few innings. He's throwing well now and hopes to return to his form of 1976 when he beat Minnesota. Chuck could either start or relieve. Possesses fine variety of pitches. An All-Valley pick at Arthur Hill. Nickname is "Buddy." Born 3-13-56 in Tacoma, Wash. Majoring in parks and recreation resources.

RODGER BASTIEN -- 6-0, 175, Jr., Shortstop (throws right, bats right), Grandville (Grandville). An excellent fielder and improving hitter, Rodger is a potential choice for post-season honors. Batted .262 and stole ten bases last spring while playing in all 54 Spartan games. Coaches feel Bastien is destined to be one of State's finest players ever. All-Conference selection in both baseball and basketball at Grandville High. Served as captain and gained MVP honors with the cage team. Born 3-22-57. Majoring in English.

TIM BUELOW -- 6-2, 160, So., Second base (throws right, bats right), Marysville (Marysville). Should see considerable action this year after hitting .395 for JVs last season. Should back-up to regular Randy Hop. In 1975, led Marysville to a 13-0 league record and was voted to the All-League unit. The next year Tim received the school's Sportsmanship Trophy in both baseball and golf. He was also an Honors Society member for two years. His sister, Janet, has just completed a career with the Hope College women's varsity basketball team. Born 9-9-58. Nickname is "Skeet." Has not yet declared a major.

JIM BUTERAKOS -- 5-10, 155, Fr., Shortstop (throws right, bats right), Flint (Southwestern). Excellent prospect. Should provide depth at shortstop behind veteran Rodger Bastien. Can play any infield position. Lettered three years in high school baseball and was voted captain last year. His Flint teams compiled a 66-26 slate and last year ranked 6th in the state. Jim acquired All-City, All-Valley, All-District, and Honorable Mention All-America honors. Also lettered twice in football and earned second team All-State recognition. Born 1-14-59. Majoring in business.

ROB CAMPION -- 5-11, 170, So., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Lansing (Catholic Central). Made five appearances last spring and posted a 2-1 record. Could fit into the starting rotation this year with good curveball and live fastball. In high school, Rob received All-Metro and Honorable Mention All-State honors. During his two years at Lansing Catholic Central his teams won 43 games while dropping only 19. In 1976, his team was ranked No. 1 in the state. Born 1-3-58. Majoring in parks and recreation resources.

JIM COTTER -- 6-2, 200, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Pewamo (Pewamo-Westphalia). Did not make 1978 spring trip due to operation on his right arm. Is still being counted on to be one of the top short relief men on the staff. Made more appearances last year (19) than any other hurler and finished with a 4-3 won-lost record. Throws sidearm and is very tough on right hand hitters. An All-Conference and All-Area choice in high school. Born 10-14-56. Major is elementary education.

BRAD GEBBEN -- 6-1, 203, Fr., Outfielder (throws right, bats right), Portage (Central). Fine prospect. All-League and All-District in both baseball and football (tight end). Received high school award as best scholar-athlete in 1976-77. Brad's 1977 Portage team won the Greater Kalamazoo Tournament in which he hit the longest home run of 426 feet. Played in Connie Mack World Series in Farmington, New Mexico last summer. Brother Greg is a sophomore defensive end on the Central Michigan University varsity football team. Born 6-18-59. Nickname is "Stick." Major is marketing.

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- KIRK GIBSON -- 6-2, 210, Jr., Outfielder (throws left, bats left), Waterford (Kettering). Ace wide receiver on Spartan football team with promise of All-America status next fall. Has good baseball credentials dating back to 1973 and 1974 when he lettered at Kettering High School. Garnered All-League honors as a centerfielder. Also played American Legion ball in 1973-74. Excellent speed. Born 5-28-57. Majoring in physical education.
- KIRK HAINES -- 5-11, 185, So., First base (throws right, bats left), Millington (Millington). Following a fine season with the JV team in 1977 Kirk will join Jerry Weller at first base this spring. One of the Spartans' top batsmen during winter workouts. Received All-State acclaim as a shortstop in high school. In 1966 Kirk captained the varsity basketball team as well. Born 7-1-58. Nickname is "Korky." Majoring in parks and recreation resources.
- LARRY HOHS -- 6-1, 215, Jr., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Grand Rapids (West Catholic). Transfer from Grand Rapids Junior College where he led his team to the Junior College World Series. Brings a reputation of being a good team leader and a powerful hitter. Born 9-17-57. Majoring in sociology.
- RANDY HOP -- 5-10, 165, Jr., Second base (throws right, bats right), Zeeland (Zeeland). Returns to handle second base chores. Along with veteran shortstop Rodger Bastien will form one of the more formidable keystone combinations in the Big Ten. Coaches feel Randy will be a better hitter than last year when he batted .279 in 48 games. Has power and hits to all fields. An All-Conference and MVP pick at Zeeland. Born 4-25-57. No-preference student.
- KEN MEHALL -- 6-2, 210, Fr., Outfielder (throws right, bats left), Southgate (Aquinas). Expected to see considerable duty. Lettered four years in baseball and three years in football at Aquinas High. In 1976, when Aquinas was ranked second in the state and captured the Detroit City Championship, Ken was named to the All-Catholic, All-Area and All-State teams. Last year he repeated on the All-Area and All-League units. A high school National Honor Society member with a 3.6 grade point average. Brother Larry has just completed two seasons of basketball at Henry Ford Community College. Born 6-15-59. Nickname is "Niner." A biology major.
- CLIFF NORTHEY -- 5-11, 190, Sr., Outfielder (throws right, bats right), Troy (Troy). Moving from third base, Cliff may work in right field for the Spartans. Looking for an even better year than last when he hit .292 with six doubles. All-League choice as a third baseman at Troy. Also a member of the Honor Society. Born 2-27-56. Majoring in chemical engineering.
- LARRY PASHNICK -- 6-2, 190, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Wyandotte (Roosevelt). Co-captain in 1978 and could be the No. 1 hurler on the staff. Appeared in 16 games last spring and accumulated a team-leading 51 strikeouts. Delivers an excellent fastball. Lettered in basketball and golf at Roosevelt High in addition to baseball. All-League and All-District selection. Born 4-25-56. Academic field is medical technology.
- JERRY POLLARD -- 5-11, 180, So., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Livonia (Franklin). A great competitor with fine offensive and defensive abilities. Owns a powerful swing and hit for a .250 average in his rookie MSU season. Earned All-League, All-District and Honorable Mention All-State in both baseball and football while at Franklin High. Born 1-26-58. Majoring in accounting.

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- MARK POMORSKI -- 6-1, 170, Fr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Southfield (Birmingham Groves). Good curve ball. May be the only freshman to make the varsity mound staff and could be in the starting rotation. Captained last year's 25-4 baseball team at Groves. Pitched his way to All-League, All-County, All-Region and Honorable Mention All-State honors. Also named MVP of last year's Oakland County Tournament. Born 10-16-59. A business major.
- DAVE RADKE -- 5-11, 180, Sr., Third base (throws right, bats right), Lansing (Sexton). Split duty at third base last spring with Tony Spada and probably will do likewise in 1978. Can also play any other infield position. Good defensive talents and should be improved at the plate. Earned three baseball and three football letters at Sexton High. All-League, All-City, All-District and All-Region pick as a grinder. Selected as one of the top ten scholar-athletes at State during the last three years. Born 12-2-55 in Lakewood, Ohio. Majors in mechanical engineering.
- KEN ROBINSON -- 6-1, 190, Jr., Outfielder (throws right, bats left), Ypsilanti (Ypsilanti). Third team All-Big Ten outfielder in 1977. Possesses excellent power at the plate. Should be regular outfielder for MSU and better his .275 batting average of a year ago. Defensive back on the MSU football squad. Won nine letters as an athlete at Ypsilanti High. All-State selection in baseball and football. Earned MVP honors with his grid and basketball teams. All-League selection in baseball three times. Ken's father played minor league baseball in the Chicago Cubs organization. Born 1-6-57. Major is political science.
- ERIC ROSEKRANS -- 5-10, 170, Jr., Pitcher (throws left, bats left), East Lansing (East Lansing). Displays good control of fastball and curve. Could break into starting rotation after a fine 6-0 record with last year's JV unit. Born 8-5-57. Nickname is "Rosey." Majoring in education.
- MARK RUSS -- 5-11, 162, Fr., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Lansing (Sexton). Fine potential. Will join veteran Jerry Pollard and j.c. transfer Larry Hohns in signal calling duties. In 1977 as a senior at Sexton High, Mark took All-City and All-Metro catching honors. Also was a National Honor Society member. Born 12-30-58. Majors in business.
- TOM SCHULTZ -- 6-3, 190, So., Outfielder (throws right, bats right) Grand Rapids (Union). Should contribute significantly following a good year with the JV team in 1977. At Union High, captured All-League and All-State honors in baseball as well as All-League status in football (split end). In senior season, Tom was captain and MVP of his baseball team. Born 2-27-58. Major is accounting.
- TONY SPADA -- 5-9, 175, Sr., Third base (throws right, bats right), Sterling Hts. (Sterling Hts.). Should handle the third base slot for MSU as Cliff Northey moves to the outfield. Appears ready to improve his batting average to complement the power hitting ability he displayed in 1977. Played third base during high school where he garnered All-League, All-County and All-Area honors. While starring at Mott Community College for two years, Tony was selected for All-State, All-League and All-Regional teams. Born 6-6-56. Majoring in business administration.
- JAY STROTHER -- 5-11, 165, So., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Upper St. Clair, Pa. (Upper St. Clair). Should contribute significantly to varsity after a year with JV squad. Has good control and above average curve. Lettered twice in football and once in track in addition to getting three baseball monograms in high school. After one year at Darien High in Darien, Conn., Jay pitched his Upper St. Clair team to 14 wins in two seasons making him the winningest pitcher ever at his school. Born 10-13-57. Majors in pre-dentistry.

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**MARK SUTHERLAND** -- 6-0, 170, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Garden City (West). One time infielder, Mark has made a smooth transition to pitcher. Possesses good control and a sinking fastball. Appeared in 12 games last spring as an infielder and three games as a reliever. Threw eight innings and earned a victory in his only decision. Served as captain of his Garden City West baseball team. Also earned MVP and All-League honors. Born 9-15-57. A business accounting major.

**GARY TYLER** -- 6-3, 195, So., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Kalamazoo (Central). Displays good control of fastball and curve. May be in starting rotation this spring. Captained 1975 high school squad and helped his team compile a 40-17 record in two seasons. Received honorable mention among Michigan high school pitchers. Also lettered in swimming and diving at Central High. Born 11-11-57. Majoring in parks and recreation resources.

**JERRY WELLER** -- 6-2, 185, Sr., First base (throws right, bats right), Rochester (Adams). Co-captain in 1978. An established power hitter, Jerry led MSU in roundtrippers last spring with 11 and hit for a .299 average. Should be a solid .300 hitter this spring. Named to the All-Big Ten third team as designated hitter. Will take over first base for the graduated Randy Pruitt. Played shortstop at Adams High and received MVP, All-League, All-District and All-State recognition. Born 1-12-56. Academic field is physiology.

**BRIAN WOLCOTT** -- 6-0, 170, So., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Plymouth (Salem). Made 11 appearances last spring as a freshman and made 4-2 record. Displays poise and good control. Expected to play a major role in State's pitching staff. As a senior at Salem High, fired a 16-0 season and was named to All-State, All-League and All-Area teams. As a basketball guard, Brian was voted to the All-Suburban first team. Also received the school's outstanding athlete award. Born 2-12-58. Majoring in health, physical education and recreation.

Daniel W. Litwhiler, former major league baseball star, has coached the diamond sport at Michigan State University for 14 seasons.

He moved in as head coach of the Spartans in the fall of 1963 and in 14 full years his clubs have played 595 games, winning 365, losing 212 and tying eight, for a fine winning percentage of .620.

His 1977 outfit won 28, lost 26 and tied for fourth in Big Ten standings with a 10-8 mark. One of his best units was the 1971 varsity that won 36 games, most ever for a State nine, losing only ten and took MSU's second Big Ten team title in history.

All but two of his Michigan State teams have posted winning records in overall play and only one has ever finished out of the conference first division.

The head coaching position at State is the second in collegiate ranks for Litwhiler, who previously was at the helm of Florida State teams for nine years. His Florida State teams won 189 games and lost 81. His teams had no losing seasons and played in seven district playoffs and three college world series.

Danny's complete college coaching records for 23 seasons shows 554 victories, 303 losses and eight ties for an excellent winning percentage of .646. This puts him in the top ten of the nation's winningest coaches.

Six of his Florida State players achieved All-America selection and many went on to professional ball.

Twenty of Litwhiler's players at Michigan State have earned first-team Big Ten selection. Three (Rob Ellis, Ron Pruitt and Al Weston) have made the All-America first team and three (John Biedenbach, Steve Garvey and Joe Palamara) the second team picked by the collegiate coaches. Five Spartans coached by Danny have made The Sports News All-America (Steve Garvey, Rick Miller, Rob Ellis, Ron Pruitt and Harry Kendrick) and two have been All-America Academic first-team (Jerry Sachmann and Dale Frietch).

Many of his performers have reached major league ranks, including Florida Staters Dick Howser (New York Yankees), Woody Woodward (Cincinnati Reds) and Ken Suarez (Cleveland Indians); and Spartans Bruce Look (New York Yankees), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Dick Billings (St. Louis Cardinals), Mel Behney (Cincinnati Reds), Rick Miller (Boston Red Sox), Rob Ellis (Milwaukee Brewers), Ron Pruitt (Cleveland Indians) and Rick Kreuger (Boston Red Sox).

Litwhiler, a 1939 graduate of Bloomsburg, Pa. State College, spent 12 years as a player in the majors before stepping down in 1951, when he was appointed coach for the Cincinnati Reds. During that time he played with the Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, the old Boston Braves and the Cincinnati Reds. Danny was with the Cardinals in the 1943 and 1944 World Series, and played in the 1942 All-Star game.

He managed in professional ball for three seasons. He was player-manager of Fargo, N.D. in 1952, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1953 and at Jamestown, N.Y. and Duluth, Minn. in 1954. From there he joined the Florida State staff.

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Among his memorable performances is his string of 21 straight games in which he hit safely in his first season in the majors. In 1941 he belted a home run in every National League park.

Litwhiler was a perfectionist in the field. He became the first major leaguer to play an entire season without making an error. That was in 1942 when he handled 317 chances in 151 games.

Over a period of two seasons he set a record of playing 187 consecutive games without an error. This feat put Litwhiler's glove in baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.

His best full season at bat came in 1941 when he hit .305. He had a lifetime average of .282.

Litwhiler is known for several innovations in coaching, such as an unbreakable mirror for pitchers to use for checking their throwing, and employment of a bat sawed in half to teach bunting. Recently, Litwhiler came up with the idea of using a radar gun to chart the velocity of pitches. The clever use of the device has brought interested responses from many major league teams and it is being manufactured as JUGS. He also developed a product to dry out baseball fields, manufactured as Diamond Grit. He's also constantly seeking to improve the attractiveness of the home baseball games and the last five years has had bat-girls working at home contests.

Litwhiler has contributed to several baseball publications. They include "Fundamentals of Baseball" by University Press, 1956; "Baseball Glossary" in English, Dutch, Italian and Spanish, by University Press, 1958; "Baseball Coaches Guide to Drills and Skills," by Prentice-Hall, 1963; "Baseball" by Prentice-Hall, 1967, and "Treasury of Baseball Drills...Featuring Favorites of Top Coaches," by Parker Publishing Company, 1978.

His alma mater honored him in 1973 by naming its new baseball stadium in his name. Danny also received a special honor several summers ago from his home in the State of Pennsylvania. He was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1974. He is past president of the American Coaches of College Baseball Coaches and in 1978 was elected international president of the United States Baseball Foundation.

Danny was born Aug. 31, 1916, at Ringtown, Pa. He is married to Patricia Walsh James. Mrs. Litwhiler received her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State. Three children, Marcia, Dick and Nancy have graduated from MSU. They have ten children, seven girls and three boys.

Son Dick was a pitcher on the Spartan varsity eleven years ago. He received his M.A. degree in physical education and now teaches in that field and is Director of Intramurals at Georgia Southwestern. Son Danny teaches math and assists the baseball coach at the Air Force Academy. Son Mark is majoring in physical education at Aquinas College and is on the varsity soccer team.

**FRANK PELLERIN**  
Assistant Coach

Continuing a longtime association with Michigan State baseball is Frank E. Pellerin, member of Spartan teams as an undergraduate, and a staff member for the 24th season.

He was appointed as assistant coach in 1953, working with the late John H. Kobs, and the same assignment was extended in 1963 with present head man Danny Litwhiler.

During Pellerin's tenure, Spartan baseballers have played more than 900 games (919 games, 561 wins, 346 losses and 12 ties), won two Big Ten team titles (in 1954 and in 1971) and placed second three times. He's helped coach the Spartans in 24 of their 27 Big Ten seasons and has had a hand in the development of 34 athletes who've earned All-Big Ten first-team selection.

Pellerin played under Kobs at State, earning varsity letters in 1941, 1942 and 1943 with stints at second base and at third base. He enrolled at State after graduation from Redford High School in Detroit where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball.

His first teaching and coaching position was at Highland Park, Mich. High School, where he remained until joining the Michigan State staff in September, 1953.

While at Highland Park, Pellerin was head baseball coach, assisted in swimming, football, basketball and physical education classes, and also taught classes in mathematics.

Pellerin received the master's degree in counseling and guidance in 1951 at Wayne State University. He and wife, Nancy, have two sons, Michael and Tim.

**TOM SMITH**  
Freshman Coach

In his ninth season as J.V. baseball coach at Michigan State is Thomas W. Smith, who was appointed to the post in September of 1967.

He had served unofficially in the capacity the previous four years while working towards his B.S. degree. In the years that he's handled the Spartan young players, the MSU varsity has recorded an impressive 241-137-6 won-lost-tied mark.

Smith enrolled at State as an undergraduate after playing in professional baseball from 1961 to 1963 with the Milwaukee Braves organization. He was a catcher. He went with the Braves following high school graduation.

Tom is a native of Coldwater, Mich., born Dec. 9, 1942. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1961 and immediately signed his professional contract. He received his B.S. degree in physical education in March, 1967 and his master's degree in March of 1971.

In addition to his coaching duties, Smith teaches in physical education. He and wife, Jane Marie, have two daughters, Jamie and Julie.



# LITWHILER'S COACHING RECORD

Year	G	W	L	T	Position
1955	23	17	6	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1956	29	24	5	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1957	31	22	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1958	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1959	33	22	11	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1960	22	13	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1961	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1962	37	23	14	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1963	39	26	13	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1964	34	22	12	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1965	39	28	11	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1966	38	24	13	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1967	46	22	23	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1968	43	32	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1969	41	24	17	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1970	45	28	15	2	Head Coach, Michigan State
1971	46	36	10	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1972	39	28	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1973	47	27	20	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1974	40	23	16	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1975	44	28	16	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1976	39	15	23	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1977	54	28	26	0	Head Coach, Michigan State

	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Florida State Record (9 seasons) .....	270	189	81	0	.700
Michigan State Record (14 seasons) ....	595	365	222	8	.620
TOTAL (23 seasons) .....	865	554	303	8	.640

## ALL TIME COACHES' RECORDS

Coach	Years	G	W	L	T	Pct.
No Established Coach	1883-1886	17	10	7	0	.588
Prof. Carpenter	1887-1888	24	16	8	0	.667
No Established Coach	1889-1895	50	24	25	1	.490
Robert T. Gales	1896-1898	34	14	20	0	.412
Coach Ferguson	1899	9	5	4	0	.556
Charles O. Bemies	1900-1901	12	4	8	0	.333
George E. Denman	1902-1903	25	10	15	0	.400
Chester L. Brewer	1904-1910	102	62	39	1	.612
John E. Macklin	1911-1915	79	52	27	0	.658
John Morrissey	1916-1917	26	17	9	0	.654
Chester L. Brewer	1918-1920	40	17	23	0	.425
George Clark	1921	14	6	8	0	.429
John Morrissey	1922	17	9	8	0	.529
Fred M. Walker	1923-1924	31	20	11	0	.645
John H. Kobs	1925-1963	967	574	377	16	.602
Daniel W. Litwhiler	1964-	595	365	222	8	.620
All Time Record		2041	1204	811	26	.596

All-America Selections

(Selected by American Association of College Baseball Coaches)

First Team

Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
 Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
 Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972  
 Al Weston, of, 1977

Second Team

Jack Kinney, of, 1949  
 Albert Cummins, 2b, 1950  
 Jack Risch, of, 1954  
 Bob Powell, of, 1955  
 Jim Sack, of, 1954  
 Dick Radatz, p, 1959  
 Tom Riley, of, 1961  
 John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965  
 Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
 Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975

Third Team

George Rutenbar, of, 1949  
 Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
 George Smith, 2b, 1955  
 Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
 Rick Miller, of, 1969  
 Dale Frietch, dh, 1974  
 Al Weston, of, 1976

(Selected by the Sporting News)

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
 Harry Kendrick, c, 1969  
 Rick Miller, of, 1969  
 Robert Ellis, of, 1970  
 Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972

All-America Academic

Jerry Sackmann, of, 1972  
 Jerry Sackmann, of, 1973  
 Dale Freitch, c-dh, 1974

All-NCAA District 4

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
 Mel Behney, p, 1968  
 Harry Kendrick, c, 1969  
 Rick Miller, of, 1969  
 Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975  
 Al Weston, of, 1976  
 Al Weston, of, 1977

All-Big Ten SelectionsFirst Team

Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
 Jack Risch, of, 1954  
 Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
 Chuck Matthews, 1b, 1954-55  
 Bob Powell, of, 1955  
 Dick Idzkowski, p, 1955  
 Jim Sack, of, 1954  
 Roscoe Davis, 1b, 1957  
 Alan Luce, c, 1957  
 Frank Palamara, 2b, 1958  
 Ron Perranoski, p, 1958  
 Dean Look, of, 1958  
 John Fleser, of, 1953  
 Dick Radatz, p, 1958  
 Tom Riley, of, 1961  
 Joe Porrevecchio, of, 1962-63-64  
 Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
 Jerry Walker, 2b, 1965  
 John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965-66  
 Bob Speer, of, 1966  
 Bill Steckley, 3b, 1967

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
 Mel Behney, p, 1968  
 Harry Kendrick, c, 1968-69  
 Rick Miller, of, 1969  
 Dick Vary, 3b, 1970  
 Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
 Ronald Pruitt, c, 1971-72  
 Robert Clancy, p, 1971  
 Shaun Howitt, of, 1972  
 Dale Frietch, dh, 1974  
 Al Weston, of, 1974  
 Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975  
 Al Weston, of, 1976  
 Rick Seid, c, 1976  
 Al Weston, of, 1977



All-Big Ten SelectionsSecond Team

Bob Ciolek, 1b, 1951  
 Chuck Mathews, 1b, 1953  
 John Matsock, ss, 1954  
 Bud Erickson, p, 1954  
 George Smith, 2b, 1955  
 Frank Palamara, 2b, 1957  
 Ron Perranoski, p, 1957  
 Don Gilbert, c, 1958  
 Dick Radatz, p, 1958  
 Dean Look, of, 1959  
 Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1963  
 Dick Billings, of, 1964  
 Bob Maniere, of, 1965  
 Tom Binkowski, 1b, 1968  
 Steve Rymal, 2b, 1968  
 Dan Bielski, p, 1968  
 Gary Boyce, of, 1970-71  
 Brad VanPelt, p, 1972  
 Larry Ike, p, 1972  
 John Rohde, 1b, 1973  
 Rick Moore, p, 1974  
 Mike Fricke, of, 1975  
 George Mahan, p, 1975  
 Ty Willingham, of, 1976

Third Team

George Smith, 2b, 1954  
 Bob Powell, of, 1954  
 Ed Hobaugh, p, 1954  
 Alan Luce, c, 1956  
 John Fleser, of, 1958  
 William Schudlich, 1b, 1960  
 Mickey Sinks, p, 1960  
 Sam Calderone, 3b, 1961  
 Jeff Abrecht, of, 1962  
 Dennis Ketcham, 2b, 1962  
 Jack Nutter, p, 1963  
 Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1964  
 Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1964  
 Dick Billings, of, 1965  
 Jim Goodrick, p, 1966  
 Dick Kenney, p, 1966  
 Tom Binkowski, 1b, 1967  
 John Walters, of, 1967  
 Tom Hummel, of, 1968  
 Dan Bielski, p, 1969  
 Robert Ellis, 2b, 1970  
 Phil Fulton, p, 1970  
 Larry Ike, p, 1971  
 Bailey Oliver, 1b, 1972  
 Bill Simpson, of, 1974  
 Terry Hop, ss, 1974  
 Rick Seid, dh, 1975  
 Ken Robinson, of, 1977  
 Jerry Weller, dh, 1977

ANNUAL TEAM AWARDS
Frank Palamara Memorial Award  
Most Valuable Performer

1953 Wayne Lawrie, 3b  
 1954 John Matsock, ss  
 1955 Jim Sack, of  
 1956 Jim Sack, of  
 1957 Frank Palamara, 2b  
 1958 Dean Look, of  
 1959 Dean Look, 2b  
 1960 John Hendee, of  
 1961 Bill Schudlich, 1b  
 1962 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
 1963 Jerry Sutton  
 1964 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
 1965 John Biedenbach, 3b  
 1966 Tom Binkowski, 1b  
 1967 Tom Hummel, of  
 1968 Harry Kendrick, c  
 1969 Rick Miller, of  
 1970 Gary Boyce, of  
 1971 Robert Ellis, of  
 1972 Shaun Howitt, of  
 1973 Bill Simpson, of  
 1974 Bill Simpson, of  
 1975 Terry Hop, ss  
 1976 Al Weston, of  
 1977 Al Weston, of

Bullpen Club Award  
Leading Pitcher

1953 Ernest Erickson  
 1954 Ed Hobaugh  
 1955 Dick Idzkowski  
 1956 Walt Godfrey  
 1957 Ron Perranoski  
 1958 Ron Perranoski  
 1959 Dick Radatz  
 1960 Mickey Sinks  
 1961 Robert Ross  
 1962 Gary Ronberg  
 1963 Jack Nutter  
 1964 John Krasnan  
 1965 Doug Dobrei  
 1966 Dick Kenney  
 1967 Zana Easton  
 1968 Mickey Knight  
 1969 Dan Bielski  
 1970 Phil Fulton  
 1971 Robert Clancy  
 1972 Elliott Moore  
 1973 Elliott Moore  
 1974 Rick Moore  
 1975 Todd Hubert  
 1976 Chuck Baker  
 1977 Todd Hubert

Gene Scott Award  
Most Improved Player

1953 Jack Risch, of  
 1954 Dick Idzkowski, p  
 1955 Bob Powell, of  
 1956 Frank Palamara, 2b  
 1957 Bill Mansfield, p  
 1958 Dick Schiesel, 3b  
 1959 Bob Ross, p  
 1960 Mickey Sinks, p  
 1961 Tom Riley, of  
 1962 Jerry Sutton, 1b  
 1963 John Hines, 3b  
 1964 Dick Billings, of  
 1965 Jerry Walker, 2b  
 1966 Dennis Maedo, 2b  
 1967 Mickey Knight, p  
 1968 Steve Rymal, 2b  
 1969 Richie Jordan, of  
 1970 Dick Vary, 3b  
 1971 Larry Rettenmund, if  
 1972 Bailey Oliver, c-if  
 1973 Larry Romaine, dh  
 1974 Dale Frietch, c-dh  
 1975 Pat Simpson, of  
 1976 Ty Willingham, of  
 1977 Jerry Weller, of

Joe Kearney Award  
Spartan Batting Champions

		AB	H	R	Avg.
1925	Don Fleser, of	56	33	18	.589
1926	Don Fleser, of	81	54	32	.667
1927	D. Zimmerman, of	79	43	30	.545
1928	Gerald Bryne, p-of	66	27	13	.409
1929	Forest Rinehart, of	85	32	19	.376
1930	Ed Gibbs, of	99	45	32	.454
1931	H. Cuthbertson, 2b	81	29	14	.361
1932	John Madona, ss	97	34	19	.349
1933	Alton Kircher, of	86	37	20	.430
1934	William McCann, 2b	80	30	12	.375
1935	Steve Sebo, c	76	26	12	.342
1936	Steve Sebo, c	87	35	17	.402
1937	Milt Lenhardt, of	95	31	23	.326
1938	John Kuk, of	96	34	17	.354
1939	Norman Duncan, ss	88	30	16	.341
1940	Norman Duncan, ss	88	35	18	.398
1941	Howard Ladue, of	65	27	20	.415
1942	Peter Fornari, c	66	20	18	.303
1943	Arthur Maischoss, 3b	60	20	8	.333
1944	No Varsity Team (war year)				
1945	Ben Hudenko, c	54	20	9	.370
1946	Jacweir Breslin, 1b	77	26	19	.338
1947	Edward Barbarito, 2b	75	26	17	.347
1948	Dan Urbanik, 3b	94	32	15	.340
1949	George Rutenbar, of	106	40	29	.377
1950	Al Cummins, 2b	117	43	30	.367
1951	Darrell Lindley, of	103	43	28	.418
1952	Robert Ciolek, 1b	55	20	9	.364
1953	Charles Mathews, 1b	89	29	18	.326
1954	Charles Mathews, 1b	105	37	25	.352
1955	George Smith, 2b	103	42	29	.408
1956	Jim Sack, of	117	42	25	.393
1957	Frank Palamara, 2b	106	38	23	.358
1958	Ted Kearly, of	61	23	13	.377
1959	John Fleser, of	95	33	15	.347
1960	Robert Monczka, c	53	15	6	.283
1961	Tom Riley, of	103	37	9	.359
1962	Jerry Sutton, 1b	63	25	22	.397
1963	John Hines, 3b	59	22	18	.373
1964	Jerry Sutton, 1b	115	44	30	.383
1965	John Biedenbach, 3b	146	57	29	.390
1966	Steve Polisar, ss	136	45	27	.331
1967	Bill Steckley, 3b	157	51	34	.325
1968	Harry Kendrick, c	143	56	25	.392
1969	Richard Miller, of	118	42	24	.356
1970	Robert Ellis, if	158	50	26	.380
1971	Robert Ellis, of	145	59	48	.407
1972	Ronald Pruitt, c-of	130	50	37	.392
1973	John Rohde, 1b-2b	158	50	24	.316
1974	Dale Frietch, c-dh	87	37	13	.425
1975	Joe Palamara, 2b	111	38	25	.342
1976	Al Weston, of	139	48	25	.345
1977	Al Weston, of	171	70	42	.409

Steve Garvey  
Sportsmanship Award

1977 Al Weston



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## Season Individual Batting:

### Highest Batting Avg.

*Don Fleser-1926	.667
*Don Fleser-1926	.589
*Del Zimmerman-1927	.545
Ed Gibbs-1930	.454
Alton Kircher-1933	.430
Dale Freitch-1974	.425
Darrell Lindley-1951	.418
Howard Ladue-1941	.415
Al Weston-1977	.409
George Smith-1955	.408

### Most Hits

Al Weston-1977	70
Robert Ellis-1970	60
Robert Ellis-1971	59
Gary Boyce-1971	57
John Biedenbach-1965	57
Harry Kendrick-1968	56
*Don Fleser-1926	54
Bill Steckley-1967	51
Steve Garvey-1968	50
Ron Pruitt-1972	50
John Rohde-1973	50
John Dace-1971	48
Tom Hummel-1967	48
Al Weston-1976	48

### Most Runs Scored

Gary Boyce-1971	49
Robert Ellis-1971	48
Al Weston-1977	42
Chuck Mathews-1955	40
Bill Simpson-1973	38
Tom Hummel-1967	37
Joe Gavel-1969	37
Ron Pruitt-1972	37
Ron DeLonge-1972	35
J. Porrevecchip-1964	34
Bill Steckley-1967	34

### Most Runs Batted In

Al Weston-1977	49
Shaun Howitt-1972	45
Robert Ellis-1971	44
John Rohde-1973	42
Steve Garvey-1968	38
Jerry Weller-1977	38
Dick Billings-1964	37
Rick Miller-1969	36
Jack Kinney-1949	35
Ron Pruitt-1970	35
Ron Pruitt-1971	36

### Most Doubles

Al Weston-1977	18
Bailey Oliver-1972	15
Bob Speer-1966	13
Robert Ellis-1970	13
John Biedenbach-1965	12
Ron Pruitt-1972	12
Ron DeLonge-1973	12
Bailey Oliver-1973	12
Randy Hop-1977	11

### Most Triples

Ron Pruitt-1971	7
Robert Ellis-1971	6
Abe Eliowitz-1931	6
Terry Hop-1974	6
John Biedenbach-1965	5
Jim Sack-1956	5
Ray Collard-1955	5
Chuck Mathews-1953	5
John Kuk-1938	5
Milt Lehnhardt-1936	5
Chuck Brown-1934	5
Irvin Bartling-1934	5
Alton Kircher-1933	5
Ed Gibbs-1930	5
Bill Steckley-1967	5

### Most Home Runs

Rob Ellis-1971	14
Shaun Howitt-1972	12
Jerry Weller-1977	11
Steve Garvey-1968	9
Al Luce-1957	9
Jerry Sutton-1963	8
Ron Pruitt-1971	7
Rob Ellis-1970	7
J. Porrevecchio-1962	7
Joe Rivich-1951	7
Vince Magi-1950	7
Ed Gibbs-1930	7
Dick Billings-1964	7
Rick Miller-1969	7
Al Weston-1977	7

### Most Total Bases

Rob Ellis-1971	123
Al Weston-1977	115
Rob Ellis-1970	98
Steve Garvey-1968	93
Ron Pruitt-1972	88
Jerry Weller-1977	88
Gary Boyce-1971	86
John Biedenbach-1965	85
Shaun Howitt-1972	83
Ron Pruitt-1971	82
Ed Gibbs-1930	79
Harry Kendrick-1968	78
Jim Sack-1956	76

### Most Stolen Bases

Joe Gavel-1969	21
Charles Fawcett-1932	20
Richie Jordan-1969	18
Theron Fager-1934	17
Ed Gibbs-1931	16
Al Weston-1977	14

## Season Individual Pitching

### Most Games Worked

Phil Fulton-1970	22
Mickey Knight-1968	19
Jim Cotter-1977	19
Mickey Knight-1967	18
Robin Roberts-1947	17
Fred Devereux-1965	17
Kirk Maas-1970	17
Dick Kenney-1967	16
Larry Pashnick-1977	16

### Most Wins

Bob Clancy-1971	10
Dick Radatz-1959	10
Mel Behney-1968	9
Dick Idzkowski-1955	9
Larry Ike-1971	8
Mickey Sinks-1960	8
Ron Perranoski-1958	8
Phil Fulton-1970	8
Larry Ike-1970	8
Duane Bickel-1973	8
Elliott Moore-1973	8

### Most Losses

Larry Pashnick-1977	7
Dick Kenney-1967	7
Duane Bickel-1973	6
Doug Miller-1963	5
Jack Nutter-1963	5
Don Sackett-1950-60	5
Craig Van Sciver-1959	5
Bob Dangi-1953	5
Gary Smith-1967	5
Dan Bielski-1969	5

### Most Innings Pitched

Dick Radatz-1959	96
Duane Bickel-1973	95
Mickey Sinks-1960	92 2/3
Robin Roberts-1947	90 2/3
R. Perranoski-1958	86 2/3
Phil Fulton-1970	86 2/3
Mel Behney-1968	84 1/3

# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, Cont'd.

## Most Strikeouts

Mel Behney-1968	107
Dick Radatz-1959	106
R. Perranoski-1958	89
Dick Kenney-1967	88
R. Perranoski-1957	86
Robin Roberts-1947	86

## Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel-1975	58
Duane Bickel-1973	50
Rick Moore-1974	49
Rick Deller-1972	48
R. Perranoski-1957-58	45
Larry Pashnick-1977	45
Mel Behney-1968	44
Jim Goodrich-1966	41
Mickey Knight-1969	39
Jim Kniivila-1975	39

## Lowest Earned Run Avg. (30 or more innings)

Dick Holmes-1967	0.47
Jim Goodrich-1967	0.76
Dick Radatz-1959	1.12
Fred Devereux-1965	1.43
Bill Mansfield-1957	1.48

## Career Batting

### Highest Batting Avg.

Ed Gibbs-1930-31	.398
Rob Ellis-1970-71	.393
Steve Garvey-1968	.376
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	.373
J. Porrevecchio-1962	.360
Jim Sack-1954-56	.354
George Smith-1954-56	.352
Al Weston-1974-77	.332

### Most Hits

Al Weston-1974-77	192
Gary Boyce-1969-71	142
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	133
J. Biedenbach-1964-66	132
H. Kendrick-1967-69	126
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	124
Rob Ellis-1970-71	119
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	117
Phil Rashead-1969-71	113
Bob Maniere-1963-65	110

## Most Runs

Al Weston-1974-77	106
Gary Boyce-1969-71	100
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	99
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	92
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	87
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	79
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	75
Rob Ellis-1970-71	74
Shaun Howitt-1970-72	73
Bill Steckley-1965-67	72
Tom Binkowski-1966-68	72

## Most Runs Batted In

Al Weston-1974-77	126
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	103
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	89
Shaun Howitt-1970-72	82
Tom Binkowski-1965-68	78
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	77
John Rohde-1970-73	77
Rob Ellis-1970-71	74
Amos Hewitt-1973-75	73
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	71
Gary Boyce-1969-71	70
Jack Kinney-1949-50	66
H. Kendrick-1967-69	65
Bailey Oliver-1970-73	65

## Most Doubles

Al Weston-1974-77	33
Bailey Oliver-1970-73	29
J. Biedenbach-1964-66	27
John Dace-1970-72	27
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	27
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	25
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	24
Rob Ellis-1970-71	23
Phil Rashead-1970-71	23
H. Kendrick-1967-69	23
Amos Hewitt-1973-75	22
Tom Binkowski-1966-68	20

## Most Triples

Ray Collard-1954-56	11
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	11
Abe Eliowitz-1931-33	10
Milt Lehnhardt-1935-37	9
Ed Gibbs-1930-31	9
J. Biedenbach-1964-66	9
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	9
Al Weston-1974-77	9

## Most Home Runs

Shaun Howitt-1970-72	22
Al Weston-1974-77	21
Rob Ellis-1970-71	21
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	21
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	18
Al Luce-1955-57	14
T. Binkowski-1966-68	13
J. Porrevecchio-1962	13
Jack Kinney-1949-50	12
Gary Boyce-1969-71	11
Joe Rivich-1950-52	10
Vince Magi-1949-51	10
Ed Gibbs-1930-31	10
H. Kendrick-1967-69	10
John Dace-1970-72	10

## Career Pitching

### Most Wins

Larry Ike-1970-72	23
R. Perranoski-1956-58	21
Kirk Maas-1969-71	17
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	17
Dick Radatz-1957-59	17
Duane Bickel-1972-75	17
Keith Steffee-1945-47	16
Mickey Knight-1967-69	16
Larry Ike-1970-71	16
Rob Clancy-1970-73	16

### Most Losses

Duane Bickel-1972-75	12
Dick Kenney-1965-67	11
Don Sackett-1958-60	11
Ed Hobaugh-1954-56	10
Mickey Knight-1967-69	10
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	9
Bob Dangi-1951-53	8
Duane Bickel-1972-73	8

### Highest Winning Pct.

Keith Steffee-1945-47 (16-2)	.889
Dana Easton-1967-69 (11-2)	.846
Elliott Moore-1970-73 (15-3)	.883
Jim Goodrich-1965-66 (9-2)	.818
Dick Radatz-1957-59 (17-4)	.810
Roger Howard-1951-52 (8-2)	.800



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, Cont'd.

## Most Innings Pitched

Duane Bickel-1972-75	217
R. Perranoski-1956-58	213 2/3
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	210 1/3
Larry Ike-1970-72	209 1/3
Ed Hobaugh-1954-56	206 1/3
Dick Radatz-1957-59	194 2/3
Kirk Maas-1969-71	190
Mickey Knight-1967-69	185 1/3

## Most Strikeouts

R. Perranoski-1956-58	223
Dick Radatz-1957-59	193
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	180
Dick Kenney-1965-67	178
Mickey Knight-1967-69	174
Mel Behney-1967-68	166

## Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel-1972-75	139
R. Perranoski-1956-58	115
Elliott Moore-1970-73	88
Lou Bloch-1947-50	84
Mel Behney-1967-68	81
Larry Ike-1970-72	81
Mickey Knight-1967-69	79
Rick Moore-1974-75	77
Dick Idzkowski-1953-55	76
Dick Kenney-1965-67	73

(Listings are based upon statistics available from seasons of 1930 through 1977 with exception of 1942 and 1943. Performances known prior to 1930 are noted with \*.)

## SPARTAN TEAM RECORDS (Season)

### Most Wins

1971	.....	36
1968	.....	32
1965	.....	28
1977	.....	28
1970	.....	28
1972	.....	28
1975	.....	28
1973	.....	27
1954	.....	25
1966	.....	24
1969	.....	24

### Most Losses

1977	.....	26
1976	.....	23
1967	.....	23
1973	.....	20
1953	.....	17
1969	.....	17
1974	.....	16
1975	.....	16
1970	.....	15
1963	.....	14
1959	.....	14
1952	.....	14
1948	.....	14

### Most Hits

1971	.....	421
1977	.....	402
1968	.....	296
1970	.....	378
1975	.....	373
1965	.....	363
1973	.....	359
1972	.....	356
1964	.....	350
1974	.....	349
1954	.....	344

### Most Runs

1971	.....	317
1977	.....	270
1972	.....	261
1968	.....	257
1955	.....	251
1974	.....	242
1964	.....	236
1973	.....	235
1975	.....	234
1962	.....	227
1969	.....	224

### Most Runs Batted In

1971	.....	271
1977	.....	242
1972	.....	236
1968	.....	222
1974	.....	210
1955	.....	207
1964	.....	203
1975	.....	201
1970	.....	200
1973	.....	200

### Most Doubles

1977	.....	78
1972	.....	70
1973	.....	69
1971	.....	66
1964	.....	65
1974	.....	63
1975	.....	61
1976	.....	58
1970	.....	58
1965	.....	56
1958	.....	55
1968	.....	54

### Most Triples

1971	.....	26
1955	.....	25
1932	.....	24
1954	.....	21
1975	.....	20
1962	.....	19
1951	.....	19
1949	.....	19
1934	.....	19

### Most Home Runs

1972	.....	43
1971	.....	42
1970	.....	37
1977	.....	35
1968	.....	31
1964	.....	31
1951	.....	27
1956	.....	24
1955	.....	24
1973	.....	24

# ALL-TIME RECORD

Year	Games Played	W	L	Tied	Pct.	Runs	Opp. Runs	Coach
1883	1	0	1	0	.000	11	12	
1884	6	4	2	0	.666	103	84	
1885	2	1	1	0	.500	27	13	
1886	3	5	3	0	.625	131	46	
1887	16	11	5	0	.688	223	95	Prof. Carpenter
1888	3	5	3	0	.625	79	95	Prof. Carpenter
1889	11	4	7	0	.636	105	125	
1890	8	3	5	0	.375	63	60	
1891	8	5	3	0	.625	31	31	
1892	4	3	1	0	.750	27	18	
1893	4	2	2	0	.500	31	47	
1894	6	3	2	1	.400	47	37	
1895	9	4	5	0	.444	80	102	
1896	12	3	9	0	.250	110	157	Robert T. Gale
1897	10	4	6	0	.400	103	84	Robert T. Gale
1898	12	7	5	0	.583	144	131	Robert T. Gale
1899	9	5	4	0	.555	79	64	Coach Ferguson
1900	9	3	6	0	.333	84	35	Charles O. Bemies
1901	3	1	2	0	.333	23	34	Charles O. Bemies
1902	10	2	8	0	.200	60	93	George E. Denman
1903	15	8	7	0	.534	140	100	George E. Denman
1904	16	12	4	0	.750	115	53	Chester L. Brewer
1905	15	11	4	0	.734	99	64	Chester L. Brewer
1906	19	11	8	0	.579	81	72	Chester L. Brewer
1907	12	4	8	0	.334	34	53	Chester L. Brewer
1908	13	7	5	1	.584	66	44	Chester L. Brewer
1909	13	9	4	0	.692	67	65	Chester L. Brewer
1910	14	8	6	0	.572	66	44	Chester L. Brewer
1911	16	11	5	0	.688	79	46	John F. Macklin
1912	13	10	3	0	.769	62	34	John F. Macklin
1913	18	11	7	0	.612	81	33	John F. Macklin
1914	18	12	6	0	.667	97	33	John F. Macklin
1915	14	8	6	0	.572	66	41	John F. Macklin
1916	15	11	4	0	.734	72	28	John Morrissey
1917	11	6	5	0	.546	70	44	John Morrissey
1918	12	7	5	0	.584	82	72	Chester L. Brewer
1919	13	4	9	0	.308	53	85	Chester L. Brewer
1920	15	6	9	0	.400	98	81	Chester L. Brewer
1921	14	6	8	0	.429	38	75	Geo. "Potsy" Clark
1922	17	9	8	0	.529	138	99	John Morrissey
1923	18	14	4	0	.778	134	103	Fred M. Walker
1924	13	6	7	0	.462	57	51	Fred M. Walker
1925	15	9	5	1	.643	102	85	John H. Kobs
1926	20	13	7	0	.650	120	69	John H. Kobs
1927	21	13	8	0	.619	140	106	John H. Kobs
1928	18	11	7	0	.611	132	115	John H. Kobs
1929	24	12	11	1	.522	122	145	John H. Kobs
1930	22	16	6	0	.750	129	73	John H. Kobs
1931	23	13	9	1	.591	132	95	John H. Kobs
1932	24	10	12	2	.455	126	106	John H. Kobs



# ALL-TIME RECORD, Cont'd.

Year	Games Played	W	L	T	Pct.	Runs	Opp. Runs	Coach
1933	20	13	7	0	.650	125	81	John H. Kobs
1934	22	10	11	1	.477	129	133	John H. Kobs
1935	21	11	9	1	.550	103	93	John H. Kobs
1936	20	13	7	0	.650	144	78	John H. Kobs
1937	27	16	11	0	.593	149	116	John H. Kobs
1938	24	15	9	0	.615	106	89	John H. Kobs
1939	23	13	10	0	.566	127	113	John H. Kobs
1940	22	12	8	2	.600	142	118	John H. Kobs
1941	23	13	10	0	.566	137	110	John H. Kobs
1942	25	13	11	1	.542	133	139	John H. Kobs
1943	16	9	7	0	.563	89	72	John H. Kobs
1944	No Varsity Team, War Year							
1945	16	12	4	0	.750	101	65	John H. Kobs
1946	26	21	5	0	.808	168	78	John H. Kobs
1947	24	16	8	0	.667	163	94	John H. Kobs
1948	25	10	14	1	.416	129	141	John H. Kobs
1949	28	19	8	1	.696	214	134	John H. Kobs
1950	28	19	9	0	.679	198	151	John H. Kobs
1951	26	17	9	0	.653	206	141	John H. Kobs
1952	32	18	14	0	.563	143	128	John H. Kobs
1953	28	11	17	0	.393	115	158	John H. Kobs
1954	36	25	10	1	.708	219	139	John H. Kobs
1955	32	21	11	0	.656	251	179	John H. Kobs
1956	29	16	13	0	.551	169	140	John H. Kobs
1957	32	18	13	1	.580	210	154	John H. Kobs
1958	34	22	12	0	.647	195	114	John H. Kobs
1959	35	21	14	0	.600	187	139	John H. Kobs
1960	30	17	13	0	.567	135	126	John H. Kobs
1961	33	21	11	1	.656	187	120	John H. Kobs
1962	30	17	13	0	.567	227	171	John H. Kobs
1963	33	18	14	1	.560	210	153	John H. Kobs
1964	34	22	12	0	.647	236	155	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1965	39	28	11	0	.718	221	117	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1966	38	24	13	1	.644	211	150	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1967	46	22	23	1	.489	211	158	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1968	43	32	10	1	.734	257	104	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1969	41	24	17	0	.585	224	162	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1970	45	28	15	2	.644	222	156	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1971	46	36	10	0	.783	325	148	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1972	39	28	10	1	.731	261	128	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1973	47	27	20	0	.574	235	204	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1974	40	23	16	1	.588	242	181	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1975	44	28	16	0	.636	234	211	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1976	39	15	23	1	.395	199	251	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1977	54	28	26	0		270	243	Daniel W. Litwhiler
Total	2041	1204	811	26	.596	12,720	9513	

INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORDS  
(College & Service Teams Only)

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Adrian .....	3	3	0	0	1927
Akron .....	1	1	0	0	1914
Alabama .....	2	1	1	0	1957
Albion .....	84	62	21	1	1896
Alma .....	26	24	2	0	1900
Amherst .....	1	0	0	1	1957
Aquinas .....	2	1	1	0	1977
Arizona .....	1	1	0	0	1954
Armour Tech .....	10	9	1	0	1906
Army .....	9	7	1	1	1967
Auburn .....	2	0	2	0	1926
Ball State .....	15	12	3	0	1966
Baruch .....	2	2	0	0	1972
Beloit .....	2	1	1	0	1902
Bethany .....	4	2	2	0	1914
Bradley .....	7	6	1	0	1926
Buchtel .....	1	1	0	0	1913
Buffalo .....	6	5	0	1	1916
Butler .....	3	2	1	0	1924
California .....	3	1	2	0	1933
Cp. Gordon .....	1	0	1	0	1952
Cp. Lejeune .....	19	11	8	0	1953
Case .....	2	1	1	0	1913
Central Mich. ....	37	22	15	0	1911
Cherry Pt. ....	2	0	2	0	1953
Chicago .....	7	4	3	0	1923
Cincinnati .....	8	6	2	0	1929
Clemson .....	13	9	3	1	1935
Coe .....	1	1	0	0	1934
Colgate .....	3	1	2	0	1929
Connecticut .....	1	1	0	0	1970
Cornell .....	5	4	1	0	1936
Cumberland .....	3	2	0	1	1928
Davidson .....	2	1	1	0	1934
Defiance .....	1	1	0	0	1929
DePaul .....	7	6	1	0	1908
DePauw .....	4	2	2	0	1903
Detroit .....	69	54	15	0	1915
Detroit Bus. ....	1	1	0	0	1905
Detroit Col. ....	5	3	2	0	1902
Detroit Univ. ....	3	2	0	1	1907
Duke .....	24	10	14	0	1933
E. Kentucky .....	2	2	0	0	1937
Eastern Mich. ....	86	56	29	1	1896
Elon .....	3	2	1	0	1933
Fairleigh- Dickinson .....	2	1	0	1	1961
Florida .....	2	1	1	0	1965
Florida A & M ....	1	1	0	0	1969
Florida State ....	15	6	9	0	1957
Ft. Belvoir .....	2	2	0	0	1962
Ft. Benning .....	14	6	7	1	1926
Ft. Custer .....	2	0	2	0	1942
Ft. Eustis .....	3	1	2	0	1954
Ft. Jackson .....	3	2	1	0	1946
Ft. Knox .....	3	3	0	0	1959
Ft. Lee .....	9	7	2	0	1953
Furman .....	2	2	0	0	1935

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
G. Washington ...	1	1	0	0	1963
Georgia .....	17	10	7	0	1913
Ga. Southern ....	1	1	0	0	1964
Ga. Tech .....	3	2	0	1	1932
Great Lakes .....	3	2	1	0	1942
Hillsdale .....	29	24	5	0	1896
Hope .....	9	8	1	0	1923
Hosei .....	2	0	2	0	1931
Hunter AFB .....	1	1	0	0	1958
Illinois .....	46	26	18	0	1952
Illinois Wes. ....	1	0	1	0	1940
Indiana .....	56	30	26	0	1919
Iowa .....	61	36	24	1	1921
Iowa St. Col. ....	2	1	1	0	1930
Ithaca .....	1	0	1	0	1963
Kalamazoo .....	31	19	12	0	1895
Kentucky .....	1	1	0	0	1913
Lake Forest .....	7	6	1	0	1908
Louisiana St. ....	2	1	1	0	1975
Lubbock Christian	2	1	1	0	1977
Maine .....	3	1	2	0	1976
Marshall .....	4	2	2	0	1915
Maryville .....	6	2	4	0	1927
Massachusetts ...	5	3	2	0	1954
Mercer .....	5	3	2	0	1926
Miami (Fla.) ....	41	13	26	2	1965
Miami (Ohio) ....	2	1	1	0	1930
Michigan .....	169	62	106	1	1884
Minnesota .....	45	16	29	0	1925
Mississippi .....	2	0	2	0	1931
Mississippi A&M..	1	1	0	0	1931
Missouri .....	1	0	1	0	1954
Nebraska .....	1	1	0	0	1937
Newberry .....	7	5	1	1	1935
Newport News ....	1	1	0	0	1961
New York .....	2	2	0	0	1966
Niagra .....	2	2	0	0	1916
N. Carolina .....	20	6	13	1	1933
N. Carolina St. .	11	9	2	0	1936
Northern Iowa ...	3	1	2	0	1973
Northwestern ....	48	36	11	1	1931
Notre Dame .....	112	62	50	0	1907
Oakland .....	2	1	1	0	1977
Oberlin .....	10	7	3	0	1914
Ogelthorpe .....	1	1	0	0	1926
Ohio .....	15	8	7	0	1932
Ohio Northern ...	2	1	1	0	1913
Ohio State .....	95	45	49	1	1911
Ohio Wesleyan ...	6	4	2	0	1910
Olivet .....	56	39	16	1	1884
Pan American ....	6	3	3	0	1977
Parris Island ....	6	2	4	0	1956
Penn State .....	4	3	1	0	1920
Pensacola Navy ..	3	2	1	0	1942
Pittsburgh .....	3	2	1	0	1969
Presbyterian ....	2	2	0	0	1940
Pressman Tech ...	1	1	0	0	1928
Purdue .....	40	30	10	0	1949



# INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORDS, Cont'd.

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Rhode Island .....	1	1	0	0	1961
Richmond .....	2	1	0	1	1950
Rochester .....	2	2	0	0	1916
Rollins .....	5	2	3	0	1954
Rutgers .....	6	5	1	0	1966
St. Johns (Ohio) ..	1	1	0	0	1911
St. Marys (Mich.) ..	7	6	1	0	1917
St. Viator .....	8	5	1	2	1909
Selfridge AFB ....	2	2	0	0	1943
Seton Hall .....	4	2	1	1	1974
S. Carolina .....	21	16	5	0	1935
S. Illinois .....	4	1	2	1	1972
SE Okla. St. ....	2	1	1	0	1977
Springfield .....	1	0	1	0	1960
Spring Arbor .....	2	2	0	0	1965
Syracuse .....	12	8	4	0	1908
Tennessee .....	1	1	0	0	1949
Toledo .....	6	5	1	0	1936
Toronto .....	1	1	0	0	1904

## STATE'S 27 BIG TEN SEASONS

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	Place
1951 .....	10	4	6	.400	7th
1952 .....	13	7	6	.538	5th
1953 .....	13	6	7	.462	7th
1954 .....	13	11	2	.846	1st
1955 .....	15	10	5	.667	2nd (tie)
1956 .....	11	4	7	.364	8th
1957 .....	11	5	6	.455	7th
1958 .....	15	10	5	.667	2nd
1959 .....	15	8	7	.533	4th (tie)
1960 .....	11	4	7	.364	8th
1961 .....	14	6	8	.429	5th
1962 .....	14	6	8	.429	5th
1963 .....	14	5	9	.357	8th
1964 .....	15	8	7	.533	4th (tie)
1965 .....	15	9	6	.600	3rd
1966 .....	13	8	5	.615	4th
1967 .....	18	8	10	.444	6th
1968 .....	17	13	4	.765	2nd
1969 .....	16	8	8	.500	5th (tie)
1970 .....	16	9	7	.563	3rd
1971 .....	16	13	3	.813	1st
1972 .....	14	10	4	.714	2nd
1973 .....	18	9	9	.500	5th (tie)
1974 .....	15	7	8	.467	6th
1975 .....	15	11	4	.733	4th
1976 .....	12	7	5	.583	4th
1977 .....	18	10	8	.556	4th (tie)
Total	387	216	171	.558	

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Valparaiso .....	6	2	4	0	1920
Vanderbilt .....	8	2	6	0	1929
Virginia .....	2	2	0	0	1963
VMI .....	1	1	0	0	1956
Virginia Tech ....	3	2	1	0	1951
Wabash .....	13	8	5	0	1908
Wake Forest .....	16	5	11	0	1933
Wash.&Jeff. ....	1	1	0	0	1903
Wayne St. .......	37	36	1	0	1942
Wesleyan .....	1	1	0	0	1967
Wisconsin .....	67	39	28	2	1904
W. Kentucky .....	1	0	1	0	1972
Western Mich. ....	99	41	58	0	1916
W. Reserve .....	10	10	0	0	1910
Wilm. J.C. .......	2	1	1	0	1961
Yale .....	5	4	1	0	1952
Xavier .....	6	5	1	0	1927
Montclair St. ...	2	1	1	0	1974
Wright St. .......	3	2	1	0	1977

# Michigan State Baseball 1979





## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY -- QUICK FACTS

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LOCATION -- East Lansing, Mich. 48824

FOUNDED -- 1855

ENROLLMENT -- 43,744

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE -- Big Ten

SCHOOL COLORS -- Green and White

NICKNAME -- Spartans

HOME DIAMOND -- John H. Kobs Field (4,000)

STARTED BASEBALL -- 1833

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ON THE COVER -- Pictured are Michigan State's seven seniors. Standing (left to right): pitcher Mark Sutherland, catcher Larry Hohns, pitcher Jim Cotter and second baseman Randy Hop. Sitting (left to right): outfielder Joe Lopez, pitcher Eric Rosekrans and shortstop Rodger Bastien.

# 1979 SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
March 16-28	Spring Trip to Pan American (16 games -- Pan American, Central Michigan, Morningside, Oklahoma City)	Edinburg, Texas
April 7 (Sat.)	Eastern Michigan (2) .....	Ypsilanti
10 (Tues.)	ALBION (2) .....	EAST LANSING
11 (Wed.)	AQUINAS (2) .....	EAST LANSING
14 (Sat.)	*MINNESOTA (2) .....	EAST LANSING
15 (Sun.)	*WISCONSIN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
17 (Tues.)	WESTERN MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
21 (Sat.)	DETROIT (2) .....	EAST LANSING
23 (Mon.)	Western Michigan (2) .....	Kalamazoo
24 (Tues.)	FERRIS STATE (2) .....	EAST LANSING
25 (Wed.)	WAYNE STATE (2) .....	EAST LANSING
28 (Sat.)	*Purdue (2) .....	Lafayette, Ind.
29 (Sun.)	*Illinois (2) .....	Champaign, Ill.
May 1 (Tues.)	CENTRAL MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
4 (Fri.)	*Ohio State (2) .....	Columbus, Ohio
5 (Sat.)	*Indiana (2) .....	Bloomington, Ind.
8 (Tues.)	Central Michigan (2) .....	Mt. Pleasant
9 (Wed.)	OAKLAND (2) .....	EAST LANSING
12 (Sat.)	*Iowa (2) .....	EAST LANSING
13 (Sun.)	*NORTHWESTERN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
15 (Tues.)	EASTERN MICHIGAN (2) .....	EAST LANSING
19 (Sat.)	*MICHIGAN .....	EAST LANSING
20 (Sun.)	*Michigan .....	Ann Arbor

\*Big Ten Game

Home Games (in CAPS) begin at 1 p.m., except May 19 at 3 p.m.



# 1979 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Cl.	Home/High School/Coach
4	***Bastien, Rodger	SS	R	R	6-0	175	3-22-57	Sr.	Grandville/T. Nauta
5	*Buterakos, Jim	2B	R	R	5-10	165	1-14-59	So.	Flint/SW/M. Rettenmund
6	Magsig, Phil	P	R	R	5-10	160	10- 3-58	So.	Dansville/L. Mangles
7	**Robinson, Ken	OF	S	R	6-1	190	1- 6-57	Jr.	Ypsilanti/P. Dignan
8	**Pollard, Jerry	C	R	R	5-11	180	1-26-58	Jr.	Livonia/Franklin/R. Hellier
9	Gebben, Brad	3B	R	R	6-2	205	6-18-59	So.	Portage/Central/R. Johnson
11	**Wolcott, Brian	P	R	R	6-0	170	2-12-58	Jr.	Plymouth/Salem/W. Sparkman
12	Kruse, Steve	P	L	L	5-11	170	12-23-58	So.	East Lansing/B. Knapp
14	Butzirus, Greg	P	R	R	6-2	192	1-22-58	Jr.	Pennfield/J. Ledbetter
15	**Hop, Randy	2B	\$	\$	5-10	165	4-25-57	Sr.	Zeeland/I. Hansen
16	Dankovich, Al	SS	R	R	6-0	180	11- 5-59	So.	Hillcrest, Ill./B. Valiska
17	**Sutherland, Mark	P	R	R	6-0	170	9-15-57	Sr.	Garden City/West/B. Dropp
18	Mehall, Ken	OF	L	R	6-2	210	6-15-59	So.	Southgate/L. Janness
19	*Pomorski, Mark	P	R	R	6-0	185	10-16-59	So.	Birmingham/Groves/J. Crosby
20	*Schultz, Tom	OF	R	R	6-3	190	2-27-58	Jr.	Grand Rapids/Union/J. Zakem
21	*Haines, Kirk	1B	L	R	5-11	190	7- 1-58	Jr.	Vassar/Millington/H. Kern
22	*Lopez, Joe	OF	L	R	5-8	175	10- 4-57	Sr.	Coldwater/P. Lowe
23	*Hohs, Larry	C	R	R	6-1	205	9-17-57	Sr.	Grand Rapids/W. Catholic/ J. Jendrasiak
24	Tyler, Gary	P	R	R	6-4	195	11-11-57	Jr.	Kalamazoo/Central/B. Topp
26	*Rosekrans, Eric	P	L	L	5-10	165	8- 5-57	Sr.	East Lansing/B. Knapp
27	*Cotter, Jim	P	R	R	6-2	215	10-14-56	Sr.	Pewamo/Westphalia/G. Ghiardi
28	*Strother, Jay	P	R	R	5-11	165	10-13-57	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Upper St. Clair/M. Shelaheda
29	*Russ, Mark	C-3B	R	R	5-11	174	12-30-58	So.	Lansing/Sexton/B. Campbell
30	Stull, Ed	OF	R	R	6-0	190	6-25-58	Jr.	Oxford/A. Marcell
32	Kinney, Steve	SS	L	R	5-10	165	1-13-59	So.	Ypsilanti/P. Dignan
34	Dorr, Chris	1B	R	R	6-0	180	5- 1-60	Fr.	Coldwater/P. Lowe
35	Kearly, Tim	OF	L	L	6-0	180	1-15-59	So.	Hancock/None
--	Birtsas, Tim	P	L	L	6-5	210	9- 5-60	Fr.	Clarkston/P. Tungate
--	Leite, Tim	C	R	R	5-9	165	3-11-58	Jr.	Ann Arbor/Pioneer/P. Palmer
--	Luna, Ruben#	P	L	L	5-11	225	6-16-60	Fr.	Flint/SW/M. Rettenmund
--	McGuff, Art#	3B	R	R	6-0	175	7-10-59	Fr.	Midland/F. Altimore
--	Nicevski, Risto	P	R	R	6-0	200	12-18-59	Fr.	Flint/SW/M. Rettenmund
--	Payk, Eric	C	R	R	5-10	175	5- 4-60	Fr.	Saginaw/Eisenhower/B. Ouchc
--	Pfleiger, Keith	P	R	R	6-0	190	7- 9-59	So.	Ft. Washington, Pa./Lower Moreland/R. Parry
--	Schulz, Bill	1B	R	R	6-2	175	8- 2-58	Jr.	Saginaw/Arthur Hill/E. Periard
--	Wilker, John	3B	L	R	6-1	185	11-26-59	So.	Trenton, N.J./Notre Dame/ V. Ardery

#eligible spring term

\*denotes letters won

## Alphabetical Roster

4	Bastien/ss	32	Kinney/ss	19	Pomorski/p
--	Birtsas/p	12	Kruse/p	7	Robinson/of
5	Buterakos/2B	--	Leite/c	26	Rosekrans/p
14	Butzirus/p	22	Lopez/of	29	Russ/c
27	Cotter/p	--	Luna/p	--	Schulz/lb
16	Dankovich/ss	6	Magsig/p	20	Schultz/of
--	Dorr/lb	--	McGuff/3b	28	Strother/p
9	Gebben/3b	18	Mehall/of	30	Stull/of
21	Haines/lb	--	Nicevski/p	17	Sutherland/p
23	Hohs/c	--	Payk/c	24	Tyler/p
15	Hop/2b	--	Pfleiger/p	--	Walker/3b
35	Kearly/of	8	Pollard/c	11	Wolcott/p

# 1978 FINAL STATISTICS

Player	Batting																Fielding							
	G	AB	R	H	AVG	2B	3B	HB	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	SH	SF	HP	PO	A	E	TC	DP	AVG		
Tony Spada, 3b	51	152	39	64	.421	10	4	8	106	43	23	11	2- 4	1	1	1	46	85	12	141	4	.915		
Kirk Gibson, of	48	154	43	60	.390	4	3	16	118	52	21	29	21-22	0	3	2	94	4	14	112	0	.875		
Joe Lopez, of	23	61	18	22	.361	5	2	2	36	17	11	11	1- 1	2	0	2	8	0	1	9	0	.889		
Rodger Bastien, ss	51	167	43	59	.353	7	3	3	81	20	17	19	5- 7	2	1	2	58	111	12	181	22	.934		
Tom Schultz, of	50	143	30	46	.322	7	3	3	68	22	15	18	9-11	5	0	1	58	2	6	66	1	.909		
Jerry Heller, 1b	49	133	29	39	.293	8	3	3	62	23	30	33	2- 5	0	0	3	336	55	8	399	30	.980		
Ken Robinson, of	50	120	26	35	.292	7	0	5	57	21	34	33	12-13	0	1	4	66	0	5	71	0	.930		
Kirk Haines, 2b	35	82	11	21	.256	7	2	2	38	15	11	13	0- 1	7	1	1	57	5	0	59	4	1.000		
Dave Radke, 3b	20	39	6	10	.256	2	1	0	14	10	7	8	2- 5	3	0	1	22	15	6	43	3	.860		
Mark Russ, c	27	67	11	17	.254	1	0	2	24	13	5	9	8- 9	2	0	2	69	13	4	86	1	.953		
Larry Hohns, c	23	45	4	11	.244	0	0	1	14	4	7	4	1- 1	0	0	3	45	6	4	55	1	.927		
Randy Hop, 2b	49	109	20	20	.183	3	1	1	28	14	20	21	8- 9	7	2	0	90	115	7	212	16	.967		
Jim Zimmerman, of	15	28	5	5	.179	1	0	0	6	8	2	4	0- 0	0	1	0	13	1	2	16	0	.875		
Jim Buterakos, ss	21	18	15	3	.167	0	0	0	3	2	5	6	6- 8	0	0	1	11	11	6	28	1	.786		
Jerry Pollard, c	27	67	5	11	.164	3	0	0	14	4	7	16	1- 1	0	2	0	99	16	3	118	1	.975		
Brad Gebben, of	10	18	3	2	.111	0	0	0	2	1	2	5	2- 2	1	0	0	4	0	1	5	0	.800		
Tim Buelow, 2b	8	10	1	1	.100	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	3- 4	0	0	0	12	8	2	22	3	.909		
Ken Mehall, of	10	23	2	1	.043	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0- 0	0	0	0	6	1	3	10	0	.700		
Cliff Northey, of	12	23	1	1	.043	0	1	0	3	4	3	7	0- 0	0	0	0	10	1	0	11	0	1.000		
Ed Stull, of	12	23	1	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0- 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000		
Others																	16	68	16	100	3	.840		
MICHIGAN STATE	54	1460	314	427	.292	65	23	46	676	275	226	258	86-102	30	12	23	1131	530	111	1772	36	.937		
OPPONENTS	54	1446	234	359	.256	51	13	22	505	137	211	203	46-65	22	15	13	1003	410	78	1491	26	.947		

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# 1978 FINAL STATISTICS (Cont'd.)

Pitching	G	GS	CG	W	L	PCT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	SHO	ERA	1978 BIG TEN STANDINGS			
Eric Rosekrans	7	3	1	2	1	.667	25.1	22	13	5	10	19	0	0	0	0	1.77		W	L	Pct.
Jay Strother	10	4	3	4	2	.667	49	38	20	13	16	16	1	2	0	0	2.38	1. Michigan	13	3	.813
Mark Pomorski	12	10	7	6	3	.667	77.2	57	31	22	48	29	2	6	0	0	2.54	2. MICHIGAN STATE	11	5	.688
Brian Wolcott	13	12	8	9	3	.750	75	71	46	33	42	53	4	0	k	3	3.96	3. Wisconsin	10	6	.625
Chuck Baker	13	13	5	6	4	.600	63.2	68	43	29	31	28	2	0	2	2	4.09	4. Iowa	9	6	.600
Rob Campion	6	2	0	1	0	1.000	11	14	13	5	12	4	0	3	0	0	4.09	5. Minnesota	7	7	.500
Mark Sutherland	11	1	0	1	2	.333	21	27	15	10	10	10	1	0	0	0	4.28	6. Ohio State	9	9	.500
Gary Tyler	3	1	0	1	0	1.000	10	10	5	5	10	4	1	1	0	0	4.50	7. Indiana	5	8	.357
Larry Pashnick	10	8	1	3	6	.333	45.1	50	36	26	32	41	2	5	0	0	5.16	8. Northwestern	6	10	.375
MICHIGAN STATE	54	54	25	33	21	.611	377	359	234	148	211	203	13	17	3	5	3.53	9. Illinois	6	12	.333
OPPONENTS	54	54	18	21	33	.389	367.2	427	314	256	226	258	22	46	3	1	6.26	10. Purdue	3	13	.188

## FINAL 1978 RESULTS

### Spring Trip

4 Arkansas State	7-	3 Eastern Michigan	2+
1 Pan American	16-	2 Eastern Michigan	1+
2 Texas-Arlington	4-	7 Albion	10-
5 Morningside	2+	7 Albion	0+
7 Indiana	3+	6 Aquinas	12-
5 Pan American	6-	3 Aquinas	1+
10 Morningside	4+	7 *Minnesota	8-
12 Indiana	4+	6 *Minnesota	3+
1 Texas-Arlington	0+	5 *Wisconsin	1+
10 Indiana	5+	1 *Wisconsin	4-
4 Morningside	2+	11 Ferris State	3+
5 Pan American	9-	7 Ferris State	1+
6 Pan American	4+	8 Wayne State	5+
2 Pan American	3-	13 Wayne State	3+
3 Pan American	9-	5 Detroit	6-
		1 Detroit	7-

### Regular Season

4 Central Michigan	2+	12 Eastern Michigan	2+
4 Central Michigan	6-	7 Eastern Michigan	8-
8 *Purdue	2+	12 Oakland	2+
3 *Purdue	4-	10 *Michigan	5+
5 *Illinois	0+	0 *Michigan	3-
7 *Illinois	6+		
4 Western Michigan	3+	NCAA District 5 Midwest Tourney	
15 Western Michigan	7+	2 Southern Illinois	7-
3 *Ohio State	7-	6 Oklahoma State	7-
6 *Ohio State	5+		
3 *Indiana	2+		
5 *Indiana	1+		
5 Western Michigan	6-		
2 Western Michigan	0+		
3 *Northwestern	0+		
19 *Northwestern	4+		

## 1979 PROSPECTS

Despite the loss of three outstanding hitters and two regular pitchers, Michigan State should be a Big Ten baseball title contender again in 1979.

So says veteran coach Danny Litwhiler, whose Spartan clubs almost always are near the top of the league standings. The 1978 team finished second at 11-5 and went on to NCAA midwest regional competition. The overall mark was 33-21.

The big losses are that of All-America outfielder Kirk Gibson, who batted .390, hammered 16 home runs, and drove in 52 tallies in 48 games; All-Big Ten third baseman Tony Spada, with a .421 average, eight homers and 43 RBIs, and first sacker Jerry Weller, at .293 with three homers and 23 RBIs. Departed pitcher Chuck Baker had a 6-4 mark and Larry Pashnick was 3-6.

Key veterans around whom this year's club will be built are shortstop Rodger Bastien, who batted .353 after a slow start, and second baseman Randy Hop. Outfielders back are Tom Schultz (.322), Ken Robinson (.292) and Joe Lopez (.361 in 23 games). Returning moundsmen include Brian Molcott (9-3) and Mark Pomorski (6-3).

A rundown by positions:

### Pitching

The Spartan pitching staff, which showed great improvement in 1978, should be even better this time around. Junior Brian Molcott is pegged as MSU's top starter. He fashioned a 9-3 record in 12 starts, led the team in strikeouts with 53, and fired three shutouts. Complementing him is sophomore Mark Pomorski, who had 10 starting assignments last year and led the Spartans with 77.2 innings pitched. Also among those hoping for starting duty are returnees Cary Tyler (1-0), Jay Strother (4-2) and lefty Eric Rosekrans (2-1). There's also freshman Risto Nicevski and southpaw transfer Tim Birtsas. Senior Jim Cotter, the team's top relief specialist two seasons back, is hoping for a return to form after a blood clot in his arm sidelined him last season. Rounding out this depth-filled staff are senior reliever Mark Sutherland (1-2), junior Greg Butzirus, sophomores Steve Kruse and Phil Magsig, and freshman Ruben Luna.

### Catching

Sophomore Mark Russ, junior Jerry Pollard, and senior Larry Hohns shared the catching duties last season, and all are back for 1979. Russ, who batted .254 with two homers, may also see action at third base. Pollard hit .164, Hohns .244 in 1978. Freshman Eric Payk, along with juniors Roger Martin and Tim Leite are also receivers on the squad.

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## Infield

State's infield is strong up the middle, questionable at the corners.

Shortstop Rodger Bastien and second baseman Randy Hop both return. Bastien raised his average 91 points to .353 and made All-Big Ten as a junior. Hop fell from .279 in 1977 to .133 last season, but fielded well and hopes to regain his batting eye. The problems are at first and third base, where incumbents Jerry Weller and Tony Spada have departed. Litwhiler lists sophomores Brad Bebben, Jim Buterakos, Al Dankovich and John Walker as possible third basemen, though the latter three can play second or short as well. Freshman Chris Dorr and junior Kirk Haines (.256 mostly as a designated hitter) will battle for the starting first baseman duties.

## Outfield

Although All-American Kirk Gibson is now playing for the Detroit Tigers, MSU's outfield figures to be almost as strong this season. Ken Robinson is back at his familiar leftfield post, while 1978's regular rightfielder, Tom Schultz, will assume Gibson's old spot in center. That leaves Joe Lopez, who came on a mid-season and hit .361 in 23 contests, as the top right-field candidate. Robinson averaged .292 with five homers last season, while Schultz batted a fine .322 with three roundtrippers. Junior Ed Stull, sophomores Ken Mehall and Tim Kearly, and yearling Chris Dorr stand in reserve.

MSU BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING TRIP  
Edinburg, Texas

Michigan State's baseball team appears to be a solid contender in the Big Ten title race, despite a less than impressive record on its spring training trip.

The Spartans were only 4-12 in games played at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, but State coaches discovered a number of bright spots.

The squad's pitching proved it will be Michigan State's strength in 1979. Five flingers posted earned run averages below the 3.24, led by relief ace Steve Kruse with a nifty 1.50 mark.

Sidearm righthander Brian Wolcott was State's top starting pitcher, going 1-1 with a 3.06 ERA and 16 strikeouts in 14 and 2/3 innings.

Starters Jay Strother, Greg Butzirus, Jim Cotter and Mark Pomorski also proved effective on the mound and will provide a wealth of pitching depth.

Stingy defense will be a trademark of Spartan fortunes as the fielders sparked under the Texas sun.

Second baseman Randy Hop and shortstop Rodger Bastien formed a tight double play combination and catcher Jerry Pollard showed he is capable of throwing out quite a few base stealers.

On the offensive side of the plate, the Spartans visibly missed sluggers Kirk Gibson and Tony Spada.

Freshman first baseman Chris Dorr shone with a .381 batting average, including one home run and two doubles in just 21 times at bat.

Leftfielder Ken Robinson hit .350, with the bulk of that mark coming on a torrid spree after a slow start. Randy Hop appears to have bounced back from his disappointing year at the plate in 1978, as he slugged away at a .333 mark in Texas.

Rodger Bastien also batted a .333 as did designated hitter Ken Mehall who could be State's next power threat.

The Spartans need heavy hitting from outfielders Tom Schultz and Joe Lopez. Both enjoyed .300 seasons last year but suffered through a difficult spring training trip.

"It was frustrating not to win more," Coach Danny Litwhiler notes, "but we're not discouraged because we learned a lot from losing."

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# MICHIGAN STATE BASEBALL STATISTICS (Spring Training Trip)

Player	Hitting										Fielding											
	G	AB	R	H	AVG	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	SH	SF	HP	PO	A	E	TC	DP	AVG
Steve Kinney, ss	5	8	1	4	.500	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	0-0	0	0	0	3	2	1	6	0	.833
Chris Dorr, lb	9	21	2	8	.381	2	0	1	13	4	5	2	0-0	0	0	0	37	4	1	42	2	.976
Ken Robinson, of	14	40	6	14	.350	2	1	0	18	7	2	4	2-2	0	0	0	19	1	0	20	1	1.000
Randy Hop, 2b	16	39	12	13	.333	3	1	0	18	6	12	7	2-3	2	0	0	24	32	1	57	7	.982
Rodger Bastien, ss	13	33	8	11	.333	3	0	1	17	4	11	6	1-3	0	0	0	19	25	7	50	7	.880
Ken Mehall, of	12	33	4	11	.333	3	0	0	14	5	4	4	1-2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1.000
Mark Gebben, 3b	11	30	5	8	.267	2	0	0	10	2	2	8	0-1	0	0	0	32	11	2	35	5	.943
Jerry Pollard, c	11	27	4	6	.222	1	0	0	7	3	6	6	0-0	1	0	0	43	7	2	52	0	.962
Jim Buterakos, 2b	10	18	3	4	.222	0	1	0	6	0	2	4	0-2	0	0	0	15	5	3	23	2	.870
Mark Russ, c	9	24	4	5	.208	1	0	0	6	1	4	6	0-0	0	1	0	42	4	0	46	0	1.000
Tom Schultz, of	15	35	9	7	.200	2	1	0	11	4	5	6	5-5	1	0	0	15	0	2	17	1	1.000
Kirk Haines, lb	12	33	1	4	.174	1	0	1	7	9	4	7	0-0	1	1	0	27	5	2	34	3	.941
Ed Stull, of	8	18	2	3	.167	1	1	0	6	3	1	9	0-0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	1.000
Al Dankovich, ss	4	7	0	1	.143	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0-0	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	1.000
Joe Lopez, of	13	33	3	4	.121	2	0	0	5	2	5	10	2-2	2	0	1	11	1	1	13	0	.923
Larry Hols, c	6	10	1	1	.100	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1.000
Tim Kearly, of	10	12	3	1	.083	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	6	0	1	7	0	.857
Others												1					6	18	2	26		.923
MICHIGAN STATE	16	412	69	105	.225	24	5	3	148	53	68	86	13-20	8	2	2	310	125	24	459	11	.947
OPPONENTS	16	415	79	120	.289	20	3	4	157	68	65	82	16-23	5	6	2	333	144	31	508	9	.938

Pitching	G	CS	CG	W	L	PCT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	SHO	ERA
Steve Kruse, l	4	0	0	0	0	.000	6	5	4	1	4	6	0	2	0	0	1.50
Brian Holcott, r	3	3	1	1	1	.500	14.2	15	7	5	9	16	0	2	0	1	3.06
Eric Rosekrans, l	5	0	0	0	0	.000	5.2	6	3	2	4	2	0	2	0	1	3.17
Jay Strother, r	3	3	2	1	2	.333	16.2	19	8	6	8	18	0	0	0	1	3.24
Phil Magsig, r	2	1	0	1	0	1.000	8.1	7	3	3	3	7	0	1	0	1	3.24
Greg Butzirus, r	3	2	1	0	2	.000	12.2	10	6	6	9	7	1	6	0	0	4.26
Jim Cotter, r	3	3	1	1	2	.333	16.1	17	12	9	7	15	1	0	0	0	4.95
Mark Pomorski, r	3	3	0	0	2	.000	16.1	25	19	15	13	6	0	0	0	0	8.26
Gary Tyler, r	2	1	0	0	1	.000	3.1	7	6	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	16.20
Mark Sutherland, r	4	0	0	0	2	.000	3.1	9	11	9	5	5	1	2	0	0	24.30
MICHIGAN STATE	16	16	5	4	12	.250	103.1	120	79	62	65	82	3	15	0	3	5.40
OPPONENTS	16	16	12	12	4	.750	111	105	69	50	68	86	2	15	0	1	4.05

Overall Record: 4-12

## PLAYER PROFILES

**RODGER BASTIEN** -- 6-0, 175, Sr., Shortstop (throws right, bats right), Grandville (Grandville). Put it all together last year to have, perhaps, the best season ever enjoyed by a Spartan shortstop. Hit .353, connected for 59 hits, and scored 43 runs to tie for the team lead in that category. Voted the team's Most Improved Player and was accorded 1st-team All-Big Ten honors as well as 2nd-team All-District 4 honors. All-Conference selection in both baseball and basketball at Grandville High. Served as captain and gained MVP honors with the cage team. Born 3-22-57. Majoring in english.

**JIM BUTERAKOS** -- 5-10, 165, So., Shortstop (throws right, bats right), Flint (Southwestern). Excellent prospect, but has seen little playing time while backing up Bastien. Good speed exemplified by his six steals in eight attempts last season. Can play any infield position. Lettered three years in high school baseball and was voted captain his senior year. His Flint teams compiled a 66-26 slate. Jim acquired All-City, All-Valley, All-District, and Honorable Mention All-America honors. Also lettered twice in football and earned second team All-State recognition. Born 1-14-59. Majoring in business.

**GREG BUTZIRUS** -- 6-2, 190, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Battle Creek (Pennfield). A fine all-round athlete, Greg comes to MSU after spending two years at Kellogg Community College. Playing baseball, basketball, and golf, Greg won a total of seven letters in high school. His baseball honors included All-League, All-Regional, and All-State. Born 1-22-58. Greg plans to be a successful builder after graduation.

**JIM COTTER** -- 6-2, 215, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Pewamo (Pewamo-Westphalia). Missed all of last season because of an operation on his right arm. The Spartan bullpen is hoping to welcome back Cotter this season. Made 19 appearances two seasons ago and finished with a 4-3 won-lost mark. Throws sidearm and is very tough on right hand hitters. An All-Conference and All-Area choice in high school. Born 10-14-56. Major is elementary education.

**AL DANKOVICH** -- 6-0, 180, So., Shortstop (throws right, bats right), Hazel Crest, Ill. (Hillcrest). Hopes to provide back-up for Bastien. Al's impressive list of prep awards include Most Improved Player, All-State, MVP, and twice All-Conference. During his two years as a member of coach Bob Valiska's varsity team, Al led them to a 31-17 record. Lettered in basketball as well as baseball at Hillcrest. Born 11-5-59. Has not yet specified a major.

**CHRIS DORR** -- 6-0, 180, Fr., First Base (throws right, bats right), Coldwater (Coldwater). Will battle Kirk Haines for starting first baseman duties. Can also play outfield. Strong hitter who is bright Spartan prospect. Highly-acclaimed out of Coldwater High where he played baseball and football. Twice earned first team all-state honors and was three-time all-conference performer in diamond sport. Also made all-conference twice and honorable mention all-state once in football. Born 5-1-60. Has not selected an academic major.

**BRAD GEBBEN** -- 6-2, 205, So., Third baseman (throws right, bats right), Portage (Central). Fine prospect with good power. Batted only 18 times last spring, collecting two hits. Should be a candidate for vacant first baseman's slot. While in high school, Brad was named All-League and All-District in both baseball and football. Received high school award as

## PLAYER PROFILES, Cont'd.

best scholar-athlete in 1976-77. His 1977 Portage Central team won the Greater Kalamazoo Tournament in which he hit the longest home run of 426 feet. Played in Connie Mack World Series in Farmington, New Mexico two summers ago. Born 6-18-59. Nickname is "Stick." Major is marketing.

**KIRK HAINES** -- 5-11, 190, Jr., First Base (throws right, bats left), Millington (Millington). Hit .256 as a part-time player last year. Playing mostly second base, he handled 59 chances without a miscue. Kirk has the inside track for the first base job left vacant by Jerry Weller's graduation. Received All-State acclaim as a shortstop in high school. Captained basketball team in 1976. Born 7-1-58. Nickname is "Korky". Majoring in parks and recreation resources.

**LARRY HOIS** -- 6-1, 205, Sr., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Grand Rapids (West Catholic). Batted .244 last spring as he split the catching with Mark Russ and Jerry Pollard. Transfer from Grand Rapids Junior College where he led his team to the Junior College World Series. Has good power. Born 9-17-57. Majoring in sociology.

**RANDY HOP** -- 5-10, 165, Sr., Second base (throws right, bats right), Zeeland (Zeeland). Will return as regular second baseman if he improves upon last year's .183 average. Batted .279 in 48 games as a sophomore. 8 of 9 in stolen bases last year. An All-Conference and MVP pick at Zeeland. Born 4-25-57.

**TIM KEARLY** -- 6-0, 180, So., Outfield (throws left, bats left), Hancock (Central). A gifted athlete, Tim won nine letters in high school, including three each for football, basketball, and track. Unfortunately, Central didn't have a baseball team. Tim played in other leagues and became a fine outfielder. His being lefthanded puts him in an enviable position, with that short rightfield porch at Kobs Field. A lifeguard in summer. Born 1-15-59. Majoring in business. Dad Ted, now athletic director at Michigan Tech, was a Spartan baseball letterwinner in 1957-58.

**STEVE KINNEY** -- 5-10, 165, So., Shortstop (throws right, bats left), Ypsilanti. Kinney played shortstop in high school and won All-Conference honors, as well as honorable mention All-State accolades. As a senior, his team went undefeated in conference play, and lost only three games overall. Can play short or second for Litwhiler's team. A National Honor Society member in high school. Born 1-13-59. Elementary education major.

**STEVE KRUSE** -- 5-11, 170, So., Pitcher (throws left, bats left), East Lansing. A lefthander, Kruse won All-Conference and All-Regional honors as a high school senior. Also was honorable mention choice on All-State team. East Lansing team won Capitol Area Conference title in 1977, and Kruse was named honorary captain on the CAC honor team. Born 12-23-58. A Business Communications major.

**JOE LOPEZ** -- 5-8, 175, Sr., Outfielder (throws right, bats left), Coldwater (Coldwater). After transferring last year to State from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Joe hit his way into a regular role as an outfielder or designated hitter. Hit .361 in 23 games. Only 5-8, Joe surprised pitchers with his power. Nine of his 22 hits went for extra bases. An All-State selection his senior year at Coldwater. Born 10-4-57.

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## PLAYER PROFILES, Cont'd.

**PHIL MAGSIG** -- 5-10, 160, So., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Dansville.  
Hoping to see much pitching action as a sophomore. Magsig was MVP of Dansville High team as sophomore, junior, senior. Also made All-Ingham County League team in those years. Lettered in basketball three years, cross country four as prep. Born 10-3-58. Business major.

**KEN MEHALL** -- 6-2, 210, So., Outfielder (throws right, bats left), Southgate (Aquinas). Being a lefthanded hitter with good power, Ken will be given every opportunity to prove himself, especially with that short rightfield fence at Kobs Field. Saw limited playing time last year. Lettered four years in baseball and three years in football at Aquinas. In 1976, when Aquinas was ranked second in the state and captured the Detroit City Championship, Ken was named to the All-Catholic, All-Area, and All-League units. A high school National Honor Society member with a 3.6 grade point average. Born 6-15-59. Nickname is "Niner." A biology major.

**JERRY POLLARD** -- 5-11, 180, Jr., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Livonia (Franklin). Split playing time with the other two receivers last season. Though his average was well below the .250 he hit as a freshman, he did do a very fine job defensively. A great competitor. Earned All-League, All-District, and Honorable Mention All-State in both baseball and football while at Franklin. Born 1-26-58. Majoring in accounting.

**MARK POMORSKI** -- 6-0, 185, So., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Southfield (Birmingham Groves). Good curve ball. Had excellent freshman season, winning 6 of 9 decisions and sporting a fine 2.54 earned run average. Completed 7 of his 10 starts. Captained the 1977 25-4 baseball team at Groves. Pitched his way to All-League, All-County, All-Region, and Honorable Mention All-State honors. Born 10-16-59. A business major.

**KEN ROBINSON** -- 6-1, 190, Sr., Outfielder (throws right, bats left), Ypsilanti (Ypsilanti). Will stay in left field, replacing Kirk Gibson. Hit .292 last year with 5 homers and 7 doubles. Second on the team in steals with 12 in 13 attempts. Third team All-Big Ten Outfielder in 1977. Defensive back on the MSU football squad. Won nine letters as an athlete at Ypsi. All-State selection in baseball and football. Earned MVP honors with his grid and basketball teams. All-League selection in baseball three times. Ken's father played minor league baseball in the Chicago Cubs organization. Born 1-6-57. Major is political science.

**ERIC ROSEKRANS** -- 5-10, 165, Sr., Pitcher (throws left, bats left), East Lansing (East Lansing). Led 1978 Spartan staff with a glittering 1.77 ERA, Split time between relief and starting duties. Figures to be bullpen ace this season. Born 8-5-57. Nickname is "Rosey." Majoring in education.

**MARK RUSS** -- 5-11, 174, So., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Lansing (Sexton). His .254 batting average in '78 was tops among the three Spartan backstops. Also displayed good speed with 8 steals in 9 attempts. In 1977, as a senior at Sexton, Mark too All-City and All-Metro catching honors. Also was a National Honor Society member. Born 12-30-58. Major is business.

**TOM SCHULTZ** -- 6-3, 190, Jr., Outfielder (throws right, bats right), Grand Rapids (Union). Had fine season at the plate last year batting at a .322 clip and slamming 13 extra base hits. If defense improves, he'll be in the outfield in '79. Otherwise, he'll be the designated hitter. At Union, he captured All-League and All-State honors in baseball as well as All-League status in football (split end). In senior season, Tom was captain and MVP of his baseball team. Born 2-27-58. Major is accounting.

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## PLAYER PROFILES, Cont'd

JAY STROTHER -- 5-11, 165, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Upper St. Clair, Pa. (Upper St. Clair). Counted on as member of this year's starting rotation. Dividing his time between relief and starting assignments last season, Jay had a 4-2 record to compliment his fine 2.38 ERA. Has good control and above average curve. Lettered twice in football and once in track in addition to getting three baseball monograms in high school. After one year at Darien High in Darien, Conn., Jay pitched his Upper St. Clair team to 14 wins in two seasons making him the winningest pitcher ever at his school. Born 10-13-57. A pre-dentistry major.

ED STULL -- 6-0, 193, Jr., Outfielder (throws right, bats right), Oxford (Oxford). Saw very limited action last season, appearing in only one game. Twice named MVP at Oxford. Named on the All-State Regional team in '76. Member of National Honors Society twice while at Oxford. Also won Outstanding Senior Award. Born 6-25-58. Majoring in mechanical/biomedical engineering.

MARK SUTHERLAND -- 6-0, 170, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Garden City (West). Had only one start among his 11 appearances last year. Pitches mostly in short relief. Had a 1-2 log and 4.28 ERA in '78. Good sinking fastball. Originally an infielder with the Spartans. Served as captain of his Garden City West team. Also earned MVP and All-League honors. Born 9-15-57. A business accounting major.

GARY TYLER -- 6-4, 195, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Kalamazoo (Central). Appeared in only three games last year, winning his honly decision against Western Michigan. Has good fastball and curve, but couldn't find the plate consistently enough in '78. Captained 1975 high school squad and helped his team compile a 40-17 record in two seasons. Received honorable mention among Michigan high school pitchers. Also lettered in swimming and diving at Central. Born 11-11-57. Majoring in parks and recreation resources.

BRIAN HOLCOTT -- 6-0, 170, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Plymouth (Salem). Winner of the Bullpen Club Leading Pitcher Award for 1978. Also named to the Big Ten All-Academic team. While tieing for the club lead in appearances with 13, Brian won 9 of 12 decisions and sported a 3.96 ERA. His nine wins were three more than anyone else on the team could garner. He also threw three of the team's five shutouts. 4-2 record as a freshman. Displays poise and good control. As a senior at Salem, he fired a 16-0 record and was named to All-State, All-League, and All-Area teams. As a basketball guard, Brian was voted to the All-Suburban first team. Also received the school's outstanding athlete award. Born 2-12-58. Majoring in health, physical education and recreation.

**DANNY LITWHILER**  
**Head Coach**

Daniel W. Litwhiler, former major league baseball star, has coached the diamond sport at Michigan State University for 15 seasons.

He moved in as head coach of the Spartans in the fall of 1963 and in 15 full years his clubs have played 649 games, winning 398, losing 243 and tying eight, for a fine winning percentage of .619.

His 1978 outfit won 33, lost 21 and placed second in Big Ten standings with an 11-5 mark. MSU also participated in the NCAA midwest regional tournament.

All but two of his Michigan State teams have posted winning records in overall play and only one has ever finished out of the conference first division.

One of Litwhiler's best units was the 1971 varsity that won 36 games, most ever for a State nine, losing only ten. It won MSU's second Big Ten team title in history.

The head coaching position at State is the second in collegiate ranks for Litwhiler, who previously was at the helm of Florida State teams for nine years. His Seminole teams won 189 games and lost 81. His teams had no losing seasons and played in seven district playoffs and three college world series.

Danny's complete college coaching records for 24 seasons shows 587 victories, 324 losses and eight ties for an excellent winning percentage of .642. This puts him in the top ten of the nation's winningest coaches.

Twenty-three of Litwhiler's players at Michigan State have earned first-team Big Ten selection. Four (Rob Ellis, Ron Pruitt, Al Weston and Kirk Gibson) have made the All-America first team and three (John Biedenbach, Steve Garvey, and Joe Palamara) the second team picked by the collegiate coaches. Six Spartans coached by Danny have made The Sporting News All-America (Steve Garvey, Rick Miller, Rob Ellis, Ron Pruitt, Harry Kendrick and Kirk Gibson) and two have been All-America Academic first team (Jerry Sachmann and Dale Frietch). Pitcher Brian Molcott made the Big Ten's first All-Academic Team in 1978.

Many of his performers have reached major league ranks, including Florida Staters Dick Howser (New York Yankees), Woody Woodward (Cincinnati Reds) and Ken Suarez (Cleveland Indians); and Spartans Bruce Look (New York Yankees), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Dick Billings (St. Louis Cardinals), Mel Behney (Cincinnati Reds), Rick Miller (Boston Red Sox), Rob Ellis (Milwaukee Brewers), Ron Pruitt (Cleveland Indians) and Rick Dreuger (Boston Red Sox).

Litwhiler, a 1939 graduate of Bloomsburg, Pa. State College, spent 12 years as a player in the majors before stepping down in 1951, when he was appointed a full-time coach for the Cincinnati Reds. During that time he played with the Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, the old Boston Braves and the Cincinnati Reds. Danny was with the Cardinals in the 1943 and 1944 World Series, and played in the 1942 All-Star game.

He managed in professional ball for three seasons. He was player-manager of Fargo, N.D. in 1952, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1953 and at Jamestown, N.Y. and Duluth, Minn. in 1954. From there he joined the Florida State staff.

Among his memorable performances is his string of 21 straight games in which he hit safely in his first season in the majors. In 1941 he belted a home run in every National League park.



DANNY LITWHILER, Cont'd.

Litwhiler was a perfectionist in the field. He became the first major leaguer to play an entire season without making an error. That was in 1942 when he handled 317 chances in 151 games. All told, he played a record 187 consecutive games without an error. The feat won Litwhiler two Golden Glove (1942-43) awards and put his glove in the baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.

His best full season at bat came in 1941 when he hit .305. He had a lifetime average of .282.

Litwhiler is known for several innovations in coaching, such as an unbreakable Mirror for pitchers to use for checking their throwing, and employment of a bat sawed in half to teach bunting. Recently, Litwhiler came up with the idea of using a radar gun to chart the velocity of pitches. The clever use of the device has brought interested responses from many major league teams and it is being manufactured as JUGS. He also developed a product to dry out baseball fields, manufactured as Diamond Grit. He's also constantly seeking to improve the attractiveness of the home baseball games and the last six years has had bat-girls working at home contests.

Litwhiler has contributed to several baseball publications. They include "Fundamentals of Baseball" by University Press, 1956; "Baseball Glossary" in English, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Korean, and Japanese, by University Press, 1958; "Baseball Coaches Guide to Drills and Skills," by Prentice-Hall, 1963; "Baseball" by Prentice-Hall, 1967, and "Treasury of Baseball Drills . . . Featuring Favorites of Top Coaches," by Parker Publishing Company, 1979.

His alma mater honored him in 1973 by naming its new baseball stadium in his name. Danny also received a special honor several summers ago from his home in the State of Pennsylvania. He was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1974. He is past president of the American Coaches of College Baseball Coaches and in 1978 was elected international president of the United States Baseball Federation.

Danny was born Aug. 31, 1916, at Ringtown, Pa. He is married to Patricia Walsh James. Mrs. Litwhiler received her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Michigan State. Three children, Marcia, Dick and Nancy have graduated from MSU. They have ten children, seven girls and three boys.

Son Dick was a pitcher on the Spartan varsity twelve years ago. He received his M.A. degree in physical education and now teaches in that field and is Director of Intramurals at Georgia Southwestern. Son Danny teaches math and assists the baseball coach at the Air Force Academy. Son Mark is majoring in physical education at Aquinas College and is on the varsity soccer team.

**FRANK PELLERIN**  
Assistant Coach

Continuing a longtime association with Michigan State baseball is Frank E. Pellerin, member of Spartan teams as an undergraduate, and a staff member for the 24th season.

He was appointed as assistant coach in 1953, working with the late John H. Kobs, and the same assignment was extended in 1963 with present head man Danny Litwhiler.

During Pellerin's tenure, Spartan baseballers have played more than 900 games (973 games, 594 wins, 367 losses and 12 ties), won two Big Ten team titles (in 1954 and in 1971) and placed second four times. He's helped coach the Spartans in 25 of their 28 Big Ten seasons and has had a hand in the development of 38 athletes who've earned All-Big Ten first-team selection.

Pellerin played under Kobs at State, earning varsity letters in 1941, 1942 and 1943 with stints at second base and at third base. He enrolled at State after graduation from Redford High School in Detroit where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball.

His first teaching and coaching position was at Highland Park, Mich. High School, where he remained until joining the Michigan State staff in September, 1953.

While at Highland Park, Pellerin was head baseball coach, assisted in swimming, football, basketball and physical education classes, and also taught classes in mathematics.

Pellerin received the master's degree in counseling and guidance in 1951 at Wayne State University. He and wife, Nancy, have two sons, Michael and Tim.

**TOM SMITH**  
Freshman Coach

In his 10th season as J.V. baseball coach at Michigan State is Thomas W. Smith, who was appointed to the post in September of 1967.

He had served unofficially in the capacity the previous four years while working towards his B.S. degree. In the years that he's handled the Spartan young players, the NSU varsity has recorded an impressive 274-158-6 won-lost-tied mark.

Smith enrolled at State as an undergraduate after playing in professional baseball from 1961 to 1963 with the Milwaukee Braves organization. He was a catcher. He went with the Braves following high school graduation.

Tom is a native of Coldwater, Mich., born Dec. 9, 1942. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1961 and immediately signed his professional contract. He received his B.S. degree in physical education in March, 1967 and his master's degree in March of 1971.

In addition to his coaching duties, Smith teaches physical education. He and wife, Jane Marie, have two daughters, Jamie and Julie.

# LITWHILER'S COACHING RECORD

<u>Year</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Position</u>
1955 ...	23	17	6	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1956 ..	29	24	5	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1957 ..	31	22	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1958 ..	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1959 ..	33	22	11	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1960 ..	22	13	9	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1961 ..	28	21	7	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1962 ..	37	23	14	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1963 ..	39	26	13	0	Head Coach, Florida State
1964 ..	34	22	12	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1965 ..	39	28	11	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1966 ..	38	24	13	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1967 ..	46	22	23	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1968 ..	43	32	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1969 ..	41	24	17	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1970 ..	45	28	15	2	Head Coach, Michigan State
1971 ..	46	36	10	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1972 ..	39	28	10	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1973 ..	47	27	20	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1974 ..	40	23	16	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1975 ..	44	28	16	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1976 ..	39	15	23	1	Head Coach, Michigan State
1977 ..	54	28	26	0	Head Coach, Michigan State
1978 ..	54	33	21	0	Head Coach, Michigan State

	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Florida State Record (9 seasons) .....	270	189	81	0	.700
Michigan State Record (15 seasons) ...	649	398	243	8	.619
TOTAL (24 seasons) .....	919	587	324	8	.643

## ALL TIME COACHES' RECORDS (through 1978 season)

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
No Established Coach	1884-1886	6	4	2	0	.667
Prof. Carpenter	1887-1888	9	7	2	0	.778
No Established Coach	1889-1896	42	21	20	1	.512
Robert T. Gale	1897-1898	21	9	11	1	.452
Coach Ferguson	1899	9	5	4	0	.556
Charles O. Bemies	1900-1901	15	4	11	0	.452
George E. Denman	1902-1903	25	9	15	1	.380
Chester L. Brewer	1904-1910	101	61	39	1	.609
John F. Macklin	1911-1915	80	53	27	0	.663
John Morrissey	1916-1917	26	17	9	0	.654
Chester L. Brewer	1918-1920	40	17	23	0	.425
George Clark	1921	14	6	8	0	.429
John Morrissey	1922	17	7	10	0	.412
Fred M. Walker	1923-1924	31	20	11	0	.645
John H. Kobs	1925-1963	969	576	377	16	.603
Daniel W. Litwhiler	1964-	649	398	243	8	.619
All Time Record		2054	1214	812	28	.598



# ALL-TIME RECORD

Year	Games Played	W	L	T	Pct.	Runs	Opp. Runs	Coach
1884	6	4	2	0	.666	23	22	
1886	8	5	3	0	.625	47	14	
1887	16	11	5	0	.688	65	36	Prof. Carpenter
1888	8	5	3	0	.625	27	23	Prof. Carpenter
1889	11	4	7	0	.636	46	44	
1890	8	3	5	0	.375	32	31	
1891	8	5	3	0	.625	25	53	
1892	4	3	1	0	.750	18	6	
1893	4	2	2	0	.500	42	44	
1894	6	3	2	1	.400	37	26	
1895	9	4	5	0	.444	76	92	
1896	12	3	9	0	.250	97	152	Robert T. Gale
1897	10	4	6	0	.400	86	69	Robert T. Gale
1898	12	7	5	0	.583	122	129	Robert T. Gale
1899	9	5	4	0	.555	79	64	Coach Ferguson
1900	9	3	6	0	.333	84	85	Charles O. Bemies
1901	3	1	2	0	.333	46	73	Charles O. Bemies
1902	10	2	8	0	.200	80	116	George E. Denman
1903	15	8	7	0	.534	136	96	George E. Denman
1904	16	12	4	0	.750	106	53	Chester L. Brewer
1905	15	11	4	0	.734	99	64	Chester L. Brewer
1906	19	11	8	0	.579	90	70	Chester L. Brewer
1907	12	4	8	0	.334	67	26	Chester L. Brewer
1908	13	7	5	1	.584	49	34	Chester L. Brewer
1909	13	9	4	0	.692	64	49	Chester L. Brewer
1910	14	8	6	0	.572	66	45	Chester L. Brewer
1911	16	11	5	0	.688	78	41	John F. Macklin
1912	13	10	3	0	.769	69	35	John F. Macklin
1913	18	11	7	0	.612	80	83	John F. Macklin
1914	18	12	6	0	.667	97	86	John F. Macklin
1915	14	8	6	0	.572	66	41	John F. Macklin
1916	15	11	4	0	.734	72	28	John F. Macklin
1917	11	6	5	0	.546	70	44	John Morrissey
1918	12	7	5	0	.584	82	72	John Morrissey
1919	13	4	9	0	.308	53	85	Chester L. Brewer
1920	15	6	9	0	.400	87	81	Chester L. Brewer
1921	14	6	8	0	.429	88	76	Chester L. Brewer
1922	17	9	8	0	.529	95	99	Geo. "Potsy" Clark
1923	18	14	4	0	.778	134	103	John Morrissey
1924	13	6	7	0	.462	57	51	Fred M. Walker
1925	15	9	5	1	.643	102	85	Fred M. Walker
1926	20	13	7	0	.650	132	79	John H. Kobs
1927	21	13	8	0	.619	140	106	John H. Kobs
1928	18	11	7	0	.611	97	115	John H. Kobs
1929	24	12	11	1	.522	118	142	John H. Kobs
1930	22	16	6	0	.750	149	82	John H. Kobs
1931	23	13	9	1	.591	132	95	John H. Kobs
1932	24	10	12	2	.455	126	106	John H. Kobs
1933	20	13	7	0	.650	125	81	John H. Kobs
1934	22	10	11	1	.477	129	133	John H. Kobs
1935	21	11	9	1	.550	103	93	John H. Kobs

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# ALL-TIME RECORD, Cont'd.

Year	Games Played	W	L	T	Pct.	Runs	Opp. Runs	Coach
1936	20	13	7	0	.650	144	78	John H. Kobs
1937	27	16	11	0	.593	149	116	John H. Kobs
1938	24	15	9	0	.615	106	89	John H. Kobs
1939	23	13	10	0	.566	127	113	John H. Kobs
1940	22	12	8	2	.600	142	118	John H. Kobs
1941	23	13	10	0	.566	137	111	John H. Kobs
1942	26	13	11	1	.542	133	136	John H. Kobs
1943	16	9	7	0	.563	84	72	John H. Kobs
1944	No Varsity Team, War Year							
1945	16	12	4	0	.750	93	69	John H. Kobs
1946	26	21	5	0	.808	168	78	John H. Kobs
1947	24	16	8	0	.667	163	95	John H. Kobs
1948	25	10	14	1	.416	129	141	John H. Kobs
1949	28	19	8	1	.696	211	134	John H. Kobs
1950	28	19	9	0	.679	188	151	John H. Kobs
1951	26	17	9	0	.653	206	141	John H. Kobs
1952	32	18	14	0	.563	148	129	John H. Kobs
1953	28	11	17	0	.393	115	158	John H. Kobs
1954	36	25	10	1	.708	217	140	John H. Kobs
1955	32	21	11	0	.656	250	179	John H. Kobs
1956	29	16	13	0	.551	174	139	John H. Kobs
1957	32	18	13	1	.580	206	158	John H. Kobs
1958	34	22	12	0	.647	206	114	John H. Kobs
1959	35	21	14	0	.600	187	137	John H. Kobs
1960	30	17	13	0	.567	135	126	John H. Kobs
1961	33	21	11	1	.656	187	119	John H. Kobs
1962	30	17	13	0	.567	227	172	John H. Kobs
1963	33	18	14	1	.560	210	153	John H. Kobs
1964	34	22	12	0	.647	236	155	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1965	39	28	11	0	.718	221	117	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1966	38	24	13	1	.644	211	150	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1967	46	22	23	1	.489	211	158	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1968	43	32	10	1	.734	253	105	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1969	41	24	17	0	.585	224	162	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1970	45	28	15	2	.644	219	160	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1971	46	36	10	0	.783	325	140	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1972	39	28	10	1	.731	261	128	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1973	47	27	20	0	.574	235	204	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1974	40	23	16	1	.588	242	181	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1975	44	28	16	0	.636	234	211	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1976	39	15	23	1	.395	199	251	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1977	54	28	26	0	.519	270	243	Daniel W. Litwhiler
1978	54	33	21	0	.611	314	234	Daniel W. Litwhiler

Totals 2095 1237 832 26 .597 13,034 9,747

# INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORDS (College & Service Teams Only)

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Adrian .....	3	3	0	0	1927
Akron .....	1	1	0	0	1914
Alabama .....	2	1	1	0	1957
Albion .....	86	63	22	1	1896
Alma .....	26	24	2	0	1900
Amherst .....	1	0	0	1	1957
Aquinas .....	4	2	2	0	1977
Arizona .....	1	1	0	0	1954
Arkansas St. ....	1	1	0	0	1978
Armour Tech .....	10	9	1	0	1906
Army .....	9	7	1	1	1967
Auburn .....	2	0	2	0	1926
Ball State .....	15	12	3	0	1966
Baruch .....	2	2	0	0	1972
Beloit .....	2	1	1	0	1902
Bethany .....	4	2	2	0	1914
Bradley .....	7	6	1	0	1926
Buchtel .....	1	1	0	0	1913
Buffalo .....	6	5	0	1	1916
Butler .....	3	2	1	0	1924
California .....	3	1	2	0	1933
Cp. Gordon .....	1	0	1	0	1952
Cp. Lejeune .....	19	11	8	0	1953
Case .....	2	1	1	0	1913
Central Mich. ....	39	23	16	0	1911
Cherry Pt. ....	2	0	2	0	1953
Chicago .....	7	4	3	0	1923
Cincinnati .....	8	6	2	0	1929
Clemson .....	13	9	3	1	1935
Coe .....	1	1	0	0	1934
Colgate .....	3	1	2	0	1929
Connecticut .....	1	1	0	0	1970
Cornell .....	5	4	1	0	1936
Cumberland .....	3	2	0	1	1928
Davidson .....	2	1	1	0	1934
Defiance .....	1	1	0	0	1929
DePaul .....	7	6	1	0	1908
DePauw .....	4	2	2	0	1903
Detroit .....	71	54	17	0	1915
Detroit Bus. ....	1	1	0	0	1905
Detroit Col. ....	5	3	2	0	1902
Detroit Univ. ...	3	2	0	1	1907
Duke .....	24	10	14	0	1933
E. Kentucky .....	2	2	0	0	1937
Eastern Mich. ...	90	59	30	1	1896
Elon .....	3	2	1	0	1933
Fairleigh-Dickinson	2	1	0	1	1961
Ferris State ....	2	2	0	0	1978
Florida .....	2	1	1	0	1965
Florida A&M .....	1	1	0	0	1969
Florida St. ....	15	6	9	0	1957
Ft. Belvoir .....	2	2	0	0	1962
Ft. Benning .....	14	6	7	1	1926
Ft. Custer .....	2	0	2	0	1942
Ft. Eustis .....	3	1	2	0	1954
Ft. Jackson .....	3	2	1	0	1946
Ft. Knox .....	3	3	0	0	1959
Ft. Lee .....	9	7	2	0	1953
Furman .....	2	2	0	0	1935

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
G. Washington ...	1	1	0	0	1963
Georgia .....	17	10	7	0	1913
Ga. Southern ....	1	1	1	0	1964
Ga. Tech .....	3	2	0	1	1932
Greak Lakes .....	3	2	1	0	1942
Hillsdale .....	29	24	5	0	1896
Hope .....	9	8	1	0	1923
Hosei .....	2	0	2	0	1931
Hunter AFB .....	1	1	0	0	1958
Illinois .....	46	28	18	0	1952
Illinois Wes. ...	1	0	1	0	1940
Indiana .....	61	35	26	0	1919
Iowa .....	61	36	24	1	1921
Iowa St. Col. ...	2	1	1	0	1930
Ithaca .....	1	0	1	0	1963
Kalamazoo .....	31	19	12	0	1895
Kentucky .....	1	1	0	0	1913
Lake Forest .....	7	6	1	0	1908
Louisiana St. ...	2	1	1	0	1975
Lubbock Christian	2	1	1	0	1977
Maine .....	3	1	2	0	1976
Marshall .....	4	2	2	0	1915
Maryville .....	6	2	4	0	1927
Massachusetts ...	5	3	2	0	1954
Mercer .....	5	3	2	0	1926
Miami (Fla.) ....	41	13	26	2	1965
Miami (Ohio) ....	2	1	1	0	1930
Michigan .....	171	63	107	1	1884
Minnesota .....	47	17	30	0	1925
Mississippi .....	2	0	2	0	1931
Mississippi A&M .	1	1	0	0	1931
Missouri .....	1	0	1	0	1954
Morningside .....	3	3	0	0	1978
Nebraksa .....	1	1	0	0	1937
Newberry .....	7	5	1	1	1935
Newport News ....	1	1	0	0	1961
New York .....	2	2	0	0	1966
Niagra .....	2	2	0	0	1916
North Carolina ..	20	6	13	1	1933
No. Carolina St..	11	9	2	0	1936
Northern Iowa ...	3	1	2	0	1973
Northwestern ....	50	38	11	1	1931
Notre Dame .....	112	62	50	0	1907
Oakland .....	3	2	1	0	1977
Oberlin .....	10	7	3	0	1914
Ogelthorpe .....	1	1	0	0	1926
Ohio .....	15	8	7	0	1932
Ohio Northern ...	2	1	1	0	1913
Ohio State .....	97	46	50	1	1911
Ohio Wesleyan ...	6	4	2	0	1910
Oklahoma State ..	1	0	1	0	1978
Olivet .....	56	39	16	1	1884
Pan American ....	12	4	8	0	1977
Parris Island ...	6	2	4	0	1956
Penn State .....	4	3	1	0	1920
Pensacola Navy ..	3	2	1	0	1942
Pittsburgh .....	3	2	1	0	1969
Presbyterian ....	2	2	0	0	1940
Pressman Tech ...	1	1	0	0	1928



# INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT RECORDS, Cont'd.

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Purdue .....	42	31	11	0	1949
Rhode Island ...	1	1	0	0	1961
Richmond .....	2	1	0	1	1950
Rochester .....	2	2	0	0	1916
Rollins .....	5	2	3	0	1954
Rutgers .....	6	5	1	0	1966
St. Johns (Ohio)	1	1	0	0	1911
St. Marys (Mich)	7	6	1	0	1917
St. Viator .....	8	5	1	2	1909
Selfridge AFB ..	2	2	0	0	1943
Seton Hall .....	4	2	1	1	1974
S. Carolina ....	21	16	5	0	1935
S. Illinois ....	5	1	3	1	1972
S.E. Okla. St. .	2	1	1	0	1977
Springfield ....	1	0	1	0	1960
Spring Arbor ...	2	2	0	0	1965
Syracuse .....	12	8	4	0	1908
Tennessee .....	1	1	0	0	1949
Texas-Arlington.	2	1	1	0	1978
Toledo .....	6	5	1	0	1936

Opponent	G	W	L	T	1st Game
Toronto .....	1	1	0	0	1904
Valparaiso .....	6	2	4	0	1920
Vanderbilt .....	8	2	6	0	1929
Virginia .....	2	2	0	0	1963
VMI .....	1	1	0	0	1956
Virginia Tech ..	3	2	1	0	1951
Wabash .....	13	8	5	0	1908
Wake Forest ....	16	5	11	0	1933
Wash. & Jeff. ..	1	1	0	0	1903
Wayne State ....	39	38	1	0	1942
Wesleyan .....	1	1	0	0	1967
Wisconsin .....	71	40	29	2	1904
W. Kentucky ....	1	0	1	0	1972
Western Mich. ..	102	41	59	0	1916
Western Reserve	10	10	0	0	1910
Wilm. J.C. ....	2	1	1	0	1961
Yale .....	5	4	1	0	1952
Xavier .....	6	5	1	0	1927
Montclair State	2	1	1	0	1974
Wright State ...	3	2	1	0	1977

## MICHIGAN STATE'S 28 BIG TEN SEASONS

Year	G	W	L	T	Record
1951 .....	10	4	6		.400 7th
1952 .....	13	7	6		.538 5th
1953 .....	13	6	7		.462 7th
1954 .....	13	11	2		.846 1st
1955 .....	15	10	5		.667 2nd (tie)
1956 .....	11	4	7		.364 8th
1957 .....	11	5	6		.455 7th
1958 .....	15	10	5		.667 2nd
1959 .....	15	8	7		.533 4th (tie)
1960 .....	11	4	7		.364 8th
1961 .....	14	6	8		.429 5th
1962 .....	14	6	8		.429 5th
1963 .....	14	5	9		.357 8th
1964 .....	15	8	7		.533 4th (tie)
1965 .....	15	9	6		.600 3rd
1966 .....	13	8	5		.615 4th
1967 .....	18	8	10		.444 6th
1968 .....	17	13	4		.765 2nd
1969 .....	16	8	8		.500 5th (tie)
1970 .....	16	9	7		.563 3rd
1971 .....	16	13	3		.813 1st
1972 .....	14	10	4		.714 2nd
1973 .....	18	9	9		.500 5th (tie)
1974 .....	15	7	8		.467 6th
1975 .....	15	11	4		.733 4th
1976 .....	12	7	5		.583 4th
1977 .....	18	10	8		.556 4th (tie)
1978 .....	16	11	5		.688 2nd

Totals 403 227 176 .563

## SPARTAN BASEBALL HONOR ROLL

### All-America Selections

(Selected by American Association of College Baseball Coaches)

#### First Team:

Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972  
Al Weston, of, 1977  
Kirk Gibson, of, 1978

#### Second Team:

Jack Kinney, of, 1949  
Albert Cummins, 2b, 1950  
Jack Risch, of, 1954  
Bob Powell, of, 1955  
Jim Sack, of, 1954  
Dick Radatz, p, 1959  
Tom Riley, of, 1961  
John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965  
Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975

#### Third Team:

George Rutenbar, of, 1949  
Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
George Smith, 2b, 1955  
Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Dale Frietch, dh, 1974  
Al Weston, of, 1976

#### Selected by THE SPORTING NEWS:

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1969  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Robert Ellis, of, 1970  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1972  
Kirk Gibson, of, 1978

#### All-America Academic:

Jerry Sackmann, of, 1972  
Jerry Sackmann, of, 1973  
Dale Frietch, c-dh, 1974

#### All-NCAA District 4:

Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Mel Behney, p, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1969  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975  
Al Weston, of, 1976  
Al Weston, of, 1977  
Tony Spada, 3b, 1978  
Kirk Gibson, of, 1978

#### 2nd Team All-NCAA District 4:

Rodger Bastien, ss, 1978

### All-Big Ten Selections

#### First Team:

Darrell Lindley, of, 1951  
Jack Risch, of, 1954  
Tom Yewcic, c, 1954  
Chuck Mathews, 1b, 1954-55  
Bob Powell, of, 1955  
Dick Idzkowski, p, 1955  
Jim Sack, of, 1954  
Roscoe Davis, 1b, 1957  
Alan Luce, c, 1957  
Frank Palamara, 2b, 1958  
Ron Perranoski, p, 1958  
Dean Look, of, 1958  
John Fleser, of, 1958  
Dick Radatz, p, 1958  
Tom Riley, of, 1961  
Joe Porrevecchio, of, 1962-63-64  
Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1963  
Jerry Walker, 2b, 1965  
John Biedenbach, 3b, 1965-66  
Bob Speer, of, 1966

Bill Steckley, 3b, 1967  
Steve Garvey, 3b, 1968  
Mel Behney, p, 1968  
Harry Kendrick, c, 1968-69  
Rick Miller, of, 1969  
Dick Vary, 3b, 1970  
Robert Ellis, of, 1971  
Ronald Pruitt, c, 1971-72  
Robert Clancy, p, 1971  
Shaun Howitt, of, 1972  
Dale Frietch, dh, 1974  
Al Weston, of, 1974  
Joe Palamara, 2b, 1975  
Al Weston, of, 1976  
Rick Seid, c, 1976  
Al Weston, 1977  
Kirk Gibson, of, 1978  
Tony Spada, 3b, 1978  
Rodger Bastien, ss, 1978

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## SPARTAN HONOR ROLL, Cont'd.

### All-Big Ten Selections

#### Second Team:

Bob Ciolek, 1b, 1951  
Chuck Mathews, 1b, 1953  
John Matsock, ss, 1954  
Bud Erickson, p, 1954  
George Smith, 2b, 1955  
Frank Palamara, 2b, 1957  
Ron Perranoski, p, 1957  
Don Gilbert, c, 1958  
Dick Radatz, p, 1958  
Dean Look, of, 1959  
Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1963  
Dick Billings, of, 1964  
Bob Maniere, of, 1965  
Tom Binkowski, 1b, 1968  
Steve Rymal, 2b, 1968  
Dan Bielski, p, 1968  
Gary Boyce, of, 1970-71  
Brad VanPelt, p, 1972  
Larry Ike, p, 1972  
John Rohde, 1b, 1973  
Rick Moore, p, 1974  
Mike Fricke, of, 1975  
George Mahan, p, 1975  
Ty Willingham, of, 1976

#### Third Team:

George Smith, 2b, 1954  
Bob Powell, of, 1954  
Ed Hobaugh, p, 1954  
Alan Luce, c, 1956  
John Fleser, of, 1958  
Wm. Schudlich, 1b, 1960  
Mickey Sinks, p, 1960  
Sam Calderone, 3b, 1961  
Jeff Abrecht, of, 1962  
Dennis Ketcham, 2b, 1962  
Jack Nutter, p, 1963  
Jerry Sutton, 1b, 1964  
Malcolm Chiljean, ss, 1964  
Dick Billings, of, 1965  
Jim Goodrick, p, 1966  
Dick Kenney, p, 1966  
Tom Binkowski, 1b, 1967  
John Walters, of, 1967  
Tom Hummel, of, 1968  
Dan Bielski, p, 1969  
Robert Ellis, 2b, 1970  
Phil Fulton, p, 1970  
Larry Ike, p, 1971  
Bailey Oliver, 1b, 1972

Bill Simpson, of, 1974  
Terry Hop, ss, 1974  
Rick Seid, dh, 1975  
Ken Robinson, of, 1977  
Jerry Weller, dh, 1977  
Jerry Weller, 1b, 1978

#### Big Ten All-Academic

Brian Wolcott, p, 1978

### ANNUAL TEAM AWARDS

#### Frank Palamara Memorial Award Most Valuable Performer

1953 Wayne Lawrie, 3b  
1954 John Matsock, ss  
1955 Jim Sack, of  
1956 Jim Sack, of  
1957 Frank Palamara, 2b  
1958 Dean Look, of  
1959 Dean Look, 2b  
1960 John Hendee, of  
1961 Bill Schudlich, 1b  
1962 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
1963 Jerry Sutton, 1b  
1964 Joe Porrevecchio, of  
1965 John Biedenbach, 3b  
1966 Tom Binkowski, 1b  
1967 Tom Hummel, of  
1968 Harry Kendrick, c  
1969 Rick Miller, of  
1970 Gary Boyce, of  
1971 Robert Ellis, of  
1972 Shaun Howitt, of  
1973 Bill Simpson, of  
1974 Bill Simpson, of  
1975 Terry Hop, ss  
1976 Al Weston, of  
1977 Jerry Weller, dh  
1978 Kirk Gibson, of

#### Bullpen Club Award Leading Pitcher

1953 Ernest Erickson  
1954 Ed Hobaugh  
1955 Dick Idzkowski  
1956 Walt Godfrey  
1957 Ron Perranoski  
1958 Ron Perranoski  
1959 Dick Radatz  
1960 Mickey Sinks  
1961 Robert Ross  
1962 Gary Ronberg  
1963 Jack Nutter  
1964 John Krasnan  
1965 Doug Dobrei  
1966 Dick Kenney  
1967 Zana Easton  
1968 Mickey Knight  
1969 Dan Bielski  
1970 Phil Fulton  
1971 Robert Clancy  
1972 Elliott Moore  
1973 Elliott Moore  
1974 Rick Moore  
1975 Todd Hubert  
1976 Chuck Baker  
1977 Todd Hubert  
1978 Brian Wolcott

#### Gene Scott Award Most Improved Player

1953 Jack Risch, of  
1954 Dick Idzkowski, p  
1955 Bob Powell, of  
1956 Frank Palamara, 2b  
1957 Bill Mansfield, p  
1958 Dick Schiesel, 3b  
1959 Bob Ross, p  
1960 Mickey Sinks, p  
1961 Tom Riley, of  
1962 Jerry Sutton, 1b  
1963 John Hines, 3b  
1964 Dick Billings, of  
1965 Jerry Walker, 2b  
1966 Dennis Maedo, 2b  
1967 Mickey Knight, p  
1968 Steve Rymal, 2b  
1969 Richie Jordan, of  
1970 Dick Vary, 3b  
1971 Larry Rettenmund, 1f  
1972 Bailey Oliver, c-1f  
1973 Larry Romaine, dh  
1974 Dale Frietch, c-dh  
1975 Pat Simpson, of  
1976 Ty Willingham, of  
1977 Jerry Weller, of  
1978 Rodger Bastien, ss



# ANNUAL TEAM AWARDS, Cont'd.

## Joe Kearney Award Spartan Batting Champions

		AB	H	R	Avg.
1925	Don Fleser, of	56	33	18	.589
1926	Don Fleser, of	81	54	32	.667
1927	D. Zimmerman, of	79	43	30	.545
1928	Gerald Bryne, p-of	66	27	13	.409
1929	Forest Rinehart, of	85	32	19	.376
1930	Ed Gibbs, of	99	45	32	.454
1931	H. Cuthbertson, 2b	81	29	14	.361
1932	John Madona, ss	97	34	19	.349
1933	Alton Kircher, of	86	37	20	.430
1934	William McCann, 2b	80	30	12	.375
1935	Steve Sebo, c	76	26	12	.342
1936	Steve Sebo, c	87	35	17	.402
1937	Milt Lenhardt, of	95	31	23	.326
1938	John Kuk, of	96	34	17	.354
1939	Norman Duncan, ss	88	30	16	.341
1940	Norman Duncan, ss	88	35	18	.398
1941	Howard Ladue, of	65	27	20	.415
1942	Peter Fornari, c	66	20	18	.303
1943	Arthur Maischoss, 3b	60	20	8	.333
1944	No Varsity Team (war year)				
1945	Ben Hudenko, c	54	20	9	.370
1946	Jacweir Breslin, 1b	77	26	19	.338
1947	Edward Barbarito, 2b	75	26	17	.347
1948	Dan Urbanik, 3b	94	32	15	.340
1949	George Rutenbar, of	106	40	29	.377
1950	Al Cummins, 2b	117	43	30	.367
1951	Darrell Lindley, of	103	43	28	.418
1952	Robert Ciolek, 1b	55	20	9	.364
1953	Charles Mathews, 1b	89	29	18	.326
1954	Charles Mathews, 1b	105	37	25	.352
1955	George Smith, 2b	103	42	29	.408
1956	Jim Sack, of	117	42	25	.393
1957	Frank Palamara, 2b	106	38	23	.358
1958	Ted Kearly, of	61	23	13	.377
1959	John Fleser, of	95	33	15	.347
1960	Robert Monczka, c	53	15	6	.283
1961	Tom Riley, of	103	37	9	.359
1962	Jerry Sutton, 1b	63	25	22	.397
1963	John Hines, 3b	59	22	18	.373
1964	Jerry Sutton, 1b	115	44	30	.383
1965	John Biedenbach, 3b	146	57	29	.390
1966	Steve Polisar, ss	136	45	27	.331
1967	Bill Steckley, 3b	157	51	34	.325
1968	Harry Kendrick, c	143	56	25	.392
1969	Richard Miller, of	118	42	24	.356
1970	Robert Ellis, if	153	50	26	.380
1971	Robert Ellis, of	145	59	43	.407
1972	Ronald Pruitt, c-of	130	50	37	.392
1973	John Rohde, 1b-2b	158	50	24	.316
1974	Dale Frietch, c-dh	87	37	13	.425
1975	Joe Palamara, 2b	111	38	25	.342
1976	Al Weston, of	139	48	25	.345
1977	Al Weston, of	171	70	42	.409
1978	Tony Spada, 3b	152	64	39	.421

## Steve Garvey Sportsmanship Award

1977 Al Weston  
1978 Tony Spada

## Mrs. John Kobs Southern Trip Award

1977 Tyrone Willingham  
1978 Tony Spada

# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## Season Individual Batting:

### Highest Batting Average

*Don Fleser-1926	.667
*Don Fleser-1925	.589
*Del Zimmerman-1927	.545
Ed Gibbs-1930	.454
Alton Kircher-1933	.430
Dale Freitch-1974	.425
Tony Spada-1978	.421
Darrell Lindley-1951	.418
Howard Ladue-1941	.415
Al Weston-1977	.409
George Smith-1955	.408
Kirk Gibson-1978	.390

### Most Hits

Al Weston-1977	70
Tony Spada-1978	64
Kirk Gibson-1978	60
Robert Ellis-1970	60
Robert Ellis-1971	59
Rodger Bastien-1978	59
Gary Boyce-1971	57
John Biedenbach-1965	57
Harry Kendrick-1968	56
*Don Fleser-1926	54
Bill Steckley-1967	51
Steve Garvey-1968	50
Ron Pruitt-1972	50
John Rohde-1973	50

### Most Runs Scored

Gary Boyce-1971	49
Robert Ellis-1971	48
Kirk Gibson-1978	43
Rodger Bastien-1978	43
Al Weston-1977	42
Chuck Mathews-1955	40
Tony Spada-1978	39
Bill Simpson-1973	38
Tom Hummel-1967	37
Joe Gavel-1969	37
Ron Pruitt-1972	37

### Most Runs Batted-in

Kirk Gibson-1978	52
Al Weston-1977	49
Shaun Howitt-1972	45
Robert Ellis-1971	44
Tony Spada-1978	43
John Rohde-1973	42
Steve Garvey-1968	38
Jerry Weller-1977	38
Dick Billings-1964	37
Rick Miller-1969	36
Ron Pruitt-1971	36

### Most Doubles

Al Weston-1977	18
Bailey Oliver-1972	15
Bob Speer-1966	13
Robert Ellis-1970	13
John Biedenbach-1965	12
Ron Pruitt-1972	12
Ron DeLonge-1973	12
Bailey Oliver-1973	12
Randy Hop-1977	11
Tony Spada-1978	10

### Most Triples

Ron Pruitt-1971	7
Robert Ellis-1971	6
Abe Eliowitz-1931	6
Terry Hop-1974	6
John Biedenbach-1965	5
Jim Sack-1956	5
Ray Collard-1955	5
Chuck Mathews-1953	5
John Kuk-1938	5
Milt Lehnhardt-1936	5
Chuck Brown-1934	5
Irvin Bartling-1934	5
Alton Kircher-1933	5
Ed Gibbs-1930	5
Bill Steckley-1967	5

### Most Home Runs

Kirk Gibson-1978	16
Robert Ellis-1971	14
Shaun Howitt-1972	12
Jerry Weller-1977	11
Steve Garvey-1968	9
Al Luce-1957	9
Tony Spada-1978	8
Jerry Sutton-1963	8

### Most Total Bases

Robert Ellis-1971	123
Kirk Gibson-1978	118
Al Weston-1977	115
Tony Spada-1978	106
Robert Ellis-1970	98
Steve Garvey-1968	93
Ron Pruitt-1972	88
Jerry Weller-1977	88
Gary Boyce-1971	86
John Biedenbach-1965	85

### Most Stolen Bases

Kirk Gibson-1978	21
Joe Gavel-1969	21
Charles Fawcett-1932	20
Richie Jordan-1969	18
Theron Fager-1934	17
Ed Gibbs-1931	16
Al Weston-1977	14
Ken Robinson-1978	12

## Season Individual Pitching

### Most Games Worked

Phil Fulton-1970	22
Mickey Knight-1968	19
Jim Cotter-1977	19
Mickey Knight-1967	18
Robin Roberts-1947	17
Fred Devereux-1965	17
Kirk Maas-1970	17
Dick Kenney-1967	16
Larry Pashnick-1977	16

### Most Wins

Bob Clancy-1971	10
Dick Radatz-1959	10
Brian Wolcott-1978	9
Mel Behney-1968	9
Dick Idzkowski-1955	9
Larry Ike-1971	8
Mickey Sinks-1960	8
Ron Perranoski-1958	8
Phil Fulton-1970	8
Larry Ike-1970	8
Duane Bickel-1973	8
Elliott Moore-1973	8

### Most Losses

Larry Pashnick-1977	7
Dick Kenney-1967	7
Duane Bickel-1973	6
Larry Pashnick-1978	6
Doug Miller-1963	5
Jack Nutter-1963	5
Don Sackett-1959, 60	5
Craig VanSciver-1959	5
Bob Dangi-1953	5
Gary Smith-1967	5
Dan Bielski-1969	5

### Most Innings Pitched

Dick Radatz-1959	96
Duane Bickel-1973	95
Mickey Sinks-1960	92 2/3
Robin Roberts-1947	90 2/3
Ron Perranoski-1958	86 2/3
Phil Fulton-1970	86 2/3
Mel Behney-1968	84 1/3
Mark Pomorski-1978	77 2/3

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# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, Cont'd.

## Most Strikeouts

Mel Behney-1968	107
Dick Radatz-1959	106
Ron Perranoski-1958	89
Dick Kenney-1967	88
Ron Perranoski-1957	86
Robin Roberts-1947	86

## Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel-1975	58
Duane Bickel-1973	50
Rick Moore-1974	49
Mark Pomorski-1978	48
Rick Deller-1972	48
Ron Perranoski-1957-58	45
Larry Pashnick-1977	45
Mel Behney-1968	44
Brian Wolcott-1978	42
Jim Goodrich-1966	41

## Lowest Earned Run Avg. (30 or more innings)

Dick Holmes-1965	0.47
Jim Goodrich-1967	0.76
Dick Radatz-1959	1.12
Fred Devereaux-1965	1.43
Bill Mansfield-1957	1.48

## Career Batting

### Highest Batting Average

Ed Gibbs-1930-31	.398
Rob Ellis-1970-71	.393
Kirk Gibson-1978	.390
Steve Garvey-1968	.376
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	.373
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	.360
Jim Sack-1954-56	.354
Geroge Smith-1954-56	.352
Al Weston-1974-77	.332
Tony Spada-1977-78	.324

## Most Hits

Al Weston-1974-77	192
Gary Boyce-1969-71	142
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	133
J. Biedenbach-1964-66	132
H. Kendrick-1967-69	126
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	124
Rob Ellis-1970-71	119
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	117
Phil Rashead-1969-71	113
Bob Maniere-1963-65	110

## Most Runs

Al Weston-1974-77	106
Gary Boyce-1969-71	100
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	99
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	92
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	87
Joe Porrevecchio-1962-64	79
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	75
Rob Ellis-1970-71	74
Shaun Howitt-1970-72	73
Bill Steckley-1965-67	72
Tom Binkowski-1966-68	72

## Most Runs Batted In

Al Weston-1974-77	126
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	103
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	89
Shaun Howitt-1970-72	82
Tom Binkowski-1965-68	78
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	77
John Rohde-1970-73	77
Rob Ellis-1970-71	74
Amos Hewitt-1973-75	73
Joe Porrevecchio-1962-64	71
Gary Boyce-1969-71	70

## Most Doubles

Al Weston-1974-77	33
Bailey Oliver-1970-73	29
John Biedenbach-1964-66	27
John Dace-1970-72	27
Ron DeLonge-1970-73	27
Joe Porrevecchio-1962-64	25
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	24
Rob Ellis-1970-71	23
Phil Rashead-1970-71	23
Harry Kendrick-1967-69	23
Amos Hewitt-1973-75	22
Tom Binkowski-1966-68	20

## Most Triples

Ray Collard-1954-56	11
Chuck Mathews-1952-55	11
Abe Eliowitz-1931-33	10
Milt Lehnhardt-1935-37	9
Ed Gibbs-1930-31	9
John Biedenbach-1964-66	9
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	9
Al Weston-1974-77	9

## Most Home Runs

Shaun Howitt-1970-72	22
Al Weston-1974-77	21
Rob Ellis-1970-71	21
Ron Pruitt-1970-72	21
Jerry Weller-1976-78	18
Jerry Sutton-1962-64	18
Kirk Gibson-1978	16
Al Luce-1955-57	14
T. Binkowski-1966-68	13
J. Porrevecchio-1962-64	13

## Career Pitching

### Most Wins

Larry Ike-1970-72	23
Ron Perranoski-1956-58	21
Kirk Maas-1969-71	17
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	17
Dick Radatz-1957-59	17
Duane Bickel-1972-75	17
Keith Steffee-1945-47	16
Mickey Knight-1967-69	16
Rob Clancy-1970-73	16

### Most Losses

Larry Pashnick-1975-78	13
Duane Bickel-1972-75	12
Dick Kenney-1965-67	11
Don Sackett-1958-60	11
Ed Hobaugh-1954-56	10
Mickey Knight-1967-69	10
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	9
Bob Dangi-1951-53	8
Duane Bickel-1972-73	8

### Highest Winning Percentage

Keith Steffee- 1945-47 (16-2)	.889
Dana Easton 1967-69 (11-2)	.846
Elliott Moore 1970-73 (15-3)	.883
Jim Goodrich 1965-66 (9-2)	.818
Dick Radatz 1957-59 (17-4)	.810
Roger Howard 1951-52 (8-2)	.800

(more)



# SPARTAN INDIVIDUAL RECORDS, Cont'd.

## Most Innings Pitched

Duane Bickel-1972-75	217
Ron Perranoski-1956-58	213 2/3
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	210 1/3
Larry Ike-1970-72	209 1/3
Ed Hobaugh-1954-56	206 1/3
Dick Radatz-1957-59	194 2/3
Kirk Maas-1969-71	190
Mickey Knight-1967-69	185 1/3

## Most Strikeouts

Ron Perranoski-1956-58	223
Dick Radatz-1957-59	193
Mickey Sinks-1959-61	180
Dick Kenney-1965-67	178
Mickey Knight-1967-69	174
Mel Behney-1967-68	166

## Most Bases on Balls

Duane Bickel-1972-75	139
Ron Perranoski-1956-58	115
Larry Pashnick-1975-78	95
Elliott Moore-1970-73	88
Lou Bloch-1947-50	84
Mel Behney-1957-58	81
Larry Ike-1970-72	81
Mickey Knight-1967-69	79
Rick Moore-1974-75	77
Dick Idzkowski-1953-55	76
Dick Kenney-1965-67	73

## SPARTAN TEAM RECORDS (Season)

### Most Wins

1971 ...	36
1978 ...	33
1968 ...	32
1965 ...	28
1977 ...	28
1970 ...	28
1972 ...	28
1975 ...	28
1973 ...	27
1954 ...	25
1966 ...	24
1969 ...	24

### Most Losses

1977 ...	26
1976 ...	23
1967 ...	23
1978 ...	21
1973 ...	20
1953 ...	17
1969 ...	17
1974 ...	16
1975 ...	16
1970 ...	15

### Most Hits

1978 ...	427
1971 ...	421
1977 ...	402
1968 ...	296
1970 ...	378
1975 ...	373
1965 ...	363
1973 ...	359
1972 ...	356
1964 ...	350
1974 ...	349

### Most Runs

1971 ...	317
1978 ...	314
1977 ...	270
1972 ...	261
1968 ...	257
1955 ...	251
1974 ...	242
1964 ...	236
1973 ...	235
1975 ...	234

### Most Runs Batted In

1978 ...	275
1971 ...	271
1977 ...	242
1972 ...	236
1968 ...	222
1974 ...	210
1955 ...	207
1964 ...	203
1975 ...	201
1970 ...	200
1973 ...	200

### Most Doubles

1977 ...	78
1972 ...	70
1973 ...	69
1971 ...	66
1964 ...	65
1978 ...	65
1974 ...	63
1975 ...	61
1976 ...	58
1970 ...	58

### Most Triples

1971 ...	26
1955 ...	25
1932 ...	24
1978 ...	23
1954 ...	21
1975 ...	20
1962 ...	19
1951 ...	19
1949 ...	19
1934 ...	19

### Most Home Runs

1978 ...	46
1972 ...	43
1971 ...	42
1970 ...	37
1977 ...	35
1968 ...	31
1964 ...	31
1951 ...	27
1956 ...	24
1955 ...	24
1973 ...	24

MICHIGAN STATE



# BASEBALL

## 1979-80

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## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY -- QUICK FACTS

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LOCATION: East Lansing, Mich. 48824

FOUNDED: 1855

ENROLLMENT: 44,756

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE: Big Ten

SCHOOL COLORS: Green and White

NICKNAME: Spartans

HOME DIAMOND: John H. Kobs Field (4,000)

STARTED BASEBALL: 1884

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RECORD LAST SEASON: Overall -- 28-27  
Big Ten -- 11- 4 (1st place)

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General admission -- \$1

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ON THE COVER: Michigan State's seven seniors. (Sitting left to right):  
Brian Wolcott and Jay Strother. (Kneeling left to right):  
Ken Robinson, Bill Schulz and Jerry Pollard. (Standing  
left to right): Tom Schultz and Greg Butzirus.



# 1980 SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>
March 15 (Thu.)	Spring Training Trip	Pan American University
16 (Fri.)	Pan American	Edinburg, Tex.
17 (Sat.)	Maine	
18 (Sun.)	+Morningside	
19 (Mon.)	+Iowa State	
	+Lubbock Christian	
20 (Tue.)	+Morningside	
21 (Wed.)	+Lubbock Christian	
22 (Thu.)	+Maine	
	+Iowa State	
	+Pan American	
24 (Sat.)	Northern Iowa	
	Northwestern	
25 (Sun.)	Pan American	
April 5 (Sat.)	Regular Season	
	Eastern Michigan (2)	Ypsilanti
7 (Mon.)	CENTRAL MICHIGAN (2)	EAST LANSING
8 (Tue.)	ALBION (2)	EAST LANSING
10 (Thu.)	AQUINAS (2)	EAST LANSING
12 (Sat.)	*Michigan	Ann Arbor
13 (Sun.)	*MICHIGAN	EAST LANSING
15 (Tue.)	WESTERN MICHIGAN (2)	EAST LANSING
19 (Sat.)	*Wisconsin (2)	Madison
20 (Sun.)	*Minnesota (2)	Minneapolis
23 (Wed.)	FERRIS STATE (2)	EAST LANSING
26 (Sat.)	DETROIT (2)	EAST LANSING
29 (Tue.)	Central Michigan (2)	Mt. Pleasant
30 (Wed.)	OAKLAND (2)	EAST LANSING
May 3 (Sat.)	*ILLINOIS (2)	EAST LANSING
4 (Sun.)	*PURDUE (2)	EAST LANSING
6 (Tue.)	Western Michigan (2)	Kalamazoo
10 (Sat.)	*INDIANA (2)	EAST LANSING
11 (Sun.)	*OHIO STATE (2)	EAST LANSING
13 (Tue.)	EASTERN MICHIGAN (2)	EAST LANSING
14 (Wed.)	WAYNE STATE (2)	EAST LANSING
17 (Sat.)	*Northwestern (2)	Evanston
18 (Sun.)	*Iowa (2)	Iowa City

+Citrus Tournament Game

\*Big Ten Game

# 1980 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Cl.	Hometown/High School/Coach
4	Dieters, Tom	SS	S	R	6-0	165	12-29-60	Fr.	Rochester/Ed Wright
5	**Buterakos, Jim	2B	R	R	5-10	160	1-14-59	Jr.	Flint/S.W./M. Rettenmund
6	*Magsig, Phil	P	R	R	5-10	160	10- 3-55	Jr.	Dansville/L. Mangles
7	***Robinson, Ken	OF	S	R	6-1	190	1- 6-57	Sr.	Ypsilanti/P. Dignan
8	***Pollard, Jerry	C	R	R	5-11	190	1-26-58	Sr.	Livonia/Franklin/R. Hellier
9	*Gebben, Brad	3B	R	R	6-2	205	6-18-59	Jr.	Portage/Central/R. Johnson
11	***Wolcott, Brian	P	R	R	6-0	170	2-12-58	Sr.	Plymouth/Salem/W. Sparkman
12	*Kruse, Steve	P	L	L	5-11	170	12-23-58	Jr.	East Lansing/B. Knapp
14	*Butzirus, Greg	P	R	R	6-3	195	1-22-58	Sr.	Battle Creek/Pennfield/J. Ledbetter
15	Johnson, Terry	P	L	L	6-2	185	8-23-61	Fr.	Grandville/R. Velthouse
16	*Dankovich, Al	2B	R	R	6-0	180	11- 5-59	Jr.	Hazel Crest, Ill./Hillcrest/B. Valiska
17	James, Brian	P	R	R	5-11	175	5- 8-61	Fr.	Plymouth/Canton/F. Crissey
18	*Mehall, Ken	OF	L	R	6-2	200	6-15-59	Jr.	Southgate/Aquinas/L. Janness
19	**Pomorski, Mark	P	R	R	6-0	180	10-16-59	Jr.	Birmingham/Groves/J. Crosby
20	**Schultz, Tom	OF	R	R	6-3	200	2-27-58	Sr.	Grand Rapids/Union/J. Zakem
21	**Haines, Kirk	1B	L	R	5-11	185	7- 1-58	Sr.	Vassar/Millington/H. Kern
22	Sudbay, Steve	P	R	R	6-1	175	9-14-60	Fr.	West Bloomfield/J. Snarey
23	Birtsas, Tim	P	L	L	6-6	205	9- 5-60	So.	Clarkston/P. Tungate/R. Warner
24	Barnes, Steve	C	L	R	6-0	180	1- 5-61	Fr.	Milan/R. Mercier
25	Nicevski, Risto	P	R	R	5-11	205	12-18-59	So.	Flint/S.W./M. Rettenmund
26	Gunder, Frank	OF	R	R	5-10	175	3-17-60	So.	Clarkston/Utica Ford/B. Wagner
28	**Strother, Jay	P	R	R	6-10	170	10-13-57	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Upper St. Clair/M. Shelahede
29	**Russ, Mark	OF	R	R	5-11	170	12-30-58	Jr.	Lansing/Sexton/B. Campbell
30	Schultz, Tyler	P	R	R	6-3	190	11-20-59	So.	Milan/R. Mercier
31	Payk, Eric	C	R	R	5-10	175	5- 4-60	So.	Saginaw/Eisenhower/B. Dulac
32	Kinney, Steve	SS	L	R	5-10	160	1-13-59	Jr.	Ypsilanti/P. Dignan
34	*Dorr, Chris	1B	R	R	6-1	185	5- 1-60	So.	Coldwater/P. Lowe
35	Kearly, Tim	OF	L	L	6-0	185	1-15-59	Jr.	Hancock/None
36	Schulz, Bill	3B	R	R	6-2	175	88-22-58	Sr.	Saginaw/Arthur Hill/Ed Periard
--	Cudnohufsky, Mike	2B	S	R	5-8	153	6-21-60	So.	Waterford/Mott/B. Galan
--	Gargus, Tim	OF	L	R	6-1	175	12- 2-59	So.	Bangor/R. Easton
--	Leister, John	P	R	R	6-2	180	1- 3-61	Fr.	Great Falls, Mont./Russell/None
--	Lounds, Rod	SS	R	R	5-10	180	11- 4-60	Fr.	St. Johns/J. Wilcox
--	Silverstein, Rob	OF	L	L	5-10	170	9- 2-60	So.	Detroit/Country Day/K. Jensen
--	Young, Larry	C	S	R	5-9	160	10-29-60	Fr.	Ft. Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers/L. Gerardot

\*Denotes varsity letters won

## Alphabetical Roster

24 Barnes/c	9 Gebben/3b	-- Lounds/ss	20 Schultz, Tom/of
23 Birtsas/p	-- Gunder/3b	6 Magsig/p	30 Schultz, Tyler/p
-- Buterakos/2b	21 Haines/1b	18 Mehall/of	36 Schulz, B./3b
14 Butzirus/p	17 James/p	25 Nicevski/p	26 Silverstein/of
-- Cudnohufsky/2b	15 Johnson/p	31 Payk/c	28 Strother/p
16 Dankovich/3b	35 Kearly/of	8 Pollard/c	22 Sudbay/p
4 Dieters/ss	32 Kinney/ss	19 Pomorski/p	11 Wolcott/p
34 Dorr/1b	12 Kruse/p	7 Robinson/of	-- Young/c
-- Gargus/of	-- Leister/p	29 Russ/of	

# 1979 FINAL STATISTICS

Plaver-Pos.	Hitting																Fielding										
	G	AB	R	H	AVG	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	SH	SF	HP	PO	A	E	TC	DP	AVG					
Steve Kinney-ss	11	18	2	7	.380	0	0	0	7	2	1	3	0-0	0	0	0	6	5	1	12	1	.917					
Bill Schulz-1b	7	19	5	7	.386	4	0	0	11	3	1	4	0-0	0	0	0	24	2	1	27	1	.963					
Rodger Bastien-ss	52	171	35	61	.357	13	2	6	96	26	25	26	12-14	0	0	0	97	136	19	252	28	.925					
Randy Hop-2b	45	133	30	43	.323	10	3	1	62	17	24	15	10-13	4	0	0	80	99	10	189	17	.947					
Ken Robinson-1f	53	161	29	51	.317	9	5	4	82	35	13	25	11-12	4	1	2	89	3	6	98	0	.939					
Chris Dorr-1b	41	114	16	35	.307	3	0	3	47	12	14	11	3-3	0	1	1	252	30	7	289	18	.976					
Brad Gebben-3b	16	40	6	12	.300	5	1	0	19	4	2	12	0-1	0	0	0	32	11	2	35	5	.943					
Ken Mehall-dh	46	128	13	36	.281	8	0	1	46	17	11	16	2-3	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1.000					
Jerry Pollard-c	38	93	13	25	.269	5	1	2	38	13	15	15	2-3	5	0	1	146	26	8	180	4	.956					
Al Dankovich-3b	37	98	12	26	.265	5	3	0	37	10	7	10	5-5	3	1	1	37	57	9	103	2	.913					
Tom Schultz-cf	51	144	32	37	.257	10	3	5	68	26	14	24	11-13	1	1	2	67	2	5	74	2	.932					
Joe Lopez-rf	54	137	28	33	.241	7	2	4	56	22	26	27	5-6	3	0	3	51	1	5	57	0	.912					
Mark Russ-c	28	67	12	16	.239	6	1	0	24	7	6	12	4-4	0	1	1	87	13	1	101	1	.990					
Kirk Haines-3b/1b	33	73	13	17	.233	6	0	2	28	17	12	17	0-0	3	1	2	101	34	5	140	8	.964					
Jim Buterakos-2b	34	43	7	10	.233	0	2	0	14	7	8	7	6-8	1	1	0	41	39	11	91	8	.879					
Ed Stull-of	13	28	2	6	.214	2	1	0	10	4	1	11	0-0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	0	1.000					
Tim Kearly-of	13	14	4	2	.143	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	6	0	1	7	0	.857					
Eric Payk-c	5	9	2	1	.111	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0-0	0	0	0	9	3	1	13	0	.923					
Larry Hohns-c	6	10	1	1	.100	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1.000					
Others	1	1										1					22	75	11	108	7	.892					
MICHIGAN STATE	55	1505	265	426	.283	94	24	28	660	223	187	246	71-84	25	8	14	1152	536	103	1791	43	.943					
OPPONENTS	55	1525	248	403	.264	66	11	19	559	203	209	228	66-91	16	12	20	1149	509	80	1738	29	.953					
Pitcher	G	GS	CG	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HP	WP	BK	SHO	ERA										
Phil Magsig-r	7	4	1	3	1	.750	33	27	11	8	12	20	1	4	1	2	2.18										
Jim Cotter-r	9	9	4	4	2	.667	48	45	25	15	19	41	2	2	0	1	2.81										
Steve Kruse-l	11	4	2	3	2	.600	33.2	29	21	13	26	22	2	2	0	0	3.47										
Risto Nicevski-r	4	0	0	0	0	.000	7.2	5	4	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	3.52										
Jay Strother-r	12	11	6	4	6	.400	70	76	40	31	32	44	1	1	0	3	3.98										
Brian Wolcott-r	13	10	5	6	4	.600	61	63	37	30	22	42	3	3	0	2	4.43										
Greg Butzirus-r	8	4	1	1	3	.250	27.2	29	16	15	20	12	2	8	0	0	4.87										
Mark Sutherland-r	15	0	0	4	4	.500	25	23	18	15	23	14	2	2	0	0	5.40										
Mark Pomorski-r	13	12	4	3	4	.429	60.1	79	55	39	38	23	4	1	0	1	5.81										
Eric Rosekrans-l	7	0	0	0	0	.000	11.2	16	10	8	9	6	1	2	0	1	6.17										
Tim Birtsas-l	1	0	0	0	0	.000	2.1	3	5	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	15.45										
Gary Tyler-r	2	1	0	0	1	.000	3.1	7	6	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	16.20										
MICHIGAN STATE	55	55	23	28	27	.509	384	403	248	187	209	228	20	25	1	9	4.38										
OPPONENTS	55	55	27	27	28	.491	383	426	265	212	187	246	14	37	3	6	4.98										



# 1979 FINAL RESULTS

## Spring Trip

MSU	OPP
3 Pan American	4-
5 Central Michigan	9-
1 Central Michigan	2-
1 Morningside	4-
2 Oklahoma City	12-
1 Pan American	2-
12 Morningside	0+
12 Morningside	0+
5 Pan American	8-
6 Morningside	0+
9 Oklahoma City	2+
2 Pan American	6-
0 Pan American	6-
3 Pan American	9-
2 Pan American	8-
5 Pan American	7-

MSU	OPP
0 %Pepperdine	15-
6 %Miami (O.)	4+
4 %San Diego State	5-

\*Big Ten Games

%NCAA Mideast Regional Games

Overall Record: 28-27

Big Ten Record: 11- 4 (1st place)

## FINAL 1979 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
1. MICHIGAN STATE	11	4	.733
2. Wisconsin	13	5	.722
3. Michigan	10	4	.714
4. Minnesota	12	6	.667
5. Iowa	10	6	.625
6. Ohio State	10	7	.588
7. Purdue	6	12	.333
8. Northwestern	5	11	.313
9. Indiana	3	13	.188
10. Illinois	3	15	.167

## Regular Season

4 Albion	0+
7 Albion	0+
3 Aquinas	0+
7 *Minnesota	6+
3 *Minnesota	4-
5 *Wisconsin	3+
5 *Wisconsin	0+
5 Western Michigan	6-
8 Western Michigan	3+
2 Eastern Michigan	3-
8 Eastern Michigan	5+
2 Western Michigan	14-
7 Western Michigan	8-
4 Ferris State	3+
3 Ferris State	4-
14 Wayne State	5+
3 Wayne State	4-
0 *Purdue	3-
7 *Purdue	6+
9 *Illinois	5+
1 *Illinois	0+
0 Central Michigan	1-
3 Central Michigan	5-
0 *Ohio State	5-
8 *Indiana	2+
7 *Indiana	1+
13 Central Michigan	4+
10 Central Michigan	9+
8 Oakland	5+
3 Oakland	2+
3 *Northwestern	2+
12 *Northwestern	6+
2 Eastern Michigan	10-
2 Eastern Michigan	0+
8 *Michigan	5+
0 *Michigan	6-

## 1980 PROSPECTS

Michigan State's Big Ten championship baseball team expects to be a leading contender for the 1980 conference title as the Spartans gun for their third straight NCAA post-season tournament appearance. Veteran diamond coach Danny Litwhiler returns 16 lettermen from last season's club which posted won-lost records of 11-4 in the Big Ten and 28-27 overall. Pitching and hitting should be improved over last year while defense, especially in the revamped infield, might be slightly weaker than in 1979. Michigan State's schedule begins with a 13-game spring training trip to Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, and the rigorous Big Ten slate will be especially tough in the early going with games against title contenders Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Graduation losses include the solid double play combination of shortstop Rodger Bastien (MSU's top hitter last year) and second baseman Randy Hop, rightfielder Joe Lopez and pitchers Jim Cotter and Mark Sutherland. Key returnees are All-Big Ten first sacker Chris Dorr (.307), leftfielder Ken Robinson (.317, 35 RBIs), centerfielder Tom Schultz (five home runs, 26 RBIs), rightfielder Mark Russ (converted from catcher), catcher Jerry Pollard, designated hitter Ken Mehall (.281) and pitchers Brian Wolcott, Jay Strother, Phil Magsig, Greg Butzirus and Mark Pomorski. Here is a rundown by positions:

### Pitching

The Spartan moundsmen will be more experienced and talented this year. Ace righthander Brian Wolcott (6-4, 4.43 ERA) is expected to be the top starter and he is just four victories shy of the MSU career record of 23. The senior control artist has healed from his sore arm and will be relied upon for his steady performances. Another senior righthander, Jay Strother, suffered through a sub-par 1979 campaign with arm troubles but should be back to full strength this spring. Strother was 4-6 with a 3.98 earned run average last season. Junior righthander Phil Magsig led the squad with a 2.18 ERA and his continued improvement should land a starting assignment. Greg Butzirus (senior righthander, 1-3, 4.87 ERA) could be the fourth starter if he overcomes occasional wildness. Two-year regular Mark Pomorski (junior righthander, 3-4, 5.81) hopes to return to his earlier form after suffering through control problems. The bullpen will be solid with southpaws Tim Birtsas and Steve Kruse and righty Risto Nicevski. Freshmen Brian James, Terry Johnson and Steve Sudbay could also be heard from.

### Catching

Senior Jerry Pollard (.269) has developed greatly during his three letter-winning campaigns and he is a durable receiver who handles pitchers well. His strong arm and dangerous bat are assets. Steve Barnes, Eric Payk and Larry Young are reserve catchers.

### Outfield

The Spartan outfield is strong and fast and will provide a majority of the offensive firepower. Leftfielder Ken Robinson led the team in 1979 with five triples and 35 RBIs and he also stole 11 bases in 12 attempts. The switch-hitting senior ranks among Spartan career leaders in hits, runs, doubles and runs batted in. Senior centerfielder Tom Schultz endured back and leg injuries last season but he is a strong fielder and slugger with good speed. Junior Mark Russ will replace the graduated Joe Lopez in right field. Russ is an excellent hitting prospect with a good arm and speed. Junior Tim Kearly and sophomore Rob Silverstein are solid backups in the outfield.

### Infield

Michigan State's infield will be strong at the corners and untested up the middle. First baseman Chris Dorr made the All-Big Ten team as a freshman and he is considered a great hitting prospect. The hot corner at third base is up for grabs and Brad Gebben (.300 in 16 games) appears to have the inside track. Bill Schulz (.368 in seven games) will challenge for the starting role. Freshman switch-hitter Tom Dieters is expected to fill the vacancy at shortstop and Jim Buterakos and Al Dankovich (regular at third base last year) will contend at second base. Steve Kinney is a reserve shortstop and Kirk Haines is a valuable utility man who can play the infield or outfield.

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### PLAYER PROFILES

**TIM BIRTSAS** -- 6-6, 205, So., Pitcher (throws left, bats left), Clarkston (Clarkston). Tall, imposing southpaw pitcher. Throws good fastball. Saw action in one game last year, pitching two and one-third innings and allowing three hits. Played high school ball under former Spartan baseball players Paul Tungate and Roy Warner. Prep honors included all-league, honorable mention all-state and team most valuable player accolades. Also played basketball. Father, Gus Birtsas, played football at Kalamazoo College from 1945-1947. Repairs pinball machines during free time. Born 9-5-60 in Pontiac.

**JIM BUTERAKOS** -- 5-10, 160, Jr., Second base (throws right, bats right), Flint (Southwestern). Will battle Al Dankovich for the opening at second base left vacant by the graduated Randy Hop. Has seen little playing time in two letterwinning campaigns, but performed well in fall practice and should now make big contributions. Hit .167 in 1978 and .233 last spring. Has stolen 12 bases in 16 attempts during Spartan career. Won three high school letters in baseball and two in football. Team captain, honorable mention All-America, all-district and all-city on the prep diamond and second team all-state as a gridder. Born 1-14-59 in Flint. Academic major is social science.

**GREG BUTZIRUS** -- 6-3, 195, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Battle Creek (Pennfield). Promising righthander whose experience makes him a prime candidate for the starting rotation. Possesses fine fastball but has occasional control problems. Posted a 1-3 record and 4.87 ERA in eight games last season. Attended Kellong Community College for two years after high school graduation. Won a total of seven prep letters in baseball, basketball and golf. Captained diamond squad and received all-state, all-regional and all-league honors. Enjoys cards, music, bowling, skiing and swimming. Born 1-22-58 in Battle Creek. Majoring in building construction.

**AL DANKOVICH** -- 6-0, 180, Jr., Second base (throws right, bats right), Hazel Crest, Ill. (Hillcrest). Talented defensive player at any infield position. Played 37 games at third base last spring (batting .265) but primarily will be used at second base this year. Strongest competition for starting duty will come from Jim Buterakos. Lettered in baseball and basketball in high school, compiling an impressive list of credentials. Selected all-state, all-conference, all-area and team captain and MVP. Born 11-5-59. Business major.

**TOM DIETERS** -- 6-0, 165, Fr., Shortstop (throws right, bats both), Rochester (Rochester). Highly-regarded freshman who is the top choice to step into the starting assignment at shortstop. Hits from both sides of the plate with power and is a good fielder with a strong arm. Hit .500 in prep ranks last year and played in the National Sports Festival in Colorado Springs over the



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summer. Twice was named all-state and also earned all-league selection in football and basketball. His father, Dirk I. Dieters, is a former Spartan diamond letterman and currently the head coach at Oakland University. His brother, Dirk T. Dieters, also played baseball at MSU. Born 12-29-60 in Detroit.

**CHRIS DORR** -- 6-1, 185, So., First base (throws right, bats right), Coldwater (Coldwater). One of the squad's best success stories last year who should perform even better this spring. The only Spartan to make the All-Big Ten first team, he batted a solid .307 with three homers and 12 RBIs. Was a last-minute addition on the spring training trip but he quickly demonstrated his worth, making the Palm Valley all-tournament team. Starred in high school in baseball and football, earning all-state and all-conference recognition in both sports. Born 5-1-60 in Ypsilanti.

**BRAD GEBBEN** -- 6-2, 205, Jr., Third base (throws right, bats right), Portage (Central). Won his first varsity letter as a reserve third baseman last year and will be a top candidate to start this year. In 16 games he hit .300 and showed signs of becoming a true offensive threat. Honored as all-league and all-district in both prep baseball and football. Graduated from high school with academic honors and won his school's top scholar-athlete award. Father, Duane Gebben, played football at Western Michigan and brother, Greg Gebben, is a gridder at Central Michigan. Born 6-13-59 in Portage. Majoring in marketing.

**KIRK HAINES** -- 5-11, 185, Sr., First base (throws right, bats left), Vassar (Millington). Valuable utility player who can play the infield or outfield. Has earned two varsity letters, batting .256 in 1978 and .233 last season. Can hit with power. Played high school baseball, football and basketball. Was all-state, all-league and team most valuable player in baseball. Nickname is "Animal." Born 7-1-58 in Saginaw. Academic major is park and recreation resources.

**BRIAN JAMES** -- 5-11, 175, Fr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Plymouth (Canton). Nifty righthanded pitching prospect who looked impressive in fall drills. Established impressive credentials in prep ranks, compiling a career won-lost record of 25-2 and 0.62 earned run average. Made the 1979 all-state squad and twice was accorded all-league, all-regional and all-area honors. Also was named team MVP last year as Plymouth Canton rolled to a 68-14 record during his career. Nickname is "B.J." Born 5-8-61 in Detroit. Majoring in business.

**TERRY JOHNSON** -- 6-2, 185, Fr., Pitcher (throws left, bats left), Grandville (Grandville). Highly-acclaimed freshman lefthanded pitcher who could make immediate contributions. Throws excellent curve and fast balls and can be used as a first baseman and outfielder. Posted an 8-1 mound record with a 0.59 earned run average his prep senior campaign. Also slugged at a .435 clip. Made first team all-state in 1979 and honorable mention as a junior. Also lettered in football and basketball. Was a four-year high school student council member and served two years on his class executive board. Comes from athletic family. Father, Robert Johnson, played baseball at Western Michigan in the early 1950s; brother, Mike, ran track and cross country at Western Michigan from 1974-1977 and uncle, Tom Wines, was a Spartan swimmer in the mid-1950s. Born 8-23-61 in Grand Rapids. Business major.

**TIM KEARLY** -- 6-0, 195, Jr., Outfield (throws left, bats left), Hancock (Hancock). Saw limited action last year (most of it during spring training) but will challenge for a starting berth in the outfield. Possesses excellent outfield skills, is fast and potentially could be a dangerous batter. Hit only .143 in 13 games last season. Earned nine prep letters (three each in football, basketball and track) but high school did not have a baseball team, so he played American Legion ball, winning all-league and team MVP honors. Father, Ted Kearly, is athletic director at Michigan Tech and a Spartan diamond letterman in 1957-1958. Born 1-15-59 in Hastings. Majoring in business.

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STEVE KINNEY -- 5-10, 160, Jr., Shortstop (throws right, bats left), Ypsilanti (Ypsilanti). Will contend with freshman Tom Dieters for opening at shortstop. Saw spot duty behind Rodger Bastien last year, batting .389 in 11 games. All-league and honorable mention all-state in high school. Also lettered in football and basketball and was a National Honor Society member. Father, Richard, played baseball at Western Michigan. Belongs to Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Born 1-13-59. Academic major is elementary education.

STEVE KRUSE -- 5-11, 170, Jr., Pitcher (throws left, bats left), East Lansing (East Lansing). Promising lefthanded fireball pitcher. Must improve control if he is to break into starting rotation. Has been bothered by a sore arm the last two seasons. Posted a 3-2 record and the team's third-best ERA of 3.47 last spring. Has a standout hurler on East Lansing High's 1977 Capitol Area Conference championship squad. Selected honorable mention all-state, all-league and all-district. Brother, Andy Kruse, is a sophomore catcher at Central Michigan. Enjoys hunting, fishing and T-shirt collecting. Born 12-23-58 in Tampa, Fla. Majoring in communications.

PHIL MAGSIG -- 5-10, 160, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Dansville (Dansville). One of MSU's most improved pitchers, this righthander should move into the starting rotation. Led last year's staff with a 2.18 earned run average and racked up a 3-1 won-lost record, including a Mideast regional playoff victory over Miami (Ohio). Won the Spartan pitcher's award for retiring the highest percentage of leadoff batters. A deceptive curve ball is one of his strong points. Selected high school squad's most valuable player and all-league three years. Also played basketball and ran cross country. Born 10-3-58. General business major.

KEN MEHALL -- 6-2, 200, Jr., Outfield (throws right, bats left), Southgate (Aquinas). This strong, lefthanded pull-hitter possesses tremendous athletic ability, but has yet to reach his full potential. Made the 1979 Big Ten All-Academic squad with a 3.02 grade point average in marketing. Also picked to the Mideast regional all-tournament team. As designated hitter last year he hit .231 with 17 RBIs. Probably will DH again this season. Was the tournament's MVP when his Adray Appliance team won the 1978 AAABA national championship. High school squad placed second in the state in 1976 and he made all-state, all-league and all-area. Member of the National Honor Society and listed in Who's Who of American High School Students. Born 6-15-59 in Detroit.

RISTO NICEVSKI -- 5-11, 205, So. Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Flint (Southwestern). Enters season in improved physical shape and with a bright outlook. Hardest thrower on the staff (90 mph fastball) and now has mastered an assortment of off-speed pitches. Cool performer in pressure situations, he is slated for short relief appearances. Had no decisions in four games last year with a 3.52 ERA in seven and two-thirds innings. Led his high school squad to the 1978 state championship and made the all-city and all-valley honor teams. Prep coach was Marv Rettenmund, cousin of former major leaguer Merv Rettenmund. Born 12-18-59 in Yugoslavia. Majoring in general business.

JERRY POLLARD -- 5-11, 190, Sr., Catcher (throws right, bats right), Livonia (Franklin). Experienced catcher who has been a starter the last three seasons. Steadily improving batsman with a strong throwing arm. Selected team most improved last year, improving batting average from .164 in 1978 to .269 in 1979. Made honorable mention all-state, all-league and all-district in both prep baseball and football. Brother, Joe Pollard, played football at Grand Valley State Colleges. Enjoys all sports. Born 1-26-58 in Dearborn. Academic major is marketing.

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**MARK POMORSKI** -- 6-0, 180, Jr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Birmingham (Groves). Will be in tough fight to regain starting assignment after disappointing 1979 season in which he was 3-4 with a 5.81 ERA. Hopes to return to 1978 form which featured a 6-3 record, 2.54 earned run average and seven complete games. This righthander suffered control problems last season but his experience as a two-year starter undoubtedly will prove valuable to Spartan fortunes. Captained his prep team and was accorded honorable mention all-state, all-league, all-county and all-regional honors. Played hockey as a youngster. Father, Bernard, played baseball at Olivet College and in the Army in the 1950s. Born 10-16-59 in Detroit. Majoring in business.

**KEN ROBINSON** -- 6-1, 190, Sr., Outfield (throws right, bats both), Ypsilanti (Ypsilanti). Highly talented outfielder who is the team's leading returning batsman. Compiled a .317 batting average, nine doubles, four home runs, 82 total bases, 11-for-12 in stolen bases, and MSU-leading figures of five triples and 35 RBIs last year. Ranks among Spartan career leaders in hits (128), doubles (21), runs (88) and runs batted in (73). Owns a lifetime .295 batting average. This switch-hitting speedster has earned three varsity letters in baseball and one as a quarterback/defensive back with the football team in 1977. Made the All-Big Ten third team as a freshman. Won nine high school letters (three each in baseball, football and basketball) and made all-state on the diamond, All-America and all-state as a gridder and all-league in basketball. Graduated with honors. Father, Ken Sr., played minor league baseball with the Chicago Cubs. Enjoys guitar. Born 1-6-57 in Ann Arbor. Political science major.

**MARK RUSS** -- 5-11, 170, Jr., Outfield (throws right, bats right), Lansing (Sexton). Converted catcher who will start in rightfield. Has unlimited batting potential and great power, but has not yet shown full abilities with .254 and .239 averages his first two letterwinning Spartan campaigns. Committed just one error in 101 chances behind the plate last year. Good speed exemplified by 12 career stolen bases in 13 tries. Captained his high school team and was selected all-city and all-metro as well as a member of the National Honor Society. Likes hunting, fishing, camping and all sports. Born 12-30-58 in Lansing. Majoring in recreation and youth leadership.

**TOM SCHULTZ** -- 6-3, 200, Sr., Outfield (throws right, bats right), Grand Rapids (Union). Talented power hitter who will be a fixture in centerfield for the third consecutive season. Hit .257 in 1979, after a .322 slate the year before, batting mostly in the cleanup slot. Second on the squad with five home runs and tied for second with 10 doubles and 26 RBIs. Named to the 1979 All-Big Ten third team. Flashy fielder with shoestring catches and good baserunner with 20-for-24 career statistics in base stealing. A draftee of the Detroit Tigers after high school, he made the all-state team three years and was all-league in baseball and football. Set a state prep record with 54 stolen bases in one season. Born 2-27-53 in Grand Rapids. Academic major is accounting.

**BILL SCHULZ** -- 6-2, 175, Sr., Third base (throws right, bats right), Saginaw (Arthur Hill). Saw some late-season action at first base last year but will contend with Brad Gebben at the hot corner this season. Strong hitter who swatted .368 in seven games. Was captain of prep baseball and basketball squads and was a two-year diamond team MVP and second-team all-valley selection. Born 8-2-53 in Saginaw. Majoring in criminal justice.

**JAY STROTHER** -- 6-0, 170, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Pittsburgh, Pa. (Upper St. Clair). Michigan State's No. 2 starter who has healed from sore arm that plagued him after mid-season. Began well with shutouts in first two Big Ten games but finished with a 4-6 record and 3.98 ERA.



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Led the staff with six complete games in 11 starts. Was 4-2 with a 2.38 ERA in 1978. A cool customer in pressure situations, he throws a good curve ball and has fine control. Attended Darien High School in Connecticut for one year then established himself as the winningest pitcher in Upper St. Clair High School history with a two-year 16-4 record. Graduated with academic honors. Member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Born 10-13-57 in Indianapolis, Ind. Business major.

STEVE SUDBAY -- 6-1, 175, Fr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), W. Bloomfield (W. Bloomfield). Freshman recruit who pitched well in fall drills and could see bullpen duty this spring. Compiled a 4-2 prep record last year, earning all-league, all-county, all-regional and team MVP accolades. Also played football and was a member of the National Honor Society. Father, Robert, was a hockey player at Norwich University. Born 9-14-60 in Delaware, Ohio. Academic major is general business.

BRIAN WOLCOTT -- 6-0, 170, Sr., Pitcher (throws right, bats right), Plymouth (Salem). The squad's ace pitcher who is expecting big things in 1980. A two-time Big Ten All-Academic honoree, he is back from an arm injury that led to sub-par 1979 campaign with a 6-4 record and 4.43 earned run average. Is four victories short of becoming Michigan State's all-time winningest hurler. Boasts a career 19-9 won-lost record with a 4.15 ERA, 120 strikeouts and 82 walks in 184 1/3 innings. Was 4-2 as a freshman and 9-3 the next season. Always draws the difficult starting assignments and he owns a good variety of pitches and delivers sidearm, submarine and over the top. Won high school's outstanding scholar-athlete award his senior year and was a member of the National Honor Society. All-state and all-league on prep diamond and all-suburban in basketball. Baseball squad captured state championship his junior campaign. Enjoys traveling and all sports. Born 2-12-58 in Pontiac. Majoring in health, physical education and recreation.

### DANNY LITWHILER Head Coach

Daniel W. Litwhiler, former major league baseball star and 1979 District Coach of the Year, has coached the diamond sport at Michigan State University with great success for 16 seasons.

He moved in as Spartan head coach in the fall of 1963 and during his reign his clubs have played 704 games, winning 426, losing 270 and tying eight for a fine winning percentage of .611.

He guided the 1979 squad to the Big Ten championship, the third in Spartan history and second under his direction.

Molding a tight-knit unit which featured determination and togetherness, Danny's team participated in NCAA post-season tournament action for the second consecutive year.

Litwhiler received one of baseball's highest honors in January of 1980 with induction into the American Association of College Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. He is past president of that organization.

Danny is a member of the Citizen's Savings Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame and was entered into the Jerry Wolman Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in the summer of 1975.

DANNY LITWHILER, Cont'd.

The chapter, named after the one-time owner of the Philadelphia Eagles, since 1963 has cited men and women in athletics who by distinguished performance have brought honor to that part of the state.

He is on the advisory board for Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc., and has served the same distinction for the National Baseball Congress. Litwhiler has also been a member of the Board of Directors for the Department of State Athletic Advisory Council for International Sports, and has been recipient of the "Lefty Gomez" Award for outstanding contributions and distinguished service to college baseball. His alma mater (Bloomsburg, Pa. State College) honored him in 1973 by naming its new baseball stadium in his name.

Only two of Litwhiler's Michigan State teams have posted losing records in overall play and only two have finished out of the conference first division. One of his best units was the 1971 varsity that won 36 games -- most ever for a State nine -- lost only ten and captured the Big Ten title.

The head coaching position at MSU is the second in the collegiate ranks for Litwhiler, who previously directed the baseball program at Florida State for nine years. Those teams won 189 games and lost only 81, enjoying no losing seasons and playing in seven district playoffs and three college world series. Six of his Florida State performers achieved All-America status and many went on to professional ball.

Danny's complete college coaching record for 25 seasons features 615 victories against 351 losses and eight ties for a .636 winning percentage. He ranks among the nation's top ten winningest coaches.

Twenty-five of Litwhiler's players at Michigan State have earned first team All-Big Ten honors; four (Rob Ellis, Ron Pruitt, Al Weston and Kirk Gibson) have made the Coaches' All-America first team and three (John Biedenbach, Steve Garvey and Joe Palamara) the second team. Six Spartans coached by Danny have been selected to The Sporting News All-America squads (Rick Miller, Harry Kendrick, Garvey, Ellis, Pruitt and Gibson) and two (Jerry Sackmann and Dale Frietch) have made the Academic All-America first team.

Many of his performers have reached the major leagues including Florida Staters Dick Howser (New York Yankees) who was recently named manager of the Yankees, Woody Woodward (Cincinnati Reds) and Ken Suarez (Cleveland Indians), and Spartans Bruce Look (Minnesota Twins), Steve Garvey (Los Angeles Dodgers), Dick Billings (St. Louis Cardinals), Mel Behney (Cincinnati Reds), Rick Miller (Boston Red Sox), Rob Ellis (Milwaukee Brewers), Ron Pruitt (Cleveland Indians), Rick Krueger (Boston Red Sox) and Kirk Gibson (Detroit Tigers).

Litwhiler, a 1939 graduate of Bloomsburg, Pa. State College, spent 12 years as a player in the majors before ending his career in 1951. During that time he played with the Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, the old Boston Braves and the Cincinnati Reds. Danny was with the Cardinals in the 1943 and 1944 World Series and played in the 1942 All-Star game.

Among his memorable achievements is his string of 21 straight games in which he hit safely in his first season in the majors. In 1941 he belted at least one home run in every National League park.

Litwhiler was a perfectionist in the field. He became the first major leaguer to play an entire season without making an error, handling 317 chances in 151 games in 1942. Over a period of two seasons he set a record of playing 187 consecutive errorless games, a feat which put Litwhiler's glove in baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

DANNY LITWHILER, Cont'd.

His best full season at bat came in 1941 when he hit .305. He compiled a lifetime batting average of .282.

Danny managed in professional ball for three years. He was player-manager of Fargo, N.D. in 1952, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. in 1953, and at Jamestown, N.Y. and Duluth, Minn. in 1954. From there he joined the Florida State staff.

Litwhiler is widely-known for several coaching innovations such as an unbreakable mirror for pitchers to check their deliveries, and employment of a bat sawed in half to teach bunting. More recently, Litwhiler came up with the idea of using a radar gun to chart the velocity of pitches. The clever use of this device has brought enthusiastic responses from major league teams and scouts.

Danny also has developed "Diamond Grit" to condition wet fields and "Diamond Dust" to dry wet baseballs. He constantly seeks to improve the attractiveness of baseball games and has had bat girls working at home MSU contests for a number of years.

Litwhiler has contributed to several baseball publications. They include "Fundamentals of Baseball" by University Press, 1956; "Baseball Glossary" in English, Dutch, Italian and Spanish, by University Press, 1958; "Baseball Coaches Guide to Drills and Skills," by Prentice-Hall, 1963; "Baseball," by Prentice-Hall, 1967, and "A Treasury of Baseball Drills -- Featuring Favorites of Top Coaches," by Parker Publishing Co., 1979.

Litwhiler is popular on the lecture tour and has conducted countless clinics for coaches and youngsters world-wide. He currently is the international president of the U.S. Baseball Federation.

Danny was born August 31, 1916, in Ringtown, Pa. He is married to Patricia Walsh James and the couple has ten children and 15 grandchildren. Mrs. Litwhiler and children Marcia, Dick and Nancy all received their bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State. Dick was a pitcher on the Spartan varsity 13 years ago and he now teaches physical education at Georgia Southwestern. Youngest son Mark is a junior at Aquinas College and has lettered in soccer. Son Danny teaches math and is assistant baseball coach at the Air Force Academy.

FRANK PELLERIN  
Assistant Coach

Continuing a longtime association with Michigan State baseball is Frank E. Pellerin, member of Spartan teams as an undergraduate, and a staff member for the 28th season.

He was appointed as assistant coach in 1953, working with the late John H. Kobs, and the same assignment was extended in 1963 with present head man Danny Litwhiler.

During Pellerin's tenure, Spartan baseballers have played more than 1000 games (1056 games, 633 wins, 411 losses and 12 ties), won three Big Ten team titles (1954, 1978 and 1979) and placed second five times. He's helped coach the Spartans in 27 of their 29 Big Ten seasons and has had a hand in the development of 39 athletes who've earned All-Big Ten first-team selection.

Pellerin played under Kobs at State, earning varsity letters in 1941, 1942 and 1943 with stints at second base and at third base. He enrolled at State after graduation from Redford High School in Detroit where he won letters in football, basketball and baseball.



FRANK PELLERIN, Cont'd.

His first teaching and coaching position was at Highland Park, Mich. High School where he remained until joining the Michigan State staff in September, 1953.

While at Highland Park, Pellerin was head baseball coach, assisted in swimming, football, basketball and physical education classes, and also taught classes in mathematics.

Pellerin received the master's degree in counseling and guidance in 1951 at Wayne State University. He and wife, Nancy, have two sons, Michael and Tim. He was born 9-30-21 in Highland Park.

TOM SMITH  
Freshman Coach

In his 13th season as junior varsity baseball coach at Michigan State is Thomas W. Smith, who was appointed to the post in September of 1967.

He had served unofficially in the capacity the previous four years while working towards his B.S. degree. In the years that he's handled the Spartan young players, the MSU varsity has recorded an impressive 330-211-6 won-lost-tied mark.

Smith enrolled at State as an undergraduate after playing in professional baseball from 1961 to 1963 with the Milwaukee Braves organization. He was a catcher. He went with the Braves following high school graduation.

Tom is a native of Coldwater, Mich., born Dec. 9, 1942. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1961 and immediately signed his professional contract. He received his B.S. degree in physical education in March, 1967 and his master's degree in March of 1971.

In addition to his coaching duties, Smith teaches physical education. He and wife, Jane Marie, have two daughters, Jamie and Julie.