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# 1949 Boxing Record

MSC		OPP.
2½	Louisiana State (Sugar Bowl)	5½
3	Army	5
6	DePaul	2
2½	Maryland	5½
5	Penn State	3
4½	Minnesota	3½
4	Wisconsin	4
7	John Carroll	1

MSC Record: Won 4, Lost 3, Tied 1

## 1950 Michigan State Boxing Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 28--Penn State at State College, Pa.

Monday, Feb. 13--MARYLAND at EAST LANSING

Friday, Feb. 17--DePaul at Chicago

Saturday, Feb. 25--U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY at EAST LANSING

Friday, March 3--MINNESOTA at EAST LANSING

Friday, March 10--Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin

Saturday, March 25--John Carroll at Cleveland, Ohio

March 30, 31, April 1--National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Tournament, Away

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## 1950 BOXING PROSPECTS

Although faced with the most difficult schedule in Michigan State history, Spartan boxing coach George Makris is sounding a note of optimism concerning the 1950 season. With a well balanced squad, and tremendous power in the last two weight divisions, Makris may come up with the best team in Michigan State history.

Despite the loss of four-time NCAA champion, Chuck Davey, Makris feels that the addition of sophomore Chuck Spieser, Detroit light-heavyweight, will help make up for the loss.

Spieser was a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1948 and this will be his first season of collegiate competition. He is rated as one of the nation's top amateurs in the light-heavyweight class.

Another tower of strength for the Spartans should be free-swinging heavyweight Gabby Marek. Marek was undefeated during the regular season last year and went to the semi-finals of the NCAA tournament.

Two more NCAA finalists, Jim Gemmell of Detroit, and Pat Dougherty of Grand Blanc, have the inside track for varsity berths in the 165-pound and 145-pound division. Gemmell is being pushed by Lilbert Alderson, a Flint veteran, and letterman Chuck Sirhal, Lansing, is very much in the running for the 145-pound spot.

The only newcomer slated for a starting berth is Rae Johnston, a 155-pound sophomore from River Rouge, with plenty of ring promise.

At the 135-pound spot, Coach Makris will use Jack Tierney, Birmingham senior, a letterwinner.

The battle for the two lightweight spots is still wide-open, with three top candidates available. Ernie Charboneau, former NCAA 112-pound champion, but a regular campaigner at the 125-pound mark, rates a slight edge for a first string spot. At 130-pounds, Hank Amos, Charlottesville, Va. junior, looks promising. Amos did not box during the regular season last year, but was entered in the NCAA tourney. Another veteran, John Flynn, Brooklyn, N.Y. senior, may be used at either of the two weights.

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GEORGE MAKRIS  
(Varsity Boxing Coach)

Coach George Makris has guided his first two Michigan State boxing teams to runner-up positions in NCAA tournaments and hopes to do even better in his third year as head coach.

Makris came to the Spartan campus in the fall of 1947 to take his first head coaching job. He brought with him an excellent ring record as an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin, winning three varsity letters and two NCAA light-heavyweight titles in 1942 and '43.

Since joining the Michigan State staff, Makris has demonstrated clearly his ability to develop top-notch teams and individual stars. In finishing in second place in the two NCAA tourneys, the Spartans collected three national individual titles. In addition, Chuck Davey, former Spartan ace, copped the John S. LaRowe Memorial Trophy as the outstanding boxer in the tournament both years. Davey also won the honor trophy in 1947, to become the only boxer ever to win the award three times.

Makris graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1943, winning football honors as a tackle in addition to his ring awards. He returned to Wisconsin after three years in the U.S. Marines as a lieutenant, to complete his work for a master's degree in physical education. During his graduate study days, Makris served as an assistant football and boxing coach at the Badger institution.

Coach Makris was born August 19, 1920, in Ironwood, Mich. He graduated from Rhinelander (Wis.) high school in 1939 after an all-around sports career.

His family includes his wife, Marjorie, and twin daughters, Torri Ann And Sani Lynn, age four years.

VARSITY BOXING ROSTER  
MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>YEAR IN SCHOOL</u>	<u>AWARDS</u>	<u>HOME TOWN</u>
Alderson, Lilbert, Jr.	21	5.10	165	Jr.	s	Flint
Amos, Henry J.	24	5.8	130	Jr.	s	Charlottesville, Va.
Charboneau, Ernest R.	25	5.3	125	Sr.	SSS	Detroit
Dougherty, Patrick F.	23	5.9	145	Sr.	SSs	Detroit
Flynn, John J.	23	5.7	130	Jr.	S	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Gemmell, James	25	6.0	165	Jr.	S	Detroit
Johnston, Ræmond	19	5.10	155	So.	N	Detroit
Lutz, Ralph Paul	19	5.8	135	So.	N	Lansing
Marek, Gabriel Robert	24	5.11	Hvy.	Jr.	S	Harvey, Ill.
Sirhal, Charles Morris	19	5.10	145	Jr.	S	Lansing
Spieser, Charles William	19	5.10	175	So.	N	Detroit
Tierney, John J.	27	5.10	135	Sr.	Sss	Royal Oak

S--Major letter

s--Minor Letter

Sss--Freshman numerals

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BACKGROUND BRIEFS

ALDERSON, Lilbert, Jr. (165-lb. division) 21 years old, 5'10", junior. "Libby" won his minor letter during the 1949 campaign but stands a good chance to come forth with a major award this season. Before graduation from Flint Technical high school, Alderson won three letters in boxing in the 165-pound class. Besides boxing he won prep school letters in football and track. Married.

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AMOS, Henry J. (130-pound division) 24 years old, 5'8" junior. "Hank" missed the 1949 dual season due to scholastic ineligibility but was able to compete in the National Collegiate tournament during the spring term. Inexperience proved his downfall as he lost his opening bout. A southern boy with a terrific right, Hank is in line for a starting berth on the 1950 Spartan ring team. During his prep-school days in Crozet, Va., Amos boxed for Miller high school. He then joined the Army Air Corps where he continued his favorite sport. Hank boasted a record of 35 wins, one draw and one defeat before enrolling at Michigan State. He is majoring in physical education.

CHARBONEAU, Ernest R. (125-pound division) 25 years old, 5'3", senior. A veteran of three years with Michigan State boxing teams, Ernie is after his fourth monogram in this sport this season. Ernie has a lot of boxing savvy besides packing a powerful wallop. He came into his own at the climax of the 1948 season by moving down to the 112-pound division and copping the NCAA diadem at Madison, Wis. Ernie fights over his size during the dual season but still turns in a better than average performance. Last year he finished with four wins, three losses and a draw. While attending Cooley high school in Detroit, Ernie was drum major of the band and senior class president. He is married.

DOUGHERTY, Patrick, F. (145-pound division) 23 years old, 5'9", senior. Pat was runner-up last season for the National Collegiate 135-lb title. During the regular dual season he lost but one bout while winning four and gaining one draw. Dougherty, who is a clever boxer and hard puncher, will be a big factor in the success of the 1950 Spartan mittmen. Following graduation from Grand Blanc high school in 1945, Dougherty joined the Seabees and served in the Central Pacific. In high school he was a standout in football, track and baseball, captaining his grid team in his senior year.

FLYNN, John J. (130-pound division) 23 years old, 5'7", junior. Flynn hails from Ridgewood, N.J. He graduated from Brooklyn Tech high school in Jan., 1944. A major in civil engineering, boxing is strictly a sideline with John who is in his third year of collegiate fisticuffs. Last year he earned his letter with the Spartan mittmen and is out for his second. May be used either in 130 or 135-pound class.

GEMMELL, James (165-pound division) 25 years old, 6'0", junior. Jim got a late start last season due to a knee operation. In the two bouts that he fought at the end of the dual campaign he was the victor on a decision and a TKO. He was runner-up for the NCAA 165-lb title in 1949. Jim graduated from Detroit Northern high school in 1943. He was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne division from '43 to '46. Jim is also a graduate of the Henry Ford Trade School, Detroit. Married.

JOHNSTON, Rae (155-pound division) 19 years old, 5'10", sophomore. Rae is a newcomer to the Spartan varsity squad. Coach Makris will probably depend on Johnston for the 155-lb berth. He is well-grounded in fundamentals, a sharp puncher, and fast on his feet. A native of River Rouge, Mich., Rae graduated from River Rouge high school in 1948. Pre-medical student. Won freshman boxing numerals last year.

LUTZ, Ralph P. (135-pound division) 19 years old, 5'8", sophomore. Another newcomer to the Spartan boxing team, Ralph won his freshman numerals in 1949. He is strictly the boxer type with a good left hook. Lutz graduated from Lansing Eastern high school in June, '48. He entered Michigan State that fall to major in engineering.

MAREK, Gabriel R. (Heavyweight division) 24 years old, 5'11", junior. "The boy with a punch like a Missouri Mule" is what some choose to call "Gabby". Marek boxed in only four matches last year before breaking a thumb in practice. He won three (two TKO's and one KO) and drew one. Gabby is the type of boxer who will take two to give one that counts. Marek graduated from Thornton high school, Harvey, Ill., in 1945. He later served with the U.S. Marine Corps. During his high school career Gabby was an all-state guard in football, helped his team to two league championships in his junior and senior years, ran the half mile with the track team and was president of his high school varsity club. Was eliminated in semi-finals of 1949 NCAA tourney.

SIRHAL, Charles M. (145-pound division) 19 years old, 5'10", junior. Last season Chuck boxed at 155 lbs., but is moving down this year to bid for the 145-lb. berth. Chuck is an aggressive fighter with a lot of power in his punches. He is a police administration major from Lansing. He graduated from Lansing Eastern high school in '47. During his high school career, Chuck played center on the football team in '45 and '46, and played with the tennis team in '46. With the graduation of Spartan star Chuck Davey, Sirhal remains as the only southpaw on the team.

SPIESER, Charles William (175-pound division) 19 years old, 5'10" sophomore. Spartan fans will be looking to Spieser to replace Chuck Davey as a consistent winner for the Michigan State mittmen. Chuck was a member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic team. According to Coach Makris, Chuck can do everything well. He is fast, shifty and packs a lot of power in his punches. He graduated from Denby high school, Detroit, in 1947. Won freshman numerals at MSC last year.

TIERNEY, John J. (135-pound division) 27 years old, 5'10" senior. Jack is one of the few "old veterans" on the Michigan State boxing team. He didn't box in '49. This will be Jack's first crack at the 135-lb. berth since he has always entered the ring in the 145-lb. slot. A graduate of Birmingham high school in 1940, Jack played football and baseball and ran the mile in track. He was in the AAF during the war.



MICHIGAN STATE BOXING RECORD AGAINST 1950 OPPONENTS  
(Michigan State Score Appears First in all Cases)

PENN STATE--January 28, 1950 at State College, Pa.

1939.....4-4  
1940.....1½-6½  
1941.....3½-4½  
1942.....1-7  
1943.....4-4  
1947.....5-3  
1948.....3½-4½  
1949.....5-3

JOHN CARROLL--March 25, 1950 at  
Cleveland, Ohio

1949.....7-1

MSC Record: Won 1, Lost 0, Tied 0

MSC Record: Won 2, Lost 4, Tied 2

MARYLAND--February 13, 1950 at East Lansing

1948.....3½-4½  
1948.....4-4  
1949.....2½-5½

MSC Record: Won 0, Lost 2, Tied 1

DePAUL--February 17, 1950 at Chicago, Ill.

1949.....6-2

MSC Record: Won 1, Lost 0, Tied 0

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY--February 25, 1950 at East Lansing

1949.....3-5

MSC Record: Won 0, Lost 1, Tied 0

MINNESOTA--March 3, 1950 at East Lansing

1947.....6½-1½  
1948.....5½-2½  
1949.....4½-3½

MSC Record: Won 3, Lost 0, Tied 0

WISCONSIN--March 10, 1950 at Madison, Wisconsin

1935.....2-6  
1936.....1-7  
1940.....1-7  
1941.....0-8  
1942.....0-8  
1943.....1½-6½  
1946.....2-6  
1947.....5½-2½  
1948.....2½-5½  
1949.....4-4

MSC Record: Won 1, Lost 9, Tied 1



# MICHIGAN STATE ALL-TIME BOXING RECORDS

1935

Leon D. Burhans, Coach

MSC OPP.

2 Wisconsin 6 A  
Won 0, Lost 1

1936

Leon D. Burhans, Coach

MSC OPP.

1 Wisconsin 7 A  
Won 0, Lost 1

1937

Leon D. Burhans, Coach

MSC OPP.

6½ Toledo 1½ H  
5 Toledo 3 A  
4 St. Norbert 4 H  
Won 2, Lost 0, Tied 1

1938

Leon D. Burhans, Coach

MSC OPP.

3½ Florida 4½ H  
3 St. Norbert 5 A  
3 Wash. St. 5 H  
Won 0, Lost 3

1939

Leon D. Burhans, Coach

MSC OPP.

3 Syracuse 5 A  
7 W. Virginia 1 H  
6 Miami 2 H  
4 Penn State 4 H  
Won 2, Lost 1, Tied 1

1940

Leon D. Burhans, Coach

MSC OPP.

4 Syracuse 4 H  
1 Wisconsin 7 A  
1½ Penn State 6½ A  
4 Bucknell 4 A  
4 Temple 4 H  
2 W. Virginia 6 A  
Won 0, Lost 3, Tied 3

1941

Leon D. Burhans, Coach

MSC OPP.

4½ W. Virginia 3½ A  
4½ Temple 1½ A  
5 Bucknell 3 H  
5 W. Virginia 3 H  
0 Wisconsin 8 A  
3½ Penn State 4½ H  
Won 4, Lost 2

1942

Al Kawal, Coach

MSC OPP.

6 Purdue 2 H  
4½ Florida 3½ H  
5½ W. Virginia 2½ H  
1 Penn State 7 A  
1½ Bucknell 6½ A  
0 Wisconsin 8 A  
Won 3, Lost 3

1943

Al Kawal, Coach

MSC OPP.

4 Penn State 4 H  
5 Virginia Poly. 3 A  
3½ Virginia 4½ A  
3½ Catholic U. 4½ A  
1½ Wisconsin 6½ A  
5 W. Virginia 3 A  
Won 2, Lost 3, Tied 1

1944

No intercollegiate athletics sponsored during the year

1945

No team sponsored.

1946

Louis F. Zarza, Coach

MSC OPP.

1 Ottumwa Navy 7 A  
3½ Syracuse 4½ H  
2 Wisconsin 6 A  
4 Ottumwa Navy 4 H  
Won 0, Lost 3, Tied 1

1947

Louis F. Zarza, Coach

| MSC           | OPP. |
|---------------|------|
| 2 Syracuse    | 6 A  |
| 3½ Virginia   | 4½ H |
| 8 Georgetown  | 1 H  |
| 6½ Minnesota  | 1½ A |
| 5 Penn State  | 3 H  |
| 5½ Wisconsin  | 2½ H |
| Won 4, Lost 2 |      |

1948 George Makris, Coach

| MSC                   | OPP. |
|-----------------------|------|
| 3½ Maryland           | 4½   |
| 5½ Minnesota          | 2½   |
| 4 Maryland            | 4    |
| 2½ Virginia           | 5½   |
| 3½ Penn State         | 4½   |
| 3½ Louisiana State    | 4½   |
| 2½ Wisconsin          | 5½   |
| Won 1, Lost 5, Tied 1 |      |

1949

George Makris, Coach

| MSC                   | OPP. |
|-----------------------|------|
| 2½ Louisiana St.      | 5½   |
| 3 Army                | 5    |
| 6 DePaul              | 2    |
| 2½ Maryland           | 5½   |
| 5 Penn State          | 3    |
| 4½ Minnesota          | 3½   |
| 4 Wisconsin           | 4    |
| 7 John Carroll        | 1    |
| Won 4, Lost 3, Tied 1 |      |

# MSC RECORD WITH INDIVIDUAL OPPONENTS

|               | Matches | W  | L  | T | Pct.  |
|---------------|---------|----|----|---|-------|
| Wisconsin     | 11      | 1  | 9  | 1 | .136  |
| Toledo        | 2       | 2  | 0  | 0 | 1.000 |
| St. Norbert   | 2       | 0  | 1  | 1 | .250  |
| Florida       | 2       | 1  | 1  | 0 | .500  |
| Wash. St.     | 1       | 0  | 1  | 0 | .000  |
| Syracuse      | 4       | 0  | 3  | 1 | .750  |
| W. Va.        | 6       | 5  | 1  | 0 | .833  |
| Miami         | 1       | 1  | 0  | 0 | 1.000 |
| Penn State    | 8       | 2  | 4  | 2 | .500  |
| Bucknell      | 3       | 1  | 1  | 1 | .500  |
| Temple        | 2       | 1  | 0  | 1 | .750  |
| Purdue        | 1       | 1  | 0  | 0 | 1.000 |
| Va. Poly.     | 1       | 1  | 0  | 0 | 1.000 |
| Virginia      | 3       | 0  | 3  | 0 | .000  |
| Catholic U.   | 1       | 0  | 1  | 0 | .000  |
| Ottumwa Navy  | 2       | 0  | 1  | 1 | .250  |
| Georgetown    | 1       | 1  | 0  | 0 | 1.000 |
| Minnesota     | 3       | 3  | 0  | 0 | 1.000 |
| Maryland      | 3       | 0  | 2  | 1 | .167  |
| Louisiana St. | 2       | 0  | 2  | 0 | .000  |
| Army          | 1       | 0  | 1  | 0 | .000  |
| DePaul        | 1       | 1  | 0  | 0 | 1.000 |
| John Carroll  | 1       | 1  | 0  | 0 | 1.000 |
| Totals        | 62      | 22 | 31 | 9 | .427  |

Michigan State College Varsity Boxing Individual Summary--1949-'50

|      |     |                          |                 |                   |                     |                       |                      |                       |                          |                       |
|------|-----|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| NAME | Wt. | Louisiana St.<br>Dec. 28 | Army<br>Jan. 22 | DePaul<br>Jan. 25 | Maryland<br>Feb. 18 | Penn State<br>Feb. 26 | Minnesota<br>March 5 | Wisconsin<br>March 12 | John Carroll#<br>April 1 | NCAA<br>April 7, 8, 9 |
|------|-----|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|

|                 | Won  | Lost | Won  | Lost | Won   | Lost | Won  | Lost | Won  | Lost | Won  | Lost | Won  | Lost        |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
| Charboneau 125  |      | Dec. | Draw | Dec. |       | Dec. | TKO  |      | Dec. |      | Dec. |      | Dec. | Lost 1 Dec. |
| Tom Gemmell 130 |      | Dec. | Dec. |      | Dec.  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |             |
| Bert Davey 135  |      | Dec. |      |      | Draw  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |             |
| Sirhal 155      | Draw |      | TKO  | Dec. | (165) | Dec. | Draw | TKO  | Dec. |      | Dec. |      |      |             |
| Alderson 165    |      | Dec. |      | Dec. |       | Dec. | Dec. |      | Dec. |      | Dec. |      |      |             |
| Chuck Davey 145 | TKO  |      | TKO  |      | TKO   |      | TKO  |      | Dec. |      | Dec. |      | Dec. | Won 3 Dec.  |
| Marek 175       | TKO  |      | Draw | TKO  | (Hvy) |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | TKO  | Won 1 TKO   |
| Hughlett Hvy.   |      | Dec. |      |      |       | Dec. | Draw |      | Dec. |      | Dec. |      | Draw | Lost 1 Dec. |
| Grandelius 175  |      |      |      |      |       | Dec. |      | Dec. |      |      | Dec. |      |      | Lost 1 Dec. |
| Flynn 135       |      |      |      |      |       | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. |      |             |
| Dougherty 155   |      |      |      |      | TKO   |      | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | Dec. | (135)       |
| Jim Gemmell 165 |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | TKO  | Won 2 Dec.  |
| Amos 130        |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | Draw | Lost 1 Dec. |

# John Carroll forfeited at 145-pounds.