

On the verge of a breakout season?

# Matt Trannon Day: 14 catches, 151 yards, two touchdowns, one touchdown pass

By Ernie Boone

Finally, after four seasons, Matt Trannon has put up the superman numbers Spartan watchers have been waiting for.

Fourteen catches, 151 yards, two touchdowns, one touchdown pass.

Those numbers earned Trannon Big 10 Offensive Player of the Week honors and an awful lot of attention. And if receivers coach, Blaine Bennett is right, that performance is just the tip of the iceberg.

"I think there's more to come," said Bennett.

"Not that he's going to catch 14 receptions every week, but just his dominance," said Bennett.

"He's definitely our go to guy in the red zone, and third and medium calls. That fade throw is a delicate throw. Sometime it looks easier than it really is. The timing has to be just right, the corner has to

be just right, and the receiver has to go catch it.

"So a lot of things have to come into play, but it's certainly a play that we like for.



**Matt Trannon (6) picks up valuable yardage against Eastern Michigan** Photo by Ada Boone

and we'll continue to go to it." "Mix that in with a little slant rout too so they have to take that away.

"He's definitely a threat down

there (in the red zone). Anytime you get a one-on-one with Matt Trannon, that's a place you want to go," Bennett said.

It's hard to think of a player who averaged nearly 40 receptions for three years, nearly 12 yards per catch and threatens to set a career receiving record passing such names as Andre Rison, Charles Rogers and Plaxico Burress as having a breakout senior year.

But that's just what the senior wide receiver is threatening to do.

At 6-6 235-pound with sprinter speed (he finished second in the state in the 100 meters in high school), and the agility of a starter on a NCAA tournament basketball team, his potential seems unlimited.

Fans and coaches picture him dominating opposing defenders. It was expected that he'd put up superman numbers with regularity. He hasn't done so. The big

question now is - "Is this the start."

In fairness to Trannon, veteran observers say that it isn't likely.



**Matt Trannon**  
Photo by Ada Boone

Coach John L. Smith's "spread the wealth" offense doesn't lend itself to the generation of gaudy numbers for an individual receiver.

That's especially true with a smart, skillful quarterback like Drew Stanton at the helm.

Smith's offense is a, "Follow the path of least resistance; take what the defense gives

you system. That means that when teams focus on Trannon, Stanton will throw to the receivers left more open.

Few quarterbacks in the country are more skillful than Stanton at reading defenses and finding the most open man.

It's certain that the University of Pittsburgh and future Spartan opponents will also be keeping their eyes and likely an extra man on Trannon from now on. They'll make it tough to post those double digit reception numbers on a consistent basis.

In doing so, they'll create added opportunities for the rest of MSU's fine receiving corpse.

At the same time, if Bennett gets his wish, fans are likely to see a lot more of the big fella when State gets the ball in the red zone.

And that could mean seeing a lot more of Trannon in the end zone.

## Former J.W. Sexton standout had a career day before family and friends in Eagle loss

When your football team loses by 30 points and you're a defensive starter, there's little to cheer about.

But when you intercept a pass, recover a fumble, throw a key block to allow an on-side kick recovery, and make four tackles, three solos that has to soften the blow, at least a little.

It certainly does for family and friends.

And that's just how it was for Lansing's Jacob Wyatt when Michigan State toppled Eastern Michigan, 52-20 at Spartan Stadium recently.

The former J.W. Sexton standout had a career day before family and friends.

Know one could be prouder than his dad, who mans a computer help line at MSU. Kevin Wyatt was beaming as he left Spartan stadium.

"I'm so proud of that kid," the father said. "He's done a



**Jacob Wyatt**

Photo by Ada Boone

good job."

A 5-11 1194-pound sophomore strong safety, Wyatt was all over the field throughout the game.

He picked off a Drew Stanton pass at the MSU 40-yard line on the Spartan's first play from scrimmage.

The Eagle were forced to kick a 41-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead.

MSU then took over, scoring 24 unanswered points to take a 24-3 lead.

The Eagles got back on the scoreboard with a 38-yard touchdown pass. Eastern then perfectly executed an on-side kick with Wyatt throwing a key block at the point of attack allowing Andrew Wellock to fall on the ball and gain possession.

Eastern quickly followed with a 54-yard touchdown drive and in less than two minutes the score was a tight, 24-17, where it remained at halftime. Javon Ringer fumbled the second half kick-off, and Wyatt was right there at the Spartan MSU 22-yard line to recover.

Eastern was forced to settle for a 38-yard field goal to close out its scoring.

The Spartans kept Wyatt and the rest of the EMU secondary busy all day, completing 29 of 37 passes for 322 yards and five touchdowns.

Wyatt stepped into the starting strong safety spot this season after playing a back up role as a freshman. He had one interception which he returned for 20 yards last season.

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**Birthdays in September**

Mr. Luther William "Mr. Party" Brown, Sr. celebrated his birthday on September 1, 2006, "jammin at home" with family and friends. He turned 54 years old.

Ms. Jennifer Brown celebrated her birthday on September 2, 2006.

Ms. Janet L. Rodgers celebrated her "Fabulous at 40" birthday bash on September 3, 2006 at the Sheridan Hotel with live entertainment, featuring Eddie Robinson and Dave Toliver of Men at Large.

Mr. Al Mc Connell celebrated his birthday on September 6, 2006, with family and friends in Los Vegas, NV.

Mr. Mike Boles celebrated his birthday on September 7, 2006. He turned 54 years old.

Ms. Bernadine Lovett celebrated her 50th birthday on September 8, 2006, with a birthday party at the Elks Club, in Lansing, MI.

Ms. Michelle Brown will celebrate her birthday on September 16, 2006. She will turn 13 years old.

Mr. Robert Collins will celebrate his birthday on September 17, 2006 at the Elks club in Lansing, MI.

Attorney Charles Ford will celebrate and have his annual birthday party on September 22, 2006 at the Cadillac Club in Lansing, MI.

Ms. Kamy Parks will celebrate her birthday at home with family and friends on September 29, 2006. She will turn 6 years old.

Ms. Donecia Denise Brown will celebrate her 30th birthday on September 29, 2006 in Dallas, Texas.

**Weddings**

Mr. Aaron and Ms. Annie Jones will say their wedding vows on September 16, 2006 with family and friends in Francis Park in Lansing, MI.

**Anniversaries**

**Mr. Party** Celebration Services celebrated its 21st Anniversary in business on September 1, 2006. On September 1, 1985, Bill "Mr. Party" Brown made his first official appearance as **Mr. Party**, The Ambassador Celebration, along with his friend and escort Ms. Wanda Watkins, at Slammers Night Club, in Lansing, Michigan, selling his celebration products. The rest is history.

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