

There is no “quit” in Spartan senior captains

By Ernie Boone

Despite three straight losses and undefeated Ohio State coming to town Saturday, October 14, you see no white flags of surrender when you visit Michigan State University's Duff Daugherty Building these days.

With a pair of season-long starters out and several others among the walking wounded coach John L. Smith's Spartans appear to have their heads up and jaws squared as they await the top-ranked Buckeyes.

That's largely because there's no quit in their leaders, senior captains Drew Stanton and Cliff Ryan.

They set the example. After back-to-back embarrassing performances in losses to Notre Dame and Illinois, Stanton delivered a fiery post practice speech then, bruised ribs and all, turned in as gritty a performance as has been seen in these parts in a mistake-filled 31-13 loss to Michigan.

He hit on 20 of 35 passes for 252 yards and rushed for 30 yards and a touchdown.

Ryan, a less vocal type who prefers to lead by example, was on his way to perhaps his best showing of the season against the Wolverines when he was sidelined early in the third quarter by a badly bruised calf that stiffened up.

The 6-2-302-pound defensive end had three solo tackles



Senior Co-Captain Cliff Ryan (92) prepares to make stop against Illinois Photo by Adia Boone

before the injury. He was forced to watch helplessly from the sidelines as his last opportunity to beat the MSU arch-rival sailed away.

He'll be ready to go against the Buckeyes.

"Nobody's probably going to give us a shot," Ryan said about Ohio State. "We're going to be a huge underdog. We won in 2004 when Wisconsin was the No. 4 team in the country, so hopefully

we can do it again this Saturday."

It's that up-beat determination that keeps Ryan and the rest of the Spartans going despite the disappointments of a college career that's seen just two winning seasons in four years. MSU is 3-3 in this, his final season, and requires a major effort to send him class out on a winning note.

And that's just what Ryan

hopes to do.

"Our season isn't over yet," he said. "We're going to keep fighting."

"We've got to make plays. What's frustrating is I know we can do it. It's like we have a split personality out there."

"At times we're dominant and play like we can compete with any team in the country. Other times we're mediocre. We've got to attack every game, every play the same - play a complete game."

According to Spartan coaches, that's a pretty good description of Ryan's individual play.

"He's our best defensive lineman," says defensive line coach, Derrick Jackson.

"He has the potential to be great. He's physical, plays the run well, and can pass rush. He's got it all, strength, power, explosiveness. He'll get a chance to play at the next level."

What he lacks is consistency. He has yet to put in that complete game performance.

He's been a dominant physical presence that opponents must account for most of the time, but he does seem to take some plays off.

Jackson said that Illinois was the only game in which he wasn't dominant.

"He's a great kid," said Jackson. "He takes coaching well, and he practices and plays with the emotional intensity you want to see."

He and his Spartan

teammates just has to find a way to maintain that emotion and intensity a full 60 minutes.

That's what Spartan coaches and fans are looking for, and they hope it will come against Ohio State.

The Spartans have flirted with victory the last two times out against Ohio State. Last season they led 17-7 in the first half before the Buckeyes blocked a field goal attempt and returned it 72-yards to score on the last play of the half.

Ohio State went on to score three second half touchdowns and claim a 35-24 win. In 2004 the Buckeyes came from behind to post a 32-19 win.

Ryan is hoping that the third time will be a charm.

While his on-the-field experience at MSU has been frustrating, off the field he's enjoyed significant success.

He and fellow Saginaw native, LaMarr Woodley of Michigan joined to sponsor a golf tournament that raised more than \$100,000 to help fund summer recreation programs in their home town.

They were joined by community and business leaders in sponsoring the Heroes for Kids Golf Tournament. The tournament drew players from each of the schools, 71 from MSU and 20 from Michigan.

News notes...News notes...News notes

Local Radio Personality KP Hayes dies at age 36

KP Hayes' funeral was held on Monday the 9th of October at Union Missionary Baptist Church to a standing room only crowd. KP Hayes, who was well known in the Black community and at Union, worked at 96.5 as a local DJ and was a former sportscaster with the local ABC affiliate channel 53.

Baseball Legend Buck O'Neil Dies

Just one month before his birthday former Negro League player and manager, Buck O'Neil dies. Buck O'Neil recently spoke this past summer in Cooperstown, NY as the Hall of Fame inducted several former Negro League players into it's hallowed halls. Buck O'Neil still has not been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Local Black Stations Sold but will keep DJs and format

Locally owned 96.5FM and 1180 Am were recently sold to MacDonald Broadcasting for \$3 million dollars. 96.5 will keep it's urban/hip hop format except for the addition of the syndicated Tom Joyner show in the morning.

1180 AM will switch to the easy listening format that MacDonald already broadcasts on one of it's sister stations. 96.5 was the first Black owned station in the mid-Michigan area.

Union and Shiloah Baptist Hold Church Anniversaries this month

October is the anniversary for both Union Missionary and Shiloah Missionary Baptist. Union's (Rev. Melvin T. Jones, Pastor) anniversary is Oct. 22nd and Shiloah's (Rev. Climmie Hughes, Pastor) anniversary is the following week.

Local Man Set to Give Away 2,500 Sq. Foot

Building in Essay Contest

A local business owner is holding an essay contest and he intends to give his 2,500 sq. foot building on Michigan Avenue to the best essay. The essays are to be no longer than 4 pages and are to detail a business idea that you would operate in the building. To enter it costs \$100 but the winner walks off with a building that is mortgage and debt free and that is worth over \$300,000. To check out the complete rules you can go to his website at www.ownmyownbusinesscontest.com.

Oprah and Bob Johnson Make Forbes 400 list

Oprah and Bob Johnson (former owner of BET) both come in with net worth of more than a billion to make this years edition of the Forbes 400. Oprah is ranked the highest with a net worth of 1.4 billion and Bob Johnson, 1.1 billion returns to

the list after a brief hiatus due to a recent divorce.

The Dow Reaches New High

On Tuesday, Oct. 3rd the Dow Jones reached a new high closing at 11,727.34, surpassing the previous high set in 2000. It took the Dow nearly 7 years to recover after the bust of the internet stock of the late 1990s.

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