

# Spartans get it together, roll over Michigan, 35-21

EAST LANSING - Bouncing back from its worst loss under coach Mark Dantonio (45-7 to Ohio State) with a 35-21 victory over Michigan in Ann Arbor, one thinks would trigger at least a week-long celebration here in Spartan land. Especially when it was the first Big House win in 18 years.

Not these days. Just two days after the return of Paul Bunyan to the Spartan trophy case after a six-year absence, the win in Ann Arbor is all but forgotten as MSU prepares to host a rejuvenated group of Wisconsin Badgers Saturday, November 1.

With Penn State's 13-6 victory over Ohio State, the Spartans find themselves smack dab in the middle of the conference title race - if, of course, they can take care of business at Spartan Stadium the next two weeks against Wisconsin and Purdue.

Given the circumstances, the Ohio fiasco amounts to

## Javon Ringer scampers to pay-dirt against Spartans arch rival Michigan Wolverines

Photo by Adia Boone

nothing more than an embarrassing wake-up call, and the Michigan victory a warm up for the all important battle against the Badgers

A top 10 team in early season polls, Wisconsin fell upon hard times, losing four straight Big Ten contests to the likes of Michigan, 27-25, Ohio State, 20-17, Penn State, 48-7, and Iowa, 38-16. The Badgers appear to have

gotten themselves back on track, however. Wisconsin rallied from a 17-10 mid-third quarter deficit to beat Illinois, 27-17.

Wisconsin held the Illini offense to 309 total yards, 174 below its ninth in the nation average.

Junior Dustin Sherer has taken over at quarterback, starting the last two contests. He had a hand in all three

touchdowns against Illinois, passing for two and rushing for the third.

MSU senior quarterback, Brian Hoyer had his best performance of the season to turn back the Wolverines. He hit on 17 of 29 attempts for 282 yards and three touchdowns.

The performance earned the Ohio senior Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Hoyer and his teammates must equal their Ann Arbor performance on both sides of the ball and eliminate their mistakes if they're going to beat Wisconsin.

MSU fumbled three times, losing two, had a field goal

blocked, and missed a 24-yard chip shot as well as a 50-yard attempt.

That was four times in the red-zone without points. If the Spartans leave that many points on the field against Wisconsin, title hopes will be left there also.

Hoyer was not the only top notch performer against the Wolverines. Former walk-on, Blair White caught four passes for 143 yards, one a 61-yard touchdown.

Javon Ringer rushed for 194 yards and two touchdowns. Marcus Hyde, substituting for the injured Otis Wiley, had 4 tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception. Greg

Jones and Kendell Davis-Clark led all tacklers with 10 and 7 stops respectively.

## Ringer named to Midseason All-American Team

Michigan State running back Javon Ringer was recently named to Sporting News Today's inaugural Midseason All-American Team.

Ringer, who has rushed for 1,179 yards and 14 TDs this season, was one of six Big Ten players honored. Both All-American running backs were from the conference; Iowa's Shonn Greene grabbed the other spot.

## MSU men's basketball team sports new hair dos

By Ernie Boone

It's a team thing. Perhaps only champions really understand! When coach Tom Izzo's Spartans hit the Breslin Center court to open the 08-09 exhibition season Wednesday November 5 the new uniforms won't be the most important part of their new look.

Check out the hair!

Gone are the braids.

Marquise Gray, Raymar Morgan, and Chris Allen are no longer sporting the carefully groomed corn rows that have been their trade marks in past seasons.

And it's no accident. It's a team thing.

The three have sacrificed their long locks and individuality for the team.

It started with Gray.

Hampered by injuries and often early foul trouble, the 6-8 235-pound fifth year senior has been a bit of a disappointment in his three seasons as a Spartan. Clearly the most athletic of the MSU big men, "Quise" has had his moments, but he has not lived up to the potential seen by Izzo and a host of other observers.

Recognizing that this is his last chance, Gray decided to cut his hair to symbolize a brand new start and a total commitment to being the best that he can be and contributing the maximum to the Spartans senior's efforts to win a Big Ten championship before they leave.

The idea caught on, and the next thing you know, Morgan and Allen had followed suit.

They decided to give the team a more uniform look and cut their hair. Now, instead of the three expressing their individuality through their hair dos, they're using their hair to express their unity as a team.

For Morgan and Allen, the hair cuts are no small sacrifice.

"I hadn't had a haircut since I was in middle school," said Morgan. "I almost didn't recognize myself when I looked in the mirror."

It was even more difficult for Allen. He was even younger when he began wearing braids, and quite attached to the hairstyle.

"It's a team thing," he said, "just a way of saying that we're all together - united."

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