

MICHIGAN STATE vs MICHIGAN  
Spartan Stadium

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Oct. 9, 1971  
FIRST QUARTER

MS--Michigan State  
M --University of Michigan

Weather: Partly to mostly cloudy with 30%  
chance of light showers. Temps  
ranging between high 50's and low  
60's. Winds out of W to SW 7 to  
15 mph.

MS won toss and chose to defend south goal

Shlapak to Banks on 3 hit by shlapak on m 35

M 1-10 m 35--Taylor on sweep, hit by Clark, gain 8  
2- 2 43--Taylor at middle, hit by Hamilton, gain 1  
3- 1 44--Taylor on sweep to left, hit by VanPelt, gain 6  
1-10 50--Taylor at middle, hit by Hamilton, no gain  
2-10 50--Slade passto Boughty, hit by Alderson and Clark, gain 12  
1-10 ms 38--Taylor off tackle to left for TD with 12:17 left  
6 plays 65 yards

Kick by Coin good M 7 MS 0

Coin kick to Holt on 5, hit by Middlebrook on 20

MS 1-10 ms 20--Matthews at middle, hit by Taylor, gain 3  
2- 7 23--Kolch on keeper, hit by Darden, gain 8  
1-10 31--Matthews at middle, hit by Taylor, gain of 3  
2- 7 34--Eric Allen on sweep, hit by Coin, gain 2  
3- 5 36--Allen on sweep to right, hit by Darden, gain 7  
1-10 43--Williams at middle, hit by Taylor, gain 2  
2- 8 45--Kolch scrambling, hit by Gusich, loss of 2  
3-10 43--Kolch scrambling, hit by Beckman, loss of 7  
4-17 36--Simpson punt To Elliott on 30, hit by Allan, 34 yd kick loss of 2 on return

M 1-10 m 28--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Hamilton, gain 8  
2- 2 36--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Dawson, no gain  
3- 2 36--Taylor on pitchout, hit by VanPelt and Hayner, gain 11  
1-10 47--Taylor on sweep to left, hit by Hayner and VanPelt, gain 13  
1-10 ms 40--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Hamilton, gain 2  
2- 8 38--Walker on sweep, hit by Simpson, gain 5  
3- 3 33--Walker on sweep to left, hit by Alderson, gain 5  
1-10 28--Slade on sneak, gain of 2, hit by Hamilton  
2- 8 26--Walker at middle, hit by Curl, gain of 5  
3- 4 22--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Clark, gain 2  
4- 2 20--Seyferth at middle, hit by Clark, no gain

MS 1-10 ms 20--Matthews at middle, hit by Gambau, gain 3  
2- 7 23--Kolch on keeper, hit by Logan, no gain  
3- 7 23--Allen on sweep to right, hit by Coin, gain of 4  
4- 3

M 7 MS 0

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Second Quarter

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MS 4-3 ms 27--Simpson punt to Elliott, hit by ... , kick 39 m penalty clipping

M 1-10 m 25--Walker at middle, hit by Joseph, gain 2  
2- 8 27--Slade pass to Seymour, hit by Hayner, gain 11  
1-10 38--Walker on pitchout to left, hit by Joseph, m penalty clipping  
1-12 36--Slade on keeper, hit by Barr and Hayner, gain 11  
2- 1 47--Walker on pitchout to left, hit by Hayner, gain 8  
1-10 ms 45--Doughty on pitchout, hit by Hayner, gain 3  
2- 7 42--Slade scrambling, hit by Curl, gain 2  
3- 5 40--Slade pass to Doughty, hit by Alderson and Hayner, gain 22  
1-10 18--Slade on keeper, hit by Kronner and Hamilton, no gain  
2-10 18--Slade pass knocked down by Curl  
3-10 18--Slade pass for Banks incomplete  
4-10 18--Coin FG attempt wide

MS 1-10 ms 20--Manderino at middle, hit by Beckman, gain 1  
2- 9 21--Holt on sweep to left, hit by Keller, loss of 2  
3-11 19--Kolch on sweep, hit by Coin, no gain  
4-11 19--Simpson punt to Elliott on m 48, hit by Allen, kick 33, return 4

M 1-10 ms 48--Slade on keeper, hit by Kronner and Clark, gain 6  
2- 4 42--Walker at middle, hit by Barr, gain 6  
1-10 36--Walker on pitchout to right, hit by Kronner, gain 4  
2- 6 32--Slade pass for Seymour deflected by Niesen  
3- 6 32--Slade scrambling, hit by Kumiega, gain 5  
4- 1 27--Walker on pitchout to right, hit by Niesen, gain 9  
1-10 18--Taylor on pitchout to right, McCloughlin, gain 5  
2- 5 13--Taylor on pitchout to right, hit by Hayner, gain 7  
1-goal 6--Taylor on sweep hit by Curl, fumble recovered Seal  
2-goal 7--Banks on pitchout, hit by Niesen, loss of 3  
3-goal 10--Slade pass knocked down by Curl  
4-goal 10--Coin FG 27 yd with 2:16 left

MS 10 MS 0

Coin kick to Allen in end zone, hit by Sexton, return 19

MS 1-10 ms 19--Kolch on keeper, hit by Coin and Beckman, gain 5  
2- 5 24--Allen at middle, hit by Grambau, no gain  
3- 5 24--Kolch pass for Manderino incomplete  
4- 5 24--Simpson punt to Darden, m penalty roughing kicker  
1-10 ms 39--Kolch pass to Manderino, hit by Taylor and Gusich, gain 5  
2- 5 44--Kolch pass for Manderino incomplete  
3- 5 44--Kolch pass for Manderino, hit by Logan, gain 14  
1-10 m 42--Kolch pass to Kough, hit by Taylor, gain 41  
1-goal 1--Kolch on keeper for TD with no time left 9 plays 81 yards

Shlapak kick good

M 10 MS 7

B I G T E N C O N F E R E N C E

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HALF-TIME STATISTICS

	<u>MICHIGAN</u>	<u>MICHIGAN STATE</u>
First Downs	12	5
Rushes/Yards	31/169	17/28
Passing Yardage	45	60
Kick Return Yardage	40	34
Passes	3-7-0	3-5-0
Punts	0/0	3/35
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	3-32	0-0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE

<u>RUSHING</u>	<u>ATT.</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>RUSHING</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
Taylor	10	88	Allen	4	13
Walker	6	43			

<u>PASSING</u>	<u>ATT</u>	<u>COMPL.</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>PASSING</u>	<u>ATT.</u>	<u>COMPL.</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
Blade	7	3	45	Kolch	5	3	60

<u>RECEIVING</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>RECEIVING</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
Doughty	2	34	Manderino	2	24
			Kough	1	41

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Third Quarter

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Shlapak kick out of end zone

- M 1-10 m 20--Walker at middle, hit by VanPelt, gain 7  
2- 3 27--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Hayner, gain 8  
1-10 35--Walker at middle, hit by Clark, no gain  
2-10 35--Slade pass for Rather incomplete  
3-10 35--Slade back to pass hit by Kromer, loss of 5  
4-15 30--Dotzauer punt to Holt kick 45, hit by Cooder no return
- MS 1-10 ms 25--Matthews at middle, hit by Darden, gain 6  
2- 4 31--Williams on pitchout to left, hit by Coin and Darden, gain 4  
3- 1 34--Williams on pitchout to left, hit by Keller, gain 2  
1-10 36--Allen at middle, hit by Darden, gain 7  
2- 3 43--Holt on sweep to left, hit by Keller loss of 1  
3- 4 42--Allen on pitchout to right, hit by Gusich, loss of 3  
4- 7 39--Simpson punt rolls out of bounds on m 23 kick 38 yd
- M 1-10 m 23--Slade on keeper, hit by VanPelt, gain 9  
2- 1 32--Seyferth off tackle to left, hit by Hayner, gain 6  
1-10 38--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Hamilton, gain 2  
2- 8 40--Slade pass knocked down by Curl  
3- 8 40--Slade scrambling, hit by Wieleba, gain 2  
4- 6 42--Dotzauer punt to Holt, fumble, recovered by VanPelt kick 38 return 3
- MS 1-10 ms 23--Kolch on keeper, hit by team, gain 8  
2- 2 31--Allen off tackle, hit by team, gain 5  
1-10 36--Mihaiu on pitchout to left, hit by Logan, gain 8  
2- 2 44--Allen at middle, hit by Darden Kee, gain 5  
1-10 49--Manderino at middle, hit by Carpenter, gain 6  
2- 4 m 45--Manderino at middle, hit by Beckman, gain 2  
3- 2 43--Kolch on keeper hit by team, gain 3  
1-10 40--Allen at middle, hit by Carpenter, gain 3  
2- 7 37--Kolch on keeper, hit by Elliott and Gusich, gain 10  
1-10 27--Mihaiu at middle, hit by Coin Logan, gain 2  
2- 8 25--Kolch on keeper, hit by Beckman, loss of 1  
3- 9 26--Kolch pass to DuPree, hit by Coin, gain 8  
4- 1 18--Allen at middle, hit by Ellis and Taylor, gain 4  
1-10 14--Allen off tackle,

M 10 MS 0

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Fourth Quarter

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MS 1-15 m 19--on previous play ms penalty illegal motion. Mihaiu on sweep to left  
hit by Darden gain 1  
2-14 18--Kolch on scramble, loss of 9 hit by Keller ms penalty illegal motion declined  
3-23 27--Kolch back to pass fumbled, hit by Carpenter recovered by Keller loss 20

M 1-10 m 47-- Taylor on pitchout to right, hit by Curl no gain  
2-10 47--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Barr and VanPelt gain 16  
1-10 ms 37--Taylor on pitchout to left, hit by Alderson, gain 5  
2- 5 32--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Clark, ~~XXX~~ loss of 2  
3- 7 34--Slade on keeper, hit by Clark, gain 7  
1-10 27--Taylor on pitchout to left, hit by Barr, gain of 20  
1-goal 7--Taylor at middle, hit by Wieleba, gain 2  
2-goal 5--Doughty at middle, hit by team, gain 3  
3-goal 2--Taylor on pitchout to right for TD with 9:15 left  
9 plays 53 yards

Coin kick good

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M 17 MS 7

Coin kick to Manderino on 20 hit by Steger, fumbled recovered by Steger

M 1-10 ms 24--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Wieleba, gain 4  
2- 6 20--Seyferth at middle, hit by Barr, gain 10  
1-goal 10--Walker at middle, hit by Joseph, gain 1  
2-goal 9--Slade on keeper for TD with 7:28 left 4 plays 24 yards

Coin kick good

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M 24 MS 7

Coin kick to Allen on 12, hit by Coin, return 23 yd

MS 1-10 ms 35-- Holt on pitchout to right, hit by Gusich, gain 1  
2- 9 36--Kolch pass to Kough, hit by Darden, gain 18  
1-10 m 46--Kolch pass to Kough, hit by Gusich and Coin gain 11  
1-10 35--Kolch pass to Mihaiu dropped  
2-10 35--Kolch back to pass hit by Kee, loss of 13  
3-23 48--Rasmussen pass to Hurd, hit by Coin, gain 32  
1-10 16--Rasmussen pass for Kough, m penalty pass interference  
1-goal 1--Allen at middle for TD with 4:20 left 7 plays 65 yards

Mihaiu on pitchout, attempt no good

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M 24 MS 13

Shlapak kick taken by Seymour

M 1-10 ms 48--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Clark, gain 3  
2- 7 45--Walker on pitchout to right, hit by Hamilton gain 3  
3- 4 42--Walker on pitchout to right, hit by VanPelt, gain 9  
1-10 33--Shuttlesworth at middle, hit by Hamilton, gain 4  
2- 6 29--Shuttlesworth off tackle, hit by Hamilton, gain 5  
3- 1 24--Walker on pitchout to right, hit by VanPelt, gain 9  
1-10 15--Walker at middle, hit by Curl, gain 1  
2- 9 14--Doughty on pitchout to right, hit by VanPelt, gain 7  
3- 2 7--Walker on pitchout to left, hit by Barr, gain 5  
1-goal 2--Doughty at middle, hit by Van Pelt, gain 1  
2-goal 1--Doughty at middle, hit by VanPelt no gain

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LINEUPS

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OFFENSE

SE Rather, Seal, Coakley,  
QT Coode, Poplawski,  
LG McKenzie, Hoban,  
C Murdock, Hart,  
RG Coyle, Schumacher,  
ST Brandstatter, Tucker,  
TE Seymour,  
QB Slade,  
FB Seyferth, Shuttlesworth, Thornblain,  
TB Taylor, W., Walker, Banks,  
WB Doughty, Gustafson,

Punters            Dotzauer,  
Place Kickers    Coin

DEFENSE

LE Carpenter, Eaton, Spearman,  
LT Grambeau,  
MG Ellis, Sexton, Gallagher,  
RT Beckman, Smith,  
RE Keller,  
MLB Taylor, M., Middlebrook,  
OLB Coin, Kes,  
WM Gasich, Steger,  
WHB Elliott, Drake,  
SHB Logan, Elliott, D.,  
S Darden, Dotzauer,

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OFFENSE

TE DePree, Brown,  
LT Macholz, McConnell, McClewry,  
LG Loper,  
C Roy,  
RG Roberts,  
RT DeLamielleure,  
SE Hurd, Kough, Ransom,  
QB Kolch, Rasmussen  
FB Matthews, Mandarino, Charette,  
TB Allen,  
WB Williams, Holt, Mihaiu,

Punters Simpson,  
Place Kickers Shlapak,

DEFENSE

LF Halliday,  
LT Curl, Nester,  
MG Hamilton, McLaughlin,  
RT Joseph, Dawson,  
RE Wieloba, Kronner, Chada,  
LB Clark, Kulikowski,  
LB Alderson, Kumoga,  
CB Holt, Timmons,  
S Niesen, Harms,  
S VanPelt, Simpson,  
CB Hayner, Barr

OFFICIALS

REFEREE Gene Calhoun

UMPIRE Frank Strocchia

HEAD LINESMAN John Olson

FIELD JUDGE Gene Carrabine

BACK JUDGE Bernie Kathman

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE 80,093

	<u>MICHIGAN</u>	<u>MICHIGAN STATE</u>
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS. . . . .	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>
Rushing . . . . .	<u>19</u>	<u>8</u>
Passing . . . . .	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
PENALTY . . . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
NET YARDS GAINED RUSHING . . . . .	<u>322</u>	<u>59</u>
Number of Rushes. . . . .	<u>63</u>	<u>41</u>
Yards Gained Rushing. . . . .	<u>333</u>	<u>117</u>
Yards Lost Rushing. . . . .	<u>11</u>	<u>58</u>
NET YARDS GAINED PASSING . . . . .	<u>45</u>	<u>129</u>
Number Attempted. . . . .	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Number Completed. . . . .	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>
Number Intercepted. . . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL PLAYS (Rushes and Passes). . . . .	<u>72</u>	<u>51</u>
TOTAL NET YARDS GAINED . . . . .	<u>367</u>	<u>188</u>
TOTAL KICK RETURN YARDAGE. . . . .	<u>40</u>	<u>61</u>
Punt Returns, Number. . . . .	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Punt Returns, Yards . . . . .	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>
Kickoff Returns, Number . . . . .	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Kickoff Returns, Yards. . . . .	<u>32</u>	<u>61</u>
PUNTS		
Number of Punts . . . . .	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
Average Yards. . . . .	<u>41.5</u>	<u>38</u>
Had Blocked . . . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FUMBLES (Number/Lost). . . . .	<u>1/3</u>	<u>3/2</u>
INTERCEPTION (Number / Yards). . . . .	<u>0/0</u>	<u>0/0</u>
PENALTIES (Number / Yards)	<u>4/47</u>	<u>1/5</u>
SCORING SUMMARY		
Touchdowns. . . . .	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
Conversions (1 Point/2Point). . . . .	<u>3/0</u>	<u>1/0</u>
Field Goals (Number / Attempted). . . . .	<u>1/2</u>	<u>0/0</u>
Safeties. . . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

SCORE BY QUARTERS:    I.    2    3    4    FINAL

    MICHIGAN            7    3    0    14    24

    MICHIGAN STATE    0    7    0    6    13

    1st UM--Taylor 38-yard run (Coin kick) 2:43

    2nd UM--Coin FG 27 yards 12:44

    2ndMSU--Kolch 1-yard run (Shlapak kick) 15:00

    4th UM--Taylor 2-yard run(Coin kick) 5:45

        UM--Slade 9-yard run(Coin kick) 7:32

        MS--Allen 1-yard run(run failed) 10:40

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INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

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R U S H I N G

<u>MICHIGAN</u>						<u>MICHIGAN STATE</u>					
<u>ATT.</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>ATT.</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Taylor	15	118	1	117	2 38	Allen	11	38	3	35	1 7
Seyferth	3	16	0	16	0 10	Matthews	4	15	0	15	0 6
Shuttlesworth	12	54	2	52	0 16	Kolch	14	35	52	-17	1 10
Slade	11	53	5	48	1 11	Williams	3	8	0	8	0 4
Walker	16	78	0	78	0 9	Manderino	3	9	0	9	0 6
Banks	1	0	3	-3	0 -3	Holt	3	1	3	-2	0 1
Doughty	5	14	0	14	0 7	Mihaiu	3	11	0	11	0 8

P A S S I N G

<u>MICHIGAN</u>						<u>MICHIGAN STATE</u>					
<u>ATT.COMP.</u>	<u>INT.</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>		<u>ATT.COMP.</u>	<u>INT.</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	
Slade	9	3	0	45	0 22	Kolch	9	6	0	97 0 41	
						Rasmussen	1	1	0	32 0 32	

R E C E I V I N N G

<u>MICHIGAN</u>				<u>MICHIGAN STATE</u>			
<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Doughty	2	34	0	22	Kough	3	70 0 41
Seymour	1	11	0	11	Manderino	2	19 0 14
					Dupree	1	8 0 8
					Hurd	1	32 0 32

P U N T I N G

<u>MICHIGAN</u>				<u>MICHIGAN STATE</u>			
<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVG.</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Dotzauer	2	83	41.5 45	Simpson	4	144 36	39

P U N T R E T U R N S

<u>MICHIGAN</u>					<u>MICHIGAN STATE</u>				
<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TD</u>
Elliott	3	8	2.66 6	0	Holt	2	3	1.5 3	0

K I C K O F F R E T U R N S

<u>MICHIGAN</u>					<u>MICHIGAN STATE</u>				
<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>TD</u>
Banks	1	32	32 32	0	Allen	2	42	21 23	0
Seymour	1	0	0 0	0	Holt	1	15	15 15	0
					Manderino	1	4	4 4	0



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INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS.

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PASSES INTERCEPTED      NUMBER      YARDS  
None

PASSES INTERCEPTED      NUMBER      YARDS  
None

PASSES BROKEN UP      NUMBER  
None

PASSES BROKEN UP      NUMBER  
Curl      3  
Niesen      1

M I C H I G A N   S T A T E   V S   M I C H I G A N

TOUCHDOWN SAVES      METHOD  
Taylor, Mike      Tackle  
Coin      Tackle

TOUCHDOWN SAVES,      METHOD  
Barr      2 by Tackle  
VanPelt      Tackle

BLOCKED KICKS      PUNT      PLACEMENT  
None

BLOCKED KICKS      PUNT      PLACEMENT  
None

FUMBLES RECOVERED  
Keller      1  
Steger      1

FUMBLES RECOVERED  
None

TACKLES FOR LOSS      NUMBER      YARDS  
Gusich      2      5  
Beckman      2      8  
Keller      3      12  
Carpenter      1      20  
Kee      1      13

TACKLES FOR LOSS      NUMBER      YARDS  
Niesen      1      3  
Kronner      1      5  
Clark      1      2  
Curl      1      1

TACKLES	SOLOS	ASST.	C.F.	TOTAL
Coin	5	10		15
Darden	6	3		9
Logan	2	6		8
Gusich	2	5		7
Keller	5	1		6
Beckman	4	1		5
Taylor	2	3		5
Kee	3	1		4
Carpenter	3	0	1	3
Ellis	0	2		2
Grambau	2	0		2
Coode	1	0		1
Middlebrook	1	0		1
Sexton	1	0		1
Drake	1	0	1	1
Elliott, B.	0	1		1
Spearman	0	1		1
Team				2

TACKLES	SOLOS	ASST.	C.F.	TOTAL
Hayner	2	11		13
VanPelt	7	5		12
Hamilton	5	7		12
Clark	6	5		11
Barr	5	5		10
Curl	3	6	1	9
Alderson	2	5		7
McLaughlin	1	3		4
Kronner	2	2		4
Joseph	2	2		4
Wieleba	2	1		3
Simpson	0	3		3
Niesen	2	1		3
Dawson	1	1		2
Halliday, D	0	2		2
Roberts	1	1		2
Allen	2	0		2
Kumiega	1	0		1
Shlapak	0	1		1
Team				1

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REPORT FROM DRESSING ROOM

MICHIGAN

COACH: Bo Schembechler

"It was a tough game, and no place for the faint of heart.

"I made two bad moves in the game. I shouldn't have rushed their punter the time we got the penalty which kept their drive for a touchdown alive. And I shouldn't have put Taylor back into the game so early. His shoulder was still tender and he fumbled deep in State's territory. I shouldn't have put him until the second half after he had proper treatment in the lockerroom.

"Taylor is something. He can go wide or turn back up the middle. It is his moves which make him great.

"We made up our minds early in the week on using (quarterback Tom) Slade. We wanted a running quarterback, and he can run with the ball.

"Our defense has been superb all year and it had to adjust to State's new offense (Bo described it as the wishbone).

"I'm not surprised they took wind at the start of the game. Their guy (Simpson) is a superb placekicker. This is a windy field."

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MICHIGAN STATE

COACH Duffy Daugherty

"The first thing I want to say is that Michigan is the finest football team we've played all year. Everything that is said about their excellence is correct. They play well on offense and defense.

"I thought we were going to win the game until that first series in the fourth quarter. We had the momentum with a first down on the U-M 14 yard line. Then, three plays later, they had the ball in the middle of the field. That was the ballgame.

"Both teams certainly came to play. It was a hard-hitting game. Our play execution was the best we have had all season and against one of the best defensive teams in the nation.

"I was surprised they could move the ball against our defense as well as they did. Brad VanPelt, our safety, was injured in the first half but came back to play with a hip-pointer and a thigh bruise.

"It's difficult to score when you don't have the ball. Michigan exercised good ball control.

"You certainly can't make mistakes against a team like Michigan. When we had that broken play on their 14, the Michigan linemen stunted and that caused one of our backs to lean for a five-yard penalty but they got Frank Kolch, our quarterback, four yards farther back than that. Then we fumbled the ball to them, U-M drove for a TD and we fumbled the kickoff. Those kind of mistakes kill you.

MSU Injuries: Safety Brad VanPelt, hip-pointer.  
Cornerback Paul Hayner, pinched neck nerve.