

## SPORTS EVENTS

### Cross country

MSU senior Nicole Bush was named the Big Ten Cross Country Athlete of the Year after winning the Big Ten individual championship. Bush ran the 6,000-meter race in 20:15.8.

### Field hockey

Juniors Floor Rijpma and Jeannie Deacon were named to the All-Big Ten first team on Friday, while teammates Chantae Miller and Jantine Steinmetz were named to the second team.

Rijpma led the team in points and goals, scoring 18 times this season.

### Women's soccer

Freshman forward Laura Heyboer was named a unanimous selection to the All-Big Ten first team and All-Freshman teams, and was a unanimous selection as the Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Heyboer also was named the conference's Offensive Player of the Year.

Junior midfielder Lauren Sinacola also was named to the first team, while junior forward Lauren Hill and sophomore midfielder Cara Freeman were named to the second team.

### RESULTS

#### Friday

Women's soccer 0, Penn State 1

Field hockey 2, Iowa 3 (OT)

Volleyball 0, Penn State 3

Hockey 0, Ohio State 3

#### Saturday

Football 21, Purdue 7

Volleyball 3, Indiana 1

Hockey 1, Ohio State 3

#### Sunday

Women's basketball 84, Grand Valley State 44 (exhibition)

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday

Men's basketball vs. Lake Superior (exhibition), 7 p.m.

#### Friday

Men's soccer vs. TBD in Big Ten Tournament, noon

Women's basketball vs. Niagara, 6:30 p.m.

Swimming and diving vs. Grand Valley State, 6 p.m.

Volleyball at Michigan, 7 p.m.

Hockey vs. Miami (Ohio), 7:05 p.m.

#### Saturday

Volleyball at Ohio State, 7 p.m.

Hockey vs. Miami (Ohio), 7:05 p.m.

Wrestling at ACC-Big Ten Clash in Raleigh, N.C., all day

#### Sunday

Women's basketball vs. Stony Brook, 1 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Idaho, 6 p.m.

### ON THE WEB ...

For more MSU sports results from the weekend, visit [statenews.com/sports](http://statenews.com/sports)

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### COUNTDOWN

Days until the MSU football team meets Penn State with at least a share of the Big Ten title on the line.

# Monday



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Members of the student section at Spartan Stadium clamor to greet senior running back Javon Ringer after Saturday's game against Purdue. MSU beat Purdue 21-7 in its last home game of the season and the last career home game for Ringer and 15 other seniors.

## Creating a legacy

"I feel like I am coming out of here a winner and helping this program to become successful."

Otis Wiley, MSU senior strong safety

By Cash Kruth  
THE STATE NEWS

When MSU beat Purdue 21-7 Saturday at Spartan Stadium, the home team made its way over to the southeastern corner of the stadium to do the traditional singing of "MSU Shadows" with the student section. After the final word had been sung, nearly all the Spartans headed to the locker room to celebrate their ninth win of the season.

Staying behind was senior running back Javon Ringer, who, aside from being the best back in the nation with his 1,548 yards and 20 touchdowns, also has proven himself to be a stand-up individual throughout his four-year stay in East Lansing.

Ringer, who ran for 121 yards and two touchdowns against the Boilermakers, went up and slapped the hands of the students in the first row of the section. Then he went to

the next section and then the next, completing a loop around the stadium before running out of the Spartan Stadium tunnel for the last time.

"I definitely wanted to make sure that I at least said, 'Thank you,' to all the fans," Ringer said. "The past couple of years I've been here, despite our record, (the fans) have been faithful to us no mat-

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### Bowling where?

Here are the four most likely resolutions to the Big Ten season (listed from most likely to least likely):

1. MSU loses to Penn State, Penn State beats Indiana, Ohio State beats Illinois and Michigan.
- MSU — Outback Bowl
- Penn State — Rose Bowl
- Ohio State — Capital One Bowl
2. MSU beats Penn State, Penn State beats Indiana, Ohio State beats Illinois and Michigan.
- MSU — Capital One Bowl
- Penn State — Outback Bowl
- Ohio State — Rose Bowl

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For photo galleries from this weekend's games, visit [statenews.com/multimedia](http://statenews.com/multimedia).

### HOCKEY

## MSU struggles, swept on road by Ohio State

By Alex DiFilippo  
THE STATE NEWS

Columbus — For the first time in six years, the No. 11 MSU hockey team was swept at Ohio State.

Saturday's 3-1 loss and Friday's 3-0 loss combined for the first two conference defeats the Spartans have received all season.

The third period of Saturday's game was the highlight of MSU's weekend, as senior forward Matt Schepke scored the lone weekend goal and the Spartans outshot the Buckeyes for the first time.

MSU head coach Rick Comley was disappointed with the weekend's results, but he

thought both games could have gone either way — especially with the Spartans pressing hard at the end of Saturday's game.

"I thought it was very even," Comley said. "I thought our third period was probably our most energetic and best period. We had a couple really good chances but we just couldn't (score)."

Senior goaltender Jeff Lerg stopped 67 shots throughout the weekend, and Comley is aware his team must give Lerg support by scoring goals.

"He did everything he could (this weekend)," Comley said. "But he can't score for us."

The first period of Saturday's

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Sophomore forward Corey Tropp tries to steal the puck from an Ohio State player during Saturday's game in Columbus. The Buckeyes swept the Spartans, closing Saturday evening with a 3-1 win.

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