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FOOTBALL
The yardage sophomore quarterbacks Kirk Cousins and Keith Nichol each threw for in Saturday's spring game.

SPORTS EVENTS

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Monday

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RESULTS

Saturday
White 38, Green 37 (football spring game)
Baseball 15, Iowa 4
Softball 1, Minnesota 0
Softball 3, Minnesota 0

Friday

Baseball 15, Iowa 10

Thursday

Softball 5, Oakland 1
Softball 3, Oakland 4
Men's tennis 1, Indiana 4
Women's tennis 2, Purdue 4

Wednesday

Baseball 6, Central Michigan 7

Tuesday

Softball 8, Bowling Green 0

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

Baseball vs. Eastern Michigan, 3:05 p.m.

Wednesday

Baseball vs. Eastern Michigan, 3:05 p.m.
Softball vs. Penn State, 3 p.m.
Softball vs. Penn State, 5 p.m.

Friday

Baseball vs. Penn State, 3:05 p.m.
Men's golf, Big Ten Championship at Penn State, all day
Track, Jesse Owens Classic at Ohio State, all day

Saturday

Baseball vs. Penn State, 1:05 p.m.
Softball vs. Wisconsin, 2 p.m.
Women's crew, Big Ten Championship at Ohio State, time TBA

Sunday

Baseball vs. Penn State, 1:05 p.m.
Softball vs. Wisconsin, 1 p.m.



Sophomore quarterback Keith Nichol throws a pass to sophomore wide receiver Keshawn Martin for an 11-yard completion during the fourth quarter at Spartan Stadium Saturday afternoon. Nichol threw for 357 yards against the Green team.

MEN'S GOLF

Spartans rout field in year's lone home meet

By Joey Nowak
THE STATE NEWS

After a weekend of stormy skies, gusting winds and pouring rain, the sun was shining brightly on the final day of the Spartan/Fossum Invitational on Sunday at Forest Akers West Golf Course.

MSU finished with four of the top six spots. The Spartans finished with a six-under-par 714, 33 strokes ahead of second-place Ball State in the 12-team field.

"Coming back home, understanding people would come out and understanding the golf course would be in good condition was really helpful," MSU coach Sam Puryear said. "I'm excited because a lot of guys who haven't had the opportunity in the best qualifying situation you can ask for, and they did well."

Rain suspended second-round play twice Saturday and the golfers finished most of their second round on Sunday morning. The third round was cut to nine holes, which were played on the back nine of the West course.

"(Saturday) was pretty tough with all the wind and whatnot," Newman said. "Being able to battle through that was really good."

Puryear said patience through the delay and the 45 holes was a key to Gniewiew's steadiness throughout the weekend in earning his second tournament victory of the season. He finished in a tie for first place at the UNC-Greensboro Bridgestone Invitational in October.

"It's awesome," Gniewiew said. "To have all the support from family and friends come out, it's really nice. Winning the Big Ten last year was really cool. That was a team. Winning as an individual is a little different. It really helps my confidence going into next week."

Gniewiew shot a field-best 69 in the first round, 71 in the second round and 37 in the nine-hole third round. Newman shot 72, 71 and 35 in the three rounds and Ladwig shot 74, 72 and 33. Freshman Jimmy Dewling finished in a tie for fifth for MSU.

Newman could have made a push for a tie for first place with a hole-in-one on his last hole Sunday, but Gniewiew countered with one of his own. "Birdying the last hole will always make you come back a little more and try to be for the win was awesome," Gniewiew said.

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QUARTERBACK RACE HEATS UP

Keith Nichol
ALEX ALTMAN

Transfer has skills to take starting job



Editor's note: Sports reporter Alex Altman role plays as Keith Nichol to convince Mark Dantonio why he should be MSU's quarterback this fall.
Dear coach Dantonio,
Look, coach. I know you're a loyal person and that you still might be sour with me about the recruiting fiasco. But coach (and anyone else who might be reading), you must understand the

I grew up an MSU fan, often dreaming about the opportunity to take snaps under center in front of 70,000 rabid fans at Spartan Stadium. But when your predecessor John L. Smith was fired, I felt that dream was no longer possible. I was a perfect fit for



Sophomore quarterback Kirk Cousins celebrates after the Green team scores a fourth-quarter touchdown in Saturday's Green and White Game at Spartan Stadium.

Smith's spread offense. My mobility in the pocket combined with my strong arm and accurate delivery would have made him and I a perfect marriage. No offense, coach, but I didn't think you were capable of making me as happy. So, I signed the divorce

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Kirk Cousins
ALEX DIFILIPPO

Time in system beneficial for 3rd-year QB



Editor's note: Sports reporter Alex DiFilippo role plays as Kirk Cousins to convince Mark Dantonio why he should be MSU's quarterback this fall.
Dear coach Dantonio,
This has to be my job to lose, right? I've put in the time for this team and you've seen

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CHARITY

Former football players bike for good cause

By Joey Nowak
THE STATE NEWS

More than three decades ago, three young men gathered in the end zone of Spartan Stadium, commencing one important journey of their lives that would create a bond lasting for years to come. This weekend, those same men — John Shinsky, Joe DeLamielleure and Eljay Borworn — departed from that same ground on a very different, and more physical, journey. The three former MSU football players, who competed for the Spartans in the early 1970s, are embarking on a 2,000-mile,

"Even the utmost of bike riders don't travel that far or that intense."

Kellie Dean, president of Dean Transportation

18-day bike ride from East Lansing to Brownsville, Texas. Their final destination is just across the U.S.-Mexico border from Matamoros, Mexico, the site Shinsky and his wife, Cindy, have chosen to build an orphanage to aid underprivileged and abused children. "All of this is about helping those kids," Shinsky said. "You and me are their voice. Someday you will

know what I'm talking about because Joe, Eljay and I have looked in their eyes and know what I'm talking about." The goal of the bike ride is to raise \$500,000 in donations to accompany the \$800,000 Shinsky already has gathered to fund the 19-acre facility in the Rio Grande Valley. Shinsky, who grew up an orphan, has received support from different corners of his

world. The long list includes the MSU College of Communication Arts and Sciences helping to track the riders on their journey. Holiday Inn Express donating rooms for their trip and the University Surplus Store donating 120 bunk beds. "Michigan State is a land-grant university," Shinsky said. "We're givers." Borworn, born and raised in Detroit, played offensive line at MSU before becoming head of the Secer Service from 1993-97 and protecting the likes of Pope John Paul II and Ronald Reagan, among others.

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