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## Only Four Home Games Remain!

**N** | November 4th–6:30pm  
Jenison Fieldhouse

**I** | November 5th–6:30pm  
Parent Day

**P** | November 9th–7:00pm  
Professor Appreciation

\* **M** | November 12th–7:00pm  
Senior Night

\* Reminder: The Michigan game is Jam Jenison. Fans are encouraged to get here early to avoid the crowds and find seats. Plus, the first 500 people in the door receive a free t-shirt!

## BIG BREAKDOWN

A Quick Look at Numbers Through the First Half of BIG Play

SERVICE ACES	S	NO.	AVG./S
Michigan State	42	80	1.90
Wisconsin	42	70	1.67
Penn State	41	63	1.54
Minnesota	45	58	1.29
Indiana	39	50	1.28
Ohio State	42	48	1.14
Maryland	44	50	1.14
Nebraska	42	45	1.07
Illinois	45	46	1.02
Purdue	47	47	1.00
Michigan	47	46	.98
Iowa	44	40	.91
Northwestern	39	35	.90
Rutgers	37	24	.65

S= sets, No.= number, Avg./S= average per set

Michigan State is the best in the Big Ten when it comes to service aces. We average almost two per set and have three players in the top eight for service aces.

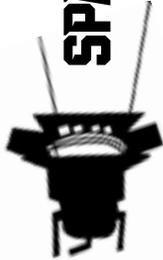
KILLS BY OPPONENT	S	NO.	AVG./S
Michigan State	81	873	10.78
Indiana	88	951	10.81
Penn State	79	861	10.90
Ohio State	89	981	11.02
Nebraska	71	798	11.24
Wisconsin	77	908	11.79
Iowa	82	975	11.89
Illinois	85	1035	12.18
Maryland	90	1106	12.29
Purdue	92	1135	12.34
Michigan	88	1089	12.38
Northwestern	84	1077	12.82
Minnesota	80	1033	12.91
Rutgers	83	1164	14.02

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Michigan State ranks second in kills by opponent meaning we only give up 11.79 points per set to kills. We're doing a good job serving tough, blocking the ball, and digging.



Mark your Calendars! The NCAA tournament selection show is Sunday, November 27, 2017 at 9pm on ESPNU. Tune in to find out where the Spartans will fall!



Redshirt Junior outside hitter Brooke Kranda broke a 30-year old school record with nine service aces against Purdue, a new MSU best in a four-set match. It was the second-most service aces in a Big Ten match all-time, and the first time since 1992 (and the fourth time overall) that a player recorded nine aces in a BIG contest. It is also the second-most service aces in a match this season in Division I volleyball.

Michigan State has four athletes ranked among the Top 15 in the Big Ten in service aces per set: Brooke Kranda, Holly Toliver, Rachel Minarick, and Autumn Bailey. Kranda is second nationally as well.

Junior setter Rachel Minarick (Naperville, Ill.) is one of six athletes in the region to be named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District team.

Minarick, a 2014 Honorable Mention AVCA All-America selection and 2015 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar, holds a 3.95 cumulative grade point average as a kinesiology major. She and the five other District V honorees (from all Div. I schools in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio) now advance to the national ballot, with the Academic All-America team scheduled for release on Dec. 5. Each district is able to select six athletes.



## In Closing: Final Thoughts From MSU Volleyball Seniors



Kristen Brashear | DS/L

"As my final volleyball season is coming to a close, I am filled with gratitude. I am thankful for all of those who have supported me throughout my volleyball career. I want to give a special thank you to my parents, Tom and Peggy, for their endless support and love. I also want to thank my coach, Cathy George, for giving me the opportunity to be a Spartan. Although my joining the MSU family was unexpected, it has been the best experience and volleyball season that I have been a part of. Even though I am only spending one year and season at MSU, I am grateful for my time here. Transferring here was the best decision I could have made for my senior year. I am so grateful for my teammates who have accepted me, included me, and supported me. I also can't say enough about the coaches and team parents - our team couldn't be successful without all of you. I am extremely blessed to me a Spartan. Go Green!"



Autumn Christenson | OH

"The journey is coming to a close for me, but the lessons that I have learned and friends/family that I have made will stay with me for the rest of my life. I can honestly say attending MSU and wearing the Spartan symbol, has made me a better person. I wish that I would have had a healthier four years, but each injury has made me stronger mentally. It helps when we have an amazing support system such as you guys (SideOut Club/fans) in our Spartan family."



Chloe Reinig | OH

"Being a Michigan State Student Athlete has undoubtedly changed and will continue to change and shape my life. The blessings I have been given and the challenges I have faced, I could not have handled alone. Having my amazing family, friends, and teammates beside me throughout it all has made all the difference and I really am thankful. I can't believe I'm coming down to my last few games in the Green and White, but I think we're ready for the best year yet! Thank you to everyone I have gotten to know throughout these four years, everyone behind the scenes, and all the supporters of MSUVB. I fell in love with Michigan State University and will bleed green forever."



Allyssah Fitterer | MB/OPP

"My career here has been a lot about growth. From the beginning this program has challenged me and has required me to face uncomfortable situations that have forced me to grow as a person. It has taught me to never stop improving—because even when you're good you can always be better. It has taught me that the people around you make you better—invest in each other because great things are done in teams. It has taught me how to present myself—what you do represents something much bigger than yourself.

MSU Volleyball has given me countless opportunities, and I am beyond grateful for the memories and the moments with these incredible people. I am a part of an amazing school and program, and I wouldn't want to be anything but a Spartan. I don't want to leave, but it's time. It's somebody else's turn to make memories."