

MSU Blue Line Club

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...And We're Underway!

Dear Spartan Hockey Blue Line Club,

It has been a long journey the last eight months for all of us. I hope that all of you and your families are doing well and staying safe.

The Spartan Hockey team has been going for a while now. The guys all returned on July 6th and we were able to have off ice workouts with Coach Vorkapich and on ice in groups of 8 or 9 on their own. They also took a class or two to get ahead on their studies.

Once classes started we move to being able to be on the ice with the team and start preparing for the season. The big day for all of us was when we got the schedule and knew we were going to play.

Hopefully having us back playing will give everyone a boost and getting a win and a tie vs. ASU was a good way to get going. This weekend at OSU will be a good test and our first official B1G games. The B1G will be just as tough this year and we look forward to battling again.

Several games before Christmas are on either BTN or FOX Sports Detroit so you can follow the team. Others are on BTN+ and there is a hockey only package available for purchase this year.

The remaining schedule for our season should be out soon so keep an eye out for that and follow us on Twitter @MSU_Hockey. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing you at Munn someday soon!

Take care,
Danton



SCHEDULE

2020-21
PHASE I

NOVEMBER

THURS., NOV. 19
BIG vs ARIZONA STATE
FRI., NOV. 20
vs ARIZONA STATE
SAT., NOV. 28
AT OHIO STATE
SUN., NOV. 29
AT OHIO STATE

DECEMBER

THURS., DEC. 3
FOX vs MINNESOTA
FRI., DEC. 4
FOX vs MINNESOTA
TUES., DEC 8
BIG vs WISCONSIN
WED., DEC 9
BIG vs WISCONSIN
SAT., DEC. 19
NBCS AT NOTRE DAME
SUN., DEC. 20
NBCS AT NOTRE DAME



A Look at the Munn Renovation



Q & A With Tommy Apap

You're from Bloomfield Hills, how is your family dealing with not being able to watch you play in person your senior year?

a. My mom and my brother and sister are definitely bummed out that they aren't able to come watch our games at Munn this year. It's always a fun atmosphere to be a part of but they are excited to watch and cheer from home this weekend.

What will it be like not having fans cheering for you in the stands?

a. It won't be the same playing a game without fans for at least the next few weeks. We love playing in front of our family, friends and the rest of Spartan nation so we are bummed, but at the same time, we are excited to be back on the ice playing games.

How have you prepared mentally for this season?

a. This off-season has definitely been tough mentally on everyone, not just our team here at MSU. Everyone has to learn how to deal with adversity in life and make the most of their situation. That is what we are trying to do as a team and we are lucky to have a great medical staff at MSU looking out for our health and safety. I'm thankful for doctors, nurses, and other first responders here but also everywhere in the world that are fighting the pandemic first-hand.

As Captain, how will you encourage your team to play to their best under these circumstances?

a. We just have to stick to our gameplan and create our own energy. We realize the team that we have here can be special this year. We just need to continue to make strides each practice and each game to improve as a team and if we do we will be a top team in the Big Ten and in the country.

What are your plans after this season?

a. I'm not sure where I will be or what I will be doing next year but my goal is to continue to play hockey. I love the game and hope I can keep playing after this season.



A Note From BLC President John Somers

Greetings Blue Line Club Members!

If you are like me, you are anxious for the hockey season to begin. Well, we are about to get our wish, but details beyond the beginning of the 28 game schedule and no in person fan attendance have not been released. The TV schedule is available on the Michigan State University app. I suggest that you download it and select Hockey and any other MSU sports you are interested in.

I really like our prospects for a successful season. With 17 returning players including 7 seniors, the Spartans should continue to follow the path of yearly improvement.

This year we can look forward to playing each of the six other Big Ten teams four times and the addition of four games against Arizona State.

In these challenging times, as a club we will need to do things differently. Large gatherings are ill-advised at this time, so receptions and luncheons are on hold presently. Perhaps gamewatch opportunities will be increased if they can be practiced in a safe manner.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support. This year it is more important than ever to rally around our team in true Spartan Spirit!

Go Green!
John Somers

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Membership Application | MSUBlueline.org

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Email address will be used to provide club updates throughout the year

☐ New Membership or ☐ Renewal

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student (\$10) _____

K-12, secondary or post-secondary

Membership includes: pin, card, two \$2 off concession coupons for Munn Arena

Single (\$30) _____

Individual person

Membership includes: pin, card, two \$2 off concession coupons for Munn Arena

Family (\$40) _____

Parents/Parents with children under age 18

Membership includes: up to three pins, membership cards for each family member and six \$2 off concession coupons for Munn Arena

Names of family members: _____

Additional Pins (\$5 each) _____

Membership packet will be available for pick up at the first and subsequent hockey games

MEMBERSHIP ALSO INCLUDES

- Opportunities to purchase exclusive Spartan hockey team and Blue Line Club gear
- Exclusive group tours of Munn Ice Arena
- Special events, including luncheons and post-game receptions
- Road game ticket assistance
- Discounts at select area restaurants
- Blue Line Club decal

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