

# MSU Blue Line Club

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## *Down The Stretch*

Dear Blue Line Club,

It has been a crazy year for all of us. The team has hung in there well and have continued to battle through the second half of the season.

The Big 10 has been tough as usual and currently has three teams rated in the Top 10 in the country. The NCAA selection will be a challenging one this year since there are really no non-conference games for most of the teams to use as a comparison. Out of the sixteen (16) teams selected the Big 10 should get three teams and possible four depending on how the rest of the season goes, especially the playoffs.

A few of our players have been having excellent years. Drew DeRidder has been consistently a top performer in the league. His numbers put him up there with the best goalies not just in the league but in the country. He has been nominated as a Richter Trophy candidate for his work so far. Hopefully he can add to it over the next few weekends.

Dennis Cesana is currently tied with Josh Nodler and Mitch Lewandowski as our leading scorers. The last defenseman to lead MSU in scoring was Torey Krug in 2011-12. Dennis has not only added to our scoring, but he continues to do a great job defensively and with his leadership role as one of our assistant captains.

We have five games left and then playoffs. Notre Dame comes to town this weekend for two games followed by Wisconsin next weekend and one left with Michigan. It is important that we build heading into the playoffs and one good sign is that we had our full line up in practice yesterday for the first time since before Christmas.

Thank you for all of your support. I have heard from lots of you and it is always good to know you are following us as much as possible. I know I speak for the team when I say I look forward to seeing all of you at a full Munn soon and enjoying some live hockey together!

Take care.

Danton Cole





## A Note From BLC President John Somers

Hello Blue Line Club Members,

As the season moves on, the team continues on its journey to improve. They play many periods toe to toe with their opponents, only to have brief lapses that lead to disappointing results. If you are like me, you may feel frustrated that we are unable to do our part, cheering the team on from the stands. We miss them, and I know they miss us.

You can have your chance to show the team some love before the game vs. ND on Saturday, February 27, which is being designated as Senior Night. We are going to gather -following CDC guidelines (mask wearing and socially distanced) along the north sidewalk to recognize the Seniors and cheer for the team as they arrive for the game. If you're interested in joining us, plan to show up around 12:30 PM, for the 3 PM. game.

Please join us at Renos East after the cheer line to watch the game. We have the area used for the coaches shows designated for our group. We will also be having Game Watches for the games on March 6th vs. Wisconsin and March 10 vs. Michigan at Renos East, please plan to join us.



Go Green!  
John Somers  
MSU Blue Line Club President





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## Q & A With Dennis Cesana

**Do you have any siblings? If so, what are their names and ages?**

a. Yes I have two siblings, my sister Jordan is the oldest at 24, and my brother cam is the youngest at 20

**What's your favorite part of being an MSU Spartan?**

a. My favorite part of being a Spartan is just the culture that comes with it. Everybody here in east lansing has so much passion for the green and white. I felt that passion when I first toured here and it's still thriving today.

**Are there any advantages to playing games in a quiet arena?**

a. The only advantages to a quiet rink is that it makes playing on the road a bit easier and you can hear everything thats said on the ice. Other than that it kinda stinks. I miss playing in front of a packed Munn Arena with the place going nuts. It's like nothing else I've been apart of.

**As an Academic All-Big Ten Athlete what is the most challenging part for you to balance academics and athletics?**

a. I think the most challenging part of balancing academics with athletics is just the time management. Getting things done before the day they're due is a big thing that helps me because it allows more time to focus on hockey rather than stressing out getting a bunch of things in at once.

**You list your father as your greatest hockey influence, what was it in particular that he said, or did, that shaped you to be the player you are today?**

a. Theres a pretty long list of things that my dad has done for my career throughout my life, but if I had to choose one thing, I would say just the attitude and work ethic needed to be a successful hockey player. Playing with an edge and having confidence in myself no matter what. I wouldn't say there's a specific conversation that pops into my head, but just the way he went about coaching me and the lessons I learned from that have stuck with me.

**How do you hope to use your degree from MSU after your hockey playing days are over?**

a. After hockey's over (which hopefully won't be for a while) I hope to use my degree from MSU to obtain a good job with having so many connections from this place. East Lansing extends a lot larger than just this town. Everyone has a lasting connection to the green and white after college, and I hope to be able to connect with great people.



# MSU Blue Line Club

Membership Application | [MSUBlueLine.org](http://MSUBlueLine.org)  
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Address:	_____
City, State:	_____
Zip Code:	_____ Phone: _____
Email Address:	_____
<i>Email address will be used to provide club updates throughout the year</i>	

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:  
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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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