

Chapter 13 - Dan Chapman



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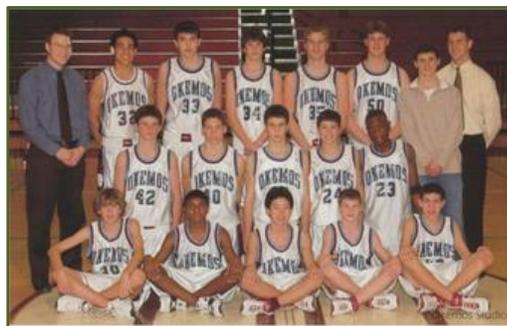
Personal

Daniel (“Dan”) Joseph Chapman was born on May 15, 1992, the son of Steve and Michelle Ann Chapman.

Okemos High School

2006-07

As a freshman, Chapman (#24) started on the Freshmen Boys’ Basketball Team.



Freshmen Boys' Basketball

Front Row: Bartosz Gawarecki, Umakanthan Kavin, Daniel Douches, Kyle Cook, Jack Grady Middle Row: Patrick Bailey, Jarrod D'Valentine, Daniel Jimenez, Daniel Chapman, Jerry Blackwell Back Row: Coach Dean Buggia, Quincy Lafayette, Samuel Marsh, Kerry Mihelich, Bobby Femia, Devin Berry, Jacob Leski, Coach Ethan Fahy

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Scoreboard			
L. East Lansing	39:44	W Holt	60:59
W Everett	50:48	W Eastern	43:40
L Grand Ledge	36:39	L Sexton	38:50
L Sexton	54:58	L Waverly	27:36
W Mason	58:41	L Jackson	34:56
W LCC	41:38	W Grand Ledge	34:27
W Howell	42:27	L OLSM	58:40
L Jackson	39:60	L Everett	32:42
W East Lansing	38:34	L Holt	29:31
L Eastern	42:49		

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Breakin' it Down
 Using his sweet moves and quick speed to blast past the defense, Freshman **Daniel Chapman** breaks down the other team. He builds up the team's confidence by scoring a basket.

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2007-08

As a sophomore, Chapman started on the JV team.

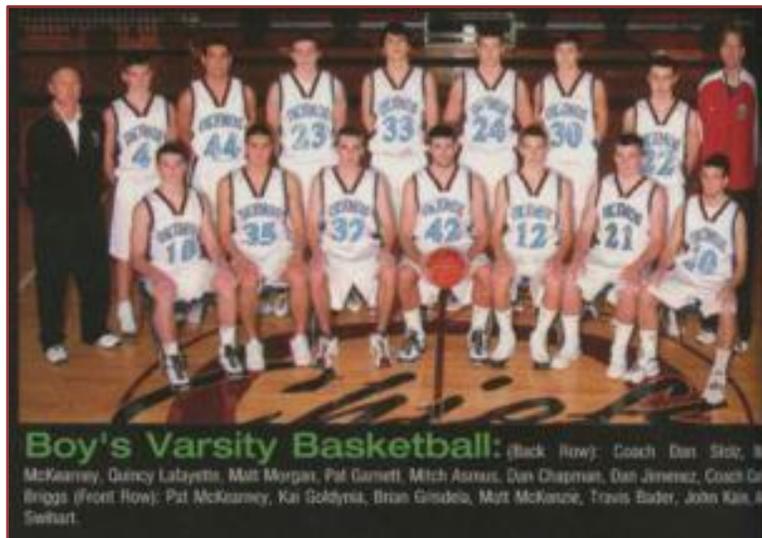
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W	Grand Ledge	57 39
W	LCC	53 36
L	Holt	49 56
W	Central	52 38
W	Waverly	61 42
W	Everett	49 42
L	Jackson	47 57
W	Northwest	53 40
L	East Lansing	23 27
L	Eastern	41 49
W	Holt	56 47
L	Mason	47 55
W	Everett	45 29
L	Jackson	44 62
W	East Lansing	51 33
W	Eastern	57 53
W	Grand Ledge	59 52
W	Saint Johns	65 47
W	Owosso	50 34

Front Row: Dan Douches, Kyle Cook, Jarrod D'Valentine, Pat Bailey, Quincy Lafayette
Second Row: Dan Chapman, Nik Reed, Dan Jimenez, Devin Berry
Third Row: Adair Noel, Owen Hughes, Pat Garnett, Mack McKearney
Back Row: Coach Tyler Hursey, Assistant Coach Matt Dickerman



2008-09

As a junior, Chapman was a multi-position player for Okemos' district and league championship team.



Regular Season

During his years playing for the Chieftains, Okemos played in the Capital Area Activities Conference (CAAC) Blue league comprised of **East Lansing, Eastern, Everett, Grand Ledge, Holt, Jackson, and Okemos**. The 2008-2009 season was Chapman's first playing on the varsity squad that had as its top player senior Travis Bader who at the end of the 2009-09 season was named as *Lansing State Journal* Player of the Year ([Source](#)).

Below is the Lansing *State Journal's* prognosis for the Chieftain's upcoming season.

Okemos

- ▶ **Last season:** 13-9, third
- ▶ **Coach:** Dan Stolz, 15th season
- ▶ **Returning starters:** Travis Bader (6-3 F) sr., Alan Swihart (5-11 G) sr., Matt Mackenzie (6-5 F) sr., Mitch Asmus (6-4 F) jr.
- ▶ **Other contributors:** Mack McKearney (5-11 G) soph., Pat McKearney (5-11 G) sr., Kai Goldynia (6-2 G) sr., Quincy Lafayette (6-2 F) jr., Matt Morgan (6-4 F) jr.
- ▶ **Outlook:** Bader, first-team all-conference last season, is a top scorer. The Chieftains are small, but pass the ball well. With experience returning — Mack McKearney also played varsity as a freshman — they hope to contend.

On December 9, Okemos (1-0) opened its regular season with a 51-37 win over **Portland**, with Chapman scoring four points on two baskets ([Source](#)).

On December 12, Okemos (2-0) dominated **Northwest**, 64-20, with Chapman scoring two points on 2-2 shooting from the free three line ([Source](#)).

On December 16, Okemos (3-0) downed **Lansing Catholic**, 68-33, with Chapman scoring nine points on three baskets including two 3-point goals and 1-2 from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

On December 23, Okemos (4-0) edged **Thornapple-Kellogg**, 55-51. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On January 9, Okemos (5-0, 1-0) beat **Holt**, 63-54, with Chapman scoring five points on two baskets including one 3-point goal ([Source](#)).

On January 13, Okemos (6-0, 2-0) defeated **Grand Ledge**, 77-44, with Chapman scoring two points on a single basket ([Source](#)).

On January 16, Okemos (7-0, 2-0) downed **Waverly**, 70-48, with Chapman scoring four points on a 3-point goal and 1-3 from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

On January 23, Okemos (8-0, 3-0) continued unbeaten, defeating **Everett**, 52-46, with Chapman scoring two points on one basket ([Source](#)).

On January 27, Okemos (9-0, 4-0) beat **Jackson**, 76-60. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On January 30, **East Lansing** handed No. 10 Okemos (9-1, 4-1) its first loss, 42-38. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On February 3, Okemos (10-1, 5-1) downed **Eastern**, 62-60. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On February 6, Okemos (11-1, 6-1) defeated **Holt**, 41-38. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On February 10, Okemos (12-1, 6-1) beat **Waverly**, 67-55. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On February 13, Okemos (13-1, 7-1) bested **Everett**, 66-45. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On February 17, Okemos (14-1, 8-1) defeated **Jackson**, with Chapman scoring a point on 1-2 from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

On February 20, Okemos (15-1, 9-1) earned a share of the CAAC Blue title in a 71-40 win over **East Lansing**, 71-40, three weeks after having lost to the Trojans in a close game (42-38) ([Source](#)). While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score.

On February 24, Okemos (16-1, 10-1) survived “a late barrage of 3-points for an 81-75 victory” over **Eastern** and won the CAAC Blue championship. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On February 27, **Grand Ledge** upset No. 6 Okemos (16-2, 10-2), 52-50. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On March 3, Okemos (17-2, 11-2) outscored **St. Johns**, 82-58, with Chapman scoring eight points on three baskets, two of which were 3-point goals ([Source](#)).

On March 5, Okemos (18-2, 11-2) defeated **Owosso**, 86-53, with Chapman scoring two points on a basket ([Source](#)).

Districts

On March 9, in a Class A district opener, Okemos (19-2) defeated **Eastern**, 74-50. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

On March 11, in the Class A district semifinal, Okemos (20-2) downed **Howell**, 61-37, with Chapman scoring three points on 3-4 shooting from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

On March 13, Okemos (21-2) defeated **Waverly**, 59-33, to win the Class A district title. Chapman scored three points on a 3-point goal ([Source](#)).

Regionals

On March 16, **Holt** ousted Okemos (21-3) with a 59-56 regional semifinal victory. While Chapman may have played in the game, his name does not appear in the box score ([Source](#)).

Bring it On

The team brings their game, every game

The number one goal for the boys basketball team was to prove themselves through a winning season. Before the season began, **Quincy Lafayette** (11) boasted that "There's no doubt that we'll go far this year, we've got a pretty good looking team."

He was right. After ending the regular season with a record of 18-2, the boys climbed their way to the top by beating Eastern, Owosso, and finally Waverly in the District championship game held at OHS, 59-33. When they lost to the Holt Rams in the first game of Regionals, it was the last game for the Chieftains. "It was pretty upsetting since we've come this far in our season. We didn't deserve that loss," stated **Pat McKearney** (12).

Due to the fans, parents, people around the community, and teachers of the school, there was more than a sufficient amount of energy and excitement for the team while playing. Even on the road, the team always had a fairly good fan turnout, allowing them to play their best. "When we're on the road, it's cool to be the contender, but there's something about the home games that get us all really excited," said **Mitch Asmus** (11). With a total of seven seniors, five juniors, and two sophomores, Coach Stolz managed to pull together a team that proved to create a memorable season for all of them. *(Page by Shelby Robinson)*

2009-10

During Chapman's senior season, other teammates such as sophomore Chris Harrison-Docks became the leading scorers for Okemos, replacing the lead role on scoring that Travis Bader had during the previous season.

Regular Season



But Chapman continued to grow as a player with increased playing time and scoring. Below is the *Lansing State Journal's* prognosis for the Chieftain's upcoming season.

OKEMOS

- Last season: 21-3, first
- Coach: Dan Stolz, 16th season
- Returning starters: Mitch Asmus (6-4 F) sr., Mack McKearney (6-1 G) jr.
- Other contributors: Pat Garnett (6-4 F) jr., Chris Harrison (5-11 G) soph., Quincy Lafayette (6-2 F) sr., Dan Chapman (6-3 G) sr., Matt Morgan (6-3 F) sr., Owen Hughes (6-6 F) jr.
- Outlook: The Chieftains must make up for the graduations of seven players, including their leading scorer, State Journal Player of the Year Travis Bader, and all-area post Matt MacKenzie. But Asmus and McKearney are three-year varsity players, and Harrison, a transfer from Kentucky during the offseason, is already a Division I college prospect.

On December 8, Okemos (1-0) defeated **Pinckney**, 79-45, with Chapman scoring 12 points on four baskets (including two 3-point goals) and 2-2 on free throws ([Source](#)).

On December 15, Okemos (2-0) rolled **Lansing Catholic** Cougars, 60-38, with Chapman scoring eight points on four baskets ([Source](#)).

On December 18, Okemos (2-1, 0-1) fell to **Eastern**, 63-48, with Chapman scoring four points on one basket and 2-4 on free throws ([Source](#)).

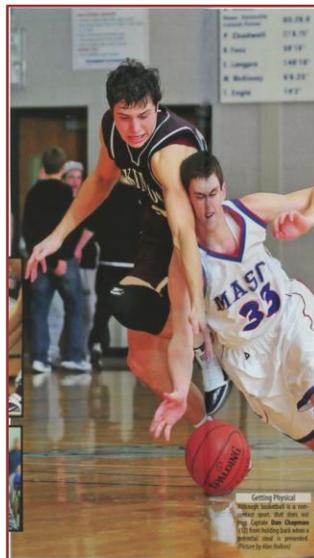
On December 22, Okemos (3-1) defeated **Thornapple Kellogg**, 69-45, with Chapman scoring five points on two baskets, one of which was a 3-point goal ([Source](#)).

On January 2, Okemos (4-1) edged by **Detroit Southeastern**, 50-48, in the Mr. Basketball Classic. Chapman scored a point on 1-2 from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

On January 8, Okemos (5-1, 1-1) downed the **Grand Ledge**, 65-52, with Chapman scoring six points on two baskets and 2-3 on free throws ([Source](#)).

On January 12, Okemos (6-1, 1-1) beat **Waverly**, 55-45, with Chapman scoring three points on a 3-point goal ([Source](#)).

On January 15, Okemos (7-1) defeated **Mason**, 70-57, with Chapman scoring six points on a 3-point goal and 3-5 from the free throw line ([Source](#)).



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On January 22, Okemos (8-1, 2-1) captured its 6th win in a row as the Chieftains defeated **East Lansing**, 56-44. Chapman scored seven points on three baskets including a 3-point goal ([Source](#)).

On January 26, Okemos (9-1, 3-1) claimed a 77-65 victory over **Jackson**, with Chapman scoring five points on a 3-point goal and 2-2 from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

On January 29, Okemos (9-2, 3-2) fell to **Holt**, 65-59. Chapman scored four points on a 3-point goal and 1-3 on free throws ([Source](#)).

On February 2, Okemos (10-2, 4-2) bounced back, downing **Everett**, 64-33, with Chapman scoring 12 points on four baskets including two 3-point goals and 2-2 from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

On February 5, **Grand Ledge** edged Okemos (10-3, 4-3), 54-52. Chapman scored eight points on three baskets, including two 3-point goals ([Source](#)).

On February 11, Okemos (11-3, 5-3) downed **East Lansing**, 61-50. Chapman scored eight points on three baskets, including two 3-point goals, and 0-2 from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

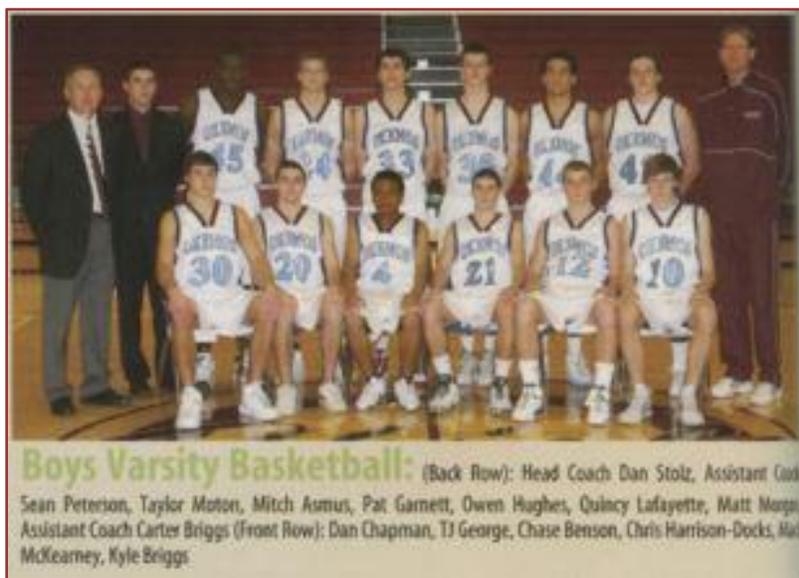
On February 16, Okemos (12-3, 6-3) scooped **Jackson**, 61-48, with Chapman scoring five points on two baskets and 1-2 on free throws ([Source](#)).

On February 19, Okemos (13-3, 7-3) got revenge on **Holt**, winning 46-40. Chapman scored two points on 2-2 shooting from the free throw line ([Source](#)).

On February 23, Okemos (14-3, 8-3) defeated **Everett**, 52-36, with Chapman scoring six points on two 3-point goals ([Source](#)).

On February 26, although **Eastern** downed Okemos (14-4, 8-4), 63-58, Chapman scored 13 points on five baskets including three 3-point goals ([Source](#)).

On March 2, Okemos (15-4) downed **St. Johns**, 60-49, with Chapman scoring seven points on two 3-point goals and 1-2 on free throws ([Source](#)).



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Districts

On March 10, **Eastern** defeated No. 10 Okemos (15-5), 70-59, in a Class A district semifinal. Chapman scored 11 points on four baskets including three 3-point goals ([Source](#)).

Laurels

As a senior, Chapman served as captain for the varsity basketball team. He earned honorable mention all-conference and Academic all-league accolades. Chapman recognized his improvement as a player over his four years as a Chieftain, recalling: “I worked my way up the old fashioned way” (personal communication).

While a student at OHS, Chapman also was a three-year varsity golfer, helping guide the Chiefs team to league championships as a junior and senior. He also was senior year team captain with all-area Division I and Academic All-State honors.

Michigan State University

Chapman majored in Physiology in MSU’s Honors College. He played at **6-3 ft. / 190 lb. – Combo Guard (#40)**. During his four-year career as a Spartan, Chapman continued to grow as a player and compete on teams with even better talent than when he played for Okemos, including players who later entered the NBA. By his senior year, one of those Spartan teammates, was widely recognized as the National Player of the Year – Denzel Valentine!

2010-11

Chapman’s dream of playing for Michigan State began when he joined the Spartans as a freshman walk-on prior to the 2010-11 season.

Player	Class	Pos	Height	Summary
Keith Appling	FR	G	6-1	6.4 Pts, 2.8 Reb, 1.3 Ast
Dan Chapman	FR	G	6-3	0.0 Pts, 0.0 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Nick Giard	FR	G	6-3	0.0 Pts, 0.0 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Draymond Green	JR	F	6-7	12.6 Pts, 8.6 Reb, 4.1 Ast
Matt Heneveld	JR	G	6-5	0.0 Pts, 0.0 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Anthony Ianni	JR	C	6-9	0.3 Pts, 0.7 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Mike Kebler	SR	G	6-4	1.5 Pts, 1.0 Reb, 0.5 Ast
Kalin Lucas	SR	G	6-1	17.0 Pts, 2.1 Reb, 3.4 Ast
Korie Lucious	JR	G	5-11	6.5 Pts, 1.7 Reb, 4.1 Ast
Derrick Nix	SO	C	6-9	2.7 Pts, 2.0 Reb, 0.3 Ast
Adreian Payne	FR	C	6-10	2.5 Pts, 2.4 Reb, 0.1 Ast
Delvon Roe	JR	F	6-8	6.1 Pts, 5.0 Reb, 1.4 Ast
Garrick Sherman	SO	C	6-11	3.1 Pts, 2.7 Reb, 0.4 Ast
Durrell Summers	SR	G	6-5	11.6 Pts, 4.2 Reb, 0.6 Ast
Austin Thornton	JR	G	6-5	2.0 Pts, 2.1 Reb, 0.7 Ast

Note: Former OHS Chieftains – Anthony Ianni and Mike Kebler also on Spartan 2010-11 Squad

As a freshman, Chapman appeared off the Spartan bench in four games.

2010-11 GAME-BY-GAME STATS												
Opponent	fg	3fg	ft	off-def	reb	pf	pts	ast	to	blk	stl	min
Eastern Michigan (11/12)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bowling Green (12/4)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prairie View A&M (12/18)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Iowa (3/2)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0+

The Spartans finished the 2010-11 season with a 19-15 overall record and tied for 4th (9-9) in the Big Ten. In the Big Ten Tournament, the Spartans defeated Iowa and Purdue before losing to Penn State. While the Spartans qualified for the NCAA Tournament, they narrowly lost to UCLA (76-78) in their first game.

Key teammates were Kalin Lucas (17.0 PPG), Draymond Green (12.6 PPG), and Durrell Summers (11.6 PPG). Notably, the roster included two former Chieftains, senior **Mike Kebler** (1.5 PPG) and junior **Anthony Ianni** (0.3 PPG).

2011-12



During his sophomore season, Chapman appeared in 15 games, grabbing two rebounds vs. **Texas Southern** (11/18). He received MSU's Tim Bograkovs Walk-On Award and was an Academic All-Big Ten. For 2011-12 team results, see table under Mike Kebler.

2011-12 Michigan State Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown/High School
0	Russell Byrd	G	6-7	205	R-Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind./Blackhawk Christian
2	Alex Gauna	F	6-9	240	R-Fr.	Eaton Rapids, Mich./Eaton Rapids
3	Brandan Kearney	G	6-5	185	Fr.	Detroit, Mich./Southeastern
5	Adreian Payne	C	6-10	240	So.	Dayton, Ohio/Jefferson Township
11	Keith Appling	G	6-1	190	So.	Detroit, Mich./Pershing
13	Austin Thornton	G	6-5	205	R-Sr.	Sand Lake, Mich./Cedar Springs
14	Dan Chapman	G	6-3	185	So.	Okemos, Mich./Okemos
15	Keenan Wetzel	G	6-4	190	R-Fr.	Monroe, Mich./St. Mary Catholic Central
20	Travis Trice	G	6-0	170	Fr.	Huber Heights, Ohio/Wayne
22	Branden Dawson	G	6-6	220	Fr.	Gary, Ind./Lew Wallace
23	Draymond Green	F	6-7	230	Sr.	Saginaw, Mich./Saginaw
25	Derrick Nix	C	6-9	270	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Pershing
30	Brandon Wood	G	6-2	190	R-Sr.	Kokomo, Ind./Kokomo/Valparaiso
44	Anthony Ianni	C	6-9	250	R-Sr.	East Lansing, Mich./Okemos/Grand Valley St.

Player	Class	Pos	Height	Summary
Keith Appling	SO	G	6-1	11.4 Pts, 2.9 Reb, 3.9 Ast
Russell Byrd	FR	G	6-7	1.5 Pts, 0.6 Reb, 0.4 Ast
Dan Chapman	SO	G	6-3	0.0 Pts, 0.4 Reb, 0.1 Ast
Brandan Dawson	FR	G	6-6	8.4 Pts, 4.5 Reb, 0.9 Ast
Alex Gauna	FR	F	6-9	1.8 Pts, 0.8 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Draymond Green	SR	F	6-7	16.2 Pts, 10.6 Reb, 3.8 Ast
Anthony Ianni	SR	C	6-9	0.1 Pts, 0.3 Reb, 0.1 Ast
Brandan Kearney	FR	G	6-6	1.2 Pts, 0.8 Reb, 0.6 Ast
Derrick Nix	JR	C	6-9	8.1 Pts, 3.8 Reb, 1.0 Ast
Adreian Payne	SO	C	6-10	7.0 Pts, 4.2 Reb, 0.3 Ast
Joe Sweeney	SR	G	6-0	0.2 Pts, 0.1 Reb, 0.1 Ast
Austin Thornton	SR	G	6-5	5.2 Pts, 3.3 Reb, 1.1 Ast
Travis Trice	FR	G	6-1	4.5 Pts, 1.8 Reb, 1.8 Ast
Keenan Wetzel	FR	G	6-4	0.4 Pts, 0.0 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Colby Wollenman	FR	F	6-7	0.2 Pts, 0.1 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Brandon Wood	SR	G	6-2	8.8 Pts, 2.8 Reb, 1.9 Ast



Note: Former OHS Player Anthony Ianni also on Spartan 2011-12 Squad

Notable teammates, including former **Chieftain** Anthony Ianni (0.1 PPG), were Draymond Green (16.2 PPG), Keith Appling (11.4 PPG), and Durrell Summers (11.2 PPG).

Several of Chapman's 2011-12 Spartan teammates later played professional basketball, including Draymond Green (NBA Golden State Warriors), Keith Appling (Atlanta Hawks), Brandan Dawson (Los Angeles Clippers), Derrick Nix (various European league teams), Adreian Payne (Atlanta Hawks and Minnesota Timberwolves), and Travis Trice (several overseas basketball teams).



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 Okemos

For the 2011-12 season, the Spartans had a 29-8 overall record, tied for 1st in the Big Ten (13-5), and won the Big Ten Tournament, defeating **Wisconsin** and **Ohio State**. They went on to play three games in the NCAA Tournament, beating **LIU Brooklyn** and **Saint Louis**, before losing to **Louisville**.

2011-12 GAME-BY-GAME STATS												
OPPONENT	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	REB	PF	PTS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Texas Southern (11/18)	0-3	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Eastern Mich. (11/27)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nebraska Omaha (12/4)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Central Conn. State (12/7)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0+
Bowling Green (12/17)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
UMKC (12/19)	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Iowa (1/10)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Purdue (1/21)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Minnesota (1/25)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Penn State (2/8)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wisconsin (2/15)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
at Purdue (2/16)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nebraska (2/25)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Iowa (3/9)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. LIU Brooklyn (3/16)	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

A notable highlight for Chapman for the season occurred on January 25 was playing in the Spartans 68-52 victory over Minnesota at the Breslin Center. Chapman, in the below photo from *Mr. March*, is seated in front of scorer's table just before entering the game.



Fabulous 400!
 The Spartans beat Minnesota, 68-52, at the Breslin Center and set a new record for wins in his career. He is playing for championships. Drymond Green said after the game.
 JULIAN H. GONZALEZ/DPP

2012-13

During his junior year, Chapman appeared in 11 games, grabbing a rebound against **Texas Southern** (11/18) and **Memphis** (3/23 - third round of the NCAA Tournament). He played a season-high two minutes against **Arkansas Pine Bluff** (12/5) and **Michigan** (2/12). He again was a recipient of MSU's Tim Bograkovs Walk-On Award and also Academic All-Big Ten.

2012-13 MICHIGAN STATE ROSTER

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10	Matt Costello	F	6-9	245	Fr.	Bay City, Mich./Bay City Western
11	Keith Appling	G	6-1	190	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Pershing
14	Gary Harris	G	6-4	205	Fr.	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern
15	Keenan Wetzel	G	6-4	200	R-So.	Monroe, Mich./St. Mary Catholic Central
20	Travis Trice	G	6-0	170	So.	Huber Heights, Ohio/Wayne
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45	Denzel Valentine	G	6-5	220	Fr.	Lansing, Mich./Sexton

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CAREER STATS

Year	GP	PTS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF-DEF	REB	AVG	PF	A	TO	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
10-11	4/0	4/1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	0.0	0/0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
11-12	15/0	17/1.1	0-5	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-5	0	0.4	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	19/0	21/1.1	0-5	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-5	0	0.2	1/0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0

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The Spartans finished their 2012-13 season with a 27–9 record and a 2nd place tie (13–5) in the Big Ten. In the Big Ten Tournament, MSU beat **Iowa** in the quarterfinals and lost to **Ohio State** in the semifinals. The Spartans qualified for the 16th straight year for the NCAA Tournament, where they beat **Valparaiso** and **Memphis** and reached the Sweet Sixteen for the second consecutive year but lost to **Duke**.

Player	Class	Pos	Height	Summary
Keith Appling	JR	G	6-1	13.4 Pts, 3.4 Reb, 3.3 Ast
Trevor Bohnhoff	FR	F	6-7	0.3 Pts, 0.3 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Russell Byrd	SO	G	6-7	1.6 Pts, 0.7 Reb, 0.4 Ast
Dan Chapman	JR	G	6-3	0.0 Pts, 0.2 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Matt Costello	FR	F	6-9	1.5 Pts, 1.3 Reb, 0.2 Ast
Emmett Dacey	SO	F	6-9	0.0 Pts, 0.0 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Branden Dawson	SO	G	6-6	8.9 Pts, 5.9 Reb, 1.3 Ast
Alex Gauna	SO	F	6-9	1.2 Pts, 1.0 Reb, 0.1 Ast
Gary Harris	FR	G	6-4	12.9 Pts, 2.5 Reb, 1.4 Ast
Brandan Kearney	SO	G	6-6	2.3 Pts, 1.5 Reb, 1.5 Ast
Derrick Nix	SR	C	6-9	9.9 Pts, 6.6 Reb, 1.6 Ast
Adreian Payne	JR	C	6-10	10.5 Pts, 7.6 Reb, 0.8 Ast
Bella Sibedwo	SO	G	6-1	0.0 Pts, 0.0 Reb, 0.5 Ast
Travis Trice	SO	G	6-1	4.8 Pts, 1.6 Reb, 1.9 Ast
Denzel Valentine	FR	G	6-5	5.0 Pts, 4.1 Reb, 2.4 Ast
Keenan Wetzel	SO	G	6-4	0.0 Pts, 0.2 Reb, 0.0 Ast



2012-13 GAME-BY-GAME STATS												
OPPONENT	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	REB	PF	PTS	AST	TO	BLK	STL	MIN
Texas Southern (11/18)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland (11/23)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Nicholls State (12/7)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arkansas-Pine Bluff (12/5)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tuskegee (12/15)	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Purdue (1/5)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
at Purdue (2/9)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Michigan (2/12)	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wisconsin (3/7)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Valparaiso (3/21)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
vs. Memphis (3/23)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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2013-14

Before the start of the 2013-14 season, Spartans coach Tom Izzo awarded Chapman a scholarship for his senior year based on

“his commitment to the program as a scout team player for three years. ... The former Chieftain [had] played in 31 minutes in 30 games over his first three years on the team. ‘Chapman is my resident unbelievable pet,’ Izzo said. ‘He’s done a great job on the scout team. I see him doing that this year. I wouldn’t trade him for the world’ ([Source](#)).



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Dan Chapman
G, 6-3, Sr.
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Okemos

“I think the scholarship is definitely a huge way I feel like I was appreciated for putting in the work over four years,” said Chapman, an Okemos High graduate who scored the first points of his career on Dec. 28 against New Orleans. “It kind of goes to show that the hard work you put in, even though you don’t play, didn’t go unnoticed.”



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11-12	15/0	17/1.1	0-5	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-5	6	0.4	1/0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
12-13	11/0	10/0.9	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0.2	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	30/0	31/1.1	0-7	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1-7	8	0.3	2/0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0

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On the 2013-14 season the Spartans were 29-9 overall, 12-6 in the Big Ten (tied for 2nd), and ranked #8 by ESPN/USA Today and #11 by the AP.

During the season Chapman appeared in 14 games, averaging 0.4 points in 1.5 minutes. He scored two points and grabbed two rebounds against **New Orleans** (12/28), and dished out one assist against **Penn State** (2/6).

2013-14 STATISTICS

ALL GAMES: 29-9

PLAYER	G-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT.	3FG-FGA	PCT.	FT-FTA	PCT.	OFF-DEF	TOT-AVG	PF-D	AT	TO	BS	ST	PTS-AVG
G. Harris	35-34	1131-32.3	195-455	.429	81-230	.352	115-142	.810	37-103	140-4.0	73-1	94	60	15	63	586-16.7
A. Payne	31-28	870-28.1	178-354	.503	44-104	.423	109-138	.790	49-177	226-7.3	80-1	41	63	28	15	509-16.4
B. Dawson	28-23	792-28.3	136-222	.613	0-1	.000	42-64	.656	83-150	233-8.3	41-0	46	36	25	35	314-11.2
K. Appling	35-32	1102-31.5	132-292	.452	34-94	.362	93-141	.660	13-93	106-3.0	96-2	156	74	14	41	391-11.2
D. Valentine	38-33	1116-29.4	108-265	.408	43-114	.377	44-65	.677	47-181	228-6.0	98-2	144	69	12	37	303-8.0
T. Trice	36-8	801-22.3	87-207	.420	53-122	.434	36-44	.818	8-50	58-1.6	58-1	84	37	6	32	263-7.3
K. Kaminski	31-3	378-12.2	53-104	.510	38-77	.494	8-13	.615	20-26	46-1.5	40-0	11	7	8	9	152-4.9
M. Costello	34-20	501-14.7	52-87	.598	0-0	.000	33-50	.660	47-66	113-3.3	70-0	27	22	43	9	137-4.0
A. Ellis III	36-1	285-7.9	24-50	.480	6-13	.462	13-22	.591	8-15	23-0.6	42-1	14	22	3	13	67-1.9
A. Gauna	29-7	206-7.1	21-38	.553	0-1	.000	4-13	.308	13-24	37-1.3	35-0	6	7	7	2	46-1.6
G. Schilling	37-1	238-6.4	21-38	.553	0-0	.000	11-21	.524	28-31	59-1.6	50-1	9	20	8	0	53-1.4
R. Byrd	23-0	175-7.6	9-27	.333	6-21	.286	2-6	.333	5-18	23-1.0	27-0	3	6	5	3	26-1.1
K. Wetzel	12-0	21-1.8	4-9	.444	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	3-1	4-0.3	3-0	1	0	0	0	9-0.8
T. Bohnhoff	8-0	13-1.6	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3-1	4-0.5	2-0	0	0	0	0	4-0.5
C. Wollenman	12-0	25-2.1	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	0-2	2-0.2	4-0	0	0	0	0	5-0.4
D. Chapman	14-0	21-1.5	2-7	.286	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-1	2-0.1	2-0	1	1	0	0	5-0.4
TEAM.....									44-52	96-2.5				16		
Total.....	38		1024-2159	.474	307-783	.392	515-728	.707	409-991	1400-38.8	721-9	637	440	174	259	2870-75.5
Opponents.....	38		817-2058	.397	252-760	.332	805-829	.730	375-833	1208-31.8	689	405	449	110	214	2491-65.8

SCORE BY HALVES	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Michigan State	1392	1438	40	2870
Opponents	1151	1318	22	2491

BIG TEN GAMES: 12-6/t-2nd

PLAYER	G-GS	MIN-AVG	FG-FGA	PCT.	3FG-FGA	PCT.	FT-FTA	PCT.	OFF-DEF	TOT-AVG	PF-D	AT	TO	BS	ST	PTS-AVG
G. Harris	18-18	618-34.3	102-241	.423	45-116	.388	60-77	.779	17-61	78-4.3	39-0	47	32	8	41	309-17.2
A. Payne	12-10	334-27.8	63-129	.488	14-36	.389	30-47	.638	24-61	85-7.1	32-1	19	30	7	3	170-14.2
K. Appling	15-13	485-32.3	52-126	.413	13-39	.333	43-69	.623	5-47	52-3.5	42-0	67	35	8	18	160-10.7
B. Dawson	10-8	275-27.5	39-69	.565	0-0	.000	13-19	.684	31-43	74-7.4	14-0	9	11	15	14	91-9.1
D. Valentine	18-18	559-31.1	56-132	.424	21-53	.396	27-37	.730	25-90	115-6.4	56-2	73	32	7	17	160-8.9
T. Trice	17-6	396-23.3	42-95	.442	28-58	.483	15-19	.789	1-25	26-1.5	34-1	39	16	4	9	127-7.5
K. Kaminski	18-3	253-14.1	37-73	.507	25-54	.463	2-21	.000	13-16	29-1.6	28-0	7	5	5	5	101-5.6
M. Costello	18-13	301-16.7	31-49	.633	0-0	.000	26-34	.765	26-38	64-3.6	37-0	14	13	24	5	88-4.9
A. Ellis III	18-0	142-7.9	13-23	.565	4-7	.571	7-10	.700	2-8	10-0.6	22-0	4	9	2	6	37-2.1
A. Gauna	13-0	87-6.7	8-18	.444	0-1	.000	3-7	.429	7-6	13-1.0	13-0	2	3	3	0	19-1.5
K. Wetzel	4-0	9-2.3	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	1-0	1-0.3	2-0	0	0	0	0	5-1.3
G. Schilling	18-1	104-5.8	8-18	.444	0-0	.000	5-9	.556	13-14	27-1.5	21-0	3	9	5	0	21-1.2
R. Byrd	12-0	88-7.3	4-11	.364	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	2-9	11-0.9	15-0	2	0	2	2	11-0.9
D. Chapman	5-0	9-1.8	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0.0	2-0	1	1	0	0	0-0.0
C. Wollenman	4-0	9-2.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1-0.3	3-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
T. Bohnhoff	4-0	6-1.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1-0.3	1-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
TEAM.....									18-20	38-2.1				13		
Total.....	18		457-990	.462	154-378	.410	231-330	.700	185-440	625-34.7	381-4	287	209	90	120	1299-72.2
Opponents.....	18		388-925	.419	124-342	.363	292-409	.714	180-391	551-30.6	308	197	207	53	111	1192-66.2

Chapman again finished the season with an Academic All-Big Ten, while providing support at practice, from the bench, and on the court to help the Spartans set a school record of three straight weeks (11/18, 11/25, and 12/2) ranked by the AP as the #1 basketball team in the country.



Colby Wollenman, standing, and Keenan Wetzel, from left, Trevor Bonhoff and Dan Chapman. COURTESY OF MATTHEW MITCHELL



MSU senior Dan Chapman, right, celebrates the team's 86-76 win over Iowa on March 6 at the Breslin Center. Chapman and fellow walk-ons Keenan Wetzel, Colby Wollenman and Trevor Bonhoff, combined for 18 points and 12 rebounds in 77 minutes of play this season. ROD SANFORD/LSJ



Chapman Kissing Center Court Floor in His Last Game at the Breslin Center



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tc4QOebJa8E>

#40 Dan Chapman at Senior Night: Spartan All Access 2014: Episode 13



Dan Chapman Honored on Senior Night against Michigan (March 16, 2014)

Big Ten Tournament

The Spartans won the Big Ten Tournament, defeating **Northwestern**, **Wisconsin**, and **Michigan**.



#20 Dan Chapman Helps Cut Down the Net as Spartans Capture 2014 Men's Basketball Big Ten Tournament Title (Indianapolis, Indiana)

NCAA Tournament

In the NCAA Tournament the Spartans defeated **Delaware**, **Harvard**, and **Virginia**, before narrowly losing to **Connecticut** (54-60) in the East Regional Final. Sadly, this loss resulted in first senior class in Coach Izzo's 19 seasons as Spartan head basketball coach not to have reached the Final Four ([Source](#)).

On a brighter note, Chapman's 3-pointer in the **Connecticut** game marked the first 3-pointer of his career but also the final points of MSU's 2013-14 season. Chapman's 3-pointer also was the first time a **Chieftain**, playing on the Spartans men's squad, scored a basket in a NCAA Tournament—and a 3-pointer at that!

Key teammates during Chapman's senior season were Gary Harris (16.7 PPG), Adreian Payne (16.4 PPG), Keith Appling (11.2 PPG), Branden Dawson (11.2 PPG), Denzel Valentine (8.0 PPG), and Travis Trice (7.3 PPG). The squad included seven players who later went on to play professional basketball in the NBA or overseas: two seniors (Adreian Payne and Keith Appling), two juniors (Travis Trice and Branden Dawson), and three sophomores (Gary Harris, Matt Costello, and Denzel Valentine). Thus, Chapman played with, competed against, and supported some of the best ever Spartan players.

Player	Class	Pos	Height	Summary
Keith Appling	SR	G	6-1	11.2 Pts, 3.0 Reb, 4.5 Ast
Trevor Bohnhoff	SO	F	6-7	0.5 Pts, 0.5 Reb, 0.0 Ast
Russell Byrd	JR	G	6-7	1.1 Pts, 1.0 Reb, 0.1 Ast
Dan Chapman	SR	G	6-3	0.4 Pts, 0.1 Reb, 0.1 Ast
Matt Costello	SO	F	6-9	4.0 Pts, 3.3 Reb, 0.8 Ast
Branden Dawson	JR	G-F	6-6	11.2 Pts, 8.3 Reb, 1.6 Ast
Alvin Ellis	FR	F	6-4	1.9 Pts, 0.6 Reb, 0.4 Ast
Alex Gauna	JR	F	6-9	1.6 Pts, 1.3 Reb, 0.2 Ast
Gary Harris	SO	G	6-4	16.7 Pts, 4.0 Reb, 2.7 Ast
Kenny Kaminski	FR	F	6-8	4.9 Pts, 1.5 Reb, 0.4 Ast
Adreian Payne	SR	C	6-10	16.4 Pts, 7.3 Reb, 1.3 Ast
Gavin Schilling	FR	F	6-9	1.4 Pts, 1.6 Reb, 0.2 Ast
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Dan Chapman (#40) with Spartan Teammates Adreian Payne and Keith Appling

Career Statistics as a Spartan

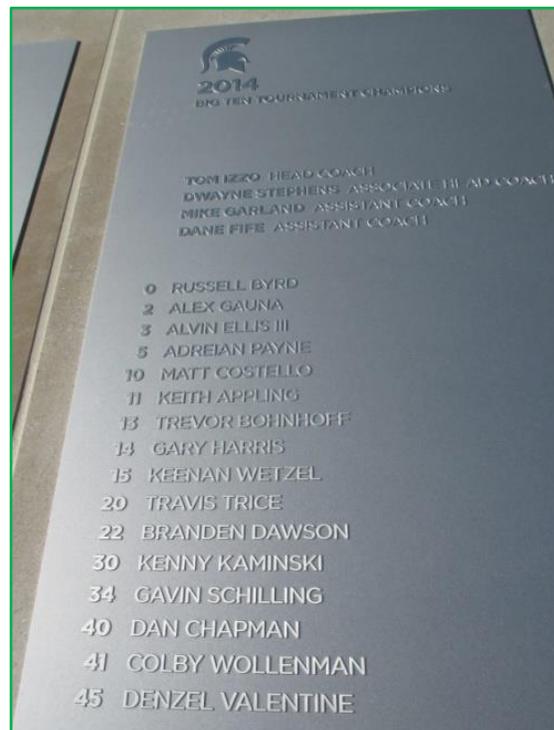
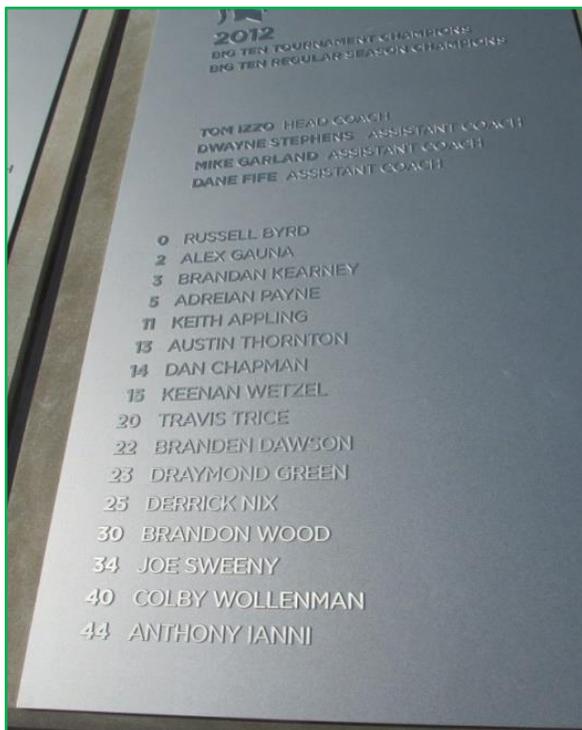
The table below summarizes Chapman's statistics, per game and totals, for the four seasons (2010-14) he played on the Spartan varsity squad.

Per Game

Season	School	Conf	G	GS	MP	FG	FGA	FG%	2P	2PA	2P%	3P	3PA	3P%	FT	FTA	FT%	ORB	DRB	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PF	PTS	SOS
2010-11	Michigan State	Big Ten	4	0	1.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	11.67
2011-12	Michigan State	Big Ten	15	0	1.1	0.0	0.3	.000	0.0	0.2	.000	0.0	0.1	.000	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	9.81
2012-13	Michigan State	Big Ten	11	0	0.9	0.0	0.2	.000	0.0	0.1	.000	0.0	0.1	.000	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	10.55
2013-14	Michigan State	Big Ten	14	0	1.5	0.1	0.5	.286	0.1	0.3	.250	0.1	0.2	.333	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	9.38
Career	Michigan State		44	0	1.2	0.0	0.3	.143	0.0	0.2	.125	0.0	0.1	.167	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	10.35

Totals

Season	School	Conf	G	GS	MP	FG	FGA	FG%	2P	2PA	2P%	3P	3PA	3P%	FT	FTA	FT%	ORB	DRB	TRB	AST	STL	BLK	TOV	PF	PTS
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2012-13	Michigan State	Big Ten	11	0	10	0	2	.000	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0	0		0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
2013-14	Michigan State	Big Ten	14	0	21	2	7	.286	1	4	.250	1	3	.333	0	0		1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	5
Career	Michigan State		44	0	52	2	14	.143	1	8	.125	1	6	.167	0	0		2	8	10	2	0	0	2	4	5



**Breslin Center Plaques Honoring 2012 2014 Spartan Squads
(including #14 Chapman in 2012 and #40 Chapman in 2014)**

After Michigan State

Following graduation, Chapman began a Master's in Public Health program and, as of mid-2017, was on track to finish up in a year or so. Further, Dan enrolled in medical school and as of spring 2017, he wrote, "I will be starting my third year hospital rotations this July [2017]" (Dan Chapman, personal communication).

Nearly three years later (April 2020), I again reached out to Chapman for an update on his life. Amidst the Coronavirus outbreak, Dan kindly sent the following update:

I graduated with my Masters in Public Health degree from Michigan State in the spring of 2019. Also that spring, I graduated with my Medical Doctor degree from Central Michigan University College of Medicine. In March of 2019, I learned through the 2019 Residency Match that I would complete my intern year of residency (called a Transitional Year) at Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn Michigan before starting my Radiation Oncology Residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

In total, my residency will last 5 years (1 year for the intern year and 4 years as a Radiation Oncology resident). After those accomplishments, in June 2019, prior to the start of my Oncology residency, I married Emma Newton, the daughter of long-time MSU hockey assistant coach Tom Newton. I originally met Emma at Okemos High School yet did not start dating her until college (she also attended MSU). We now live in the greater Detroit area.

From a playing standpoint, if/when I have any free time, I try to play pick-up. But it has been difficult to find the time to do so. I still come back to East Lansing for football and basketball games when I can.

Sadly, I have been involved with caring for several patients affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. That said, my hospital has provided me with the resources needed to safely and effectively care for all patients at our facility even though Detroit has been decimated by the virus. (Dan Chapman, personal communication)

Looking Back

When I asked Chapman to look back on his academic and basketball experiences at **Okemos High** and **Michigan State**, he shared the following memories.

*I would say that playing basketball for **Okemos High** opened up a new group of friends that made the high school experience much more enjoyable. Looking back, I see that the OHS Friday night basketball games were really something to be a part of for the community. It was very rewarding to be a part of those teams and in turn a part of the community in that way. Retrospectively, playing on the freshman and JV teams allowed me to get more game exposure which I think proved beneficial to my game over all.*

Among Dan's more favorite memories from high school was his **Chieftain's** team's

run to regionals as a junior.... But senior year was very enjoyable as well as I had increased minutes and scoring opportunities. A special memory was how much my parents supported me by coming to games. For high school, they were at every single game regardless of the location (never missed a game my whole life through high school). In college, they came to every home game and quite a few road games my senior year. They also came to every Big Ten tournament game and most NCAA tournament games.

Reflecting on playing basketball as a **Spartan** for four seasons, and some of those with two former **Okemos High Chieftains** (Mike Kebler and Anthony Ianni), Dan recalled:

Playing with Mike and Anthony was enjoyable and a privilege my freshmen year. Both were helpful in acclimating me to the new challenges of college sports at an elite institution. Anthony especially was helpful with this as he and I were teammates at MSU for multiple years (Mike was a senior when I was a freshman and therefore we only shared one year together).

Road trips were always enjoyable because [they] provided more time to simply hang-out and relax with my teammates, but the Big Ten and NCAA tournament games were like nothing else all season (best part of each year without question).

MSU basketball most definitely taught me the skills of hard work, leadership, and time management, all of which have been very beneficial as I have progressed through medical school.

Dan also recalled being “*fortunate enough to play in two Armed Forces classic games.*” The first game, between Michigan State and **North Carolina** on November 11, 2011, was played on the flight deck of the USS Carl Vinson. The other game was played in Germany against **UCONN**. Those games “*were awesome experiences looking back.*” Two other special games, Dan added, were “*the State Farm classic where we most notably beat **Kansas** at the Georgia Dome as a junior and **Kentucky** at the United Center as a senior. Both were very big games and a pleasure to be a part of.*”

However, what “*will always stick in my mind*” was losing to **UCONN** in the NCAA East Regional Final in 2014. “*It was my last game ever in the Spartan uniform [and] and eft me and my teammates, unfortunately, one game shy of [making the] Final Four.*” But, Dan added, “*the silver lining was my made three point basket to cap off my career as time expired*” (Dan Chapman, personal communication).

During his basketball career as a Chieftain or a Spartan, Chapman was a competitor as clearly evident in the photo below in which Dan wrestled with another player to control the ball in a game against a **Prairie View A&M**, one of the four games in which Dan played during his 2010-11 freshmen season.



**Dan Chapman (#14) wrestles with Prairie View A&M player for the ball
(Breslin Center - December 18, 2010)**

While Chapman did not rack up a lot of on-court playing time during his four years as a **Spartan**, he contributed in other ways, serving on the scout team to prepare starters for their next game, always being ready to come off the bench into a game at a moment's notice, and cheering his team on from the bench.

In this regard, let's go back to the Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament championship game between No. 3 seed **Michigan State** and No. 1 seed **Michigan**, on March 16, 2014. With 16:55 remaining in the second half and the **Spartans** holding a 15-point lead (44-29), Branden Dawson delivered a breakaway windmill dunk that was followed by an enthusiastic eruption from the **Spartans** bench (click on blurry photo below for Twitter video), led by Dan Chapman (just behind the referee). The Spartans went on to a 69-55 victory and winning the Big Ten Tournament Championship.



GREAT bench reactions on that Michigan State windmill!

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