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RYAN ECKLEY

COLLEGE: MICHIGAN STATE

AGE: 22 HOMETOWN: LITHIA, FL

EXP. (NFL/RAVENS): ROOKIE GP/GS (PLAYOFFS): 0/0



— KEY TRANSACTIONS —

- Ryan Eckley was selected by the Ravens in the sixth round (211th overall) of the 2026 NFL Draft

— COLLEGE HONORS —

- Big Ten Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year (2025)
- First-team All-Big Ten (2025)
- AFCA second-team All-American (2025)
- ESPN second-team All-American (2025)
- AP third-team All-American (2025)

— COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS —

- Three-year letterwinner and four-year player with a career punting average of 47.6 yards per punt, which not only ranked No. 1 in Michigan State history, but also No. 1 in Big Ten history (previous: Tory Taylor of Iowa with 46.3-yard average from 2020-23)
- Led Big Ten in punting in 2024 (47.9 avg.) and 2025 (48.5 avg.)
- Finished his MSU career ranked No. 13 in punting yards (7,094) and punts (149)...Placed 34% of his punts inside the 20 (50 of 149) and had 27 punts downed inside the 10
- Registered 67 punts of 50-plus yards (45%) during his career
- Was a three-time All-Big Ten selection (first-team in 2025; second-team in 2023 and 2024)

— PERSONAL —

- Wore No. 3 throughout his college career as a tribute to the passing of his childhood best friend, Bradley Hulett, and the late Mike Sadler, who was a punting great at MSU
- Graduated with his bachelor's degree in kinesiology (2025)

— NOTE THE QUOTE —

"With Ryan, senior special teams coach Randy Brown scoured the country looking at punters, and this was his top guy. I think for us, it was just a matter of when we needed to take him. The nice thing about Ryan is not only is he an excellent punter, but he was probably the best holder in the 2026 draft, which is really important."

— EVP & GM Eric DeCosta

2025: (MICHIGAN STATE – 12/0)

- Named a second-team All-American by the AFCA (American Football Coaches Association) and ESPN and AP third-team All-American
- Became the second Spartan to be named the Big Ten Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year (Bryce Baringer, 2022)...Consensus first-team All-Big Ten punter by the league's coaches and media...Also earned first-team All-Big Ten honors by USA Today and the AP

- Led the FBS in punting (48.5-yard avg.), which also ranked second best in an MSU single season...Led Big Ten in punts of 50+ yards during the regular season with 23...Also had 20 punts downed inside the 20 and 10 inside the 10, including 4 at the 1-yard line
- Boomed at least 1 punt of 50-plus yards in nine games, while posting multiple from 50+ yards in eight of 12 games
- Punted 5 times for 238 yards (47.6 avg.) in his last game as a Spartan against Maryland at Ford Field (11/29), including a career-high-tying 4 inside the 20 and 1 inside the 10...Also had 3 punts of 50-plus yards
- Named Ray Guy Award National Punter of the Week for Week 2 vs. Boston College and was a two-time Ray Guy Award Ray's 8 list member in back-to-back weeks after two games

2024: (MICHIGAN STATE – 11/0)

- Led the Big Ten with his 47.9-yard punting average, which tied for the third longest in school history...That figure also would have ranked fourth in the FBS for punting, but didn't meet the NCAA stat minimum...Named second-team All-Big Ten selection by the coaches, third-team honoree by the media and an honorable mention All-American by Phil Steele
- Ranked second in the Big Ten with 20 punts of 50-plus yards...Had 6 punts inside the 20 and 2 inside the 10...Opponents had 9 fair catches...Eckley was also a primary holder on FGs and PATs

2023: (MICHIGAN STATE – 11/0)

- Named a first-team Freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and The Athletic...Second-team All-Big Ten pick by both the coaches and media
- Ranked second in the Big Ten and eighth in the FBS with a 46.7-yard punting average, which was the fifth-longest average in MSU single-season history
- Ranked second in the Big Ten in 50-plus-yard punts (24) and fourth in punts inside the 20 (23)...Also had 4 punts of 60-plus yards and 15 inside the 10-yard line
- Tabbed to the Ray Guy Award Midseason Watch List
- Ended the season on a strong note by pinning at least 1 punt inside the 20 in each of the last six games, including 15 punts inside the 20 in the last five games
- Named to the Academic All-District Team and the Academic All-Big Ten Team

2022: (MICHIGAN STATE – 1/0)

- Appeared in just one game to preserve his redshirt season
- Had a 41-yard punt in his collegiate debut vs. Akron in his lone game action of the season

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— HIGH SCHOOL —

- Was a three-year starting kicker and punter at Newsome (Lithia, FL) HS...Scored a total of 138 points during his high school career (93-of-103 PATs, 15-of-23 FGAs)...Averaged 39.8 yards per punt (74 punts for 2,942 yards) and 56.7 yards per KO, with 95 touchbacks on 163 KOs (58%)
- Named third-team All-State in Class 8A by *com*...First-team selection to the All-Western Conference – Federal Division
- Averaged 42.6 yards per punt as a senior in 2021, including 13 punts placed inside the 20 and 28 punts overall for 1,193 yards in 11 games...Averaged 55.6 yards on KOs as a senior, including 36 touchbacks on 51 KOs...Scored a career-high 52 points his senior season (28-of-32 on PATs, 8-of-10 in FGAs) while helping Newsome to an 8-3 record and a berth in the 8A state playoffs in 2021
- Tallied 44 points as junior (29-of-30 PATs, 5-of-9 FGs) and 42 points as a sophomore (36-of-41 PATs, 2-of-4 FGs)

