



## **BSB Reprints: Michigan State Head Coach Mel Tucker's Tenure At Ohio State**

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Following Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio's untimely surprise resignation, the Spartans hired another former Ohio State coach to take the reins in Mel Tucker.

We decided to look back through the Buckeye Sports Bulletin archives for our coverage of Tucker's Ohio State hiring, promotion to co-defensive coordinator and departure for the NFL.

Former Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel hired Tucker, a Cleveland native, away from Nick Saban and LSU in 2001. After three years coaching defensive backs for Tressel and the Buckeyes, Tucker received a promotion to co-defensive coordinator.

After leading the Ohio State defense for one year with fellow co-defensive coordinator Mark Snyder, the Cleveland Browns hired Tucker to coach defensive backs in the NFL. Tucker spent 10 seasons in the NFL before returning to the college ranks for one year with Alabama, three with Georgia and one with Colorado, which was his first head-coaching stint.

This installment of BSB Reprints travels back to the early 2000s and includes our coverage of Tucker's hiring at Ohio State, his promotion and his departure for the pros.

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