NCAA Division I basketball is very competitive. Although it may not be apparent to the casual observer, every detail of each game is carefully planned and scripted.

One aspect of a game plan is that of playing times. For each player, the coaches determine target times for how long he can play at a stretch, how long he needs to rest before playing again, and the total amount of time he should play in a game.

Developed with Coach Tom Izzo, our Spartan Basketball Player Timer is used by the basketball staff on the bench during the game. When a player enters the game, his playing time is displayed with a solid green background. When his target playing time goes under two minutes, it is displayed in yellow. When the time goes below zero, it is displayed in red.

The color coding provides visual cues that can be seen by coaches at a distance. If there are many yellow or red boxes, coaches begin to plan substitutions.

A game summary for all the players can be displayed at any time whether the game clock is running or stopped.

Our software runs on a Microsoft Windows Tablet PC about the size of a traditional clipboard only slightly thicker. With no mouse or keyboard, all input is done with a pen.

Spartan Basketball Player Timer is written in Visual Basic. The underlying database is Microsoft Access.

Michigan State University Men’s Basketball
Spartan Basketball Player Timer

Wayne Dyksen
North Haledon, New Jersey
Wayne Dyksen
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Wayne Dyksen
West Lafayette, Indiana
Wayne Dyksen
East Lansing, Michigan

Richard Bader
East Lansing, Michigan
Jim Boylen
East Lansing, Michigan
Tom Izzo
East Lansing, Michigan
Mark Montgomery
East Lansing, Michigan
Dwayne Stephens
East Lansing, Michigan