

# Local gridders drafted by pros

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"It's the stuff dreams are made of. The National Football League came knocking at the doors of three state college players who starred at local high schools. Jeff Wiska, now at Michigan State and a Detroit Catholic Central graduate, was drafted in the seventh round by the New York Giants. The 6-foot-4, 260-pound offensive tackle is a Farmington Hills native.

Steve Michuta, quarterback for Grand Valley State last season, threw touchdowns for Redford Bishop Borgess in his prep days. The Cleveland Browns grabbed the Livonia signal caller on the 11th round of the pro draft.

Tony Vitale was not drafted, but is expected to sign a free agent contract today with the Green Bay Packers. Vitale, 6-3 and 270, played on the offensive line for Central Michigan for the past four years after graduating from Plymouth Salem in 1978.

"IT'S A DREAM come true," Michuta said after learning he had been chosen by the Browns. "My coach (Jim Harkema of Grand Valley) sent a lot of films to a lot of teams. As the draft drew near, I was getting more and more positive feedback. "It's going to be hard work but I'm willing to do it."

Michuta, 6-4 and 190, impressed Cleveland quarterback coach Paul Hackett during an informal workout two weeks ago at Livonia Franklin High School. Hackett liked Michuta's fluid movement and raw physical talent.

Michuta didn't start at Grand Valley until his senior year, but he made the most of it. He led the Lakers to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) championship and a 10th place

ranking in the final NCAA Division II polls.

The Borgess grad set a Grand Valley record by tossing 17 touchdowns passes last year. He completed 114 of 173 passes for 3,702 yards, connecting on nearly 66 percent of his passes.

Michuta graduates next week and on Wednesday flies to Cleveland for a mini-camp.

WISKA was in New York two days after the Giants selected him for a meeting with team officials. Sidelined with a knee injury for two games early last season, Wiska returned to help MSU become the most proficient passing team in the school's history.

Wiska was considered the catalyst on the offensive line during the Spartans' late-season resurgence, in which they won four of their last six games.

A general business major, he earned the MSU Outstanding Lineman and Iron Man (for weight training) awards.

ALTHOUGH he wasn't drafted Vitale is confident he can break in with the Packers.

"They need linemen really bad," said Vitale, who was contacted by 13 teams. "They consider me better than some of the linemen they already have."

Vitale ran tests for individual teams and BLES-TO, an NFL scouting service. He was timed at 4.9 in the 40 yard dash and has bench pressed 455 pounds.

Seven teams — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Oakland, Denver, Miami, Chicago and the Packers — showed an interest in the All-Mid-American tackle after the tests.

"I just have to show the Packers I can make the team," Vitale said. "This is a dream come true. I've always dreamed about playing pro ball."

Now Vitale, like Michuta and Wiska, will get the chance to prove dreams can come true.

## Cranbrook routs Country Day, 6-1

It was the best versus the second best Thursday as Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook hosted Detroit Country Day School in high school tennis.

And coach Don Brown's Cranbrook squad maintained its best-in-the-area status with an easy 6-1 victory over a good CDCS team. The win boosted Cranbrook to 5-0.

Dan Bromberg needed three sets to slug Carlos Moravek 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 in the top singles match. Country Day's lone match win came in No. 2 singles where Brad Goodman dumped Bob Jasmer 7-5, 6-3.

At No. 3 singles, Keith Satoriff stopped John Davey 6-2, 6-3 and John Solik downed Rob Nagle 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4.

Cranbrook's top doubles team of Keith King and Jeff Trose recorded 6-0, 6-0 sets over Aaron Weinert and David Jacobson. At No. 2 doubles, it was Charlie Moore and Bruce Hendrick beating Cam Sarah and Jim London 6-2, 6-0. No. 3 match went to Kurt Kohlik and Dave Jasmer, who beat Ramin Kashaf and Mike Evers 6-2, 6-3.

Cranbrook is home to Birmingham Seaholm at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Country Day hosts Grose Pointe University Liggett on the same afternoon.

TROY ATHENS' Kevin Souther experienced the long and short of things in high school tennis last week.

Souther, playing at No. 4 singles, prevailed in a marathon three-hour match, the decisive battle in Athens' 4-3 win over Fraser. A day later, his match victory in straight sets over

Clawson's Bruce Burns took only 30 minutes. Athens beat Clawson 6-1.

Athens' only match loss came in No. 1 singles where Ann Nalowski stopped Frank Lee 6-3, 6-2. At No. 2 singles, Brian Crowder beat Al Adams 7-5, 6-2, and Tom Butkovich won No. 3 with sets of 6-4, 7-5 over Graham Martin.

Larry Harrow and Kee Kim combined to win the No. 1 doubles match over John Kinsler and Don Jugon 6-3, 7-5. The No. 2 match went to Morris When and Denis Corcoran, who beat Steve McDonald and Todd Horner 6-1, 6-4. At No. 3, Roger Wagner and Reid Baldwin won over Kevin Walsh and John Campbell 6-1, 6-0.

TROY RAISED its tennis record to 3-1 with a 5-2 win over Royal Oak Kimball in the Southeastern Michigan Association.

Dean Krutty of Troy downed John Pietroska 6-4, 6-3 at No. 2 singles. Glenn Gurney beat Jay Wontkowski 6-1, 1-6, 6-4 at No. 3. Ron Cross won in three sets over Clint Hodge at the fourth singles spot.

Troy's No. 2 doubles team of Mark Sosnowski and Mark Chase beat Jack Taylor and Pat Smith 6-0, 6-3. At No. 3 doubles, Troy's Steve West and Mark Evans whipped Mike Demars and Scott Jay 6-4, 6-1.

Earlier last week, Troy blanked Royal Oak Dondero 7-0, in a non-league meet. Troy won the No. 1 singles match with Ross Wilber taking Craig Masters 6-3, 6-1. Troy's top doubles team of Dave Snyder and Jeff Davis outlasted Adam Bolster and Jeff Synowiec 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

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