

## Sports

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# Harrison grad toes line for Chippewas

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There was a lot on the line when Central Michigan met Eastern Michigan Saturday night at Ryneearson Stadium — including Dave Deletka. Deletka, 6-foot-3 and 255 pounds, plays defensive line for CMU. He and the rest of his defensive mates made the night a memorable one by socking EMU 20-6.

This was more than a clash of in-state football rivals. The Hurons were the defending Mid-American Conference champions and, together with CMU (and Western Michigan and Ball State), were tied for the MAC lead. Which made this mid-season game a pivotal one.

As Deletka pointed out, "We had a lot of incentive for this. Having that (state) rivalry is a lot of incentive. And this was a very important game for us."

The Chippewas played like it. They dominated both lines of scrimmage. EMU managed just 93 yards rushing and 130 passing, to CMU's 160 rushing and 145 passing.

BUT EQUALLY important, it was the Chippewas' second consecutive win over the Hurons and the second straight game in which they limited EMU to one touchdown. As coaches are fond of saying, defense wins ball games.

Which is what Deletka likes to provide. The junior from Farmington Hills (Harrison) was in on 30 tackles in '87, starting all 11 games. With the three assists he had Saturday, Deletka has 18 tackles this season for the 4-1 Chippies.

Deletka wasn't officially credited with a sack against EMU. CMU had three — but he did his job, pressuring Huron quarterback Tom Sullivan constantly.

"We knew if they got behind (EMU trailed 13-0 in the third quarter),

Dave Deletka  
CMU defensive standout

## Playoff berth at stake, also

Besides the Lakes Division football title, a possible playoff berth will be up for grabs Friday night when North Farmington and Westland John Glenn collide on the latter's turf.

Both teams are 4-6 in the division and 6-0 overall. North Farmington is second and Glenn third in Class A Region III of the state computer-point ratings. The top four teams qualify.

Catholic Central, a 21-7 winner over Brother Rice in the annual Boys Bowl game, is first (100), followed by the Raiders (94.67), the Rockets (93.33) and Rice (88.63).

Harrison, rated No. 1 in the opinion polls, is atop Class B Region IV. The Hawks (97.33) are followed by another top-10 team, Riverview (84), and a pair of once-beaten teams, Clawson (73.67) and Monroe Jefferson (71.50).

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they'd have to pass," said Deletka. "They were keeping us honest, running the draw. But when we saw (Sullivan) cradle back in his stance, we went after him."

Stopping the pass was just half the CMU story, however. Limiting the Hurons to 93 yards rushing on 37 carries (2.5 an attempt) was the rest. "We were just reading their offensive linemen, and they'd take us to the ball," was Deletka's simplified explanation. "We were trying to get some penetration."

DELETKA'S SUCCESS is hardly a surprise to his coach, Herb Deremodi. "We try to put good athletes on defense," Deremodi said. "Dave fits that mold. Sure, he's gotten bigger and stronger (Deletka weighed 215 as a senior at Harrison), which has helped him."

"He's also gotten very physical. He's always been a very active player, even when he played for (Harrison coach) John Herrington."

Deletka is best against the run, according to Deremodi, but he's "made great strides against the pass, too." The strides Deletka is most proud of, however, are his team's. "We have confidence in ourselves," he said. "We believe in one another. It's not a cocky kind of confidence. Eastern's a tough team. For us, this (win) is just one step in the right direction."

And the direction Deletka relies on is west — toward Fresno, Calif., and a Dec. 12 date in the California Bowl. "I have a large team goal," he said. "I want to go to California, I want to win the MAC."

More games like Saturday's will guarantee that.



THOMAS ARNETT/staff photographer

## Golf tourney

Tom Story of Harrison hits out of a sand trap during the Western Lakes Activities Association golf tournament Monday at Huron Meadows. Story shot a respectable 88, but the Hawks finished last in the 12-team event. See story on Page 4D.

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# Marlins post upset; North wins again

Who said Farmington Mercy is struggling in girls basketball?

Losers of their first six games this fall, the Marlins suddenly have become one of the hottest items in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Mercy knocked off Redford Bishop Burgess, 42-36, Tuesday night in what coach Larry Baker called "one of the most impressive turnarounds I've been a part of."

Mercy is 3-2 in the Central Division, 3-8 overall. Burgess fell to 5-6 overall, 1-4 in the Central.

Trailing by 13 at halftime, Mercy outscored Burgess, 22-5, in the first eight minutes of the second half and led, 34-30, after three quarters. Mercy forced 12 Burgess turnovers in the third quarter.

"We really pressed very intensely and managed to play that third quarter in their defensive end," Baker said. "We got some bounces (layups) off our press, which was good because 12 first-half points were not that stunning."

Junior guard Jenny Clinton led Mercy with 10 points and five steals. Junior forward Joanne Stephens and senior forward Pam Thompson added nine points each.

Thompson also had five steals and "played her game of the season," Baker said. "She played like a demon, and she was a big part of our comeback."

Sophomore guard Kyra Woodward scored 12 of her game-high 16 points in the first half for Burgess. The Spartans held a commanding 42-28 rebounding advantage.

N. FARMINGTON 57, STEVENSON 36: Eve Clear and Kim Gurecki sparked a big second quarter Tuesday night for host North Farmington that put this game out of reach. Clear and Gurecki each hit 3-point baskets during a 12-point run for North, which gave the Raiders a commanding 27-1 lead in the second quarter. Clear had 18 points and Gurecki added 18, and each player finished with two 3-pointers. Wikki Seamount led all rebounders with 10.

"They took it to us in the second quarter run," Stevenson coach Chuck Hebestreit said. "We broke their press all right, but we'd throw it away after the press and they'd convert them into layups."

North improved to 8-3 overall, 4-2 in the

Lakes Division. Stevenson is winless in six Lakes games.

Stephy Sutter led Stevenson with 14 points and six rebounds. Junior center Jessann Martin had 10 points, all coming in the second half.

JOHN GLENN 74, FARMINGTON 44: Stephie Martin's 16 points led host Westland John Glenn, which dominated its Lakes Division opponent.

The Rockets are 3-3 in the Lakes, 6-4 overall. Farmington fell to 1-5 in the Lakes.

Christina Hoffman and Janet Ternes contributed 15 and 13 points, respectively, for Glenn. Hoffman, a senior forward, led Glenn with eight rebounds.

Marissa Ferrari was the only Farmington

player in double figures with 13 points. Melissa Tisdale added eight.

FRANKLIN 50, HARRISON 22: The Patriots outscored host Farmington Harrison in every quarter, en route to the easy Western Division win.

Franklin is 7-3 overall, 5-1 in the Western Division. Harrison is winless in 12 games, including six in the Western Division.

Franklin guard Dawn Warner led all scorers with 11 points. Julie Steski, Leslie Saffaraki and Jeannette Allwies had eight points each for the Patriots. Saffaraki had 15 rebounds and Allwies 10.

Darcy Flinx (eight) and Karen Najarian (seven) combined for 15 of Harrison's 22 points.

# Mercy plays bridesmaid to Marian in league meet

Farmington Mercy was runner-up to rival Birmingham Marian a second straight year in Catholic League tennis, but the Marlins can't say they didn't have a shot at the Mustangs.

In five of the eight finals at Detroit's Farwell Field, Mercy was beaten by Marian players Saturday.

The Mustangs finished with 56 team points, the Marlins 48. Livonia Ladywood was third in the 10-team tournament with 36 points.

"They're rated in the top 10 in the state, and they have good depth," said Mercy coach Jim Kerwin of Marian. "As the scores indicate, we give them a good game but come up a little short."

"Our girls play well against them, but at this point, we don't have enough experience to take enough from them."

MERCY, HOWEVER, can claim to have the best player in the Catholic League after junior Nicole Tranos captured the No. 1 singles title.

She defeated Alexandra Leoni of Regina in the final, 6-2, 6-3. In earlier matches, Tranos trounced Star of the Sea's Chris DeFour (6-0, 6-0) and Ladywood's Beth Zimmerman (6-0, 6-1).

## tennis

"If somebody takes two or three games from her, they've taken a lot," Kerwin said. Tranos is 16-3 — all three losses being to Sue Somerville of Dearborn, including one by default — and Kerwin expects her to be seeded No. 1 in the Northwest regional. Marian goes to the regional at Southfield.

She has received all-state honors and advanced to the state quarterfinals the last two years.

"Some of the hot shots from last year are not in the tournament," Kerwin said. "She should be able to move up to the semifinals and possibly the finals."

LADYWOOD HAD a singles champion in Lisa Bleiende, who knocked off Marian's Carol Rendie- na (6-2, 7-5) to take the No. 4 singles title.

Mercy also had a winner at No. 4

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## CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Saturday at Detroit Farwell Field

### TEAM RESULTS

1. Birmingham Marian, 56; 2. Farmington Mercy, 48; 3. Livonia Ladywood, 36; 4. Allen Park Cabrini, 25; 5. Grosse Pointe Star of the Sea, 20; 6. Harper Woods Regina, 17; 7. Royal Oak St. Ignace, 15; 8. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 9; 9. Oakland Catholic, 2; 10. Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, 0.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Nicole Tranos, Mercy, defeated Alexandra Leoni, Regina, 6-2, 6-3.  
No. 2: Karen Mious, Marian, def. Shannon Fitzpatrick, Mercy, 6-3, 7-5.  
No. 3: Devon Dietz, Marian, def. Cyndi Viak, Mercy, 6-1, 6-1.  
No. 4: Lisa Bleiende, Ladywood, def. Carol Rendie- na, Marian, 6-2, 7-5.  
No. 5 doubles: Beth Gil-Christy Marico, Marian, def. Kristy Spede-Ciprino Nagan, Mercy, 6-1, 6-0.  
No. 6: Julie Egan-Erica Peters, Marian, def. Heather Ballen-Gus Droughton, Mercy, 6-3, 6-4.  
No. 7: Lisa Snyder-Tara Dietz, Marian, def. Robin Baker-Alison West, Mercy, 7-6, 6-1.  
No. 8: Michelle Campbell-Sharon Bayles, Marian, def. Chelsea Morales-Kristi Fari, Marian, 6-4, 6-4.

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