

Football

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The Long Beach coaching staff heard about Gojcaj through Eastern Michigan University assistant coach Dan Henson. Eastern recruited Gojcaj but he didn't meet academic standards.

He's never visited the Long Beach campus.

"The heat gave me cotton mouth at the beginning, but then I put water in my mouth and all over my body and was all right," he said.

Terek and Becher didn't have any passes thrown their way, but that didn't take away from their all-star experience, each said.

Terek touched the ball once on offense, taking a hand-off on a reverse in the first quarter. West defensive end Bryan Pinder, a Grandville graduate headed to Western Michigan University, dropped Terek for a loss of seven yards with a neat one-arm tackle.

"The defense all fell for it, from what I hear," Terek said. "I heard if I got past that guy, I was gone. I started way too far out."

Terek, who set a Class A state record in the pole vault, will attend MSU on a track scholarship and possibly play football his sophomore year.

Players put emblems of other players' schools on their helmets as an All-Star Game tradition. Terek's Franklin helmet was covered with a design he made with masking tape in his dorm room.

It sounds like he had plenty of time for the artwork, leaving

campus only to visit a children's hospital and day care center as part of the week's activities.

Staying on campus is a requirement of the players.

"I know it's boring if you can't leave the campus," Terek said, joking about his new digs.

Terek left the stadium with several carpet burns, most made earlier in the week in practice. "I love the stadium but I love (playing on) grass," Terek said. "I learned the first day you don't dive for the ball in practice, especially when you're wearing shorts and a T-shirt."

It was clear who Becher thought was most responsible for his selection to the All-Star Game: Glenn coach Chuck Gordon.

Players are supposed to get friends or businesses in their communities to buy advertisements to put in the program, wishing them well.

Becher took out an ad himself to thank Gordon for all he's done for him through the years. Gordon nominated Becher for the game, but his belief in Becher started long before then.

"Coach Gordon is a holluva guy, has backed me and my teammates since the 10th grade," Becher said.

Becher, headed for Saginaw Valley State University, planned on watching the game on PASS later that night at a party with his sister, a recent U.S. Coast Guard graduate.

"I'll enjoy my last week before I'm off (to Saginaw Valley)," he said. "The game has helped me get in more shape, maybe get an

edge. This game was more than I expected, an honor to be a part of it."

Becher liked making new friends on the East Team and he even made one on the West Team: Brad Labadie, a defensive back from Adrian headed for Saginaw Valley.

"See you next week big guy," Labadie said, passing Becher in the line to shake hands after the game.

ALL-STAR NOTES: Plymouth Canton quarterback Rob Johnson was chosen to play but replaced on the roster after honoring a request by Northwestern coach Gary Barnett not to play. Like CMU, Northwestern starts the season a week earlier than most colleges.

Missing for the same reason was East Toledo's Brian Marshall of Brother Rice.

Detroit Catholic Central defensive back Greg Call also was chosen to play but was a no-show. Call said he couldn't play for personal reasons, although he failed to call or write to the All-Star committee and say he wasn't coming.

Call, a quarterback/defensive back, said Tuesday he still plans to walk on at Western Michigan University.

MHSFCA Executive Director Don Lessner said Call was replaced by an alternate the week of practice.

Lessner said some of the best All-Star Game stories can be told by players added to the roster late.

He recalls the first All-Star Game in 1981 when late addition Todd Stoner of Temperance-Bedford was a hit from the first day of practice through the game's final minute.

"He was just ecstatic to play, caught everything in sight at practice, playing for coach (Al) Freccese (of Rice)," Lessner recalled. "By the end of the week he was voted captain and with two, three minutes left, catches a 60-yard TD pass to win the game. You never know what can happen."

Swider brothers lead Huskies to title

Ferris State-bound Kevin Swider pumped in five goals, while brother Corey Swider assisted on five, as the Huskies captured the Metro Summer Hockey League championship Sunday with a 9-5 victory over the Falcons in the final at Plymouth Cultural Center & Ice Arena.

Five unanswered goals to start the game proved to be too much for the Falcons.

The Huskies led 7-1 after two periods before coasting home.

HOCKEY

Jeremy Kiosowski, Kent Land and Daryl Schimmelpfen add one goal apiece for the newly crowned MSHL champs.

Chad Theuer contributed two assists, while defenseman Dave Lambeth had two. Mike Schmidt and Brent Bessey each had one.

Joe Sorrentino started in goal for the Huskies before giving way to Jordan McCormack at 6:58 of the second period.

Rounding out the Huskies squad is Wes Blewina, Matt Frick, Ian Crockett, Brent Lafond, Dominic Catanzarite and James Yonemura.

Jack McCoy had three goals in a losing cause.

Jesse Hubenschmidt and Matt Henderson chipped in with one goal and two assists each. Scott Lock also had an assist.

Tom McNeil started in goal for the Huskies. He was replaced by Jason Hubenschmidt.

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Hard to stop: Farmington's Harrison Francis Gojcaj rushes through the West team's offensive line and is about to be double teamed by a back in the all-star game. Gojcaj had a strong performance for the East, which lost the game despite his efforts on the defensive side.

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