

## VICTORY

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traveled 56 yards and longest kickoff, some of which reached the end zone, 68. He also kicked two extra points and attempted a field goal.

"My leg was bothering me a lot this week," Ryan said. "I went easy (Friday), got a good night's rest last night and was on today."

Ryan, who also started at outside linebacker for the Warriors last year, would have liked to play defense, too, but was content to do all the kicking.

"I didn't want to get injured either (and hurt his chances of kicking in college)," he said. "It's better to be safe than sorry."

Ryan hopes his all-star performance foreshadows more good things at the U-M. He reports this week to Michigan as a preferred walk-on and might be doing the same for the Wolverines in a few years.

"I know there were a few coaches up in the stands, and I'm just glad I was on my game today," he said.

Ryan has a good football pedigree, too. His father is K.C. Ryan, an all-state linebacker on the great Rice teams of 1974 and '75 who later played at Notre Dame.

## SHAW LEADING RUSHER

Shaw, who was the game's leading rusher with 35 yards on 11 carries, scored the East's final TD for a 28-0 led following a Ryan PAT with 7:32 left in the fourth quarter.

Shaw carried the ball on six of the seven plays during the 37-yard drive, which followed an interception by South Lyon's Jamie Gasparella.

The East coaches seemed determined to have Shaw, who scored on a fourth-and-inches play, get in the end zone.

To that point, Shaw, the all-



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Drew Stanton demonstrated a lot of poise on the field at Michigan Stadium Saturday in leading the East all-stars to a 28-7 victory.

time leading rusher in state history, was a little disappointed in the degree of his contribution.

"You know I was," he said. "It's an all-star game, and you have to take what they give you. I think I had four carries through the third quarter. I thought, 'If I get another one, I have to make the most of it,' and then I ended up getting the ball a lot more."

"It was pretty hard getting back into football shape," he said, "but I think it will help to prepare me (for MSU), because I'll have an extra week of getting used to the pads and stuff like that again."

"I've been here living with my brother (Ben, also an MSU student) for two weeks now. I've been working out with some of the players up here and throwing a little but not nearly as much as I have over the last three or four days."

The I-formation offense the East all-stars used was similar to what Stanton ran at Harrison. In fact, East coach Jeff Stergalas even included a few passing plays the Hawks use for the benefit of Stanton.

"We started out running the wing-T," Stanton said. "As the week progressed, the coaches felt more comfortable with me running the shotgun. I like to spread it out and go. We got some plays from (Harrison) coach (John) Herrington. From that we got the basis for the kind of plays I have success with."

It was a successful day Saturday as Stanton completed six of 14 passes for 79 yards and a touchdown in the East victory.

Shaw said it wasn't the TD but having his number called more that gave him a greater sense of fulfillment.

However, the champion sprinter with 10.8-second speed in the 100-meter dash didn't get a chance to demonstrate that ability by breaking a long run.

"Everyone here can showcase something; I just didn't get the chance," Shaw said. "If you don't get the chance to do it, people still know you're here for a reason. People still know you can do it. Some got the chance and some didn't."

Shaw, a 48-minute player for the Trojans, wasn't accustomed to playing just offense and sharing time at that.

"It was strange for me, sitting out," he said. "In high school, I played offense and defense. It was just different, but it was fun and we won."

## OTHERS CONTRIBUTE, TOO

DiGiorgio, who was 0-for-6 passing, scrambled for a 19-yard TD and a 13-0 halftime lead. Late in the third quarter, Darrell Hood (Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher) ran 4 yards

for another TD and, behind the blocking of Redford Catholic Central fullback Mike Banaszak, a two-point conversion that made it 21-0.

West quarterback Joshua Brehm (Iliaca) scored on a 1-yard sneak with 2:30 remaining, and Bobby Belmonte (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) kicked the extra point.

Banaszak, who often was in the same backfield with Stanton and Shaw, Plymouth Canton's Dan Kobus and Redford Bishop Burgess' Jason Smith had one carry apiece for 2 yards each.

Jason Robert (Troy Athens) played the entire game at left offensive tackle. Tackles Dominic Moran (Rochester Adams) and Gabriel Watson (Southfield) and Orchard Lake St. Mary's linebacker Steve Balone were part of a tough defense that limited the West to a net rushing total of 64 yards, forcing Brehm and Jared Ford (Byron Center) to combine for 161 passing yards.

The East has won the last two all-star games and holds a 12-10 series edge. Neither side has ever won more than two years in a row.

## Stanton capitalizes on '02 opportunity

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Since he expects to be red-shirted his first year at Michigan State, Drew Stanton probably played the only football game he will play this year Saturday in Ann Arbor.

In that case, the all-star quarterback from Farmington Harrison can boast a perfect winning percentage in 2002 after helping the East high school all-stars claim a 28-7 victory at Michigan Stadium.

"To tell you the truth, I never thought about it like that," Stanton said. "It does bring up a good point."

"I was just looking forward to playing with some of the best players in Michigan and seeing how much we could come together in a week as a team."

Stanton and the other all-stars spent all of last week practicing in East Lansing where the game is usually played.

Due to work being done at Spartan Stadium, the players and coaches were bused to Ann Arbor Saturday.

Stanton was back at MSU Monday for the start of preseason practice with the Spartans,

who are expected to make this a redshirt year for Stanton in which he can practice but not play.

"I got one day to go home and then it's right back up here for good," Stanton said last week from MSU. "I'm excited to take that next step."

"I've been waiting for the transition period to college. That's why I chose this place, because I love it and can't wait to get up here and start my college career."

Stanton thinks a redshirt year will be good for him in the long run.

"I've been checking that out and talking to (former Harrison and MSU star) Mill (Coleman), and he said the fifth year after you do redshirt comes easy. You just have to go out there and play, because you've learned everything."

"The thing I have to do this year is take in as much knowledge of the offense as I can."

Stanton spent most of the summer playing baseball for three teams (Michigan Rams, Michigan Panthers and NFWB Cobras) and working out at Harrison. The all-star practices were the first serious football workouts.

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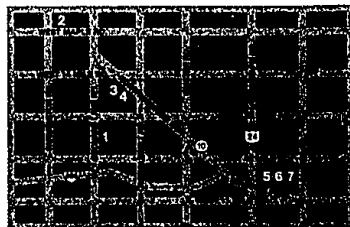
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