

Area grid stars make their picks

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The highly sought-after Alex Marshall of Redford Bishop Borgess made a verbal commitment Tuesday to play football for the University of Michigan.

He will sign a national letter of intent Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Rated one of the top prospects in the state, the 6-foot-5 1/2, 235-pound tight end/defensive end may wind up playing outside linebacker for the Wolverines, according to his high school coach, Dan Henry.

"I talked to Bob (Schember) on Saturday, and he thinks Alex is best suited for outside linebacker because he can run and cover a lot of ground," said the Borgess coach. Marshall, who carries a 3.1 grade point average, plans to pursue a career in criminal justice. His choice was narrowed down to Michigan and Michigan State to which he did make visits to Boston College and Indiana.

"The people were great at both universities (U-M and MSU)," Marshall said. "I liked both very much, but it was just a feeling. I just had a stronger feeling at Michigan."

MARSHALL ALSO indicated that former Westland John Glenn coach Lloyd Carr, now one of Bo Schember's top assistants, was instrumental in his recruiting. Marshall said he had a long talk with Carr along with another U-M assistant, Gary Mueller.

Ironically, Henry served as an assistant under Carr while he was at Glenn.

"I didn't talk to Alex, but I'm sure he knew how I felt all along," said the Borgess coach. "It was a difficult decision because coach (Norm) Parker at State did a good job recruiting him. But I think Alex's family wanted him to go to Michigan and that was a factor, but I feel he still made up his own mind."

Michigan State did land North Farmington's All-State running back Scott Selzer, who committed early last week to the Spartans.

Several other All-Observer performers made commitments this week including four off a Glenn team that reached the semifinals of the state Class A playoffs last season.

Wide receiver and defensive back Mike Hammett visited Toledo and Central Michigan but decided on Eastern Michigan because he'll get the opportunity to play both baseball (he's a catcher) and football.

HAMMONTREE'S TEAMMATE, 6-foot-6, 230-pound tight end Harold Lovelace, will also be playing in the Mid-American Conference. He's made a verbal commitment to Toledo.

Glenn coach Chuck Gordon also reported Tuesday that All-Area linebacker Doug Sireth, a 6-4, 240-pounder, is headed for Glen Valley State and two-time All-Area kicker Tony Svalute is going to Ferris State.

Redford Catholic Central coach Tom Mach reported Monday that 6-foot-6, 230-pound tackle Tom Victory, who was hampered this season by shoulder and knee problems, will decide sometime this week between Central Michigan, Toledo or Miami of Ohio.

All-Area linebacker Matt Fris is also considering Miami but reportedly is leaning toward Holy Cross.

Although he was ignored in the All-Area balloting last fall by Observerland coaches, 6-foot-4, 215-pound tackle Kevin Rich of Redford St. Agatha will sign Wednesday with Central Michigan. The All-Catholic League pick and Glass

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C All-Stater also considered Eastern Michigan.

"I liked the idea of getting a little bit farther away from home," said the Livonia. "I just liked the atmosphere."

Rich, who is starting on the Agatha basketball team, is a 2.8 student who plans to major in either business-finance or marketing.

WITH DIVISION I schools forced to cut 10 scholarships under new NCAA guidelines, several area players are still awaiting word on potential offers.

With the Big 10 schools forced to cut back from 95 to 85 scholarships, the MAC and Division II Great Lakes Conference are getting a better pick of the litter this season.

But that is creating hardship for some area players, who have been put in a compromising position with certain recruiters. One area coach reported one of his players visited a MAC school, but was then told he was not wanted. Another area high school coach said his player visited a MAC school, but was told he had to make a decision by Friday (Jan. 30) or the scholarship would be offered to another recruit. Other players are awaiting ACT and SAT test results, which may qualify them to play at the Division I level.

Those All-Area players expected to sign by Wednesday, but have not yet verbally committed (as of Tuesday) include Livonia Franklin linebacker Chris Parent, Borgess defensive back/wide receiver Sean Darbins, Borgess defensive back Zip Holliday and Wayne running back Darren Tatum.

Joe Jouppe, the All-Area linebacker from Plymouth Salem, may be a victim of the NCAA's ruling to reduce the number of Division I football scholarships from 95 to 85 per school.

At one point, Miami of Ohio, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan were eager to sign Jouppe — an aggressive, hard-hitting player much in the mold of former Salem star Scott Jurek, currently a starter at Eastern Michigan.

But all three Mid-American Conference schools have given Jouppe the cold shoulder.

"I've been at this a long time," said Salem coach Tom Mosher. "If he's not at least a MAC-level player then I don't know who is."

With 10 fewer scholarships, major Division I schools like the University of Michigan and Michigan State are being extra selective in their recruiting process. Before, U-M or MSU could afford to gamble on a borderline player. Now many borderline players will end up in a MAC-level program. The effect of the NCAA ruling trickles down to Division II and Division III levels as well.

Jouppe visited Hillsdale last week and is likely to end up at a Division II school.

"What it means is, somebody is going to get a steal. This kid is a player," Mosher said.

— Chris McCosky

OU fouled out up north

There's no going back, is there, Bob Taylor?

Taylor, remember, left his coaching job at Lake Superior State to accept the same position at Oakland University this season. On Saturday he returned to his former place of employment, but it was hardly a happy homecoming.

His Lady Pioneer team battled back but had too few bodies left by game's end to pull off the upset in a 75-54 overtime loss.

For years, coaches from the lower peninsula Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) teams have talked about the dreaded upper peninsula road trip, where of flouting often seems planned toward the home club.

Stated would not sufficiently describe Saturday's contest. OU shot 17 free throws, making 10. LSS put up an incredible 53 foul shots, canning 41. Both are GLIAC records. So is Gwen Wilkie's 18 attempts from the stripe; she hit 14 and finished with a game-high 24 points.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, five OU players — starters Sonja Pearson, Celeste Sartor, Sarah Knuth and Kim Klein, and reserve Leah Fenwick — fouled out. The Lady Pioneers were whittled for a GLIAC record 35 personnel; LSS got only 15. Despite the lopsided foul count, OU fought its way back from a 43-30

halftime deficit to tie it at 70 with 2:01 left on a Knuth jumper. Vicki Hill's two free throws with 26 seconds remaining pushed the Lady Lakers up by four, 76-72, but the Lady Pioneers stormed back again.

Margaret Boyle scored on a drive to the hoop and, after an OU timeout, Knuth stole the ball and scored with seven seconds left to tie it at 76-76.

The Lady Pioneers were running low on players by this time. Still, they limited LSS to two overtime baskets, but the Lady Lakers shot 16 free throws, making 15, to outscore OU 19-8 in overtime.

Knuth finished with 18 points and seven rebounds. Boyle had 17 points, 10 assists and three steals and defensively limited LSS's Erica Ledy to seven points while forcing five turnovers. Klein pitched in 15 points for OU.

Teressa Watwood scored 22 for LSS (18-2 overall, 9-1 in the GLIAC).

ON THURSDAY, OU pulled away from Michigan Tech with a 19-3 run in the second half to post a 78-59 triumph at Tech.

Klein's eight points — she finished with 15 — sparked the surge, which carried the Lady Pioneers from a 38-37 lead with 11:35 left to a 57-53 advantage with 11:15 to go. Tech (4-13 overall, 0-8 in the GLIAC) never got within 10 afterwards.

Knuth's 17 points paced OU. Boyle added 14 points and 10 assists. Mary Fisher had 11 for Tech, with Janette Lutz contributing 10.

Pioneer men upended

The opportunity was there. All Oakland University's mens basketball team needed to do was win at Lake Superior State Saturday. Combined with Wayne State's loss at Michigan Tech, the Pioneers would have been within a game of first place in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The incentive was considerable. A win would give OU a sweep of its two-game upper peninsula road trip (the Pioneers were 73-68 victors at Michigan Tech Thursday), a feat rarely accomplished by the best of teams. It would propel the Pioneers into the final seven-game stretch of GLIAC games — five of which are at home — with momentum.

One problem OU was never in the game against LSS, pulling to within four late in the game but losing, 90-84. The defeat left the Pioneers at 15-6 overall, 8-3 in the GLIAC. The Lakers are 9-3 in the GLIAC; they are 11-6 overall.

LSS's first-half shooting (20-of-33, 61 percent) allowed it to take a 47-39 lead at intermission. The Lakers added to that bulge early in the sec-

OU, now 14-6 overall and 5-4 in the GLIAC, hosts Grand Valley State Thursday and Saginaw Valley State Saturday.

ond half and kept it in double figures most of the way. The closest OU got was 86-82 with 28 seconds left.

FOR OU, SCOTT Blittinger turned in another excellent shooting performance, netting 29 points (including five-for-five, three-pointers). Johnny Johnson scored 19, Wallace Davis had 13 and 11 rebounds and John Henderson scored 10.

Tony Avant paced LSS with 28 points on 12-of-15 floor shooting. Mike Wozniak had 21, Chris Woolley 16 and John Gilbert 14 and 10 rebounds.

In Thursday's win, OU opened up a nine-point lead at halftime (34-25) by scoring the final nine points of the half, but it didn't last. Tech (10-11 overall, 5-4 in the GLIAC) got the first 13 points of the second half, and the battle was on.

With 9:27 to play the game was tied at 48-48. OU scored the next six points, and the Huskies never got closer than five the rest of the way.

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St. Mary's tumbles

Balanced scoring was the good news for St. Mary's College's basketball team in Monday's game at Aquinas College of Grand Rapids. The bad news was Aquinas had six players score in double figures, and they accounted for a lot more points and a 109-84 victory.

The loss ended St. Mary's modest two-game win streak and dropped the Eagles to 10-14. Aquinas, an NAIA District 33 rival, is 10-13.

The Eagles reached double figures in scoring, led by Theo Pearson's 13 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Jon Bow, Bob Bringman and Lance Davis all came off the bench to net 15 points apiece. Brad Turner added 10.

Aquinas got 23 points from Corey Branch and 21 from Rich Wilson. The winners' victory margin was accumulated at the free throw line, as they hit 45-of-59 foul shots. St. Mary's was 14-of-31.

ON JAN. 27, the Eagles soared to a 23-point halftime lead (53-30) but had to survive a furious second-half rally to post an 82-80 triumph at Concordia College.

St. Mary's went from hot to cold in the space of a halftime intermission, allowing Concordia to come back and eventually tie the game at 75-75. Davis was the difference for the

Eagles. He hit a free throw with 10 seconds left to put his team by two, then stole the ball from Concordia leading scorer Scott Goodpaster (24 points) as Goodpaster was about to attempt the game-tying shot.

St. Mary's played at University of Michigan-Dearborn Wednesday, then hosts Flint Jordan Saturday.

Recruit signs

St. Mary's has signed its first major basketball recruit, 6-foot-3 guard Andre Sasser of Detroit Cady.

Sasser is a three-year starter for Cady and averaged 21.6 points, 7.8 rebounds and 4.2 assists through the Commodore's first seven games this season. He was also hitting 56.6 percent of his floor shots and 79 percent of his free throws.

Sasser is expected to fill a void for the Eagles as a perimeter shooter. Cady coach Bob Menefee called Sasser "the best shooter I've ever had here, he just gets better and better all the time."

Sasser was being recruited by Division I schools Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan, and others like Oklahoma State, Tulsa and Colorado were showing considerable interest.

The 3.3 grade-point student plans to major in business administration.

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