Gridders

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with Michigan State University, defensive back Terrill Mayberry with Bowling Green State University and tight end Dave Condeni with Central Michigan University.

Shabaj, a coveted wide receiver in the recruiting struggles, chose MSU over the University of Georgia, which entered the picture late despite the fact Shabaj had committed early to MSU.

The number of Division I commitments from the Hawks is the most since 1991 when Duante Anderson and Mickey Story signed with BGSU, Leon Jefferson with Eastern Michigan and Jason Gloetzner with CMU.

Following are profiles of the Harrison players who had picked a school and their plans for the future.

TERRILL MAYBERRY: Mayberry was impressed by coach Urban Meyer and his staff, which completed their first season at BGSU last year, and Mayberry believes he'll fit well into *their defensive scheme.*

"Last year they had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA, so the program is on the rise," Mayberry said, adding the Falcons went from 2-9 two years ago to 8-3. Meyer was subsequently named Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year.

While he also started at wide receiver, Mayberry's forte was playing cornerback on defense. Coach John Herrington said he was "the best cover corner around."

"That's what I'm going to play," Mayberry said. "It comes natural but now I get to go and learn how to do it; so it'll be even better.

"They're going to give their cornerbacks a chance to play. They pretty much play man-to-man all the time, so (BGSU) kinda suits me better than any other place."

Mayberry also seriously considered Miami of Ohio and Western Michigan, "but the people at Bowling Green fit me better," he added. "The campus is a great place, and the academics are good. The place just fit me well."

The 5-foot-11, 160-pound Mayberry, who plans to study business, said he was told he might play this year as a third cornerback.

The BGSU coaches also want him to add 10 to 15 pounds before next season.

"I don't think it will affect me," Mayberry said. "I think I'll get faster, because I'll be stronger. I'm not too big right now, so all it can do is help me."

DAVE CONDENI: Condeni also had a favorable impression of the CMU coaching staff led by Mike DeBorde. He was captivated by the Mount Pleasant campus when he visited in December.

"They have outstanding facilities, definitely the best in the MAC and probably better than a lot of big schools," Condeni said.

"Their program is on the rise, I think. They started a lot of young kids last year, so they're excited because everything is looking up. I'm getting in at the right time."

Condeni also had an offer from Eastern Michigan, and Toledo and Louisville showed some late interest.

"But it was too little, too late," he said. "I really like Central, regardless. They're the ones who stuck with me. It's nice to be wanted.

"I really love it up there; it fits my personality."

Condeni (6-4, 215) played tight end and strong safety for the Hawks. He could play either position for the Chippewas or possibly even outside linebacker.

"They'll try me at all the positions and see where I fit best," he said. "I know they definitely needed a tight end.

"I kinda like defense but just playing anywhere would be great as long as I get on the field."

Like Mayberry, the CMU coaches would like Condeni to add some weight, especially if he's going to play linebacker.

"I always wanted to play linebacker or strong safety," he said. "I like hitting people; it's more fun than getting hit at tight end."

Condeni, who is thinking about studying physical therapy or business, knows there's a good chance he'll be redshirted next season, however.

"They can't say anything until they see me in pads during freshman doubles," he said. "We haven't really talked about it yet. They like to redshirt players but, if they need me to play, I'll play."

DREW STANTON: Stanton committed to Michigan State in the middle of last summer and was glad he did.

While he didn't get showered with continued attention, he avoided all the negative, bothersome aspects of recruiting, too.

"I wanted to get it over and decide early, so I could have fun and concentrate on my senior year, which I got to do," Stanton said.

"I did go to Oregon's camp, because I had considered Oregon, too. The only place I wanted to go that I didn't was UCLA.

"But I went to (Los Angeles) for the Elite 11 Camp and got a feel for what life would be like on my own out there. I didn't really care for that, not knowing too many people."

Stanton said he didn't try to influence Shabaj's decision and even avoided the issue when the two talked in recent days.

"I try not to bring it up around him, because I know he gets bombarded with it by other people and has to deal with it," Stanton said. "Basically, it's his decision to do what he wants."

Stanton (6-4, 212) is the only quarterback the Spartans were expected to sign.

"That was part of the deal," he said. "As soon as I committed, they said I'd be the only quarterback they took, which is one reason I went there.

"They told me right away when they offered me they were taking one quarterback and they wanted me."

Stanton was one of the most highly-prized prospects in the Midwest, ranking No. 3 in one recruiting poll.

"It's nice to be mentioned like that, but it doesn't really mean too much," he said. "It's not until you get to the college level when you can tell who can play and who can't."

Stanton expects to be redshirted next season, but he'll begin preparing for his college career well before August.

"I get the playbook soon and that will be the biggest thing – to learn the offense," he said. "But then I have baseball coming up, and I have that to get ready for.

"I've been working out ever since the season ended. That's mandatory at Harrison (in the football technique class). I'm working with the younger kids, but I also get my workouts in."

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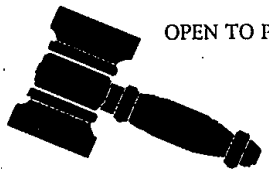

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