

IN BRIEF

LMC men use defense to beat KVCC 55-53

KALAMAZOO — Lake Michigan College's men's basketball team had to rely on its defense Saturday against Kalamazoo Valley Community College. It was up to the task, clamping down to give the Red Hawks a 55-53 road victory.

"We played a very good first half, but our offense really struggled vs their 3-2 zone in the second half," LMC coach Doug Schaffer said. "Fortunately, our defense got some key stops late in the game to help us hang on for the win."

The Red Hawks (9-3 MCCA West, 19-6) were up 30-17 at the half.

Cody Ley came off the bench to lead LMC with 17 points, including five of the team's 10 3-pointers. Terry Davis Jr. had a double-double with 13 points and a team-leading 11 rebounds.

LMC fell in the women's game, 76-57. Complete results were unavailable.

Heisman-winning Lattner dies at 83

SOUTH BEND (AP) — John Lattner, the 1953 Heisman Trophy winner who helped lead Notre Dame to a 9-0-1 record and

a No. 2 ranking in Frank Leahy's final year as coach, has died at 83.

His death was confirmed Saturday by Notre Dame.

Lattner, a two-time All-American, was a halfback, defensive back, punter and kick returner who edged Minnesota's Paul Giel for the Heisman.

Lattner was drafted seventh overall by the Pittsburgh Steelers and played one season.

C. Michigan can't hold on against Ball St.

MOUNT PLEASANT (AP) — Bo Calhoun scored 22 points while grabbing 14 rebounds and Ball State pulled away late in the second half for a 75-63 win over Central Michigan on Saturday.

In a close game, Ball State (16-9, 7-5 Mid-American Conference) took the lead for good with the first of two free throws from Calhoun, which came during a decisive 8-0 run that made it 65-58 with 2:56 left.

Rayshawn Simmons' layup cut the gap to five, but Ball State then got a 3-pointer from Francis Kipway to spark a 10-3 run to the final buzzer.

Simmons led the Chippewas (13-12, 6-6) with 22 points. Chris Fowler added 15 and John Simons 11.