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**Loyola-Chicago 70,
Detroit Mercy 64**

Detroit 357 loses another tight one

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DETROIT — Detroit Mercy lost yet another close game Wednesday as the Titans fell to Loyola-Chicago, 70-64, in a Horizon League game at Calihan Hall.

The Titans are 1-6 in games decided by six points or fewer, 0-4 in league play.

"I don't know what's wrong," UDM junior guard Brandon Cotton said. "I really don't. It's all the little plays. It's the scrap plays we're not making. We're not getting the loose balls."

Cotton led the Titans with 22 points but was held to five in the second half. Ryvon Covile recorded his 12th double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Blake Schilb, the league's pre-season player of the year, led Loyola (12-7, 4-3) with 21 points, and he made three consecutive 3-pointers during a 13-5 run midway through the second half that gave the Ramblers a 57-49 lead.

The Titans (5-12, 2-4) had their chances late but couldn't execute. A basket by Chris Hayes followed by a three-point play by Zach Everingham with 5:50 left pulled the Titans to within 61-58. The Titans got a stop, their fifth in six Loyola possessions, and had an opportunity to get within one, but Cotton was called for an offensive foul with 4:11 to play.

"Whatever the reason, he chose to break out of the play," UDM coach Perry Watson said. "We had Ryvon and Brandon decided to take into heavy traffic. If he had to do it over again..."

In the final minute, UDM still had a shot. A Covile basket with 55.1 seconds left cut Loyola's lead to 66-62. Cotton missed a jumper in the lane, but Hayes was there to get his fourth offensive rebound and passed to an open Jon Goode on the wing, and he missed a 3-point attempt.