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Detroit Mercy center Ryvon Covile ranks third in Division I in rebounding.

UDM'S MASTER REBOUNDER

Back from injury, Covile dominates boards

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Ryvon Covile was really going to show off on this one.

The Detroit Mercy center was in the midst of a 16-point, 16-rebound night against Northeastern on Dec. 22 when he picked up a loose ball near midcourt and had a clear path to the basket.

As he approached the basket, Covile took off for what was to be a resounding tomahawk jam.

He soared and ... thunk!
The rim rejected his attempt at a showcase jam.

"I'm like, 'I'm going to dunk this,' but the ball said, 'Not today,'" Covile said. "So I tried to lay it up."

Covile, who usually remains stone-faced when playing, couldn't

help but grin. As he walked back to the huddle following a time-out, he got it good from teammates. And the ribbing continued at the film session the next day.

And at practice for the next two weeks.

"I couldn't get mad, but at the same time, I couldn't believe it," Covile said. "But that happens over the course of the game. I've seen worse

Chasing Butler

Matchup: Detroit Mercy 7-12, 4-4 Horizon League; No. 14 Butler 18-2, 6-1.

Tip-off: 4 p.m. Saturday, Callihan Hall, Detroit.

Radio: WDFN-AM (1130).

COVILE BY THE NUMBERS

Ryvon Covile's year-by-year statistics at Detroit Mercy (through Thursday). He did not play in 2005-06 because of an ACL injury:

Year	GP	MPG	RPg	PPG
2002-03	28	15.1	3.2	2.5
2003-04	30	22.9	5.0	8.1
2004-05	30	23.2	5.2	7.5
2006-07	19	33.9	11.3	13.2

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