

Cotton leads Titans with 31

MEN'S HOOPS

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Brandon Cotton was not going to let Detroit Mercy lose this one.

Cotton, the junior guard from Detroit DePorres, scored the Titans' last 11 points Thursday night on his way to a career-high 31 to lead UDM past Wisconsin-Green Bay, 76-72, in a key Horizon League matchup.

"He's a big-time player and he made big-time shots," UDM coach Perry Watson said.

And he was needed big time after a Phoenix three-pointer with 2:42 left cut the Detroit (9-13, 5-5) lead to 65-62.

Cotton answered with a four-point play. He hit a triple and then added a free throw after being fouled.

UWGB (12-11, 4-6) hit another three-pointer and a free throw to make it 69-66.

Cotton calmly hit another triple.

Of course, the Phoenix

Is Tommy Amaker on the hot seat?

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nailed another three-pointer with 11 seconds left forcing UWGB to foul — who else — Cotton.

He hit one free throw and the Titans had won four out of five games.

"I got in a groove," said Cotton, who shot 11-for-16 from the field and 5-for-6 from three-point land. "I've been putting in a lot of time on my jump shot lately so I've been waiting for a game like this."

UDM junior point guard Brandon Bell scored a career-

high 15 points and Jon Goodie added 10.

Mike Schachtner led the Phoenix with 21 points and grabbed six rebounds.

NOTEBOOK: Detroit area youth basketball players are invited to UDM's game against Wright State on Saturday. The first 2,000 children (13 and younger) wearing their team jersey will receive a ticket. The game is at 4 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN2.

By Vince Ellis

Great Lakes

FINDLAY (OHIO) 72, WAYNE STATE

56: The Oilers (19-1, 12-0) had four players score in double figures, led by Brent Schnipke with 13. Guard Joe Carr led all scorers with 19 for the host Warriors (9-10, 5-6).

MICHIGAN TECH 58, GANNON (PA.)

44: Tim Strom and Radey Richardson each scored 17 for the host Huskies (12-10, 7-6). Gannon is 6-13, 2-9).

GRAND VALLEY STATE 82, LAKE

SUPERIOR STATE 48: Mike Hall led host Grand Valley (19-2, 10-2) with 25 points. Scott Perkins scored 14 for Lake Superior (8-13, 5-7).