

## IN BRIEF

### LMC men can't hold halftime lead

The Lake Michigan College men's basketball team held a 3-point lead at halftime over NJCAA Division 2 No. 9 Joliet, but couldn't hang on, falling 70-58.

"We played very well in the first half, but then in the second half they came out very aggressive and we never matched that," LMC coach Doug Schaffer said. "When you're playing a team as good as they are, you've got to put two halves together."

Alec Brown had a team-high 14 points for LMC (8-4). Montel Green scored 13, and Arsenio Arrington had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Daymeann Stewart paced Joliet (10-2) with a game-high 18 points.

### Motocross star Stewart suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — Multiple motocross champion James Stewart has been suspended 16 months for a failed drug test.

Stewart tested positive for amphetamine at a Supercross race in Seattle on April 12 and was provisionally suspended by the Federation of International Motorcycling in June. FIM's International Disciplinary Court upheld the decision, announcing on Wednesday that Stewart will be suspended until Aug. 11, 2015.

Stewart, whose team has said the positive test came from his prescribed Adderall, is appealing the decision.

The suspension will cause Stewart to miss the 2015 Supercross season and all but two races of the AMA Motocross outdoor season.

### Painkillers lawsuit against NFL dismissed

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit by 1,300 former players against the NFL, writing that the collective bargaining agreement between the league and the union was the appropriate forum to resolve claims that teams damaged the

players' by routinely dispensing painkillers.

"In ruling against the novel claims asserted herein, this order does not minimize the underlying societal issue," Judge William Alsup of the U.S. Northern District in California wrote Wednesday. "In such a rough-and-tumble sport as professional football, player injuries loom as a serious and inevitable evil. Proper care of these injuries is likewise a paramount need."

### Judge rejects NCAA concussions deal

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge in Chicago rejected a proposed \$75 million class-action head injury settlement with the NCAA on Wednesday, portraying the deal as too unwieldy and potentially underfunded and urging both sides to go back to the drawing board.

Under the proposal, NCAA would toughen return-to-play rules for players with concussions and create a \$70 million fund to test current and former athletes in contact and non-contact sports for brain trauma. It also would set aside \$5 million for research.

### N. Michigan suspends coach for remark

MARQUETTE, Mich. (AP) — Northern Michigan has given its women's basketball coach a four-game suspension for saying that Wayne State "cheated" when it signed transfer student Shareta Brown, athletic director Forrest Karr announced Wednesday.

Northern coach Troy Mattson spoke after Brown made 27 points and 19 rebounds for the Warriors in their 69-57 win Monday over his Wildcats.

Asked why Brown wasn't picked as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's preseason player of the year, Mattson said it was because of how she ended up at Wayne State after leaving Detroit Mercy in spring 2013.

"Every coach in our league knows that they cheated to get her there, and we will not vote for her," Mattson said Monday.

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