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## Forcier expected to play Saturday

U-M says his sore shoulder should be fine in a 'couple days'

BY ANGELIQUE S. CHENGELIS  
The Detroit News

*Ann Arbor* — Michigan freshman quarterback Tate Forcier does have a sore right shoulder — he was to be limited in practice Monday — but he's expected to play at Michigan State on Saturday.

It isn't absolutely clear when Forcier, who led Michigan to a 36-33 comeback win against Indiana Saturday, injured the shoulder, but it was evident at the end of the game that he was in some pain. A television shot shows Forcier wincing after receiving a congratulatory tap on his throwing shoulder.

Forcier has led the No. 22 Wolverines to a 4-0 record, but the annual rivalry game against the Spartans is their first road game of the season.

Michigan coach Rich Rodriguez answered quickly when asked Monday during his weekly news conference whether he expected Forcier to play against Michigan State.

"Yes," he said. Forcier was to be limited to some handoffs and short throws during Monday's practice. He would not make any deep throws, said Rodriguez, who added that he thinks Forcier will be "OK" by today.

"The trainers feel pretty confident he'll be fine in a couple days," Rodriguez said.

Forcier connected with Martavious Odoms on a 26-yard touchdown pass with 2:29 left in

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Tate Forcier  
John T. Greilick/The Detroit News

### Michigan at Michigan State

**Kickoff:** Noon Saturday, Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

**TV/radio:** Big Ten Network/WOMC 104.3, CKLW 800, WJR 760

**Records:** Michigan 4-0, 1-0 Big Ten, Michigan State 1-3, 0-1

**Line:** Even



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# Sounds of 1984 Tigers roar back home



John T. Greilick/The Detroit News

Sparky Anderson is as animated as ever, laughing over a recollection from his days as manager of the 1984 World Champion Tigers.

## In Comerica reunion, Sparky, camaraderie recall 25 years ago



John T. Greilick/The Detroit News

Former Tigers shortstop Alan Trammell, the 1984 World Series MVP, signs his name to seats from now-demolished Tiger Stadium.

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Give him an inch, he'll talk a mile. Just like the old days.

As Sparky Anderson spoke, as he laughed, as he gestured — as he did everything as animatedly as ever — all that had changed was time.

And as we all know, "As time goes on," Sparky said, "things pass."

"You tell children in the third grade that they'll wake someday and be out of college. I don't know how. It just happens."

Six managers, two owners, a demolished ballpark and a lost World Series later, the champions of 1984 were back together again on Monday night.

While posing for the team photo, they sounded the same, more than they looked the same — chirping at each other. Yapping as they yapped back then.



TOM GAGE

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**MORE ONLINE:** See more photos of the ceremony at [detnews.com/tigers](http://detnews.com/tigers)



# Beginning of crucial series is delayed

Doubleheader looms today for Central's two leading teams

BY LYNN HENNING  
The Detroit News

*Detroit* — It was particularly nice that the Tigers decided Monday to honor the 1984 World Series champions during a pregame ceremony at Comerica Park.

The honored guests had the night to themselves.

The baseball game, a big one between the Tigers and Minnesota Twins, was postponed after a long day and evening of rain and wind, and will be played instead today as part of a day-night doubleheader at Comerica Park.



John T. Greilick/The Detroit News

Rain kept the Tigers and Twins from beginning their crucial four-game series at Comerica Park on Monday.

The first game will begin at 12:05, with gates opening at 10:30 a.m. The second game will start at a customary 7:05

p.m. Gates will open at 5:30.

The Tigers had intended to pitch Rick Porcello against Twins right-hander Nick

Blackburn in Monday's opener. The matchup will hold for today's first game, with Justin Verlander taking on Twins rookie Brian Duensing in the evening get-together.

The Tigers, of course, lead the Twins by two games in an American League Central Division showdown that could be determined by Thursday afternoon, the scheduled finale of their four-game series.

Big league teams are resigned to rain ruining plans and complicating schedules, although the Twins and Tigers would have hoped that this series, above all, would have gone off without a hitch.

It's one of the biggest head-to-head duels in each club's re-

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## Lions' victory means pizza

The Lions' 19-14 win over the Washington Redskins on Sunday meant more than just an end to the franchise's 19-game winning streak. It means free pizza, too.

Shields Restaurants are offering free pizza at four locations from 5-8 p.m. today to celebrate the Lions' first victory. The giveaway includes pizza with up to two toppings — a small for 1-2 customers, a large for groups of three or more — for dine-in only.

The deal is available at the following locations: Troy — 1476 W. Maple; Southfield — 25101 Telegraph; Macomb Township — 50750 Romeo Plank; Rochester Hills — 1488 Rochester Road.

## Tweets banned at Texas Tech

Texas Tech players have been banned from having Twitter pages.

Coach **Mike Leach** announced the move Monday after one of his linebackers noted the coach's tardiness to a Sunday meeting, a day after the Red Raiders lost 29-28 to No. 12 Houston.

An offensive lineman also was suspended for violating team rules after tweeting.



Gary Malerba/The Detroit News

Joique Bell, one of the top rushers in Division II, leads Wayne State.

## Wayne State cracks rankings

The metro area has another Top 25 team.

Wayne State (4-1) is ranked 22nd in Division II by the American Football Coaches Association, the highest ranking in the school's history.

Wayne State was ranked last year (Nov. 2) when it was 25th for one week.

## Talley commits to Duquesne

**Mike Talley III** of Melvindale Academy of Business and Technology committed to Duquesne on Monday.

Talley is a 5-foot-9 point guard who averaged 25 points last season and was named to The Detroit News first team Class C all state. He also received scholarship offers from Providence, Detroit Mercy and St. Bonaventure.

"It was a good fit," ABT coach and Talley's father, **Mike Talley** said. "Academically it's a good fit, and we liked Pittsburgh. The coaching staff is real good and it's only four hours away."

"It was a lot of stress and strain from a dad's standpoint. We were blessed to have these opportunities."

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