



## Second Annual Clinic Slated For January 25-26

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Second Annual Clinic will be January 25 and 26, 1974 at Portage Northern High School in Kalamazoo. The first clinic in 1973 was a huge success with over 800 coaches in attendance. It is hoped the second clinic in 1974 will be even larger.

Clinic Director Jeff Smith of East Lansing reported the highlights of the 1974 clinic. Again the agenda of speakers will be primarily composed of High School coaches. Many of these speakers are drawn from the ranks of the "Regional Coaches of The Year." The feeling is that high school coaches tend to present material more adaptable to the high school coaching situation.

All the "Regional Coach of The Year" winners will be awarded beautiful framed foil certificates before noon at an awards ceremony on Saturday. The Class A, B, C, and D State "Coaches Of The Year" will be honored and awarded their trophies at the Saturday noon luncheon. Free luncheon tickets are given to the first 500 clinic registrants.

Pre-registration is \$6.00 which entitles one to the clinic sessions, with the first one starting at 6:30 - 10:15 p.m. on Friday, January 25. At the door registration will be \$8.00. There will be door prizes and a free hospitality and snack session Friday night.

A general business meeting will be held where several constitutional amendments will be presented and voted on.

There will be an election of Directors and a Second Vice-President.

The last clinic session will end at 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Some of you may be concerned with the gas stations closing at 9:00 p.m. Saturday. With the clinic out at 3:30 you will have a good 5 hours of driving time before you fill up at 9:00 to finish your journey home. Many of you may have read Joe Falls article in the Detroit Free Press about his trip to Traverse City and how he went from Traverse City to Detroit without any gas difficulty on Sunday on one tank of gas. So MHSFCA Clinic 1-Gas Shortage 0.

## Group To Honor Boosters

Individuals who have aggressively supported and contributed outstanding services to the development of football in Michigan may be nominated for Honorary Membership in the MHSFCA. On November 30, 1973 at the Midland meeting nominations for Honorary Membership in the MHSFCA were presented and voted on by the Board of Directors. Those elected were: Hal Schram, Sports Writer, Detroit Free Press; Ken Bell, Sports Editor, Traverse City Record Eagle; Seton Bovee Sr., Sports Writer, Coldwater Daily Reporter; Paul Carey, Sports Announcer, WJR Radio Station; Tom Smith, former Coach and Athletic Director at Flint St. Michael's and Powers High School; Don Stamats, former Coach and Athletic Director at Caro Community Schools. These men will be presented a MHSFCA lifetime membership card at the January 26 Clinic Business Meeting.

## From The Desk Of The Association President

We now have an organization that can help Michigan High School Football. You should get behind your Board of Directors and help them move Michigan onward and upward. Forget your little petty grievances and roll up your sleeves and go to work. If you want to be involved, send your name in and get on the ballot for your region. Call up your fellow

coaches and ask them to vote for you. Remember in January we have an election of Directors in the even regions.

We have accomplished a lot in just one year, but we still have a long way to go. Our first goal was to develop rapport with the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the Representative Council. We have a

start and now we must continue to build and foster this relationship. Paul Smarks, Bob James and Ed Wernet as officers in the Michigan High School Coaches Association have been fantastic. We wanted to work with these men for the benefit of everyone in sports and they responded beautifully. As President I

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# Vice-President, Directors To Be Elected

There will be an election held at the Second Annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Associations' Football Clinic, January 25 and 26, 1974. The association will be electing a new Vice-President and Regional Directors. Dave Driscoll of Jackson Parkside High has served as the MHSFCA President for 2 years. The normal term of office is one year. President Driscoll served a second term, as did the rest of the Executive Board, by a Board of Directors amendment. The MHSFCA was only one year old and it was felt the association should continue for a second year with the same executive leadership to insure the progress and successful development of the association.

A Second Vice-President will be elected from the eastern half of the state. M-127 divides the eastern and western half of the state. The 1st Vice-President Dutch Schrotenboer of Alpena High School will move up to President of the Michigan High

School Football Coaches Association as of January 26, 1974. Bud Breed of Portage Northern High School who is presently the Second Vice-President will become the First Vice President. Thus, the office of Second Vice-President will be open.

Nominations will be offered by the Nominating Committee and from the floor at the Annual Clinic General Meeting. In order to be eligible for election to an executive office the candidate must have served one year as a director.

There will also be an election of Regional Directors at the MHSFCA Clinic January 1974 from the even numbered regions 2, 4, 6, 8, etc. The MHSFCA regions are the same as MEA regions.

Each region has a Director and one Alternate Director. Both positions are open in the coming election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each region becomes the Director. The candidate receiving the 2nd highest number of votes becomes the Alternate Director.

If you are interested in running for office, you must submit your name and region to Secretary Steve Sonoga of Jackson High School by January 1, 1974 so your name can be placed on the ballot.

## Business

## Meeting Notes

(1) The next Board of Directors meeting will be January 25, 1974 at 4:00 p.m.

(2) Ken Foust of Albion was named MHSFCA Chaplin by President Driscoll.

(3) This issue of Newsletter is only being sent to MHSFCA members.

(4) Look for MHSFCA clinic flyers around December 10 and January 9, 1974.

(5) The Finance Committee reports that all committees are staying within their budgets.

(6) The MHSFCA has received approval for a bulk rate postal stamp — reducing mailing cost by about one half.

# Play-Off Committee Reports

The MHSFCA State Play-off Committee has made general presentations to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, to the Michigan High School Athletic Directors, and to the Michigan High School's Secondary Principals. They now want a "specific plan" presented.

The Play-off Committee has worked out the mechanics of a specific play-off system. This plan has been ac-

cepted by the MHSFCA Board of Directors. The plan will now be presented to the MHSAA Blue Ribbon Committee the early part of January.

It is hopeful that more information on the play-off will be available at the January clinic.

Another state has been added to the list of states conducting football play-offs, Indiana is No. 31.

**Coaches**  
**The MHSFCA**  
**Needs More**  
**Members**  
**JOIN TODAY**

# The Coach Of The Year

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Associations Board of Directors elected the Coach of the Year for the 4 classes of Michigan High Schools. In early November the regional directors sent out ballots for an election of Regional Coaches of the Year. On November 30, 1973 the MHSFCA Regional Directors met in Midland.

The career credentials of the Regional Coach Of The Year winners

were presented to determine the State "Coaches Of The Year" for each class A, B, C, & D. The balloting resulted in some very close races, as all classes had several very impressive coaches represented. Nevertheless, when the final ballots were counted the winners were Class A — George Ihler, Saginaw Arthur Hill; Class B — Jack Streidl, Plainwell; Class C — John Srholec, Onaway; Class D — Tom Seroczynski, North Muskegon.

George Ihler, of Saginaw Arthur Hill coached the Saginaw Valley Champions to a 9-0 record. Arthur Hill accomplished a feat unprecedented in Michigan Class A High School Football by going undefeated and unscored on. (ARTHUR HILL — 443 OPPONENTS — 0.) George has been a head coach 6 years, 3 at Owosso, 3 at Arthur Hill. In 6 years, George has had 4 championships. His record is 41-11-2.

## Regional Coaches Of The Year

CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C	CLASS D
1. Andy Kincannon Redford			
2. Jack Castagnola Trenton	Bill McCarthney Devine Child	Mike Colletro St. Alphonsus	Bernard Popp Our Lady of Lourdes
3. Ken Calhoun Adrian	Tom LaBeau Monroe Cath. Cent.	Tom Saylor Hudson	Ken Marzka Deerfield
4. Bill Karpinski Battle Creek Central	Al Schofhaar Coldwater	Mike Hume Battle Ck. St. Phil	Marv Smith Litchfield
5. Ivan Muhlenkamp St. Joseph	Gary Steudle South Haven	Joe Wood Marcellus	Bob Critz Mendon
6. Don Weichert Fraser	Walt Braun Marysville	Bob MacDougall Center Line St. C.	
7. David Schmidt Pontiac Northern	John Osborne Novi	Thomas Stapleton Pontiac Catholic	Michael Boyd Our Lady of Lakes
8. Jeff Smith East Lansing	Bob Lange Eaton Rapids	Mike Hart Haslett	Tom Truscott Pottsville
9. Bob Friberg East Kentwood	+Jack Streidl Plainwell	John Maxin Comstock Park	William Friberg Allendale
10. Pat Fields Flint Carman	Fred Rademacher Flint Powers	Jerry Hughes Goodrich	Mickey Hamilton Flint Holy Rosary
11. +George Ihler Saginaw Arthur Hill	Lew Fenton Eisenhower	John Dillon Harbor Beach	Harold Randolph Peck
12. Gene Rademacher Bay City Handy	Hitt Foster Mt. Pleasant	Ray Dombroski B. C. All Saints	Jim Powell Mt. Pleasant S.H.
13.	Dave Farris Musk. Orchard View	Chuck Hulce Montague	+Tom Seroczynski North Muskegon
14. Dutch Schrotenboer Alpena	Barry Aspenleiter Petoskey	+John Srholec Onaway	Lyle McDonnel Atlanta
15. Jim Oley Traverse City	Dave Brines Cadillac	Don Glowicki Elk Rapids	Waldo Keating T. C. St. Francis
16. Region was not represented.			
17. Jerry Cvengros Escanaba	George Gusick Iron Mountain	Richard Koski Negaunee	Bill White North Cent. Powers
18.	Charles Greenland West Iron Co.	Jerry Parker Hancock	Pat Gallinagh Bessemer

### CLASS B

Jack Streidl, Plainwell, was champion of the Wolverine Conference with a 9-0 record. Plainwell was also the League Champions in 1972 and Co-Champions in 1971. Jack has been Head Coach at Plainwell for 27 years. His total record — he doesn't know he hasn't kept track. But, we know it has been good. Jack is a true example of a High School Football Coach being most interested in the students. It's said players, past and present, enter and leave his home like Grand Central Station.

### CLASS C

John Srholec's Onaway team won the Northern Lower Michigan Conference with a 9-0 record. A school which has been a football doormat for its near 50 years, John has made a winner. Before John came to Onaway three years ago, it had won three games in seven years and had never won a conference championship. Srholec's record is 50-21-3.

### CLASS D

Tom Seroczynski of North Muskegon was Champion of the West Michigan Conference with a 9-0 record. Every School played by North Muskegon was larger. A class D team, they beat two class B teams and 1 class C team. Tom has coached 5 All State Quarterbacks and won two State Championships. North Muskegon has been ranked in the top six, eight of the last 9 years, Tom's record is 71-10.

## Rules Report

The MHSFCA has prepared some recommendations to be presented to the MHSAA.

(1) That a member of the MHSFCA Rules Committee be a member of the MHSAA Rules Committee.

(2) That members of the State Rules Committee be on the committee for 2 years, as the first year is a learning year then the member is out

and the continuity and follow through is lost.

(3) That the MHSAA recommend officials to use a penalty summary form containing the kind of penalties called, the number of the player the penalty was on, and the official who called the penalty.

Look for another rules questionnaire in the February issue of Newsletter. The return of questionnaires from the August Newsletter was not very responsive.

## Thanks and Hats Off . . .

To  
Postage Northern High  
for Hosting  
The Second Annual  
MHSFCA  
Clinic



# From The Desk Of The Association President

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want to say thank you to the Michigan High School Coaches Association and its officers.

What are some of the MHSFCA accomplishments?

1. We have coaches from all areas of the state (18 Regions) working together.

2. We now have one "common driving force" working for High School Football.

3. We are deeply involved with the Michigan High School Athletic Association and its Representative Council, at the decision making level, on rules, play-offs and many other

major issues.

4. You, in your region, elect a Coach of the year, and then this coach is eligible for Michigan Coach of the year in each class, A, B, C, and D.

5. We have our own Annual Football Clinic, the last weekend in January. We will move this clinic around the state each year.

6. We can "Honor" many men who have contributed greatly to Michigan High School Football. Such as great Coaches, Sportswriters, and other personalities that have unselfishly helped the youth in Michigan.

7. We have made a great impact on all sports. They see that when we all

work together, we can make changes that are beneficial for youth and the great State of Michigan.

Yes, I can truly say that with the help of many great men on the Board of Directors giving up their time, and money, on many occasions, especially Dick Comar, Ron Holland, Jeff Smith, Art Gillespie, Steve Sonoga, John Blackstock, Dutch Schrotenboer, and all the Board Members and officers.

Yes, "1972" and "73" have been great years. Thank you men.

Sincerely,  
Dave Driscoll

## Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

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