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## 8th Annual M.H.S.F.C.A. Football Clinic January 25-26, 1980 at Lansing Sexton High

The 8th Annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Clinic will be held at Lansing Sexton High School the weekend of January 25-26, 1980. The clinic promises to be a greaat experience because of such speakers as:

#### JERRY CVENGROS

Escanaba 10-2 Record, Class A Coach of The Year

#### IRV SIGLER

Cheboygan Undefeated in 1978 and 1979

#### JACK PIOTTER

East Lansing Successful Line Coach

#### TOM MACK

Redford Catholic Central 12-0 Record, Class A State Champs

#### ROBERT WHITE

Middleville 9-1 Record, Class C Coach of The Year

#### PETE SCHMIDT

Okemos, 9-0 Record Capital D. Circuit Champs

#### DAVE SNEAD

Detroit Central 7-2 Record, Outstanding Coach from Detroit area.

#### HERB DEROMEDI

Central Michigan University 9-2 in 1978 and 10-0-1 in 1979. MAC "Coach of The Year"

#### ROBERT GIANNUNZIO

Norway 11-1 Record, Class D Coach of The Year and State Champs

#### JACK VER DUIN

Wyoming 7-2 Record Repeated Winner as a Coach

#### **BILL KARPINSKI**

Hastings 9-0 Record Twin Valley Conference Champs

The MHSFCA sponsors the best football clinic in the state of Michigan. Don't miss it. The top rated high school coaches explain why they have successful football programs. Dick Harris, from Harrison High School is again the Clinic Chairman and he formulated an outstanding program for the January Clinic. We expect a tremendous turnout for this year's clinic, so register early!

#### **NEW HONORARY MEMBERS**

At the Winter Meeting of the MHSFCA Board of Directors, the following four people were awarded honorary membership in our Association. They will be honored at the January 26 Luncheon at Lansing Sexton High School. The honories are:

1. Mr. Bob James, past president of the Michigan High School Coaches Association and a present officer in the organization. Mr. James was the head football coach at Warren High for 15 years and his teams

won a remarkable 74% of their games. For the last 32 years he has been the Athletic Director for the Warren Schools, and he was selected as the State Football Coach of The Year in 1953.

2. Mr. Marve Eldridge, a sportswriter for the last 33 years including over 20 years at Sturgis Journal. He has been a very positive writer for sports and he has provided St. Joe County with outstanding coverage. Mr. Eldridge is the dean of Twin Valley writers.

- 3. Mr. Nick Annese, outstanding football coach at Corunna High for a 27 year period and Athletic Director for 15 years. Mr. Annese was selected as State Class B Coach of The Year in 1976. His football record is 155-65-6.
- 4. Mr. Bob Cartwright, great teacher and coach at Unionville High School over a 32 year period. Also a news reporter for Tuscola County Advertiser and Bay City Times. Also an Athletic Director for 16 years.

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Region 16

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#### SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Scholarship material has been sent to all high schools in the state of Michigan that sponsor football. The brochure was sent to the Athletic Directors and they were asked to forward the information to the head football coaches. Four \$300.00 scholarships will be awarded and we ask the cooperation of all head coaches in checking to see that their outstanding student - athletes apply for the scholarships.

#### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Curt Evans, Membership Chairman, announced at our Winter Meeting that we have a total of 1266 members. The following is a breakdown by regions:

Region 1- 46	Region 2- 99
Region 3-101	Region 4- 46
Region 5- 97	Region 6-119
Region 7-122	Region 8- 75
Region 9-141	Region 10- 81
Region 11-114	Region 12- 89
Region 13- 58	Region 14- 34
Region 15- 21	Region 16- 22

If you know anyone who would like to be a member, have them fill out the application on Page 4.

Membership parallels the school year and you are a member for the fo'lowing year if you attend the Annual Football Clinic in January.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

January 25-26, 1980 - 8th Annual MHSFCA Football Clinic at Lansing Sexton High School.

#### MHSFCA Board of Directors' Meeting

The following is a list of dates for the MHSFCA Board of Directors' Meetings:

Fri., January 25, 1980, at Lansing Sexton Pre Clinic Meeting, 2 p.m.

#### NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is the official publication of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association with the expressed aim of keeping the membership informed.

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#### LIMITED RESPONSE

The September issue of the MHSFCA NEWSLETTER was sent to the 650 head football coaches in the state of Michigan and to some 1200 members of the Association. A questionnaire was included in the NEWSLETTER asking the coaches to list their senior players who have potential to play college football. Only 72 responses were received. One might wonder why there was such a poor response! As coaches we expect great dedication from our players. Yet it seems that many coaches are not doing their job. It is our responsibility to help our players, yet many coaches have not taken the time to do their part. Maybe it is time to ask yourself how much effort you are giving to your football program and for your players' best interest!

#### NEW MHSFCA ALTERNATES

At the Winter Meeting at Clare, two new Alternates were selected. They are: Dan Bauer of Benton Harbor for Region 5 and Don Glowski of Elk Rapids for Reg. 15.

#### MHSCA INFORMATION

The Annual All Sports Clinic sponsored by the Michigan High School Coaches Association usually held the first week in February has been cancelled. The Pantind Hotel is under refurbishing, so the clinic had to be postponed until the Winter of 81.

Anyone who is a member of the MHSCA "Hall of Fame" can now purchase a ring through the Association. Cotact Bob James at 31646 Flynn, Warren, Michigan 48092, if you are a member of the MHSCA "Hall of Fame" and would like to purchase a ring.

#### CORRECTION

Due to a printing error, the MHSFCA membership cards for the 1979-80 school year are printed with 1978-79. We apologize for the mistake. Please feel free to make the correction on the membership card.

#### NEEDED

If you know of anyone who would like to sell a Kodak Analyst 16mm Projector, contact Bob Wyman at Kalamazoo Christian High School.

#### 1979 REGIONAL COACHES OF THE YEAR

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	Region III	Class C	Battle Creek St. Philip
	David Eldred Hazel Park	Region I	Steve Spicer Fowler
	Ted Guthard  Bloomfield Hills Lahser	Gerald Barchett Watervliet	Region III
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	Region IV  Jon Davis Dearborn Edsel Ford	Region II	Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Sem. Rod Marlett Atlanta
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	Jim Krucki Grosse Pointe North	Bob Staszkiewicz Deckerville	Joe Austin Engadine
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	John Loop Bangor John Glenn Irv Sigler Cheboygan	Frank Holes East Jordan Lynn Hopkins Evart	Norway 21 Schoolcraft 6

#### 1979 STATE COACHES OF THE YEAR

#### CLASS A

Jerry Cvengros of Escanaba

For the last 22 years Jerry Cvengros has been coaching at Escanaba serving as the head coach for 18 years. During that span, he posted an outstanding record of 121-31-3 and this past Fall his team was 10-2. Jerry's teams have also won 6 Great Northern Conference Titles, 6 U. P. Championships, and 2 Great Lakes Conference Titles. He has been named U. P. Coach of the Year 4 times and he has also served as head track coach at Escanaba for 18 years. Congratulations Jerry on many years of outstanding coaching.

#### CLASS B

Jim Crowley of Jackson Lumen Christi

One of the best coaches in the state of Michigan over the last 19

years has been Jim Crowley of Lumen Christi. As a head coach he recorded 127 wins, 34 losses, and 6 ties. Besides being State Champs in 1965, 1977, and 1979, seven times in the last 12 years he has coached the Falcons to Jackson City Titles. His 1979 team was ranked #1 in the AP, UPI, and Detroit Free Press. Jim is a graduate of Hillsdale with a BS Degree and from Michigan State with an MA Degree.

#### CLASS C Robert White of Middleville

Robert White has been coaching 30 years serving 21 years as a head coach. His teams have won league championships in 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 79. In 1979, his team was ranked #1 by the AP, UPI, and Detroit Free Press, and his overall record is a

tremendous 130 - 26 - 6. Besides coaching at Middleville, Bob also coached at Kenton, Ohio after receiving his BA Degree from Bethany College. What a great accomplishment to have coached for 30 years with such great success.

#### CLASS D Robert Giannunzio of Norway

This year's Class D Champs was Norway coached by Bob Giannunzio with a season record of 11-1. Norway was ranked #1 in the AP, UPI, and Detroit Free Press besides being named the best team in the U. P. in 75, 76, and 79. Bob's overall record is a respectable 34-12-1 for 5 years that he has been a head coach. He has received numerous honors such as Regional Coach of The Year in '75 and '76, U. P. Coach of The Year in '75 and '76, and AP State Coach of The Year in '76. Congratulations Bob.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Would you like to serve as a Director or Alternate for MHSFCA At the Annual Football Clinic held this year at Lansing Sexton on January 25, the general membership will be able to select their representatives. This year the election will be for the **even** regions and we need interested candidates to send their names to: Walt Braun, Marysville High School, Marysville, Michigan 48040. Only those coaches who send a letter to Walt expressing their interest will have their names placed on the ballot.

Take an active part in your Association. We need good people to represent football in the state of Michigan. The Directors have 4 meetings per year and many of the decisions that directly effect high school football are determined at these meetings. The MHSFCA has done great things for football in our state, but we need good people to keep it going.

### MY PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOTBALL

by Bob Cartwright

In an era marked by a growing tendency of people to be self serving I am convinced that football teaches some basic principles that would otherwise be lost by a great many young men.

For one, football stresses a total commitment of an individual effort toward the achievement of a group goal. The individual soon learns that his failure can mean the failure of the whole group. His success may bring him no personal accolade, but it will give him the knowledge that his effort counted. He soon learns that while advise and encouragement may be available, the responsibility is entirely his. Further, he will realize that he cannot shirk that responsibility. When his ability can carry him no further, he learns that courage and determination must make the difference.

Without being the least bit negative, I also believe that a young man in football can learn that there is nothing dishonorable in defeat IF he can honestly face his shortcomings without excuse and rise up to try again.

Commitment . . . . acceptance of responsibility . . . determination . . . courage in the face of adversity. These are the trademarks of a good citizen. I can think of no activity that teaches them better than football.

#### PLAYOFF RESULTS

Class A

Bedford Catholic Central
Escanaba 7

Class B

Jackson Lumen Christi 21
Grand Rapids West Catholic 0

#### CLINIC SITES

If you feel that your school could host the Annual Football Clinic, please contact Dick Harris, Clinic Chairman, at Harrison High School in Harrison Michigan 48625.

#### Michigan High School Football Coaches Association APPLICATION FORM

Send to: Curt Evans Homer High School Homer, MI 49245

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