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CONGRATULATIONS 1980 COACHES OF THE YEAR

CLASS A

Region 1

Robert Friberg, East Kentwood
Gary Jozwiak, Midland
Dutch Schrottenboer, Alpena
Walt Wyniemko, Clarkston

Region 2

Rick Bye, Sterling Hts. Stevenson
Al Fracassa, Bir. Brother Rice
Ron Holland, North Farmington
Paul Temerian, Royal Oak Kimball

Region 3

Jack Castignola, Trenton
Tom Fagan, Ypsilanti
**Charles Jestice, Dbn. Fordson
Jeff Smith, East Lansing

Region 4

Russ Hpener, Grosse Point Woods
Jack Reardon, Livonia Stevenson
Dave Snead, Detroit Central
Ernie Thomas, Detroit Cooley

CLASS B

Region 1

Thomas Grabinski, Spring Lake
Ivan Muhlenkamp, St. Joseph
Jack Runchey, Comstock
Jack VerDuin, Wyoming Park

Region 2

David Brines, Cadillac
James Eurick, Chesaning
Melvin Skillman, Saginaw
Douglas MacArthur
Irvin Sigler, Cheboygan

Region 3

Mike Alexander, Flint Beecher
**Pete Schmidt, Okemos
Bill Tucker, Flint Powers
Ben Witukeiwicz, St. Clair

Region 4

Herb Brogan, Jackson
Lumen Christi
John Herrington, Farmington
Harrison
John Maronto, De LaSalle
Joe Sanderson, Monroe
Catholic Central

CLASS C

Region 1

Jack Koch, Parchment
Bill Maskill, Galesburg-Augusta
Mike Nowicki, Quincy
Marv Schneider, White Pigeon

Region 2

John Bacholzky, Memphis
John Dillon, Harbor Beach
Don Schelke, Cass City
Dennis Tuomi, Detroit
Lutheran West

Region 3

Dave Cooke, North Muskegon
John Goodin, Tri-County
Glen Hackney, Sheppard
Robert White, Middleville

Region 4

John Blankenship, Houghton Lake
Frank Holes, East Jordan
**Terry Sayen, Munising
Larry Sellers, Traverse City
St. Francis

CLASS D

Region 1

Mel Fatchett, Adrian Madison
Gail Persons, Lawton
Dennis Patzer, Reading
Dave Ranger, Schoolcraft

Region 2

Dan Armstrong, Gobles
Michael Boyd, Waterford
Our Lady of the Lakes
Tom Deputy, Dansville
**Steve Spicer, Fowler

9th ANNUAL M.H.S.F.C.A. FOOTBALL CLINIC

AT

LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 30 - 31, 1981

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9 OUTSTANDING
HIGH SCHOOL SPEAKERS

Plus

COACH "MUDDY" WATERS
of Michigan State University

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MICHIGAN'S FINEST
FOOTBALL CLINIC

Region 3

Thomas Athinson, Beal City
Tome Grange, Manistee
Catholic Central
Rod Marlatt, Atlanta

Region 4

Pat Gallinagh, Bessemer Johnson
Robert Giannunzio, Norway
Randy Neelis, Cedarville
Jim Sandborn, North Central Area

**Denotes "State Coach of The Year" in his class.

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Region 16

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Hall of Fame Update

The target date to have the MHSFCA in operation is spring of '82. Past President Ron Holland is the coordinator for the project and every effort is being made to have a first class Hall of Fame for the many noteworthy accomplishments for high school football in the state of Michigan.

We are in need of your help. To be more specific, we need your financial support. At the start of the school year, Ron sent out flyers to every high school in the state asking a \$100 contribution. In return, the name of your school would be placed on the "Gold Brick" display. Currently, we have only 11 schools that have sent in the \$100. we know that times are difficult financially, but we must have the money if we are going to have the Hall of Fame. The money that we raise will go towards furnishing the Hall and it is important that every head coach contact his school district or their Booster Club for assistance.

Please help out!

Important Dates

January 30-31, 1981... 9th Annual
MHSFCA Football Clinic
at Lincoln Park

MHSFCA Board Of Directors' Meeting

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

January 30, 1981..... 2:30 p.m.
Clinic Meeting at Lincoln Park
High School.

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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Want To Be a MHSFCA Director?

Would you like to be a Director or Alternate in the MHSFCA?

Here's your chance! At the Annual Clinic at Lincoln Park High School in January, there will be voting for the odd numbered regions in the state of Michigan. The MHSFCA are the same as the MEA regions. The selection is made by a vote of the general membership at the clinic.

Be willing to take an active part in our Association which makes many important decisions regarding the game of football. We need your help. Please send a letter stating your interest to: Jim Ooley, Traverse City High School, Traverse City, Michigan 49684.

Scholarship Info

Again this year, the MHSFCA will sponsor 4 scholarships to young men and women involved with football programs. The emphasis is to reward those who have exemplified excellence.

Scholarship forms will be sent to the AD at each high school in the state and every head football coach will have the chance to submit names of outstanding athletes worthy of the scholarship. *Let's do our jobs as coaches and fill out the forms for our deserving athletes.* Mr. Arnie Besonen of Owen-Gage High School will again be the Scholarship Chairman.

Membership Report

At the Winter Meeting of the Board of Directors, Curt Evans, Membership Chairman, reported that we had 1494 members this year as compared to 1266 last year at this time.

Region 1 - 31	Region 2 - 141
Region 3 - 140	Region 4 - 54
Region 5 - 96	Region 6 - 95
Region 7 - 110	Region 8 - 122
Region 9 - 163	Region 10 - 114
Region 11 - 118	Region 12 - 90
Region 13 - 62	Region 14 - 36
Region 15 - 40	Region 16 - 43

If you are not a member, send in your \$2.00 along with the Application form and page 4. If you are not a member, you will lose out on being a part of a vital part of Michigan Football.

NEW M.H.S.F.C.A. HONORARY MEMBERS

The MHSFCA Honorary Membership is given to those who have made significant contributions to the game of football in the state of Michigan. This year, the Board of Directors have approved the induction of 8 men who have proven to be very worthy of the award. They include:

JOHN BLACKSTOCK Bad Axe

John was an original Director for the MHSFCA and it would be very difficult to list all of his contribution to our Association. Besides serving as a Director, he also gave much of his time as Secretary-Treasurer for 2 years. During that time, the MHSFCA made great strides and much of the credit must be given to John. He was also the first editor of the MHSFCA Newsletter, and as the head football coach at Bad Axe for 15 years, his teams posted a very respectable 78-35-1 record.

WAYNE H. DeNEFF Ann Arbor

Wayne has been the Sport's Editor for the Ann Arbor News for the last 10 years and he has done a super job to promote high school sports. Wayne has also devoted his time to youth in the Ann Arbor area by coaching boy's and girl's baseball and softball. We thank you Wayne for your suport of High School football.

JOE GODLESKI Grand Rapids

A legend in his own time has been Joe Godleski at Grand Rapids Catholic Central. After attending College at Notre Dame and Central Michigan he began his tenure as a coach at GRCC in 1941 and he has been the AD for the last 13 years. He worked with Ted Sawle for many years, and he also served as

the head baseball coach from 1947 to 1967 including 6 City League Titles and a 197-91 record. Joe has been very active in community affairs and he is a tremendous family man.

OKIE JOHNSON Muskegon

Anyone who knows anything about high school football in our state knows the name Okie Johnson. From 1925 to 1963, his Muskegon Heights teams were the pride of the state. His overall record of 212-105-18 ranks him in a very select category. How difficult it is to win 100 high school football games let alone 200. His teams won 14 League Championships and a remarkable 6 State Championships. Besides being an outstanding coach, he was also a 4 year starter and captain his senior year at Western Michigan University.

CLAUDE MARSH Saginaw

For the last 31 years, Claude Marsh has been very prominent in high school athletics. As a head football coach at Bad Axe, his teams had a record 94 wins, 6 conference titles, and 2 AP State Titles. In 1965, he took over as the head football coach at Saginaw High School and guided the Trojans for many years until he became the AD. Oarie Lemanski, head coach at Bay City Central says, "I know of no one who is more sincere, loyal, and dedicated to the game of football and to the young men whom he coached than Claude Marsh."

DR. A. N. SAUDERS St. Johns

The team doctor for the last 19 years at St. John's High School has been Doc" Saunders. Currently, he also helps the Ovid-Elsie foot-

ball program as well as St. Johns. Noted for his many hours of work and consideration to the physical welfare of high school athletes has been the trade mark of "Doc" Sauder. And to top it all, he does not charge the athletes or the school district for his many hours of service.

JAY TISSOT Grosse Ile

One of the most respected gentlemen and outstanding football coach in the Downriver area has been Jay Tissot. Since 1950, he has been employed at Grosse Ile High School and he was the head football coach from 1952 to 1968. During that time his teams were noted for being fundamentally sound, well disciplined, and ready to play every week. Jay has also served as AD since 1952 and he coached the JV football team from 1968 to 1978 as well as being the Varsity Track Coach from 1951 to 1978. Although Jay is noted as an excellent coach he will most likely be remembered more as a "class person."

ED WOLFORD Pigeon

For 30 years Ed Wolford has been a teacher at Pigeon High School and he was the head football coach for 16 years. During that time his teams were 88-42-1 and they won 3 League Championships. Coach Wolford believes that football teaches many things to a young man and he says, "life has its ups and downs and when he (a player) is down he must keep going to reach the pinnacle of success. In the end he will have many experiences that could be achieved in no other way. He will relive those experiences all through his life."

1980 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPS

CLASS A

Birmingham Brother Rice 6
Dearborn Fordson 0

CLASS B

Muskegon Catholic Central 29
Okemos 0

CLASS C

Munising 19
White Pigeon 7

CLASS D

Norway 25
Fowler 0

M.H.S.F.C.A. COACHES OF THE YEAR

CLASS D STEVE SPICER, FOWLER

Steve has been a head coach for 10 years and his overall record is 71-19. He has coached league championship teams in 72, 74, 75 and 79. His 1980 fowler team was Class D State Runners Up, and Steve is a graduate of Michigan State.

CLASS C TERRY SAYEN, MUNISING

Terry's 1980 Munising Team was Class C State Champs and they

posted a perfect 12-0 season. His team averaged 31.5 points per game while giving up only 3.5. Terry was selected as "U.P. Coach of the Year" and his overall record is 41-24 including 7 years as a head coach.

CLASS B PETE SCHMIDT, OKEMOS

The Okemos Chieftains had a 21 game winning streak before losing to Muskegon C. C. in the State Finals. Pete has a tremendous 7 year record of 50-14 including a

perfect season in 1979. They were Capital Circuit Champs in 75, 76, 77, 79 and 80 and Pete has coached State Finalists in 1976 and 1980.

CLASS A CHARLES JESTICE, FORDSON

One of the truly great high school football coaches in the state of Michigan is Charley Jestice. His Tractor team has been league champs 9 of 11 years, and his 1971 team was State Champs. Charley has a phenomenal record of 81-15 and he is a graduate of Anderson College.

From a Faithful Wife

Many times we take for granted the support that we receive from our wives. Most football coaches devote many hours to the profession and this often takes them away from their families for no periods of time. The following letter was received from Mrs. Peggy Willey who is a real devoted wife.

"Loren (her husband) has had two

Big 9 Championships at Clio High School in past years. Now he has the unusual position of head JV coach at Flushing the past 2 years where he has finished 1st in the JV ranks both years. Perhaps some people would view this as a step down but he doesn't. Ask Coach Noe, Varsity Coach at Flushing. He'll tell you how valuable he has been! He started his 3rd year by beating Flint Central 38-0. Since he won't speak up for

himself, I am writing on his behalf. Thanks. His wife, Peggy. P.S. Loren has coached since 1959."

We thank Peggy for her letter and I am sure that all football coaches are thankful to those wives who understand the commitment made by football coaches to their programs. Working with high school youth is a very noble profession, but yet very time consuming.

Michigan High School Football Coaches Association APPLICATION FORM

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

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ MHSFCA ONLY — \$2.00
☐ JOINT — MHSFCA-HMSCA — \$5.00

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SCHOOL _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS (Street) _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
POSITION _____
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