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MHSFCA CLINIC MOVES TO BATTLE CREEK

Mark January 29 and 30 on your calendar and make plans to attend Michigan's finest high school football clinic at the new Battle Creek Stouffer's Hotel.

This year is the Tenth Football Clinic sponsored by the MHSFCA and for the first time, the clinic will not be housed at a high school. The Association's Board of Directors have decided to move the Annual Clinic to the new Convention Center in Battle Creek after much investigation. The new facility will provide the finest in accommodations and everyone is sure that this year's clinic will be the finest ever.

As usual, the clinic will feature guest speakers who are the finest high school coaches in the state of Michigan along with Dick Lowry of Hillsdale College who is one of the most successful college coaches in our state.

Clinic reservations may be made through Arnie Besonen, Clinic Manager, Owen-Gage High School, Owendale, Michigan 48754. Room reservations should be made by contacting the Stouffer's Battle Creek Hotel, 50 Capital Avenue, S.W., Battle Creek, Michigan 49017 or by calling (616) 963-7050. Make sure you register early so that you will be among the first 500 to receive free luncheon tickets for Saturday's Association Dinner.

1982 Clinic Speakers

JACK STREIDL, Plainwell High School. 194 wins in 34 years of coaching on the high school level.

MORLEY FRASER, Albion College. Noted clinic speaker whose topic is "Motivation of Self, Staff, and Players."

TOM KURTH, Elkart Center High School who has been "Indiana Coach of The Year" and has coached several League and State Championship Teams.

JOHN WACHSMUTH, Middleton High School whose teams are always one of the state's finest coached.

GOERGE WERNER, Dowagiac High School whose record is an impressive 59-21-1.

BILL TUCKER, Flint Powers, always one of the finest teams in the state and annually ranked in the "Top 10."

JOHN HERRINGTON, Farmington Harrison High School. Class B "State Champs" with a 11-1 record and a 79-30-1 career record.

BILL McLELLAN from Elkton, Pigeon-Bayport High School. Class C "State Champs" with a perfect 12-0 record.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER IS DICK LOWRY Of Hillsdale College

The MHSFCA is proud to announce that Dick Lowry of Hillsdale College is our special guest speaker this year. Dick has had tremendous success coaching at Wayne State and now at Hillsdale. He is very well respected by the high school coaches in the state and known as a real winner. For the last two years his team has been at the top of the Great Lakes Conference.

EVEN REGION ELECTION

Would you like to be a Director or Alternate for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association? Here is your chance! At the Annual Football Clinic in Battle Creek even numbered regions will be elected for a two year term.

If you are interested, just send your name and the name of your high school to: Tom Fagan, 3540 Galpin, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48105. Anyone who sends in their name will be placed in nomination. Being a member of the MHSFCA is a great and rewarding experience that you will find most enjoyable. The cutoff date for sending your letter is January 22, 1982.

1981 MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPS

CLASS A

Escanaba..... 16
Fraser..... 6

CLASS B

Farmington Harrison 7
Muskegon C. C. 0

CLASS C

Elkton-Pigeon-Bayport 15
North Muskegon 6

CLASS D

Detroit DePorres..... 34
Crystal Falls 0

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ALL STAR GAME UPDATE

At the Winter Meeting of the MHSFCA on December 2nd, there were changes in the format of the All Star Game.

Coaches who nominate their players and who are not members of the MHSFCA will be asked to join the Association. The number of players will be increased from 36 to 40 with the All Star coaches being able to select four players at large for their squad.

The All Star Game will again be played at M.S.U. on Saturday, August 7th, starting at 1:30 p.m.

The pre-sale price of tickets will be \$2.00 for students and \$3.00 for adults. All Tickets will be \$4.00 at the gate. A letter will be sent to all Varsity Clubs and Student Councils asking them to get involved in the sales of tickets. They can sell a \$3.00 ticket and keep \$1.00 for their organization. If you have any ideas on ticket promotions, contact Tom Moshimer at Plymouth Salem High School. Tom is the All Star Chairman.

Overall, the first All Star Game was a success, but we need to improve each year.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 29-30, 1982

MHSFCA Football Clinic
at Battle Creek.

August 7, 1982

MHSFCA All Star Football Game
at Michigan State
Spartan Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

MHSFCA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

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

January 29, 1982 — 3:00 p.m.

Clinic Meeting at Jackson
Convention Center.

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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MHSFCA HALL OF FAME TO OPEN IN MARCH

For the past three years, the MHSFCA Hall of Fame Committee under the skillful leadership of Ron Holland, Chuck Ritter, and Past Presidents have been making every attempt to complete the project by March of '82. It looks like the project will be completed on time. We are hoping to have an Open House in conjunction with the University of Michigan's Annual Football Clinic.

The project is being funded by \$100 donations from high schools throughout the state. At the present time, 24 high schools have sent in checks for \$100. All head coaches are asked to get involved making sure to see that their school will be represented in the Hall of Fame.

You can nominate coaches with 100 wins and 20 years of service by sending a letter to Harley Pierce at Sturgis High School, Sturgis, Mich. 49091. You may nominate yourself or other coaches.

MHSFCA SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Chairman, Pete Schmidt of Okemos High School announced at the Winter Meeting of the MHSFCA that the deadline for scholarship applications is February 1, 1982. It was also announced that the amount for each of the four scholarships will be \$500 instead of the \$300 given in the past.

If you have an outstanding young man or lady involved in your program, have them fill out the form sent to your high school. Last year we had 41 applicants and we will probably be adding more scholarships since 40% of our net income from the All Star Game will be directed into the Scholarship Fund.

So far to date, the MHSFCA has \$5,891.64 on scholarships for high school seniors and we currently have \$6,546.60 in our treasury earmarked for scholarships. The Scholarship Committee will be working on procedures for dispersing the money.

Don't forget to encourage your outstanding student-athletes to fill out the Scholarship Application.

MICHIGAN'S TOP 64 COACHES FOR 1981

CLASS A REGION 1

****Jerry Cvangros, Escanaba**
George Ihler, Saginaw Arthur Hill
Gary Jozwiak, Midland
Bob Friberg, East Kentwood

REGION 2

Jack Bridges, Dearborn Edsel Ford
Charles Lori, Ann Arbor Pioneer
Tom Fagan, Ypsilanti
Charles Jestice, Dearborn Fordson

REGION 3

Rick Bye, Sterling Hts. Stevenson
Paul Temerian, Royal Oak Kimball
Ross MacDonald, Fraser
John Walker, Troy Athens

REGION 4

Dan Banka, Detroit Finney
Jack Reardon, Livonia Stevenson

CLASS B REGION 1

George Werner, Dowagiac
Jack Streidl, Plainwell
Jerry Goosen, Coopersville
Pete Kutches, Muskegon C. C.

REGION 2

Mel Skillman, Saginaw MacArthur
Jeff Williams, Pinconning
Ralph Munger, Frankenmuth
Dick Moffit, Corunna

NEW HONORARY MEMBER

At the January 30th clinic luncheon Dr. Del Pearson will be inducted as a Lifetime Member of the MHSFCA for his 30 years of service to the youth of the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area. Dr. Pearson has attended all of the Ypsilanti football games and most of their practices. He is a very avid sports enthusiast and he prides himself in being totally involved with youth. Dr. Pearson had spent a great amount of time studying the advantages of physical training weight lifting in the preventing of athletic injuries. As coaches we are very lucky to have people like Dr. Pearson working with our football programs. He is a most dedicated person.

REGION 3

Rick Brewer, Avondale
Walt Braun, Marysville
****John Herrington, Farmington**
Harrison
Jerry Warkentien, Marine City

REGION 4

Don Stewart, Willow Run
Herb Brogan, Jackson
Lumen Christi
Don Lessner, Riverview
Dennis Zbozen, Warren Woods

CLASS C REGION 1

Gerry Barchett, Watervliet
Mike Nowicki, Quincy
Dick Soisson, Kalamazoo Hackett
Dave Horn, Constantine

REGION 2

Jim Watkins, Brown City
Gary Carson, Almont
****Wm. McLellan, Elkton-Pigeon-**
Bayport
Joe D'Angelo, Detroit Country Day

REGION 3

Dave Cook, North Muskegon
M. W. Bud Martin, Lakeview
Community
Richard Bell, St. Charles
Tim McGee, G. R. Forest Hills
Northern

REGION 4

Kick Koski, Negaunee
Tom Weede, Roscommon
Phil Leigeb, Sanford Meridian
Larry Sellers, Traverse City
St. Francis

CLASS D REGION 1

Randy Salisburg, Britton Macon
Bill Giarino, A. A. Gabriel Richard
Gale Persons, Lawton
Stan Drewno, Wyandotte
Mt. Carmel

REGION 2

Bill Friberg, Allendale
Bob Staskiewicz, Deckerville
Steve Spicer, Fowler
Dan Armstrong, Gobles

REGION 3

****Thomas Atkinson, Beal City**
Timothy Klein, Frankfort
Stanley Pasch, Suttons Bay
Rod Marlett, Atlanta

REGION 4

Gary Hoffman, Gaylord St. Mary's
Pat Gallinagh, Bessemer
Richard Mettlack, Forest Park
Bill Carr, Baraga
****Denotes "State Coach of The Year" in his class.**

1982 ALL STAR COACHES

At the December 2nd meeting at Clare the following coaches were selected to coach the 1982 All Star Football Game on August 7th.

WEST ALL STARS

Head Coach - Jim Ooley, Traverse City, Jerry Cvangros, Escanaba; Harley Pierce, Sturgis; Jack Streidl, Plainwell.

EAST ALL STARS

Head Coach - Jack Castignola, Trenton; Charles Jestice, Dearborn Fordson; Walt Braun, Marysville; Paul Temerian, Royal Oak Kimball.

Coaches Ooley, Cvangros, Castignola, and Jestice will be able to select one of their high school coaches to also assist in the All Star providing that the assistant is a MHSFCA member. Each Staff will have 6 coaches and we are sure that the coaches listed above will provide excellent leadership and guidance for the 82 All Star players

ALL STAR NOMINATIONS

Don't forget that nominations of your players for the 1982 All Star Football Game must be sent in to Don Lessner at Riverview High School by February 15, 1982. The coach doing the nominating must be a member of the MHSFCA. Nomination forms were sent out in the October Newsletter and will be available at the annual football clinic in Battle Creek. Contact Don Lessner if you need a nomination form. Last year there was some criticism for great players not being nominated. This is the job of the coach. Do your part for your players. Let's make sure that every deserving player makes the All Star Team. We especially need help from the Detroit City coaches since only 4 players were nominated by their coaches from the 23 Detroit Public Schools.

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

CLASS D

TOM ATKINSON, BEAL CITY

One of the best Class D football teams in the state of Michigan for the last ten years has been Beal City coached by Tom Atkinson. His record of 60-21-1 is most impressive and his teams have won league championships in 73, 74, 75, 78, 79, 80, and 81. This past season Beal City posted a record of 10-0. Tom is a 1972 graduate of Central Michigan and he also has a Master's Degree. Besides coaching football, Tom also coaches boys and girls track and junior high basketball.

CLASS C

WILLIAM McLELLAN ELKTON-PIGEON-BAYPORT

Bill has been coaching for nine years at Elkton-Pigeon-Bayport and his 81 team had a record of 10-0. They won the Southern Thumb League Championship and

were rated 5th in the AP and 8th in the UPI poles. Bill's overall record is 23-13 and he is a graduate of Central Michigan. Besides coaching football, Bill also is involved in baseball and basketball.

CLASS B

JOHN HERRINGTON FARMINGTON HARRISON

One of the best high school coaches in the state of Michigan is John Herrington. In the Class B State Finals, John's Harrison team beat a very good Muskegon Catholic to win the Class B Championship. His overall record is an impressive 79-30-1 and he has been the head coach at Harrison for the last 12 years. His teams have posted league championships in 71, 74, 76, 77, 80, and 81, and his 81 team has won 11 straight after losing their first game. John is a graduate of Central Michigan and he coaches varsity baseball with great success.

CLASS A

JERRY CVENGROS ESCANABA

This year's Class A State Champs was Escanaba coached by Jerry Cvengros whose team had a perfect 12-0 record. Being the State Class A Coach of the Year is no new experience. His '79 team was also a state finalist and he has been the head coach at Escanaba for the last 20 years with a record of 140-33-3. Escanaba has won the Great Northern Football Championship for the last 9 years in a row. Jerry is a graduate of University of Wisconsin Superior.

GAMES NEEDED

Romulus (A) 4th and 8th dates for 1982, Varsity and Junior Varsity. Contact Don Foley, (313) 722-1050.

Michigan High School Football Coaches Association APPLICATION FORM

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

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ MHSFCA ONLY — \$5.00
☐ JOINT — MHSFCA-HMSCA — \$9.00

NAME _____
SCHOOL _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS (Street) _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
POSITION _____
HOME ADDRESS (Street) _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
MEA REGION _____ PHONE _____

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