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Community Service Project "One of Best Play Calls"

The following article was taken from the *Kalamazoo Gazette* and submitted to the Newsletter by Dave Lawrence, Mattawan (Region 5 Director)

"Wildcat Den" a safe haven for learning

By Andy Latora, Hometown Gazette

Jim Lamb probably never stood taller than when he entered the "Wildcat Den."

The Wildcat Den is a reading program that Mattawan football coach Dave Lawrence instituted a few years ago, and it has turned out to be one of his best play calls as the Wildcats' coach.

Players like Lamb read to student at Mattawan's Early Elementary School on each Friday of the fall football campaign. The players wear their game jerseys, and visit six or eight classrooms in the afternoon.

"When I first heard about it I thought it was a really neat program," Lawrence said. "The Wildcat Den has been hugely successful here, and it's a real treat for the younger kids."

"And it's like a community service for the players. It's an opportunity for them to give of themselves, and the young kids really appreciate it."

Lamb, a Wildcat wide receiver, read "Curious George Goes to the Costume Party" to Tracy Cobb's first-grade class.

"It's fun for us, and it's fun for them, too, because they look up to us," said Lamb, wearing his number 84 jersey. "It's the first time they really get to be close to us. Usually they're just watching from the stands, so they get to know us."

Facing a classroom-full of 5-year-olds can cause some jitters and a desert dry

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Membership Report

Jim Clawson, Taylor Truman
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December 5, 1997

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Brian Sarvello, Baraga

**Congratulations
1998 Crowley Award**

WOODROW "WOODY" THOMAS

Detroit Central

1997

**MHSFCA
Coaches of the Year****Double Letter****Class AA**

PAUL VERSKA

Ann Arbor Huron

Class BB

LARRY BELLOR

Ogemaw Heights

Class CC

JACK SCHUGARS

Muskegon Oakridge

Class DD

JIM COADY

Lawrence

Single Letter**Class A**

JOHN HERRINGTON

Farmington Hills Harrison

Class B

DON LESSNER

Riverview

Class C

DUSTY FAIRFIELD

Ravenna

Class D

RON WARNER

Lake Linden-Hubbell

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Jim Clawson

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Chuck Apap, Walled Lake Western

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Larry Rueger, Mona Shores/Fruitport

Assistant Coach Award

Dick McGiness, Cadillac

Clinic

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Ethics

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Larry Sellers, Traverse City St. Francis

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Terry Rose Memorial Scholarship

Mike Wojda, Hillman

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State Representative, Kirk Profit

**MHSFCA
Meetings &
Important Dates****All Star Selection Meeting**

Holden Hall, M.S.U.

January 10, 1998

Board of Directors Winter Meeting

McCambly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek

10:00 a.m. • January 23, 1998

26th Winners Circle Clinic

McCambly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek

January 23-24, 1998

46th Coach of the Year Clinic

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids

February 27-28, 1998

Board of Directors Spring Meeting

Schembechler Hall, Ann Arbor

April 3, 1998

Hall of Fame Banquet

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

April 4, 1998

Notes/Letters

Game Wanted: Ann Arbor Pioneer (AA) needs a game for the 6th date in 1998. Call Lorin Cartwright, A.D. (313) 994-2151.

Clinic Survey: Spring Football Practice

From Jim Ahern, Ithaca

Would you be interested in having five days for spring football practice?

Many states allow their high school teams to practice in the spring... some as long as 20 days. The way that it could be done would be to move the start date for spring sports to the first week in April. (Many of the spring sports in early April have to cancel events because of weather and reschedule them in May as it is today.) With the start of spring sports in May, practice couldn't start until the second week of April. This would leave the first week of April open for spring football practice. This would be a non-contact practice with helmets only. The weather wouldn't always be that great, but it would give you a chance to experiment with new things that you want to put in for the upcoming year, and have a chance to see what the underclassmen can do.

Talk it over with your staff and see how everyone feels about the idea. There will be a chance to vote on the idea at the clinic in Battle Creek on whether you favor the idea or not.

Clinic Survey: Football Playoff - Proposal 16

Proposal 16 would: Expand the playoffs to 16 qualifying teams per Region by adding a four-team, two-game District competition. The two additional dates would derive from elimination of the second pre-season scrimmage and dropping the 9th game of the regular season. Districts would be paired geographically, creating local interest and minimal travel. Schools not qualifying for the playoffs would have the option of scheduling a 9th date with another non-qualifier.

The Divisions:

1. Divide the top 480 schools by enrollment into 6 equal Divisions (I-VI) of 80 schools. Divide each Division into 4 equal Regions of 20 schools. Divide each Region into 4 Districts of 5 schools each. The top FOUR schools in each District make the playoffs.
2. Divide the remaining 137 schools into 2 Divisions. Division VII would have Regions of 17, 17, 17 & 18 schools and Division VIII would have 17 schools in each region. Divide each Division into 4 equal Regions of 20 schools. Divide each Region into 4 Districts of 5 schools each. The top FOUR schools in each District make the playoffs.

Revamp Points: For defeating a Division I: 88, Div II: 80, Div III: 72, Div IV: 64, Div V: 56, Div VI: 48, Div VII: 40, Div VIII: 32. The bonus point system for wins and ties would remain the same.

Board of Directors Election Odd Numbered Regions

Even numbered MHSFCA Regional Directors will be elected at the Registration/Sign-in for the Winners' Circle Clinic in Battle Creek.

If you are interested in running, contact Larry Merx by January 2 in order to get your name placed on the printed ballot.

Write-in votes at the Clinic are also acceptable.

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Ballots will include the following candidates (as of 12/8/97): *Currently serving.

Region 2

*Wes Wishart • Belleville

*Jim Buttson • Wyandotte

Rodney G. Baker • Wyandotte Roosevelt

Kevin Wilson • Grosse Ile

Region 4

*Al Slamer • Battle Creek Central

*Wayne Roedel • Battle Creek Lakeview

Region 6

*Ray Barr • Fraser

*Pete Coll • Center Line

Jim Venia • Marysville

Region 8

*Jack Wallace • Fowlerville

*Keith Froelich • Okemos

Bill Murray • Brighton

Region 10

*Dick Deloge • Davison

*Joe Eufinger • Flint Central

Dave Larkin • Flint Carmen-Ainsworth

Region 12

*Frank Altimore • Midland Dow

*Tim Klein • Roscommon

Jim Eurick • Bay City Western

Region 14

*Tom Barbieri • Gaylord

Region 16

*Brian Sarvello • Baraga

*Melvin Bennett • Cedarville

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1998

(To be elected during the business meeting at the Battle Creek clinic)

President - Jack Schugars

1st Vice-President - Larry Sellers

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Executive Director - Don Lessner

NEWSLETTER

Encourages Contributors

Over the past years several of Michigan's best coaches have sent materials for the Newsletter. We encourage you to join that group.

Next Deadline for Submissions
for February Newsletter
— February 20 —

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Honorary Memberships to be Conferred on Four

(At Clinic luncheon on Saturday 1/24)

DONN GATES • ITHACA

22 Years

Nominated by Jim Ahern

RON REID • MARYSVILLE

38 years

Nominated by Walt Braun

DR. JAMES MITTON • JENISON

27 years

Nominated by Dave Woodcock

HAROLD SLOWINSKI • OVID-ELSIE

30+ years

Nominated by Dennis Baratano

**Coach of the Year**

PAUL VERSKA
Ann Arbor Huron

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

RALPH MUNGER
Rockford
TONY ANNESSE

*Jenison**Region 2*

PAUL VERSKA
Ann Arbor Huron
BOB LAPOINTE

*Belleville**Region 3*

GARY GRIFFITH
Troy

JEFF STERGALAS
Dearborn Fordson

Region 4

JAMES REYNOLDS JR.
Detroit Martin Luther King
RICK BYE
Sterling Heights Stevenson

**Coach of the Year**

LARRY BELLOR
Ogemaw Heights

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

LARRY BELLOR
Ogemaw Heights
KEN HOFER

*Menominee**Region 2*

IKE MUHLENKAMP
St. Joseph
DENNY KECK
Richland-Gull Lake

Region 3

JACK WALLACE
Fowlerville

RICH HULKOW
Marshall

Region 4

ANDY RIO
Detroit Renaissance
RON LUCAS
Warren Woods Tower

**Coach of the Year**

JACK SCHUGARS
Muskegon Oakridge

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

BOB BRIETZKE
Rogers City
HAL HOLMAN

*Benzie Central**Region 2*

DON GALSTER
Kelloggsville
JACK SCHUGARS
Muskegon Oakridge

Region 3

GUENTHER MITTELSTAEDT
Maple Valley

JIM WEBB
Hartford

Region 4

JIM MORSE
Erie-Mason
MIKE GLENNIE
Capac

**Coach of the Year**

JIM COADY
Lawrence

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

JOE STONE
Mio-Ausable
BILL SANTILLI

*Crystal Falls**Region 2*

JEFF BISEL
Bay City All Saints
DAVE COOKE

*North Muskegon**Region 3*

JIM COADY
Lawrence
JOHN SCHWARTZ
Mendon

Region 4

MIKE BOYD JR.
Waterford Our Lady of Lakes
MIKE BOYD SR.
Centerline St. Clement

**Coach of the Year**

JOHN HERRINGTON
Farmington Hills Harrison

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

BOB BUCKEL
Flushing
BOB MCCONNELL

*St. Johns**Region 2*

JEFF SMITH
East Lansing
NOEL DEAN

*Lowell**Region 3*

JACK BRIDGES
Edsel Ford

JOHN HERRINGTON
Farmington Hills Harrison

Region 4

JIM MACDOUGAL
Birmingham Groves
DOUG FRASER
Birmingham Seaholm

**Coach of the Year**

DON LESSNER
Riverview

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

DICK HARRIS
Harrison
GLEN HACKNEY

*Shepard**Region 2*

TERRY STEHLE
Hamilton
IRV SIGLER

*Belding**Region 3*

JIM SZAPPAN
Chesaning
JOHN BLANKENSHIP
Frankenmuth

Region 4

KEVIN WILSON
Grosse Ile
DON LESSNER
Riverview

**Coach of the Year**

DUSTY FAIRFIELD
Ravenna

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

BILL HOLLENBECK
Glenn Lake
LARRY SELLERS

*Traverse City St. Francis**Region 2*

JEFF SETZKE
Burton Bendle
DUSTY FAIRFIELD

*Ravenna**Region 3*

JOE GROH
Decatur
KEVIN OHRMAN
Addison

Region 4

DON TWISS
Brown City
BILL BROWN
Deckerville

**Coach of the Year**

RON WARNER
Lake Linden-Hubbell

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

RON WARNER
Lake Linden-Hubbell
JOE REDDINGER

*Iron Mountain-North Dickinson**Region 2*

JOE KUKLENSKI
Beal City
ROGER BEARSS

*Frankfort**Region 3*

CHRIS SCHRAUBEN
Portland St. Patrick
NEAL HOFFMAN
Fowler

Region 4

WILLARD ROLES
Peck
STAN DREWNO
North Adams-Jerome

1997 Assistant Coach of the Year Awards

By Dick McGiness

Assistant Coach of the Year Awards recognize coaches for longevity of service, particularly when they have accumulated that service at the same school. Numbers appearing after school names indicate years of coaching/years of coaching in that community.

Junior High and 9th Grade

| Name | School | Years Service |
|--------------|---------|---------------|
| Paul Balliet | Gaylord | 20 |

Junior Varsity

| Name | School | Years Service |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Larry Merx | Ann Arbor Huron | 28 |
| Warren Kent | Greenville | 27 |
| Pete D'Arienzo | Lawrence | 23 |
| Tom Dutkowski | Flint Powers | 21 |
| Dan Peters | Hale | 21 |
| Buckie Colton | Manton | 20 |
| Terry Haas | Schoolcraft | 18 |
| Roy Brown | Pershing | 15 |
| Rick Grant | Carleton Airport | 12 |

Varsity

| Name | School | Years Service |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Thomas Ellinger | Thornapple Kellogg | 27 |
| Tony Griggs | Vandercook Lake | 26 |
| Jeff Simpson | Hastings | 25 |
| Richard McCarthy | Reeths Puffer | 25 |
| Duane Cober | Grant | 24 |
| Russ Terrasi | Monroe Jefferson | 22 |
| Mike Kersjes | Forest Hills Central | 22 |
| Russ Friess | Owosso | 21 |
| Dick Corser | Jackson Lumen Christi | 21 |
| Bill Houseman | Portage Central | 21 |
| Greg Malcolm | Birmingham Groves | 21 |
| Mark Shooshainian | Dearborn Fordson | 20 |
| Todd Deluca | Westland John Glenn | 19 |
| Robert Kelly | Saginaw | 19 |

Special Assistant

| Name | School | Years Service |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Roger Siwajek | Fraser | 32 |
| Tichard Moffit | Corunna | 31 |
| Don Silvi | Farwell | 27 |
| Jim Lahmann | New Lathrop | 26 |
| Larry Kelly | Flushing | 25 |
| Bruce Caswell | Pittsford | 25 |
| Edward Jackson | Detroit Northern | 25 |
| Bob Cameron | Newberry | 25 |
| Craig Cunningham | East Jackson | 21 |
| Jim Hilgendorf | Johannesburg-Lewiston | 19 |
| Mark Morris | St. Joseph | 19 |

Wildcat Den

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"... there's more to life than just football; and the older kids have fun with it, too. It does a lot to bring the whole community together, and it's been a really good program."

mouth, but the players seemed comfortable - if that's possible after squeezing into a chair built for a kindergartener.

"They like to look up to us, and we can be good role models for them," said Jake Kerwin, a Mattawan junior. "Especially for the boys who have dreams of playing here someday. They don't even have to understand the game to be more involved in it."

After meeting the players, they become more than just number 84. Lamb shook hands with each member of Cobb's class and answered questions.

So did Cory Oberthaler, who read "The Lorax" to Kathleen Soard's kindergarten class.

"It's wonderful for kids this age to bring them together," Sward said. "These two age levels don't mix a lot, and it shows the little kids what reading is all about."

"Dave Lawrence instills in his players that there's more to life than just football; and the older kids have fun with it, too. It does a lot to bring the whole community together, and it's been a really good program. The young kids really look forward to it."

1997 Academic All State Players – 1st Team

by Chuck Apap, Walled Lake Western (Region 7 Director)

The Academic All State Committee Takes Great Pride in Announcing the Twelfth MHSFCA Academic All State Football Team.

Of the 36 students selected to the 1997 team, 26 are ranked first in their class and two are ranked number two. 22 of the 36 had a four point or better, and 11 had grade points between 3.99 and 3.966. The 36 first team members also mastered the ACT: one scored a 34, three scored 33, two 33, four scored 32, ten scored 31, three scored 30, ten scored 29 and five scored 28. (Players are in caps followed by their school and their coach.)

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|---|--|--|--|
| AQUIRRE, DEREK Standish-Sterling Paul Walderzak | DANE, ERIC Port Huron Northern Casey Kuesela | HENSON, DREW Brighton Bill Murray | OGLE, BRENT Camden-Frontier Michael McConnell |
| ALCALA, CRAIG Aquinas Randy Oliver | DANIEL, MATTHEW Monroe Ralph Carducci | HOURTIENNE, MITCHELL Clio Gary Langdon | POTTS, AARON Oakridge Jack Schugars |
| ALOBALDLY, AHMED Sparta Mark Batchelden | FELDKAMP, ANDREW Tecumseh Ray Schmidt | JANSEN, WILLIAM Jackson Ben Pack | ROLINSKI, JEREMY Gaylord Tom Barbieri |
| ANDERSON, DAVID Warren Delasalle Ross Mac Donald | GERDS, AARON Peck Community Willard Roles | KIEKINTVELD, CHRIS West Ottawa Jim Caserta | SHARPE, STEVEN Meridian Dale Brecht |
| BACON, SPENCER Mason County Eastern Scott Briggs | GILLEN, MICHAEL Whiteford Jack Luettkke | KLINE, CRAIG Mendon John Schwartz | VANWAGNEN, RANDY Columbia Central Kevin Miller |
| BALLARD, MATTHEW Lansing Catholic Central Keith Schrauben | HALIGOWSKI, DAVE Marysville Walt Braun | KUNITZER, BRIAN Saginaw Nouvel Leo Boyd | WALBECK, JAMES Rose Warwick Curt Shaffer |
| BARON, TIM Thurston Robert Snell | HARTLEY, NICK Sterling Hts. Stevenson Rick Bye | MARINER, BRIAN Wyoming Rogers Ted Hollen | WEHNER TODD Harbor Beach Troy Schelke |
| BOWERS, RYAN Romeo Greg Ganfield | HAVERDINK, BRANT Hamilton Terry Stehle | MELLERT, DAVID Taylor Kennedy Tom Mall | WEIFERICH, BRYAN Ithaca Jim Ahern |
| COOK, TODD Pewamo-Westphalia Cary Bashore | HELSEN, JASON Ravenna Dusty Fairfield | NELSON, ERIC Byron Area Roger Bashore | WYSOCKI, JARED Henry Ford II Terry Copacia |

Academic All State Players Honorable Mention

| | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| ADAMS, MATT Chelsea Brad Bush | KATSOULIS, NICK Midland Gary Jozwiak | OPDYKE, WILLIAM Bedford Ray Kwiatkowski | SLIGAY, ERLC Edsel Ford Jack Bridges |
| BURLEY, MATTHEW Fraser Ray Barr | LONG, SCOTT Sterling Heights Da Ve Cutlip | PERRONE, MIKE Okemos Keith Froelich | SMRTKA, MICHAEL U Of D Jesuit Ron Bindi |
| EATON, CHARLES Menominee Ken Hofer | LONGEST, KEVIN Greenville Aaron West | RODGERS, SHANE Cassopolis Anthony Balbo | STARNES, TOLLER Eisenhower Robert Lantz |
| FINE, MICHAEL Grosse Pointe North Frank Sumbera | MILLER, DANIEL Owosso Tom Harkema | SEARLES, DOUG Marshall Rick Hulkow | TAYLOR, NICHOLAS Hamady Ken Garner |
| HESS, ADAM Brandywine Jim Myers | MOLNAR, DANIEL Milford Mike Shearer | SGROL, JOE Detroit Catholic Central Thomas Mach | WATERSON, GREG Benzie Central Hal Holman |
| JONES, RAYNARD Lansing Sexton Bob Meyers | MUSTON, JEFF Powers Bill Tucker | SHAFFER, JEFF Lakeland Brian Howe | WEATHERHEAD, LUCAS Thornapple Kellogg Tim Penfield |

Academic All State Players Special Mention

| <i>Name</i> | <i>School</i> | <i>Coach</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>School</i> | <i>Coach</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alexander, Joshua | Quincy | David Bach | Lewis, Brian | Farmington Hills Harrison | John Herrington |
| Alkire, Nathan | St. Ignace LaSalle | Marty Spencer | Loafman, Nick | Montrose | Dennis Reinhart |
| Anderson, Michael | Northview | Bob Dailey | Lockhart, Terrell | Oak Park | Keith Stephens |
| Anton, Nick | Spring Lake | Leo Rosencrants | Londo, Greg | Gwinn | Richard Mettlach |
| Basler, Ryan | Ionia | Mike Powell | Mahaffy, Mark | Brandon | Jim Watkins |
| Bode, Adam | Mich. Lutheran Seminary | Randy Rathje | Marotta, Frank | St. Mary's Prep | George Porritt |
| Boos, Brian | Schoolcraft | Larry Ledlow | Martin, Keith | Swan Valley | Chuck Koons |
| Bouwens, Travis | Byron Center | Gasper Giarmo | Mausolf, Michael | North Huron | Randy Miller |
| Breitmeyer, Aaron | Kingsley | Joe Heiler | McDowell, Travis | Morenci | Mike McDowell |
| Camardo, John | Divine Child | John Maltis | Merryman, Jason | Jenison | Tony Annese |
| Ceresa, Brian | Harper Woods | John Moher | Montgomery, Zak | Lapeer West | Jeff Putnam |
| Charnley, Jason | Lapeer East | Brad Gerlach | Morawski, Colin | Grosse Pointe South | Mike McLeod |
| Cheab, Mustapha | Dearborn | David Mifsuch | Moses, Dan | Sturgis | Ron Reardon |
| Cieslak, Steven | Warren Woods Tower | Ron Lucas | Mulhaupt, Dustin | Mattawan | Dave Lawrence |
| Crawford, David | Harbor Springs | Dave Brines | Mutch, Chris | Grand Rapids Christian | John Butler |
| Crow, Richard | Grand Haven | Steve Horodyski | Napier, Aaron | Hazel Park | Thomas Pratt |
| DeGrand, Thomas | Saline | Jack Crabtree | Nelson, Robert | Atherton | Tim Hanifan |
| Dieckman, Brian | Lutheran North | Paul Keiper | Nowak, Jason | Manistique | Todd Kangas |
| Doerr, Steve | Frankenmuth | John Blankenship | O'Neill, Tim | Troy Athens | John Walker |
| Elston, Arend | Brown City | Don Twiers | Osterhart, Kevin | Fruitport | Steve Wilson |
| Emmendorfer, Eric | New Lothrop | Scott Cousineau | Parks, William | Fennville | Tim Schipper |
| Farley, Daniel | Albion | Perry Deliyenne | Pleiness, Chad | Mason County Central | Scott Brigg |
| Fedewa, Douglas | Portland | Jack Anderson | Poirier, William | Center Line | Pete Coll |
| Felter, Stephen | Charlevoix | Todd Klinger | Rabbitt, James | Battle Creek St. Philip | Brett Formsma |
| Flannery, Daniel | Richmond | Glenn Huss | Ripley, Jason | Reed City | Troy Guzikowski |
| Geromin, Pat | St. Florian | Mark Rudzinski | Roeschke, Jeff | Utica | Robert McElreath |
| Gritter, Jon | Forest Hills Central | Tim McGee | Roesner, Jason | Flushing | Bob Buckel |
| Groce, Matt | North Branch | Kevin Walters | Rydman, Alan | Coleman | Bob Sullivan |
| Gwizdala, David | All Saints Central | Jeff Bisel | Salazar, Nicholas | Pittsford | Robert Clement |
| Haak, Peter | North Muskegon | Dave Cooke | Schoen, Nate | Lowell | Noel Dean |
| Hall Jonathan | Stevensville Lakeshore | Denny Dock | Schwach, Dale | Clintondale | William Apisa |
| Hammond, Tim | Morrice | Bill McCarrick | Schwegler, Daniel | Roseville | Steven Vercammen |
| Harp, Andy | Kingston | Mike Reh | Scott, David | Yale | Pat Egan |
| Hauser, Thomas | Bullock Creek | David Moore | Siler, Chris | Merrill | Mel Skillman |
| Helinski, John | Memphis | Larry Bradke | Simms, Andrew | Royal Oak Kimball | Terry Powers |
| Helms, Eric | Hale | Darren Kroczaleski | Smith Andrew | Waterford Kettering | Mike Berry |
| Henning, Chris | Rochester Adams | Jim DeJaeger | Smitt, Scott | Cardinal Mooney | Jay Knierim |
| Hill William | Detroit Renaissance | Andy Rio | Smith, Zack | Farwell | Tim Woder |
| Hoag, Jeff | South Haven | Bob Welton | Stoll, Dan | Lawrence | Jim Coady |
| Hodge, Alan | Plymouth Salem | Tom Moshimer | Styles, Ricky | Walled Lake Western | Chuck Apap |
| Hoogewind, Matt | Grandville | Doug Throop | Swanson, Eric | Bishop Foley | Tony Patritto |
| Hopkins, Kyle | Linden | Ron Eltringham | Szekeley, James | Deckerville | Bill Brown |
| Howard, Harrison | Vandercook Lake | Pete Powers | Tazelaar, Jeff | Newberry | Jeff Puckett |
| Huff, Christopher | Alma | Randy | Thompson, Joseph | Athens | Rob Doubleday |
| Hurst, Nathan | Ann Arbor Huron | Paul Verska | Thoreson, Chad | Ludington | Dan LaDuke |
| Inman, Paul | Mt. Clemens | Larry Walters | Throop, Clinton | Rockford | Ralph Munger |
| Jackson, Derek | Frankfort | Roger Bearss | Traverse, Adam | Constantine | Tim Baker |
| Johanns, Andy | East Jackson | Mark Raczkowski | Troyer, Nathan | Three Rivers | Scott Shaw |
| Johnson, Clayton | Clare | Kelly Luplow | Turk, Justin | Manchester | Wesley Gall |
| Jones, Tyler | East Kentwood | Jim Sutton | VanSingel, Scott | Grant | Dave Eichberg |
| Kalbfleisch, Thomas | Troy | Gary Griffith | Viles, Larry | Addison | Kevin Ohrman |
| Kelly, Aaron | Kalamazoo Central | Robert Kubiak | Walters, Rich | Vicksburg | Mark Foster |
| Koenigsnecht, Tony | Fowler | Neal Hoffman | Wawiernia, Trevor | Maple Valley | Guenther Middelstaedt |
| Koepf, Mike | Unionville-Sebewaing | Tim Travis | Wells, Jason | Battle Creek Central | Al Slamer |
| Kurrie, Luke | Corunna | Chris Curtiss | Wros, Dan | Marquette | Jim Driscoll |
| LaFleur, Matt | Mt. Pleasant | Don Peddie | Zachos, Ryan | Avondale | Arthy Messina |
| Lee, Jonathan | Alpena | David Hills | | | |

1997 Academic All State Teams

In the third naming of Academic All State Teams there were 165 nominations, up from 126 in 1996. Nominations came from: 30 AA teams (23 in '96), 28 A teams (27 in '96), 28 BB teams (16 in '96), 20 B teams (15 in '96), 24 CC teams (15 in '96), 18 C teams (17 in '96), 9 DD teams (6 in '96) and 8 D teams (7 in '96). 36 (30 in '96) of the 165 nominated teams averaged between 4.0 and 3.7. 67 (48 in '96) teams averaged between 3.69 and 3.5.

Congratulations to all of the nominated teams. For their outstanding academic achievements, the top four nominees in each class have been named Academic All State Teams.

Grade point averages were figured for the top eleven players on each team. *Second year in top four. **Second year in 1st place. *** Frankenmuth (Top in Class B), Baraga (Top in Class D) in '96. †Tie.

| Class AA | Class BB | Class CC | Class DD |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Warren DeLaSalle | Flint Powers | Manistique | Hale |
| Midland | Fremont | Montrose | Bay City All Saints |
| Clarkston | Thornapple Kellogg | Bullock Creek | Fulton |
| Ann Arbor Huron | Fruitport | Gwinn | Mendon |
| Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D |
| Okemos | Alma | Schoolcraft | Fowler |
| Gaylord | Belding | New Lothrop | North Branch Wesleyan |
| Woodhaven | Gladwin | Michigan Lutheran | Battle Creek St. Philip |
| Northville | Spring Lake | Ravenna | Frankfort |

Honorable Mention Academic All State Teams

| Class AA | Class BB | Class CC | Class DD |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Rochester Adams | Ortonville-Brandon | Hartford | Morrice |
| Jenison | Ogemaw Heights | Saginaw Nouvel | Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart |
| Brighton | South Haven | Leslie | Ottawa Lake-Whiteford |
| Port Huron Northern | Plainwell | Freeland | Southgate Aquinas |
| Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D |
| Mt. Pleasant | Frankenmuth | Pittsford | Gaylord St. Mary |
| Owosso | Mason County Central | Athens | North Adams-Jerome |
| Trenton | Marysville | Deckerville | Rose D. Warwick |
| Farmington Harrison | Saginaw Swan Valley | Rudyard | Peck |

Selection of All Star Players

- Forty Four (44) players will be selected for each team.
- On each team there will be 8 players from Class A schools, 6 players from Class B, 4 from Class C, 2 from Class D, and 20 players selected at large.
- Two platoon football will be played.
- A player can play a different position than he was selected to play. The coaching staff may switch players to different positions and they may also switch players from offense to defense and vice-versa.
- No player may play both ways, but a player can be used on offense and then used on defense. The player must sit out the next series of downs if this switch has been made. You may need to use players on specialty teams and in short yardage situations.
- Every player must play at least HALF of the game with the exception of the kickers. It is the responsibility of the coaching staffs to see that every player plays one half of the game. Remember, all of these players are All Stars and the game is for the players, not the coaches.
- The selection for the Offense will be as follows: (2 centers, 3 guards, 3 tackles, 2 tight ends, 3 wide receivers, 2 quarterbacks, 2 fullbacks, 2 halfbacks, 1 punter, & 1 place kicker).
- The selection for the Defense will be as follows: (3 ends, 5 down linemen, 3 linebackers, & 6 defensive backs)
- The coaching staff may select six players at large to complete their teams. The six players selected may be picked at random from the All Star nominations in order to fill out the positions as deemed necessary by the coaching staff.
- No player will be selected to the All Star team if his coach is not a member of the MHSFCA.
- Only ONE player from a school may be selected to play in the All Star Game.
- A coach who is an MHSFCA member may nominate HIS player(s) for the All Star Game. A coach from a Class A high school may nominate three of his players, two players may be nominated from a Class B high school, and one player from a Class C or D high school. All nominations must be made by December 1 and sent to: Mr. Larry Rueger, MHSFCA All Star Chairman, 227 W. Byron, Muskegon, MI 49441. The Nomination Form should include the following information: Player's name, address, telephone number; Parent's name, Coach's name, address, telephone number, name of school, school class, address, telephone number, county, player's height, weight, 40 time, best position, alternate position, and statistics.
- The All Star Selection Committee will consist of (1) the six All Star Coaches, (2) the members of the All Star Committee, and (3) the MHSFCA Officers. The All Star Chairman may also select MHSFCA members from particular areas of the state to help with the voting to make sure that all areas of the state are well represented. The three above groups will select the first 38 players by positions by vote and the All Star Coaching Staffs will then complete their squads by selecting six players at random.
- The Selection Committee will select twice the number of players as needed for each position. In case one of the 38 players decides not to play in the All Star Game, the next player at that position will be taken in order of the voting. In case any of the six players selected at large after the original thirty-eight selections declines to play, the coaching staff may select any player who was nominated to fill the open position.
- The East & West All Star Teams will be selected on Saturday, January 10, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. There will be a meeting of both All Star Coaching Staffs starting at 9:00 a.m. on January 10, 1998 at Holden Hall on the Michigan State Campus.
- Each of the six All Star Coaches will be responsible for seven All Star players with the exception of two coaches on each staff who will have the responsibility for an extra player. This includes checking to see if (1) their players are going to participate, (2) they have all ads and program information into Larry Merx of Ann Arbor Huron High School, (3) they know when to report to M.S.U. and what to bring, and (4) for their supervision for the seven days a M.S.U. The Coaching Staffs are responsible for the supervision of the All Star Players from the time they report to M.S.U. until they leave after the All Star Game.
- If a player does not show up for the All Star camp, the All Star Committee, after conferring with the Head Coach for the All Star Team, will make the decision as to which player will be called as a replacement.
- If a player is injured and unable to play in the All Star Game after he has reported to the All Star practices, he will NOT be replaced.
- The All Star player must be a senior graduating in June and have not yet matriculated in college at that time.

Meeting for Coaches of 1998 All Star Players

**Concession Area • Winners' Circle Clinic
After Last Speaker Friday, January 23**

If you have a player chosen to play in the 1998 All Star Game it is important that you understand the process involved in putting the program together.

If you HAVEN'T had an All Star player recently - please be sure to attend a brief All Star Program orientation/question-answer session in the concession area (under the central seating) at the Battle Creek Winners Circle Clinic after the last speaker Friday, January 23.

If you are familiar with the procedure for collecting materials that we've been using (largely unchanged for the past ten years) you do not need to attend this meeting unless you have questions.



michigan high school athletic association

For the second consecutive year the MHSFCA is sponsoring PACE, Level I in conjunction with the clinic on Friday, 1/23. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. A separate registration fee of \$50 is necessary and should be sent directly to the MHSAA with the registration form at right. Registration includes refreshments, lunch and materials

Make checks payable to MHSAA.
Level I Fee • \$50

Pace Level I Program to be Offered at Clinic

Pace Enrollment Form

Please complete and mail to: Jerry Cvengros, Associate Director
MHSAA - 1661 Ramblewood Dr.
East Lansing, MI 48823-7392

Name _____

Street Address (home) _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (Work) _____ (Home) _____

School _____ School ID# _____

Program Location and Date Battle Creek - 1/23/98 Amount Enclosed _____

1997 State Champions and Runners-Up

Single Letter Schools

Class A Champions
Farmington Hills Harrison

Class A Runners-Up
Midland Dow

Class B Champions
Belding

Class B Runners-Up
Riverview

Class C Champions
Ravenna

Class C Runners-Up
Decatur

Class D Champions
Lake Linden-Hubbell

Class D Runners-Up
Portland St. Patrick

Double Letter Schools

Class AA Champions
Detroit Catholic Central

Class AA Runners-Up
Ann Arbor Huron

Class BB Champions
West Branch-Ogemaw Heights

Class BB Runners-Up
Marshall

Class CC Champions
Muskegon Oakridge

Class CC Runners-Up
Vermontville-Maple Valley

Class DD Champions
Lawrence

Class DD Runners-Up
Mio

Congratulations to All Participants in the 1997 Playoffs

MHSFCA 1997 Scholarships

By Mike Wojda, Scholarship Chair

MHSFCA Scholarship applications are included in this newsletter. \$500 scholarships will be awarded to the ten best qualified nominees. Applications are ranked according to:

- 1.) G.P.A.
- 2.) ACT scores
- 3.) Evidence of leadership ability
- 4.) Citizenship
- 6.) Service.

Remember:

Candidates must be students involved in your football program and be citizens of the United States and a resident within the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan. The coach must be a member of the MHSFCA to nominate a candidate. **ONLY ONE** nominee per school can be accepted. Applications must be submitted by March 1, 1997.

This is the association's golden opportunity to showcase the best the State of Michigan has to offer. Nominate your most deserving student-athlete today!

MHSFCA Placement Service

*By Bret Foerster, McBain
Placement Chair*

The MHSFCA sponsors a placement service for its members and football sponsoring schools. A placement bulletin is mailed to all interested coaches from January until June each year (see form facing page).

It is, however, a two-way street. If you know of coaching and/or teaching openings in your school or area, please let us know (use second form, facing page).

We are particularly interested in coaching/teaching positions, as most of our Newsletter subscribers are interested in dual openings rather than "coaching only" vacancies.

From the MHSCA's Executive Vice President, Jack Johnson

MHSCA/Gatorade 15 and 25 Year Coaching Service Award Certificates

General Requirements

- Must have distinguished himself/herself with good coaching ethics and promoted good sportsmanship in their coaching
- May use up to ten years coaching outside Michigan
- May use years as an assistant as well as years as a head coach
- May combine sports coached but may not count more than one sport any school year
- May use years at the varsity, junior varsity, or junior high/middle school level
- May apply for certificate in more than one sport if you qualify for 15 or 25 years in each sport

Specific requirements

- To receive a 15 year certificate, must have been a coach in a particular sport for 15 school years
- To receive a 25 year certificate, must have been a coach in a particular sport for 25 school years

Procedure for receiving certificate

- Complete the application form and mail to:
Mr. Jack Johnson, Executive Director
MHSCA
35445 Hathaway
Livonia, MI 48150-2513

- Completed certificates will be sent to the President of your sport's association for his/her signature
- Presentations of the certificates will then be made by your association at a time and place determined by them.

MHSCA Application for

☐ 15 or ☐ 25 Year Coaching Award (✓ one)

Name _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Years of Coaching (List Sport, Level, Years)

Coach Signature _____

AD or Principal Signature _____

Coaching Award Program sponsored by Gatorade – The Official Thirst Quencher of MHSCA and in cooperation with MHSCA

PLACEMENT BULLETIN JOBS AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Return to:

Bret Foerster
6200 W. Freeland Rd.
Freeland, MI 48623

If you would like to receive the MHSFCA Placement Bulletin twice monthly from January-June please return the form below.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

PLACEMENT BULLETIN VACANCY NOTIFICATION FORM

Return to:

Bret Foerster
6200 W. Freeland Rd.
Freeland, MI 48623

If you have an opening on your staff please fill in the following form and return

School Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Position(s) Available _____

Qualifications _____

Person to contact _____

Send (resume, credentials, etc.) _____

Deadline for Application _____

1998 Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets

Guest Speaker: TBD
 Purpose: To Induct New Members
 When: Saturday, 4 April 1998
 Place: The University of Michigan
 Time: Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Program: 8:00 p.m.
 Price: \$20 per ticket (Checks payable to — MHSFCA)
 Send to: Number of Tickets _____ X \$20.00 = _____
 Mr. Ivan Muhlenkamp
 Hall of Fame Tickets
 2627 Willa
 St. Joseph, MI 449085
 Phone (616) 983-4639
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Name _____
 Home Address _____
 Street City State Zip
 Phone _____
 School Where Last Coached _____
 Year Retired from Coaching _____
 Total Years Football Coaching _____
 Qualifications

1. Have coached football for twenty years on any level. 2. Have previously been a MHSFCA Member. 3. Have retired from coaching. 4. Pay a onetime fee of \$50

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 1998-99



Send to: Mr. Jim Clawson
 Membership Chairman
 21681 Thorofare
 Grosse Ile, MI 48138

☐ JOINT MHSFCA/MHSCA/NHSACA (\$20*) ☐ NOT COACHING ANYMORE

Name _____
 School _____
 School Address _____
 Street City State Zip
 Position _____ Total Years Coaching _____
 Home Address _____
 Street City State Zip
 Home Phone _____

Membership runs September - August.

Clinic registration includes membership for the year starting the following September.

*Dues increase includes \$5 earmarked for Hall of Fame Building Project.



Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

26th Annual Winners Circle Clinic

January 23-24, 1998
McCamly Place • Battle Creek

Featured Speakers

Gary Darnell • Western Michigan University
Thom McDaniel • Canton, Ohio
Ohio State 6A Champions - #1 USA Today

Friday

Registration 10:00 • First Session starts at 12:00
1st Session • Saginaw Valley State - Mini-Sessions
2nd Session • Flushing, Midland Dow, Ann Arbor Huron,
Milan, Brighton, Canton-McKinley - Mini-Sessions
Friday Night • Winners Circle Coaches

Saturday

Morning • The Road to the Dome: Jim Coady, Lawrence;
Jack Schugars, Muskegon Oakridge;
Don Lessner, Riverview
Noon • Awards Recognition Banquet

It has been the goal of the MHSFCA to provide the finest football clinics offered in the State of Michigan. To that end the MHSFCA Clinic Committee has worked in conjunction with the Duffy Daugherty Coach of the Year Clinic to provide a great deal on the cost of registering for both clinics. You can attend both clinics for the unbelievably low price of \$100 if you pre-register for both at the same time. The Nike/Duffy Daugherty Coach of the Year Clinic will be February 27-28, 1998, at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. This clinic will feature top college and professional coaches from around the country.

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|--------------------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-registration for MHSFCA Clinic on January 23-24, 1998 & Nike/Coach of the Year Clinic on February 27-28, 1998 plus the 230+ page Coach of the Year Manual | \$115.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-registration for MHSFCA Clinic on January 23-24, 1998 & Nike/Coach of the Year Clinic February 27-28, 1998 | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-registration for MHSFCA Clinic only on January 23-24, 1998 | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-registration for Nike/Coach of the Year Clinic only on February 27-28, 1998 | \$60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Registration at door for MHSFCA Clinic on January 23-24, 1998 | \$60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Registration at door for Nike/Coach of Year Clinic on February 27-28, 1998 | \$70.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1998 Nike/Coach of Year Clinic Manual | \$15.00 |

Please note that you can SAVE \$30 by pre-registering for the two clinics!

*At this time we do not accept charge cards as your method of payment.

MHSFCA 26th Annual Clinic • January 23-24, 1998
46th Nike/Duffy Daugherty Coach of the Year Clinic • February 27-28, 1998

Please! Only one coach per entry form! Reproduce this sheet for your staff.

Name _____
Home Address _____
City _____
Zip _____
Phone _____
School Name _____

☐ # YEARS COACHED ☐ ✓ if HEAD COACH ☐ ✓ if NEW ADDRESS ☐ ✓ if NEW MEMBER

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You can register for the **Coach of the Year Clinic** using the MHSFCA form!!!