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Ball Players Are All Winners in the Eyes of First Graders

From the Kalamazoo Gazette, by Roxine Kemp

To one group of Mattawan High School varsity football fans, it doesn't matter whether the team wins or loses on the field.

For eight weeks during the football season, the Mattawan Early Elementary students never fail to ask the football players for their autographs after the "stars" read to the youngsters in a program called "Wildcat Den."

On September 11, senior Dustin Cole, who wears number 20, signed about 30 autographs after he read to Margot Weckwert's and Cheryl Rodbard's students.

He said being asked to sign autographs is typical for the football players in every classroom they visit.

"Last year, I had to give autographs to every kid in the class, too, and little girls started giving me their phone numbers," Cole recalled. "Some of their phone numbers were backward."

Collecting autographs is not the important thing that transpires during the program.

Ball player, Brian Degler, said he believes the program reinforces the idea that reading is important to success.

Den Courtney, who wore his jersey number 80, agrees:

"It is important to be a good role model because they copy what you do or they imitate what they see, and they think that's a cool way to be," he said.

Role modeling is one of the things that prompted Coach Dave Lawrence to initiate the program about eight years ago.

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Membership Report

Jim Clawson, Taylor Truman
Membership Chairman
MHSFCA Membership

2157 TOTAL

December 4, 1998

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Steve Wilson, Fruitport

Region 14

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Region 15

Matt Prisk, Traverse City West
Bill Hollenbeck, Maple City-Glen Lake

Region 16

Melvin Bennett, Cedarville
Brian Sarvello, Baraga

Congratulations *1999 Crowley Award* **JEFF SMITH**

East Lansing

1998 MHSFCA *Coaches of the Year*

Single Letter

Class D

NEIL HOFFMAN

Fowler

Class C

TIM TRAVIS

Unionville-Sebewaing

Class B

JIM SZAPPAN

Chesaning

Class A

JOHN HERRINGTON

Farmington Harrison

Double Letter

Class DD

ED LARK

Fulton-Middleton

Class CC

DENNIS REINHART

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Class BB

KEN HOFER

Menominee

Class AA

RALPH MUNGER

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS**Academic All State**

Chuck Apap, Walled Lake Western

All-Star

Larry Rueger, Mona Shores/Fruitport

Assistant Coach Award

Dick McGinness, Cadillac

Clinic

Al Slamer, Battle Creek Central

Community Service

Dave Lawrence, Mattawan

Ethics

Wes Wishart, Belleville

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Placement

Bobby Vaught, Greenville

Playoff

Tom Barbieri, Gaylord

Political Action

Dave Farris, Petoskey

Public Relations

John Herrington, Farmington Harrison

Rules

Pete Coll, Center Line

Scholarship

Mike Wojda, Hillman

Terry Rose Memorial Scholarship

Mike Wojda, Hillman

Legal Representative

State Representative, Kirk Profit

MHSFCA **Meetings & Important Dates**

All Star Selection Meeting

Holden Hall, M.S.U.

January 9, 1999

Board of Directors Winter Meeting

McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek

January 29, 1999

27th Winners Circle Clinic

McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek

January 29-30, 1999

47th Coach of the Year Clinic

Soaring Eagle Hotel, Mt. Pleasant

March 5-6, 1999

Board of Directors Spring Meeting

Schembechler Hall, U. of M.

March 26, 1999

Hall of Fame Banquet

Chrisler Arena, U. of M.

March 27, 1999

Board of Directors Election Odd Numbered Regions

Odd 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 3 in order to get your name placed on the ballot.

Write-in votes at the clinic are also acceptable.

Contact - Larry Merx, 39 W. Judd Rd., Milan, MI 48160. (734) 439-3184 (Fax), (734) 439-0049 (H), (734) 971-2800 (W), e-mail: lmerx@nkfm.org

As of 5 December the following names will appear on the ballot:

*indicates current directors

Region 1

James Reynolds*, Martin Luther King Jr.
Woodrow Thomas*, Detroit Central

Region 3

Ernie Ayers*, Sand Creek
Steve Robb*, Milan

Region 5

Dave Lawrence*, Mattawan
Scott Shaw*, Three Rivers

Region 7

Chuck Apap*, Walled Lake Western
John Walker*, Troy Athens

Region 9

Jerry Goosen, Coopersville
Ralph Munger*, Rockford
Wayne Roedel*, Belding
Aaron West*, Greenville

Region 11

John Blankenship*, Frankenmuth
Brett Foerster*, Saginaw Heritage

Region 13

Joe Coletta, Muskegon Oakridge
Bart Estola, Shelby
Dusty Fairfield*, Ravenna
Steve Wilson*, Fruitport

Region 15

Hal Holman, Benzie Central
Bill Hollenbeck*, Maple City-Glen Lake
Denny Lazowski, Manton
Matt Prisk*, Traverse City West

MHSFCA 1998-1999 Standing Committees

ACADEMIC ALL STATE

Chuck Apap (Chair)
Steve Robb

ALL STAR

Larry Rueger (Chair)
Keith Froelich
Dusty Fairfield
Jim Buttson
Loren Willey
Melvin Bennett
Jack Schugars
Bob Dozier
Robert Vaught
Aaron West
Dave Lawrence
Larry Merx

ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

Dick McGiness (Chair)
John Blankenship
Bill Hollenbeck
Tom LaFramboise

CLINIC

Al Slamer (Chair)
Dick Fodor
Frank Altimore
Jack Kramer
Melvin Bennett
Jeff Stewart
Jim Eurick
Brett Foerster
Penny Guy
Dick Bush
Brain Sarvello
Wayne Roedel
Doug Bess
Ralph Munger
John Blankenship

JIM CROWLEY AWARD

Larry Sellers (Chair)
Dick McGiness
Woody Thomas

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Wes Wishart (Chair)
Mike Wojda
Steve Robb

FINANCE

Jim Eurick (Chair)
Bill Tucker
Gasper Giarmo

HALL OF FAME

Tom Fagan (Chair)
Chuck Ritter
Loren Willey
Tim Klein
Don Lessner
Dave Woodcock
Larry Merx
John Herrington
Jack Carlson

Tom LaFramboise

Ike Muhlenkamp

Jeff Smith

Tom Moshimer

HISTORIAN

Jack Carlson (Chair)
Wayne Roedel
Keith Froelich
Harley Pierce

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Bob Scheloske (Chair)
Tom LaFramboise
Ernie Ayers
Woody Thomas

LEADERSHIP

Dave Lawrence (Co-Chair)
Brian Sarvello (Co-Chair)

Gasper Giarmo

Bill Tucker

Wayne Roedel

Chuck Salvano

Fred Davis

Ernie Hoffman

Kevin Behmer

MEMBERSHIP

Jim Clawson (Chair)
Bill Hollenbeck
Dick DeLoge

NEWSLETTER

Larry Merx (Chair)
Kevin Behmer

PLACEMENT

Robert Vaught (Chair)
Jim Eurick

PLAYOFF

Tom Barbierri (Chair)
Tim Klein

Wes Wishart

Dave Larkin

Scot Shaw

Ralph Munger

James Reynolds

Ray Barr

Dave Lawrence

POLITICAL ACTION

Dave Farris (Chair)
Jeff Stewart
John Walker

PUBLIC RELATIONS

John Herrington (Chair)
Jim Eurick
Robert Vaught

RULES

Pete Coll (Chair)
Dick DeLoge
Joe Eufinger

Standing Committees

SCHOLARSHIP/
TERRY ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Mike Wojda

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Dave Lawrence (Chair)
Scot Shaw

MHSCA LIASON
Dave Woodcock

ADVISORY BOARD
All Past Presidents

Playoff Expansion in 1999

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championship would be played the following weekend, with the host either being predetermined by draw or by playoff average. Semifinal games would continue as in the past, with Regional champions playing each other at pre-arranged sites, and the Finals continuing to take place at the Pontiac Silverdome on Thanksgiving weekend.

The modification to make five wins the qualifying number for schools playing eight-game schedules was made to better accommodate schools which either had difficulty in securing a nine-game schedule or did not wish to begin their regular-season a week earlier.

In a seven-year calendar, football playing schools would begin practice only two days earlier on five occasions. Schools with a nine-game schedule would have only one pre-season scrimmage.

The Council also voted to recommend that schools which intend to keep a nine-game schedule slide entire schedules forward by one week to accommodate the change, and to do the same with the officials assigned to those contests.

This is the fourth expansion of the playoffs since they began in 1975 with four teams in each class. The tournament expanded to 32 teams in 1977, 64 teams in 1985, and then doubled the number of teams again by splitting each class in 1990, upping the number of schools to 128.

Following the presentation of the plan to member schools during the Fall, football-playing institutions were surveyed. Of 454 valid surveys returned, 91 percent favored the plan, and 85 percent favored expansion in 1999.

Game Needed

Ann Arbor Pioneer is looking for a sixth date opponent (October 8 or 9, 1999). Call Athletic Director Lorin Cartwright (734) 994-2151.

Ball Players Are All Winners

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Lawrence also saw Wildcat Den as a way to connect students in the different school buildings to one another, and as a way for the players to give something back to their community.

"I am on the board of directors for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and one of the things we do as an association is to do things in the community," Lawrence said.

Senior Austin Dingwell said he thinks Wildcat Den does build a rapport between the beginning students and the players, who tend to be towering figures.

Sometimes, the program gives the elementary teachers a chance to see former students in a different light. Ten years ago, Delger was a student in Janet Cooper's transition room, a bridge between first and second grades.

Cooper said Delger's visit was a hit with her students because he was a "grown up person" who formerly had been in her classroom as a six-year-old.

"The students really look up to those football players who come to read to us," Cooper said. "I think it makes them feel really important that the players take the time to come over and read to them and give autographs."

ORGANIZING A COMMUNITY SERVICE READING PROGRAM

Purpose:

- To promote literacy among your players and elementary students.
- To provide an opportunity for your players to "give back" part of themselves (in terms of their time) to the children of their school community.
- To build self-esteem in both players and children

1. Secure administrative approval
2. Meet with elementary principal, supervisor of instruction and elementary teachers to plan weekly reading sessions.
3. Select appropriate time in your schedule to have players read to the children. We found the best time for us was on Game Day Fridays, the last 1 1/2 - 2 hours of the school day.
4. Team is broken up by nine weeks (45 players/9 = 5) five players would read each week. Normally each player would go to 2-3 classrooms for 30-40 minutes, reading 2-3 stories to the children and then answering questions and signing autographs.
5. Normally players would read only once during the season unless requested more by elementary teachers.
6. At the beginning of the season a memo is sent to all high school and elementary teachers detailing players who will be reading each week of the season.
7. Elementary principal meets with varsity football team at the beginning of each season to pass out children's books and give the players tips on how to effectively read to the children.
8. Our players take this very seriously and take a lot of pride in doing an excellent job.
9. Program can be run year round.
10. Contact your local newspaper and have them do a story on your players. It's great publicity for your program.
11. If you have questions or would like further information please write or call:

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Mattawan, MI 49071

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Detroit Lions & Coach Bobby Ross Recognize High School Coaches of the Week

1998 Winners

TIM MCGEE

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central

JIM EURICK

Bay City Western

GARY GRIFFITH

Troy

LARRY SELLERS

Traverse City St. Francis

ANTHONY VANZANT

Saginaw Buena Vista

JIM MACDOUGALL

Birmingham Groves

GEORGE IHLER

Freeland

REX WEAVER

Hopkins

CHUCK GORDON

Westland John Glenn

Each week throughout the regular season, the Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Week award was presented to one coach that best developed his players' character, discipline and football skill.

Thanks to contributions from the Detroit Lions and head coach Bobby Ross, weekly winners received a \$3,500 donation to their school's football program, with the coach receiving an embroidered Lions hat, a framed certificate and personalized game ball and Play Football T-shirts for his team and coaches.

Winners were determined by a panel of three newspaper writers: Mick McCabe (Detroit Free Press), Jane Bos (Grand Rapids Press), and Hugh Bernreuter (Saginaw News).

All weekly winners will be honored at the December 20 Lions-Falcons game. During the ceremony the Lions will announce the Coach of the Year, with that coach receiving a \$6000 donation to his football program.

Last season's program awarded a total of \$3,500 to deserving coaches and their football programs. This season's program will make additional contributions of \$5000 to the MHSFCA and the Detroit Police Athletic League football program for a total of \$47,500 donated to aid the development and promotion of high school football, thanks to contributions from Coach Ross and the Lions.

The Academic All State Football Teams 1998

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

142 teams were nominated for Academic All State in 1998, 43 of those teams submitted grade point averages of 3.70-4.0 and 57 submitted grade point averages of 3.5-3.69. Nominated were: Class AA – 25 Teams, Class BB – 23 Teams, Class CC – 22 Teams, Class DD – 9 Teams, Class A – 21 Teams, Class B – 18 Teams, Class C – 14 Teams, Class D – 10 Teams.

* Grade point averages are figured for the top eleven players on each team

First Team

CLASS AA

Brother Rice
Port Huron Northern
Warren DeLaSalle
Grosse Pointe South

CLASS A

Okemos
East Lansing
Lansing Waverly
Northville

CLASS BB

Lakeshore
Cedar Springs
Brandon
Ludington

CLASS B

Caro
Byron Center
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
Stanton Central Montcalm

CLASS CC

Union City
Clare
Ithaca
Montrose

CLASS C

Michigan Lutheran Seminary
Muskegon Catholic Central
Schoolcraft
Athens

CLASS DD

New Lothrop
Bay City All Saints
Fulton
Hale

CLASS D

Fowler
Battle Creek St. Philip
Portland St. Patrick
North Adams-Jerome

Honorable Mention

CLASS AA

Midland
Waterford Mott
Jenison
Fraser

CLASS A

Farmington
Midland Dow
University of Detroit Jesuit
Grosse Pointe North

CLASS BB

Powers Catholic
Vicksburg
St. Mary's Prep
Plainwell

CLASS B

Spring Lake
Frankenmuth
Manistee
Gladwin

CLASS CC

Michigan Center
Quincy
Cass City
Gwinn

CLASS C

Manton
Rudyard
Glen Lake
Byron Area

CLASS DD

Mendon
Centreville
Johannesburg-Lewiston
Martin

CLASS D

Baldwin
North Branch Wesleyan Academy
Gaylord St. Mary
Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart Academy



1999 MHSFCA Scholarships

By Mike Wojda, Scholarship Chair

Now that another season is over and the equipment is packed away, don't forget your opportunity to reward those outstanding students that are associated with your football program. The MHSFCA sponsors ten scholarships. Based on academic performance each is worth \$500. One scholarship, the Terry Rose Memorial Scholarship, is worth \$1000 and is awarded by lottery to the son or daughter of one of our members.

If you have a statistician, manager, cheerleader or trainer that is worthy of consideration for these prestigious awards don't neglect to have them submit the proper application.

Previous scholarship winners have usually had a minimum score of 25 on the ACT, a 3.5 grade point average and a high ranking in their class.

The only requirements for the Terry Rose Scholarship are: 1. attendance in a post secondary education program and 2. a parent who is a member of the MHSFCA. Recipients do not have to be a high school 1999 graduate. Please don't forget to get the appropriate materials to your deserving students.

Applications for both the MHSFCA and the Terry Rose Memorial Scholarships should be included in this newsletter.

Deadline: March 1, 1999

THANK YOU

Lake Superior State University is pleased and honored to have received the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Scholarship check of \$500 which was awarded to Bo Reinhart.

Your organization is to be commended for providing financial assistance to the students who aspire to attend our university. Your commitment is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Robert D. Arbuckle
resident

1998 Assistant Coach of the Year Awards

By Dick McGiness

Junior High 9th Grade

| Name | School | Years Service |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Darwin Cook | Milan | 33 |
| Tom Foghino | Three Rivers | 26 |
| Patrick Krause | Luther L. Wright | 20 |

Junior Varsity

| Name | School | Years Service |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Will Cramer | Pittsford | 30 |
| Bob Colvin | Manton | 16 |
| Glenn Noble | Hopkins | 16 |
| Ivan Maschke | Johannesburg-Lewiston | 15 |

Varsity

| Name | School | Years Service |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Michael Henry | Muskegon Orchard View | 31 |
| Robert Holec | Flint Central | 28 |
| David Potter | Monroe Jefferson | 26 |
| Jim Powell | Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart | 23 |
| Gary Steinhoff | Mason | 21 |
| Rob McCormick | Lowell | 20 |
| Jim Neumann | Luke M. Powers Catholic | 20 |
| Scott Phillips | Flushing | 19 |
| Steve Dollaway | Farmington Harrison | 19 |
| Mike Gilchrist | Whitehall | 19 |
| Joe Coletta | Muskegon Oakridge | 18 |
| Bill Hileman | Harrison | 18 |
| David Schantz | Plymouth Salem | 18 |
| Bryon Ennis | Michigan Center | 18 |

Special Assistant

| Name | School | Years Service |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| Walter Gierhart | Caro | 33 |
| Gary Hoffman | Gaylord | 30 |
| Dan Fisk | Freeland | 30 |
| Lee Smith | Hartland | 23 |

1998 Academic All State Players

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

The MHSFCA is proud to announce the 13th Annual Academic All State teams. Of the 32 students selected to the 1998 team, 21 are ranked first in their class. 28 of the 32 had a four point or better and the other four had grade points of 3.98 or better. The 32 first team members also mastered the ACT: two scored 35, three scored 34, three scored 33, two scored 32, five scored 31, eight scored 30, six 29 and three 28. (Players in caps are followed by their school and their coach.)

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| BASKE, ADAM St. Joseph Ivan Muhenkamp | DURA, MATT Brandon Jim Watkins | MACK, MICHAEL Union City Eric Tundevold | SARGENT, DOUG Okemos Keith Froelich |
| BAXTER, JEFF Glen Lake Bill Hollenbeck | GREEN, SCOTT Davison Dick DeLoge | MALEWITZ, TIM Jackson Ben Pack | SCHERER, JOHN Cedarville Randy Schaedig |
| BUCK, BRIAN Almont Gary Carson | HAMMAKER, CARL Brother Rice Albert Fracassa | MATELSKI, TODD Harbor Springs Dave Brines | SCOTT, JACOB Rockford Ralph Munger |
| CAMPBELL, RYAN Monroe Ralph Carducci | ISAALSON, KEVIN Hancock Central Paul Dube | MCLAUGHLIN, NATHAN Caro Al Boydston | SHUSTERIC, ROBERT Riverview Donald Lessner |
| CARSON, ROBERT Port Huron Northern Casey Kucsera | KARAFKA, JOHN Cedar Springs Rob Zimmerman | O'NEILL, SEAN Powers Catholic Bill Tucker | SIMPSON, DAVID Stanton Central Montcalm Bill Thwaites |
| CUNNINGHAM, THOMAS Charlevoix Todd Klinger | KNESEK, DAVID Pontiac Notre Dame Prep Neil Smith | PAWLAK, JASON De La Salle Collegiate Ross MacDonald | STOECKLE, ADAM Cass City Tom Oesch |
| CURREY, ROB Fowlerville Jack Wallace | LARDIE, ANDREW East Detroit Tim Miller | PHILLIPS, STEPHEN Flushing Bob Buckel | TORNO, DEREK Allendale Jack Prince |
| DINGWALL, AUSTIN Mattawan Dave Lawrence | LESSEM, JACOB Groves Jim MacDougall | PIETKA, MARK Ludington Dan Laduke | VANSICKLE, BRAD Millington Tim Furno |

Honorable Mention

| | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| BLAIR, JESSE Fraser Ray Barr | COLVIN, JASON Manton Dennis Lazowski | MITCHELL, DAVID Quincy Dave Bach | STRAUB, MARK Trenton |
| BRAUN, JESEMY Harbor Beach Troy Schelke | DABROWSKI, PHILLIP Warren Woods Tower Tom Dembinski | PESCI, DAVID Farmington Harrison John Harrington | THOMPSON, ERIK Bay City John Glenn John Loop |
| BROUSE, JAMES Athens Rob Doubleday | EILANDER, BRETT Zeeland Stan Jesky | PLOCHARCZYK, THOMAS Aquinas Randy Oliver | TOWNE, ANDREW Pittsford Bob Clement |
| CARK, LANDON Holland Tim Lont | GILLETTE, JOSHUA Michigan Center | POSTMA, JOE Rogers Ted Hollerr | TRZEMZALSKI, MATT Marysville Walt Braun |
| CLASE, BOBBY Edwardsburg Kevin Bartz | KNUST, ANDY Mason Jerry VanHavel | RODGERS, BEN Grand Haven Steve Horodyski | WADE, JASON North Adams-Jerome Stan Drewno |
| COLBY, SHANE Grayling Rodney Patterson | KOLACZYNSKI, DAVE Capac Mike Glennie | SHEPARD, STEVE Haslett Charlie Otlewski | YAKLIN, ALLAN New Lothrop Scott Cousineau |

Academic All State Special Mention

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| ...said, Hani | St. Mary's Prep | George Porritt | Jones, Lennon | Kimball | Terry Powers |
| Adams, Aaron | Detroit Urban Lutheran | Martin Moro | Kline, Andrew | Mendon | John Schwartz |
| Alber, Jason | Lowell | Noel Dean | Knapp, Steven | Melvindale | Mike Dawson |
| Athey, Perry | Farwell | Tim Wooser | Konfara, Jeff | Walled Lake Western | Chuck Apap |
| Attwood, Joshua | Swartz Creek | Ron Wiens | Kroulik, Marcus | Carrollton | Philip Martin |
| Atwood, Nicholas | Leslie | Scott Farley | Kurzeja, Kristof | Lakeland | Brian Howe |
| Bagierek, Joseph | Saugatuck | Gerald Bagierek | Lemere, Matt | Fenton | David Lazar |
| Baker, Luke | Carlton Airport | Eric Redmond | Lemieux, Michael | Fruitport | Steve Wilson |
| Ballentine, Richard | Deckerville | Bill Brown | Lindow, Daniel | Marine City | Bob Staskiewicz |
| Barclay, Sean | Taylor Kennedy | Tom Mall | Maier, Trent | Fulton | Ed Lark |
| Bellsky, Thomas | Frankenmuth | John Blankenship | Manninen, Andrew | Gladwin | Carl Charon |
| Bieber, Brandon | Wayland Union | | Markey, Jonathan | Nouvel Catholic | Smokey Boyd |
| Bienz, Kory | Constantine | Tim Baker | Marunick, Kyle | Dundee | Dan O'Brien |
| Black, Justin | St. Alphonsus | Dick Kennedy | McKay, David | Lake Orion | Chris Bell |
| Boothe-Shoemaker, Jesse | Hartford | Tom Shoemaker | McQuiston, John | Center Line | Pete Coll |
| Boyt, Corbin | Vandercook Lake | Pete Powers | Mitek, Joseph | Grosse Ile | Kevin Wilson |
| Brandel, Bart | Carrollton | | Mlcek, Ken | Mesick | Pat Hinkle |
| Brigham, Chris | Coloma | Dave Stowers | Mocer, John | Sterling Heights Stevenson | Rick Bye |
| Brock, Tim | Shepherd | Glen Hackney | Murphy, Matt | Midland | Gary Jozwiak |
| Brott, Kyle | Sparta | Mark Batchelder | Nemecheck, Matt | Atlanta | Todd Marlatt |
| Buck, David | Gwinn | Richard Mettlach | Nielson, Steven | Warren Lincoln | Jim Benefield |
| Bullerman, Scott | Mona Shores | Dean Jewett | Nitz, Justin | Unionville-Sebewaing | Tim Travis |
| Burns, Ryan | Oxford | Bud Rowley | North, Robert | Grand Haven | Steve Horodyski |
| Chubb, Ken | Traverse City West | Matt Prisk | Nowak, James | Manistee | Tim Pant |
| Clark, Christen | Newaygo | | Nye, Thomas | Frankfort | Matt Stapleton |
| ...ens, Jeff | East Detroit | | Ogger, John | Mt. Pleasant | Denny LaFleur |
| ...raig, Trevor | Avondale | Tony Messina | Ortwine, Jeremy | Saline | Jack Crabtree |
| Cross, James | Coleman | Joe Albaugh | Overbeek, Don | Calvin Christian | Tom Bouma |
| Dabaja, Ali | Fordson | Jeff Stergalas | Platte, Jon | Pewamo-Westphalia | Cary Bashore |
| Dehaaiu, Greg | Plainwell | Todd Miller | Prater, Tim | Gaylord | Tom Barbieri |
| Dillard, Andrew | Waterford Mott | Ken Schmidt | Richardson, Eric | Beaverton | Mark Grove |
| Douglass, Kyle | Schoolcraft | Larry Ledlow | Rochwiak, Scott | Whiteford | Jack Luettkke |
| Elliott, Scott | DeWitt | Gail Thornton | Rohn, William | East kentwood | Jim Sutton |
| Engle, Jeff | Atherton | Tim Hanifan | Roosa, Scott | Breckenridge | Joel Colbry |
| Everson, Dan | LaSalle | Marty Spencer | Scheible, Nicholas | Big Rapids | Randy Park |
| Farkas, Ben | Bellevue | Mike Sparks | Slough, William | East Jordan | Allan Peterson |
| Fazzola, Jon | Spring Lake | Leo Rosencrants | Snyder, Seneca | White Pigeon | Jon Keyer |
| Fedewa, Tim | Portland St. Patrick | Chris Schrauben | Spadafore, Sam | Lansing Catholic Center | Keith Schrauben |
| Feldpausch, Jason | Fowler | Neal Hoffman | Spitzley, Mark | Portland | Jack Anderson |
| Fischer, Dave | Livonia Franklin | Rick Lee | Spolyar, Doug | University of Detroit Jesuit | Scott Merchant |
| Forsberg, Matt | Freeland | George Ihler | Stuible, Chad | Waverly | Kevin Bymar |
| Fowler, Greg | Port Huron | Ed Kindle | Thomasma, Cordelle | Lakeshore | Denny Dock |
| Giels, Jeremy | Au Gres-Sims | | Thompson, Dirk | Byron | Roger Bashore |
| Gilbert, Nick | Muckegon C.C. | Mike Holmes | Upchurch, Nick | Clarkston | Kurt Richradson |
| Gowani, Amran | North Farmington | Rich Burrell | Valencia, Paul | Grosse Pointe North | Frank Sumbera |
| Hackney, Kyle | Alma | Randy Lark | Vanwasshnova, Ray | Monroe Jefferson | Marc Cisco |
| Hales, Adam | Clare | Kelly Luplow | Visser, Scott | Montrose Hill-McCloy | Dennis Reinhart |
| Harthorn, Steven | Martin | John Kubiak | VonEitzen, Jeremy | Vicksburg | Mark Foster |
| Henderson, James | Detroit Country Day | Dan MacLean | Weatherhead, Garrett | Thornapple-Kellogg | Tim Penfield |
| Hendrie, Andrew | Grosse Pointe South | Michael McLeod | Wenson, James | Northwest | Joseph Barrett |
| Higgins, Mark | Montabella | Matt Lukshaitis | Wetmore, Matt | Fulton | Ed Lark |
| ...bert, Alexander | Cass Tech | Thomas Wilcher | White, Adam | Jenison | Tony Annese |
| Jarski, Greg | Manistique | Todd Kangas | Zyskowski, Michael | Union | Scott Van Essin |

**Coach of the Year**

RALPH MUNGER
Rockford

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

RALPH MUNGER
Rockford

PAT O'KEEFE
Grand Ledge

Region 2

CHUCK GORDON
Westland John Glenn

CHRIS BELL
Lake Orion

Region 3

MIKE MARSHALL
Detroit Henry Ford

JEFF STERGALAS
Fordson

Region 4

RAY BARR

Fraser

RICK BYE

Sterling Heights Stevenson

**Coach of the Year**

KEN HOFFER
Menominee

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

LARRY BELLOR
Ogemaw Heights

DAVID FARRIS
Petoskey

Region 2

DAVE LAWRENCE
Mattawan

SCOTT ROBERTSON
Allegan

Region 3

CHARLIE OTLEWSKI
Haslett

MARK WOODSON
Romulus

Region 4

BOB STASKIEWICZ

Marine City

CHARLES SPANN

Chadsey

**Coach of the Year**

DENNIS REINHART
Montrose

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

BOB BRIETZKE
Rogers City

DICK METTLACH
Gwinn

Region 2

GEORGE IHLER
Freeland

TIM WOOER
Farwell

Region 3

TIM BAKER
Constantine

DEAN PETERS
Olivet

Region 4

DENNIS REINHART

Montrose

CHUCK DONALDSON

Clarenceville

**Coach of the Year**

ED LARK
Fulton-Middleton

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

FRED DAVIS
Johannesburg-Lewiston

JOE STONE
Mio

Region 2

MIKE REA
Kingston

ED LARK
Fulton-Middleton

Region 3

RON HART
New Buffalo

PHIL BROOKS
Lake Michigan Catholic

Region 4

BILL MCCARRICK

Morrice

GEORGE SAHADI

Bishop Gallagher

**Coach of the Year**

JOHN HERRINGTON
Farmington Harrison

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

DON DURRETT
Saginaw

JACK PRATT
Kearsley

Region 2

SCOTT VAN ESSEN
Grand Rapids Union

DAVE DURAM
Hudsonville

Region 3

GLENN SCALA
Redford Union

TAB KELLEPOUREY
Hartland

Region 4

KEITH STEPHENS
Oak Park

WOODY THOMAS
Detroit Central

**Coach of the Year**

JIM SZAPPAN
Chesaning

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

DICK HARRIS
Harrison

GLEN HACKNEY
Shepherd

Region 2

JOHN SHILLITO
Orchard View

BRUCE BAXTER
Whitehall

Region 3

JOE KEGLOVITZ
Croswell-Lexington

JIM SZAPPAN
Chesaning

Region 4

STEVE ROBB
Milan

DON LESSNER
Riverview

**Coach of the Year**

TIM TRAVIS
Unionville-Sebewaing

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

PAT HINKLE
Mesick

LARRY SELLERS
Travers City St. Francis

Region 2

DAN ARMSTRONG
Gobles

MIKE HOLMES
Muskegon Catholic

Region 3

RICK BAILEY
Reading

GREG MORRISON
Jonesville

Region 4

TIM TRAVIS
Unionville-Sebewaing

PETE DEWITT
Britton-Deerfield

**Coach of the Year**

NEIL HOFFMAN
Fowler

Regional Coaches*Region 1*

JAMES ENGLE
Wakefield

JOE REDDINGER
North Dickenson

Region 2

RICK ROBERTS
Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart

MATT STAPLETON
Frankfort

Region 3

STAN DREWNO
North Adams

NEIL HOFFMAN
Fowler

Region 4

ED CONZ
St. Agatha

JOE QUESNELLE
Detroit Holy Redeemer

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 Walt Braun, Marysville
 Jim Ooley, Traverse City
 Tom Fagan, Ypsilanti
 Dick Harris, Harrison
 Arnie Besonen, Owen-Gage
 Dick Look, Tawas
 Terry Rose, Stevensville-Lakeshore
 Mark Covert, Fenton
 John Dean, Detroit Northern
 Dan Lauer, Benton Harbor
 Jim Ahern, Ithaca
 Tom Moshimer, Plymouth Salem
 Bob Knight, Portage Central
 Dave Woodcock, Jenison
 Dennis Zbozen, Romeo
 Bill Tucker, Flint Powers
 Larry Rueger, Mona Shores/Fruitport
 Larry Merx, Ann Arbor Huron

**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.

*Deadline for Submissions
for March Newsletter*

— February 15 —

Larry Merx
 39 West Judd Rd.
 Milan, MI 48160
 Phone (734) 439-0049

1999 Honorary Memberships

Four Will Receive Honorary Memberships at Clinic Luncheon

TED WILDERMUTH
 Marysville • Statistician
Nominated by Walt Braun

ROD SORGE
 Ann Arbor Huron • Trainer
Nominated by Paul Verska

BOBBY ROSS
 Detroit Lions • Coach
Nominated by Bob Knight

TED HAIGHT
 Ionia • Fan

NOTES

**Meeting for Coaches of 1999
 All Star Players**
Concession Area • Winners' Circle Clinic
After Last Speaker • Friday, January 29



We need your help! To keep-up with rising costs of the game and decreasing corporate sponsorship we've raised the goal for sponsorships from \$500 to \$1000 for each player. That may sound like a lot – but several players each year already surpass that amount. With a little more help from each of you, your players can help to make the All Star game a continued success.

If you have a player chosen to play in the 1999 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 or have any questions - 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 29.

**Expanded Football Playoffs With Modifications;
 Implementation In 1999**

From MHSAA Web posting (www.MHSAA.com)

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association voted to expand its football playoffs to a five-week, 256-team tournament effective in 1999, but made modifications to the publicized proposal to ease school's concerns for scheduling and isolated concerns for earlier competition in the Fall.

The action of the Council to expand the tournament to a fifth week comes after its vote in May, consistent with a 73 percent favorable vote by schools, to go on record as favoring expansion and directing the MHSAA staff to develop and present a plan to the membership for discussion in time for the Fall meeting.

The plan discussed with schools during the Fall would have qualified virtually all schools with six or more victories for the playoffs, which would begin a week earlier to accommodate the addition of another level of play. Schools wishing to play a nine-game schedule would have to begin their regular season a week earlier.

The Council modified the proposal to also qualify teams playing eight regular-season games if they win five games.

Under the adopted proposal, those schools whose win total qualify them for the playoffs will be ranked by enrollment following the completion of the regular season, and then divided into eight divisions of 32 schools each. If fewer than 256 schools qualify by win total, the excluded teams with the highest computer playoff averages would be added to fill out the field, with an equal number of schools coming from Classes A, B, C and D. No teams with losing records would qualify. In the unlikely event that more than 256 schools qualify by win total, the teams with the lowest playoff averages would be deleted from the field in an equal number from each class. In 1997, 230 schools would have qualified by win total.

Under the proposal, approximately 40 percent of the football playing schools in each class (A, B, C and D) would qualify for the playoffs.

Once the 256-team field is set, the 32 teams in each division will be drawn into Districts and Regions. The four-team Districts would have the team with the top playoff average hosting the fourth-ranked team; and the second hosting the third. The second week of the tournament would be the District Final, played at the site of the highest ranked team. The Regional

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Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame Application

Criteria for application: Only persons who have coached and or directed a secondary school athletic program for 25 years or more and actively coached in Michigan for a minimum of 10 years are eligible for the Hall of Fame. The applicant must have been a member of the association (MHSCA), in good standing and active member of the association two years prior to induction into the Hall of Fame.

Name of Candidate _____ Title: _____

Home Address: City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

School Address: City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Coaching and/or Athletic Director Record

| <i>School</i> | <i>Sport</i> | <i>Years</i> | <i>Won</i> | <i>Lost</i> |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| _____ | _____ | 19____-19____ | ____ | ____ |
| _____ | _____ | 19____-19____ | ____ | ____ |
| _____ | _____ | 19____-19____ | ____ | ____ |
| _____ | _____ | 19____-19____ | ____ | ____ |

Number of years as a coach _____ Number of years as a coach and/or athletic director _____

Total number of years of service in secondary school athletics as a coach and/or athletic director _____

Service to community: (Service clubs, church organizations, etc.)

Service to State: (Coaches associations or athletic associations, i.e. MHSFCA, MHSAA, etc.)

Coaching honors: _____

Recommendations: please forward letters and photo with the application form: (Please check)

Superintendent _____ Principal _____ Athletic Director _____ Church _____ Mayor _____ Other _____

Nominator's name, address, phone: _____

Please return to:

Dan McShannock, MHSCA
H.H. Dow High School
3901 N. Saginaw Rd.

Current Membership Card No.
Year: 19____

1998 State Football Champions and Runners-Up

Class AA Champions
Detroit Catholic Central

Class AA Runners-Up
Rockford

Class A Champions
Farmington Harrison

Class A Runners-Up
Hudsonville

Class BB Champions
Menominee

Class BB Runners-Up
Haslett

Class B Champions
Chesaning

Class B Runners-Up
Belding

Class CC Champions
Montrose

Class CC Runners-Up
Whittemore-Prescott

Class C Champions
Unionville-Sebewaing

Class C Runners-Up
T.C. St. Francis

Class DD Champions
Fulton-Middleton

Class DD Runners-Up
Bishop Gallagher

Class D Champions
Fowler

Class D Runners-Up
Iron Mtn. North Dickenson

Congratulations to All 1998 Playoff Participants



For the third consecutive year the MHSFCA will offer a PACE, Level I workshop at the coaches conference on Friday, January 29, 1999. The six hour program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. The \$50 registration fee (separate from the conference fee) includes a workshop manual, lunch and refreshments.

Interested coaches are urged to pre-register by sending the enclosed registration form and check to the MHSAA as early as possible.

Make checks payable to MHSAA.

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

Name _____

Street Address (home) _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (Work) _____ (Home) _____

School _____ School ID# _____

Program Location and Date: McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek, Friday, January 29, 1999

Level I Fee • \$50 Amount Enclosed \$ _____

MHSFCA Placement Service

*By Bobby Vaught, Greenville
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.

Contact:

Bobby Vaught
Greenville H.S.
111 N. Hillcrest
Greenville, MI 48838
(616) 754-3681 Ext. 8108
e-mail: football@pathway.net



From the MHSCA's Executive Vice President, Jack Johnson

MHSCA/Gatorade 15/20/25/30/35/40/45 Year Coaching Service Award Certificates

General Requirements

- Must have distinguished himself/herself with good coaching ethics and promoted good sportsmanship throughout his/her coaching career
- May use up to ten years coaching outside Michigan
- May use both years as head coach and assistant
- 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 the number of years in each sport

Specific requirements

- To receive a 15/20/25/30/35/40 year certificate/plaque in a specific sport you must have been a coach in that particular sport for that number of years at any level
- To receive a 15/20/25/30/35/40 year certificate/plaque in for coaching sports in general you must have been coaching at least one sport per year for that number of years at any level

Procedure for receiving certificate

Complete the application form and mail/Fax to: Mr. Jack Johnson, Executive Director
MHSCA
35445 Hathaway
Livonia, MI 48150-2513
Fax: 734-762-9957

MHSCA Application for Year Coaching Award

☐ 15 ☐ 20 ☐ 25 ☐ 30 ☐ 35 ☐ 40 ☐ 45

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

Years of Coaching (List Sport, Level, Years) (Example: Boys golf, Varsity, 20 years 1978-1997) – Use back of page if necessary.

Signature of Coach _____

Signature of AD or Principal _____

Completed form to:

Mr. Jack Johnson, Executive Director, MHSCA, 35445 Hathaway, Livonia, MI 48150-2513 • Fax: 734-762-9957
Coaching Award Program sponsored by Gatorade – The Official Thirst Quencher of MHSCA and in cooperation with MHSCA

- Completed certificates/plaques will be sent to the President of your sport's association for his/her signature and then they will be mailed to you. This process may take time, so be patient.
- Plaques will be done twice a year – Late Fall/Late Spring

PLACEMENT BULLETIN JOBS AVAILABLE INFORMATION

Return to:

Bobby Vaught
Greenville H.S.
111 N. Hillcrest
Greenville, MI 48838

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:

Bobby Vaught
Greenville H.S.
111 N. Hillcrest
Greenville, MI 48838

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 _____

1999 Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets

Guest Speaker: TBD
 Purpose: To Induct New Members
 When: Saturday, 27 March 1999
 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

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Send to: Mr. Jim Clawson
 Membership Chairman
 21681 Thorofare
 Grosse Ile, MI 48138
 Lifetime Membership Fee \$100



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 \$100

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 1999-2000



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.