



MHSFCA Clout Is Questioned

Membership is vital to our growth, strength, and ultimately our success. It determines who will make decisions and who will provide leadership. The administrative groups in our state who exert influence in decisions vital to our interest in Michigan football are watching us. They have inferred that the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association doesn't really represent the football coaches of Michigan, because many of Michigan's football coaches do not belong to the MHSFCA. If we are going to improve Michigan high school football with play-offs and other beneficial changes, then Coaches, you must join the MHSFCA so there is no question that the MHSFCA does represent the football coaches of Michigan. Currently there are about 800 members in the MHSFCA. We need more members. Head coaches you must pick up the ball and see that your entire staff joins. This is a critical matter. \$2.00 is a small fee for MHSFCA membership. If you desire to have a joint membership in the MHSFCA you may do so for \$5.00. Join today and your membership is good for the 1974-75 school year.

THANK YOU

A very special thanks goes out to Portage Northern High School, Principal, Charles Evens, Athletic Director, Dean Boote and Coach Bud Breed. Your school and facilities are beautiful and your sincere hospitality is very much appreciated.

2nd Annual Clinic Is A 'Sell-Out'

The Michigan High School Football Coaches held its second annual football clinic January 25, 26, 1974. The site was Portage Northern High School in Kalamazoo. 1000 coaches registered and attended clinic sessions conducted by a roster of Michigan's finest high school football coaches.



JACK CASTIGNOLA of Trenton speaking on the trapping game at the Football Clinic.

Spot checks on how the coaches in attendance felt about the clinic were unanimously favorable. The auditorium was filled for every session which is also indicative of the interest in the program.

The speakers did an excellent job of presenting information geared to high school football.

Jeff Smith, East Lansing, Clinic Director, Dick Comar, Southgate Aquinas, Publicity, and Bud Breed host school coach are to be commended for a job well done.



AL ROWE and his assistant of Lowell demonstrating linebacker techniques.

THE 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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Regional Coaches Of The Year



Honored Coaches Are Recognized

During the awards ceremonies 61 regional coaches were recognized and awarded gold foil framed certificates.

It is truly a great honor to receive, especially when you are selected by your fellow coaches.

A Full House

There were few seats available during the majority of clinic sessions. This is attributed to a program of good speakers and coaches displaying professionalism at the MHSFCA clinic.



To A Good Man

"I think I detected a tear", "I believe I sensed a lump in his throat." Outgoing MHSFCA president Dave Driscoll is slightly choked up as Ron Holland reads the plaque given in recognition of the outstanding job of leadership. Dave was also given an association ring.

Association Elections

An election was held at the 2nd Annual Clinic. The results will bring some new faces to the Board of Directors. Hopefully, this new blood will bring some new ideas and enthusiasm to the association.

President Dave Driscoll was replaced by Dutch Schrottenboer, Alpena; Bud Breed, Portage Northern, is 1st Vice-President; Ron Holland, Farmington, is 2nd Vice-

President and Dick Comar, Southgate Aquinas is Director of Public Relations for changes on the Executive Board.

Directors and alternates winning seats were Bill McCartney, Devine Child; Jim Krucki, Grosse Pt. North in Region 2; Walt Braun, Marysville, Region 6; Dar Christenson, Flint S Western, Region 10, and John Srholec Onaway, Region 14.



Coaches Tom Seroczynski, Jack Streidl, George Ihler, John Srholec

Coaches Of The Year

The 1973 "Coaches of the Year" winners in each class were presented trophy awards at the award ceremonies noon luncheon January

26. The winners were A, George Ihler, Saginaw Arthur Hill; B, Jack Streidl, Plainwell; C, John Srholec, Onaway; D, Tom Seroczynski, North Muskegon.

Clinic Rules Questionnaire Results Given

Following are the results of the MHSFCA Football Rules Questionnaire:

1. Having a state football play-off! Yes 326, No 30.
2. Permitting two pre-season scrimmage sessions! Yes 358, No 105.
3. Eliminate restriction of scrimmage being held at one site! Yes 352, No 94.
4. Require 5 days between pre-season scrimmages! Yes 346, No 94.
5. Replace one contest per 5 days with a 4 quarter rule per 5 days! Yes 200, No 200.
6. Having a Michigan All Star Football Game! Yes 312, No 114.
7. Requiring officials to wear a position number! Yes 408, No 48.
8. Recommend official provide each coach a card of officials by position! Yes 448, No 14.
9. Do you use the conditioning practice week! Yes 458, No 2.

A Summary Of Statistics On The State Football Play-Off Proposal

The MHSFCA Football Play-off Committee has been busy throughout the state ringing their own bell so many different groups would be informed of what is proposed and why we should hold a state football play-off.

In August 1973, the committee spoke before the "Athletic Directors" summer meeting to explain the need, philosophies, and goals of a state football play-off. In October a similar talk was given before the "Board of Directors" of the Secondary Principals Organization.

About this same time the MHSAA office selected a "Blue Ribbon Committee" to look into the feasibility, need or lack of need for a state football play-off. This committee is made up of the following personnel:

Charles Arnone, Wyoming, Roger Chiverini, Muskegon, Donald Clack,

Capac, John Cotton, Farmington, Donna Curtis, Lawrence, John Dean, Detroit, Dave Driscoll, Jackson, Willard Fensch, Warren, Donald Gaviglio, Flint, Arthur Gillespie, Alpena, Leslie Greene, Clarkston, Robert Hall, Ann Arbor, Earl Lancaster, St. Johns, Reed Laughlin, Port Huron, Harry Monson, Iron River, Harley Pierce, Sturgis, Marvin Shebel, Cheboygan.

The "Play-Off Committee" asked the football coaches on this committee to come up with some specific proposals of a possible play-off system. This was an easy task because of the great research available from the 31 states presently using a play-off.

In December 1973, the Board of Directors of the MHSFCA made some minor changes and charged the "Play-Off Committee" with the responsibility of presenting this

specific proposal to the state athletic office and the "Blue Ribbon Committee."

At this meeting the new proposals will be gone over by the MHSAA office before being given back to the "Blue Ribbon Committee" which is to meet in late February.

Please check your January 1974 State Bulletin (p. 333) for the report of the "Blue Ribbon Committee" and the list of members on this committee. Talk with the members and help push our cause to the men who are in your area. Please do not leave it to someone else because if you do, it won't get done.

Mr. Allen Bush, Director of Athletics, for the Michigan High School Athletic Association was in attendance of the MHSFCA Clinic Friday night. Mr. Bush made several comments concerning the present study for the feasibility of a Michigan Football Play-off.

The President's 'State Of The Association' Message

We are starting our third year of existence and we hope to build on the many things that have been accomplished during that two year period. Under the leadership of Dave Driscoll and our first board of directors, the MHSFCA has accomplished such things as:

1. The Coach of the Year Awards in all classes
 2. Seventy-two Regional Coach of the Year Awards
 3. The Annual Clinic
 4. The Newsletter
 5. A strong, working organization.
- There are many others too

numerous to mention at this time.

I feel, as your new President that our organization will get involved in many areas in 1974-75 with rules and play-offs getting a high priority. Let's hope that with your support and with hard work we can continue to grow and accomplish most of our objectives in the coming year.

I'm looking forward to working with the new board of directors and officers, and most of all, it gives me great pleasure to be of service to the High School Football Coaches and the many other interested people around the state. Together let's make 1974-75 the best yet in Michigan High School Football.

Sincerely,
Dutch Schrottenboer

Our New Association President

As of January 26, 1974 the new President of the MHSFCA is Glen 'Dutch' Schrottenboer. Dutch was born in Zeeland, Michigan, is married and has two children. He has coached at St. Charles 26-0, Class C State Champions, Mt. Pleasant 12-3, Jackson 6-10, Flint Central 15-10-1,

UPI State Champions and is presently at Alpena High with a 21-6 record. It is evident Dutch Schrottenboer has a track record of being a winner. Dutch was one of the original founders of the MHSFCA idea. He is recognized throughout the state as one of its leading football coaches.

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