



## MHSFCA 3rd Annual Clinic Record Attendance

The third annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Clinic was held January 17-18, 1975, at Lansing Sexton High School. This year's clinic had a record attendance of over 1,250 coaches. The program featured many of Michigan's finest High School coaches speaking.

Friday night following the evening's speakers, Van Dervoorts Sporting Goods Company of Lansing, sponsored a hospitality session at the Lansing National Guard Armory. It appeared plenty of hospitality was available and the coaches appeared to be enjoying themselves swapping stories of the past season with old buddies.

The first 800 registrants to arrive at the clinic were given free MHSFCA notebooks. The notebooks were provided compliments of MC Sporting Goods, Puma, Protective Products — PPI-BD, CRY-PAC, and Action Sports Inc.



Harley Pierce, Sturgis, Class B State Coach of the Year. When he speaks you understand why he wins.



Al Fracassa, Brother Rice Class A State Coach of the Year. Inspirational.

Saturday morning an association general business meeting was conducted. The agenda of that meeting included the following businesses: the Rules Committee prepared a rules questionnaire to be distributed during clinic sessions; the Finance Committee reported the net worth of the association at \$8,244; the Honorary Committee accepted Jim Porter of the Macomb Daily into Honorary Membership; the Play-off Committee reported the 1975 play-off may be in jeopardy, as the feeling is that we coaches have not sold the play-off to our high school principals; an amendment to the constitution to make the Upper Peninsula one region was accepted; the association secretary, Steve Sonoga, explained membership; the Nominating Committee established the slate of association officers for 1975.

## Play-off

### PRINCIPALS

### VERDICT

Early in February, the Michigan High School Athletic Association will send a questionnaire to the Michigan High School principals. This questionnaire will for all intents and purposes have a very large bearing on whether there is an actual football play-off in 1975. The questionnaire will ask two most important questions: 1) Were you satisfied with the 1974 paper play-off? 2) Will you participate in the 1975 football play-off?

The Blue Ribbon Committee established by the MHSAA to study the football play-off met in December 1974. This committee composed of coaches, athletic directors, and principals voted unanimously to accept the present play-off system for 1975. However, it was brought out at this meeting many coaches have not sold the play-off to their principals.

Let me ask you, Coach! Have you discussed the play-off with your athletic director and principal? Have you contacted your local newspaper and radio station concerning the play-off? Have you talked to your Booster Club? Have you spoken to local service clubs about the play-off? Have you tried to sell the play-off, Coach?

Many people in the state of Michigan would like to have a football play-off. Many people of this state have never heard about a possible state football play-off. You have the information, Coach, and you are withholding it if you haven't informed your community.

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## PLAY OFF

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The faith of the 1975 Football Play-off is in the hands of the principals now. The Blue Ribbon Committee has voted unanimously to accept it. The MHSFCA Board of Directors has voted unanimously to accept it. However, before the Michigan High School Athletic Association Representative Council will accept and implement the play-off, they must receive a favorable vote from the high school principals in the February questionnaire. If the people of our communities want a play-off, how can a principal vote it down?

The opinion that many coaches have not sold their administration on the play-off has the MHSFCA Play-Off Committee concerned that the principals vote may not be favorable — which would torpedo the 1975 play-off. Let us impress on you coach, it is critically important for a favorable vote in February.

Some coaches are slow to accept the play-off at this time for some particular reason. However, look at it this way, coach. Let's get the play-off approved now. If there is something that needs to be changed in the mechanics we can always do that later. Right now we need positive support or there may not be an opportunity later to change or modify the mechanics.



## 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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## BOARD OF Directors Elected

An election was held at the MHSFCA 1975 Clinic at Lansing Sexton High School. Up for election were all regional directors and alternates from the odd regions. Every year there is an election alternating from odd to even regions. The term of office is two years. Following is a list of directors and alternates elected: Region 3 — Jim Crowley, Lumen Christy; Chuck Miller, Vandercook Lake; Region 5 — Harley Pierce, Sturgis; Terry Rose, Lake Michigan Catholic; Region 7 — Al Fracassa, Brother Rice; John Harrington, Farmington Harrison; Region 9 — Jack Van Duin, Wyoming; Bill Chinery, Lakewood; Region 11 — John Blackstock, Bad Axe; Region 13 — Tom Serocznski, North Muskegon; Tim Holden, Fruitport; Region 15 — Jim Ooley. It is hoped these new people will bring new ideas with them to the Board of Directors and the result being a continuing growth of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

In addition, a new slate of executive officers were nominated and elected at the Clinic's General Business Meeting. The following officers were elected: President — Bud Breed, Portage; First Vice-President — Ron Holland, Farmington; 2nd Vice-President — Ike Muhlenkamp, St. Joseph; and Secretary-Treasurer — Steve Sonoga, Jackson.

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# Record Attendance 3rd Annual Clinic

Several people were overheard saying the MHSFCA clinic is one of the best offers in the state. When you can listen to the finest coaches in Michigan, receive an association membership, receive a free notebook, and attend a free hospital'ly and free luncheon all for \$8, it's a good deal. The clinic committee is to be commended for a fine job. If you have suggestions for improving the clinic, forward them to the association.

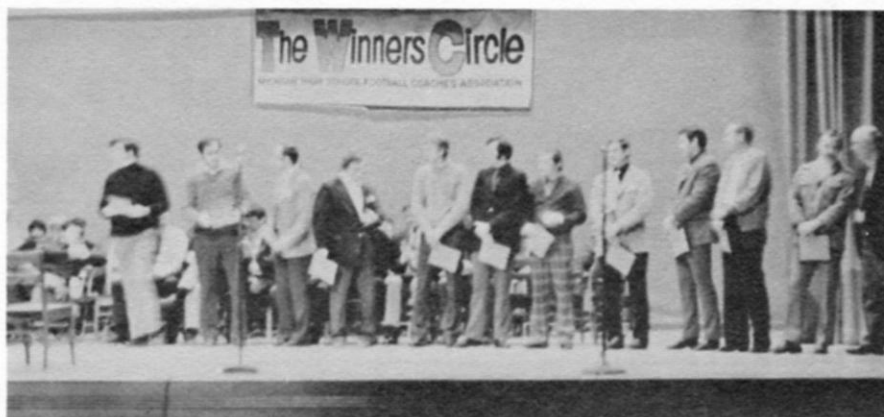


Art Gillespie, Alpena, Play-Off Committee chairman, discussing the critical play-off situation.

## THANK YOU!

The MHSFCA wants to thank Lansing Sexton High School for providing the 1975 MHSFCA 3rd annual clinic site. A special thanks to the Lansing School Board; Mr Dale Metts, Sexton High School Principal; Ted Nixon, Football Coach and his staff; and Mr Clayton Kowak, Physical Education and Athletics Coordinator.

**NEXT DIRECTORS MEETING**  
4:00 p.m. Ann Arbor, March 22, 1975.



The Regional Coaches Of The Year Receiving Awards.

## CLINIC RULES QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

The association's rules committee receives very little input from football coaches around the state. As a result, the only way to measure the football coaches feeling is by a clinic questionnaire. If you have an opinion, forward it to the association or Jim Ooley of Traverse City so it may be put on next year's questionnaire. Following are the results of the 1975 Clinic Questionnaire. Do you favor?

1. The state football play-off system used this year.

Yes 521, no 75.

Yes 87 percent, no 13 percent.

2. Requiring the forfeiture of all games for illegal use of video tapes.

Yes 452, no 128.

Yes 80 percent, no 20 percent.

3. Eliminating the restriction of pass scrimmages during the summer.

Yes 307, no 284.

Yes 53 percent, no 47 percent.

4. Requiring no blocking below the waist on any downfield play.

Yes 249, no 356.

Yes 41 percent, no 59 percent.

5. Having a Michigan Senior All Star Football Game.

Yes 403, no 209.

Yes 66 percent, no 34 percent.

6. Permitting high schools to have spring practice.

Yes 193, no 405.

Yes 32 percent, no 68 percent.

7. Requiring players to have numbers according to their positions.

Yes 323, no 233.

Yes 63 percent, no 39 percent.

8. Allowing use of dummies during the week of conditioning practice.

Yes 495, no 85.

Yes 85 percent, no 15 percent.

9. Recommendation that officials provide each coach with a card listing: violation, player's number, time, penalty, and official.

Yes 420, no 166.

Yes 72 percent, no 28 percent.



Dutch Schrottenboer, Alpena, Past President, giving his farewell address.



# From The Pen Of The President

## WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEANS

As of January 18, 1975, Bud Breed of Portage Northern High School is the new President of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. Here are some comments from President Breed and his feelings about the association.

"This is the third and a most important year for the MHSFCA. The association has come a long way and made things happen since its conception 3 years ago. The Officers, Directors, and Alternates have done an outstanding job of improving football in the state of Michigan. However, this is just a beginning.

Dave Driscoll and Dutch Schrotenboer, past presidents, are hard acts to follow. Nevertheless, I will work as hard as I can and to the best of my ability as your president. Number one priority will be the state

football play-off. It is overdue! The association has worked hard for three years and now is the time for the play-off to become a reality. Second priority will be to initiate constructive rule changes to improve Michigan High School Football. A final goal will be to make the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association one of the best in the country."

Bud Breed graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1952. He attended Western Michigan University until 1957. Bud spent two years in the Pros, one with the Bears and one with the Giants. Bud coached at Bangor High School where his teams went 35-13-1. Since 1965 he has been at Portage Northern High where he has won 4 league Championships. Coach Breed is married and has 3 children.

At present, the MHSFCA has approximately 1,200 members. If you attended the 1975 clinic at Lansing Sexton and you preregistered for \$8; \$2 was for your membership of 1975-76. If you paid \$10 registration at the door; \$2 was for your membership for 1975-76. Both of these memberships will be up for renewal at the clinic in 1976.

Joint membership means membership in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the Michigan High School Coaches Association. The MHSCA is a combined association of coaches from all sports in Michigan. In order to acquire Joint Membership, you had to pay an extra \$3. Your MHSCA membership will run from June 1975 until June 1976. Your MHSCA card will arrive this summer.

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