



## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL SHOOTS DOWN ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

For the last two years the MHSFCA has done extensive investigation on the possibilities of having an All-Star Football Game. About one-third of the states in our nation have All-Star Football Games and every state was contacted. Questionnaires were sent to the states that had the All-Star Game and a great deal of information was sent to our Association.

At our Football Clinic in February of 1977, our membership voted in favor of having the game and the MHSFCA All-Star Committee contacted Northern Michigan University about the possibilities of hosting the Game. Mr. Gil Canale, Athletic Director at NMU, contacted our Association and stated that they would be in favor of hosting the game.

At the MHSFCA Summer Meeting, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to implement an All-Star Game. A letter was given to Mr. Bush in August asking that he take our suggestion to have the All-Star Game to the Representative Council for approval in their November meeting.

All of the Directors and Alternates for the MHSFCA were asked to give reasons why we should have an All-Star Game and what educational value it might have. On November 11, a five page letter was sent to Mr. Allen W. Bush, Executive Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association 19 reasons why we felt that we should have an All-Star Football Game. On November 15 Mr. Bush contacted our Association and stated that the information would be presented to the Representative Council.

At the November meeting of the Representative Council, Mr. Bush read the statement from the National Asso-

ciation of High School Principals stating that this Association was "not in favor of All-Star Games". A motion was then made and by a 19-0 vote, the Council voted against having All-Star Games.

Mr. Bush then notified our Association on December 2, "It was the decision of the Representative Council to continue to endorse the philosophy expressed by the National Association of Secondary Principals in which they are in opposition to All-Star contests for high school individuals. As a result, no action was taken to modify the existing All-Star Regulation.

Our Association asked the MHSAA to have the All-Star Game even if on a trial basis. Our officers volunteered their time to go to the meeting of the Rep Council, but were not asked to attend. There was no discussion by the Rep Council to have the game, just a

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## Board Of Directors Elections

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If you are interested, send a letter of application to MHSFCA Secretary John Blackstock, Bad Axe High School, Bad Axe, Michigan 48413, by February 15, 1978.

### MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CLINIC

**Feb. 24-25, 1978**

**Hospitality  
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**Free Saturday Lunch  
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BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN**

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### Region 16

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## DUFFY'S CLINIC

This year the MHSFCA is backing the Kellogg's Coach of the Year Clinic at Kalamazoo on January 27-29 sponsored by Duffy Daugherty and Bud Wilkinson. Members of our Association served on the Selection Panel for the Kalamazoo Clinic. Our Association also receives \$2.50 for each person that attends the clinic.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 27-29** . . . . . Kellogg's Coach of the Year Clinic at Kalamazoo.

**February 24-25** . . . . . Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Clinic at Battle Creek Lakeview High School.

## MHSFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The following is a listing of dates for the MHSFCA Board of Directors' Meetings:

1. **February 24, 1978** . . . . . Clinic Meeting at Battle Creek H.S., 4 p.m.
2. **March 17?** . . . . . Spring Meeting at Ann Arbor Pioneer H.S.
3. **July 21-22** . . . . . Summer Meeting at Alpena.

## Newsletter

The Newsletter is the official publication of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association with the expressed aim of keeping the membership informed.

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## MHSFCA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The MHSFCA has established a scholarship program of \$300.00 for four athletes for the 1978-79 school year. Any coach who is a member of the MHSFCA may nominate potential winners.

The following is a calendar of important dates for the scholarship nominees:

**January** . . . . . deadline for applying for MHSFCA Educational Scholarship.

**February** . . . . . Biographical questionnaires, college notification forms and secondary school reports are properly sent to MHSFCA Scholarship Committee in care of Secretary/Treasurer.

**March** . . . . . Scholarship Committee meets to select winners.

**April** . . . . . Award Winners are notified.

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT IKE

We have just finished another successful MHSFCA meeting. The main feature of this meeting was to elect "Coaches of the Year", and the directors with the help of all football coaches selected four very worthy coaches for this honor.

Class A . . . . . Al Fracassa  
Birmingham Brother Rice  
Class B . . . . . Mel Skillman  
Saginaw MacArthur  
Class C . . . . . Art Paddy  
Orchard Lake St. Mary's  
Class D . . . . . Bill Herrmann  
Flint Holy Rosary

Another item given much attention was the upcoming clinics. We plan on having the best two clinics in the country. Our MHSFCA Clinic in Battle Creek on February 24-25 and the Kodak Clinic in Kalamazoo on January 27 to 29 on which we are assisting Duffy and bud.

You can help the Association and yourself by attending one or both of the clinics. Bring your entire staff. You will not regret it.

Our Scholarship Committee is going to award four scholarships this year. A few years this was just a dream. This shows what hard work and perseverance can do.

The next Directors' meeting will be during the clinic at Battle Creek on February 24-25, 1978.

## Regional Coaches Of The Year

### Class A

#### Region I

- ✓ Dar Christiansen, Flint Southwestern
- George Ihler, Saginaw Arthur Hill
- Jim Samec, Flint Kearsley
- Jeff Smith, East Lansing

#### Region II

Charles Jestice, Dearborn Fordson  
Robert Knight, Portage Central  
Tom Moshimer, Plymouth Salem  
Ken Calhoun, Adrian

#### Region III

Michael D'Angelo, St. Clair Shores  
Lake Shore  
Russ Hepner, Grosse Pointe South  
Ron Pascuzzi, Lincoln Park

#### Region IV

- \*\*Al Fracassa, Birmingham Brother Rice
- Ron Holland, North Farmington
- Paul Temerian, Royal Oak Kimball
- Rob White, Clarkston

### Class B

#### Region I

- Roger Cheverini, Muskegon Catholic
- Dave Cooke, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer
- Fred Julian, Grand Rapids West Catholic
- ✓ Ray Steudle, South Haven

#### Region II

- Chard Dutcher, Gaylord
- Ed Harvey, Essexville Garber
- \*\*Mel Skillman, Saginaw Douglas MacArthur
- Robert Wallace, Hemlock

#### Region III

Mark Covert, Fenton  
Gary L. Cole, Ainsworth  
Jim Fuller, Durand  
Ronald Labadie, Marshall

#### Region IV

Walt Braun, Marsville  
Dale Sawicki, Melvindale  
Robert Yauck, Dearborn Heights  
Robichaud  
Dennis Zbozen, Warren Woods

### Class C

#### Region I

Timothy McGee, Forest Hills Northern  
Terry Rose, Lake Michigan Catholic  
Marvin Schneider, White Pigeon  
Cal Titus, Cassopolis

#### Region II

Jerry Albert, Columbia Central  
Donald Eaton, Clinton  
Art Paddy, Orchard Lake St. Mary's  
Ray Dombrowski, Bay City All Saints

#### Region III

Richard Bell, St. Charles  
Leo Boyd, Saginaw SS Peter & Paul  
Gary Carson, Almont  
James MacDougall, Royal Oak Shrine

#### Region IV

Donald Carey, Charlevoix  
Dick Dusseau, Shelby  
Charles Greenlund, West Iron County  
Dick Koski, Negaunee

### Class D

#### Region I

Kenneth Wilson, Sand Creek  
Marvin Smith, Litchfield  
Dennis Patzer, Reading  
Rick Senica, Deerfield

#### Region II

\*\*Bill Herrmann, Flint Holy Rosary  
Joseph D'Angelo, Detroit County Day  
Ron Thom, Detroit St. Martin  
Mike Boyd, Waterford Our Lady of the Lake

#### Region III

Joe Heiler, Kingsley  
Ray Newton, Saranac  
Tom Stobie, Frankfort  
John Wachsmith, Middleton-Fulton

#### Region IV

James Cousineau, Pickford  
James Helgendorf, Rapid River  
Richard Mettlach, Forest Park

*\*\*Denotes "State Coach of the Year" in his Class.*

## 'Coach Of The Year' Selections

At the December 1, 1977, meeting of the MHSFCA Board of Directors, the "Coaches of the Year" were selected in the four classes. Last November each high school football coach was sent a ballot to vote for four coaches in this region. Four coaches were selected from each of the four regions which gives sixteen Regional Coaches and a total of sixty-four coaches for all of the classifications. From the list of sixty-four coaches, four were selected as "State Coaches of the Year". They were:

### Class A

**Al Fracassa**  
**Birmingham Brother Rice**

Al Fracassa is one of the most respected coaches in the state and his record of 113-30-7 is verification of the outstanding job that he has done over a period of 18 years as a head coach. This year Brother Rice was 12-0 winning the Catholic League and being State Champs for the second time in the last five years. Coach Fracassa is a MSU graduate and also is the Varsity Baseball Coach at Brother Rice.

### Class B

**Mel Skillman**  
**Saginaw Douglas MacArthur**

One of the best high school coaches in the state of Michigan is Mel Skill-

man. Over a period of 21 years he has posted a record of 104-60-3 and this past year his team lost a hard fought game with Jackson Lumen Christi for the Class B Championship by a 17-16 score. Coach Skillman is a graduate of Central Michigan.

### Class C

**Art Paddy**  
**Orchard Lake St. Mary's**

For 32 years Art Paddy has been considered to be one of the finest high school football and basketball coaches in the state of Michigan. As a head football coach his teams have posted a 156-56-8 record. Last November Orchard Lake St. Mary's easily won the Class C State Championship by a 48-12 score. Art has also coached at Cass City, Bay City, and West Bloomfield.

### Class D

**Bill Herrmann**  
**Flint Holy Rosary**

One of the best young coaches in the state is Bill Herrmann whose 1977 Flint Holy Rosary team beat a number one rated Crystal Falls Forest Park by a score of 21-20. Bill's two year record is a very respectable 19-3 and he is a graduate of Michigan State with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree. In 1976 his team was runners up for the State Championship and in 1977 they won the State Title.



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19-0 vote. It would seem that the players in our state should have the same opportunity to have All-Star contests just like in other states. The Rep Council could have tabled the motion and checked with the individual school districts as to their opinion like they did with the Playoff Questionnaire.

Little or no consideration was given to the unanimous recommendation of the MHSFCA. It appears that the men who coach football in the state have little to say about the rules and regulations of the game that they work so closely with. Another example is the ridiculous three man rule adopted by the MHSAA for another year. It would be nice if the MHSAA would at least listen to our Association.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

At the annual luncheon held at the Battle Creek Lakeview on Feb. 25, the following will be inducted as Honorary Members of the MHSFCA:

1. **ELMER ENGLE**—former coach at Bay City Central who was the head coach for 27 years. His overall record was 181 wins, 38 ties, and 11 ties which includes 10 Saginaw Valley Championships, and 5 State Class A Championships.
2. **DICK KISHPAUGH**—sports writer and statistician for the Kalamazoo Gazette located in Parchment, Michigan.
3. **RAY C. RYNBERG**—coach at Grant High School for 33 years. His record was 189 wins, 64 losses, and 9 ties including 12 League Championships and 7 undefeated seasons.

4. **MARVIN MITTLESTAT**—outstanding football, basketball, and baseball coach at Flat Rock High School for over a 35 year period.

## 1977 Michigan High School Playoff Results

### Class A

Birmingham Brother Rice ..... 17  
Portage Central ..... 7

### Class B

Jackson Lumen Christi ..... 17  
Saginaw Douglas MacArthur .... 16

### Class C

Orchard Lake St. Mary's ..... 48  
Iron River West Iron Country .... 12

### Class D

Flint Holy Rosary ..... 21  
Crystal Falls Forest Park ..... 20

### Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

### APPLICATION FORM

#### CHECK ONE:

☐ MHSFCA ONLY - \$2.00

☐ JOINT—

MHSFCA-MHSCA - \$5.00

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SCHOOL .....

SCHOOL ADDRESS (street) .....

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HOME ADDRESS (street) .....

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