



M.H.S.F.C.A. Clinic May Be State's Finest

The sixth annual MHSFCA clinic was without a doubt a huge success. A total of 999 coaches registered for the clinic and everyone seemed to be well pleased. Lakeview H.S. provided an excellent facility and Clinic Manager Dick Harris did his usual fine job.

The clinic speakers did an exceptional job of explaining why they are so successful with their teams. The overall record of this year's speakers was 99-7 which included: Al Fracass, Brother Rice H.S.; Mel Skillman, Saginaw Douglas MacArthur; Art Paddy, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Bill Herrmann, Flint Holy Rosary; Ron Labadie, Marshall; Tom Stobie, Frankfort; Jeff Smith, East Lansing; Dick Koski,

Negaunee; Gary Steudle, South Haven; Ron Holland, North Farmington; and Elliot Uzelac, Head Football Coach at Western Michigan University.

Today there are numerous clinics for football coaches to attend in the state of Michigan. But one must agree that the MHSFCA clinic is as good as any clinic in the state and better than most. The real advantage of our clinic is that we have outstanding football coaches from our state telling why their programs are so successful. Everyone who attends learns a great deal about *high school football* from those who seem to know it the best. Mark the last weekend on your calendar as a permanent date to attend the MHSFCA clinic.



Dick Harris, head football coach at Harrison H.S. and MHSFCA Clinic Director, explains clinic procedure to the 999 coaches in attendance. Through the skillful leadership of Dick, the clinic has continued to grow providing a tremendous service for coaches in our great state.

DRISCOLL'S JOB UPDATE

Dave Driscoll, former President of the MHSFCA and the head football coach at Jackson Parkside, will again assist members of our profession. If you are looking for a football coaching position or know of a vacancy, please contact Coach Driscoll using the forms on Page 4 of this Newsletter. His address is: Jackson Parkside H.S., Jackson, MI, 49203.

If you know of anyone with an open date you should also contact Dave. In the center of this Newsletter you will find a listing of those teams looking for games in the fall of 1978. Thanks Dave for all your effort. You provide a great service for us.



STATE COACHES OF THE YEAR

From left to right is: Mr. Bill Herrmann (Flint Holy Rosary) whose record is 19-3 for the last two years; Mr. Art Paddy (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) with a 32 year record of 156-56-8; Mr. Mel Skillman (Saginaw Douglas MacArthur) with a 21 year record of 104-60-3; and Mr. Al Fracasse (Brother Rice) who has a 113-30-7 record in 18 years as a head coach. What else can we say about these outstanding coaches?

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The gavel is passed from Past President "Ike" Muhlenkamp of St. Joseph H.S. to President Jeff Smith of East Lansing H.S. Needless to say Ike has done an outstanding job for our Association and we hope that Jeff can continue in the fine tradition of our Past Presidents. Good luck to both Ike and Jeff for their fine work with the MHSFCA.

NEW DIRECTORS

At the February MHSFCA clinic new Directors and Alternates were elected for the even regions. A term is for a two year period and those selected are as follows:

Region 2 — Director Don Lessner, Riverview H.S.; Alternate Ron Pascuzzi, Lincoln Park H.S.

Region 4 — Director Curt Evans, Homer H.S.; Alternate Jack Hepinstall, Hillsdale H.S.

Region 6 — Director Ben Witukiewicz, St. Clair H.S.; Alternate Don Weichert, L'Anse Creuse North H.S.

Region 8 — Director Dick Flynn, Lansing Eastern H.S.; Alternate Phil Brooks, Lansing Catholic H.S.

Region 10 — Director Fred Rademacher, Flint Powers H.S.; Alternate Mark Covert, Fenton H.S.

Region 12 — Director Dick Look, Tawas H.S.; Alternate Dick Harris, Harrison H.S.

Region 14 — Director Art Gillespie, Alpena H.S.; Alternate Jim Watters, Alpena H.S.

Region 16 — Director Randy Neelis, Les Cheneaux H.S.; Alternate Jim Hilgendorf, Rapid River H.S.

In case you feel that you should contact your regional representative, please feel free to do so. It is their job to represent you.



"Nobody does it better" than Bill McCartney, Defensive Coordinator for the University of Michigan, when he talks about what Christ has done for his life. Bill shares his feelings with many coaches at the FCA breakfast.

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NEW OFFICERS

The MHSFCA has selected the following outstanding men as their officers: President Jeff Smith, East Lansing H.S.; 1st Vice President Harley Pierce, Sturgis H. S.; 2nd Vice President Walt Braun Marysville H.S.; Secretary-Treasurer John Blackstock, Bad Axe H.S. Our Association is very lucky to have such fine leadership.



ELMER ENGEL

A Legend in His Own Time

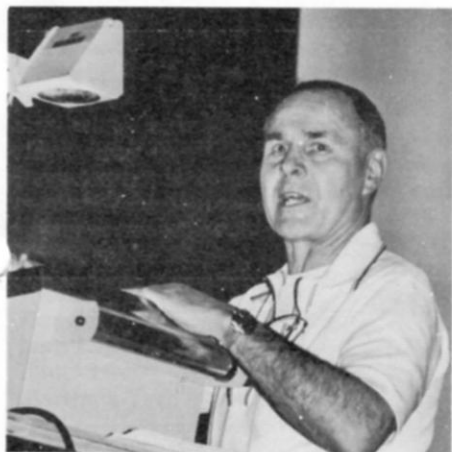
At the February meeting of the MHSFCA, Mr. Elmer Engel was awarded an "Honorary Membership" in our

Association. Without a doubt Elmer is considered to be one of the finest and most respected men who has ever coached in the state of Michigan on the high school level. His records speaks for itself: 27 years as the head coach at Bay City Central, an overall record of 181 wins-38 losses, and 11 ties, 5 State Class A Championships, and 10 Saginaw Valley Conference Championships.

Besides being a great coach, Mr. Engel is also a great man. When asked to give his philosophy relating to the importances of High School Football, he replied, "High School Football, along with other athletics, is the glue that holds our High School Society together. High School Football, in my opinion, is the most important individual subject offered, taught, and performed in our High Schools today. It demands highly skilled teaching, strict discipline, long hours, and hard work of the

players and coaches. The skills are graded hopefully by the public each week and are controlled by the strict rules and regulations on and off the field, resulting in our best taught subject. Football does not give false rewards, and those who participate in it, achieves the goals of life that are remembered and used through out life. The rewards of both winning and losing go to all the players, regulars and substitutes. High School education today should evaluate football and use it as a guide to improve education. It has all the basics of good teaching, motivation, discipline, hard work, guidance, and regulation."

We are sure that one knows the benefits of High School Football better than Coach Elmer Engel. Thanks Elmer for all that you have contributed to make football the great game that it is today.



Coach Art Paddy of Orchard Lake St. Mary's shares some thoughts with the many coaches at the MHSFCA clinic. Art has been coaching for 32 years and he is most knowledgeable about the game of football.

MISSING COACHES

Every year at the MHSFCA annual football clinic, one of the highlights is the presentation of awards. Sixty-four coaches are selected as Regional Coaches by the vote of those in their geographic areas.

At the February clinic at Battle Creek Lakeview, H.S. fifteen coaches did not show up to receive their awards. Being selected by your fellow coaches should be one of the greatest honors that one can receive. Yet it meant little to some of those so honored since they didn't even take the time to pick up the award. No doubt there were reasons why some coaches could not attend, but it is hard to justify when one out of every four coaches missed the awards program.

SPECIAL THANKS

The MHSFCA would like to thank the Battle Creek Lakeview Board of Education, Administration, and especially Mr. Al Fischer, head football coach at Lakeview, for their fine assistance in hosting our annual football clinic. Everything was extremely well organized and the clinic was an outstanding success due to efforts of the Lakeview School District. Many thanks for your assistance.

H.S.F.C.A.

If you would like to be a member of the High School Football Coaches of America, you can join this organization by contacting the following:

H.S.F.C.A.

P.O. Box 647

Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

The cost of memberships is \$5.00 per year.

M.H.S.F.C.A. SCHOLARSHIPS

This year marks the first time that our Association is giving four scholarships to graduating senior football players. Each scholarship is worth \$300 and this year's recipients as announced by Past President Ron Holland of North Farmington H.S. and Arnie Bessonon of Owen Gage H.S. are:

1. Dean Devine, St. Louis H.S.
2. Kyle Burkett, Saugatuck H.S.
3. Andrew Brachnau, Bath H.S.
4. Dean Balice, Ionia H.S.

There were 61 applications for the scholarships and 4 alternates were chosen in case the above 4 cannot accept the award.



MICHIGAN'S FINEST COACHES

Sixty-four coaches were selected by their peers as Regional Coaches of the Year. Four Coaches were selected from each region for each class by a vote of their fellow coaches in their regions. Being selected is one of the highest honors that a coach can receive. The overall record of these sixty-four coaches was a phenomenal 509-63-1 which is a .890 winning percentage.

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PHONE: _____

COLLEGE (Undergrad) _____ (Graduate) _____

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SUBJECTS TAUGHT & YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN EACH:

COACHING EXPERIENCE: (Sport & Level)

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SCHOOL: _____

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