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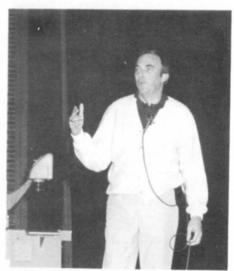
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# THANK YOU WARREN WOODS HIGH SCHOOL

Wow! What a Clinic. The 7th Annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association annual Clinic was a huge success. Everyone would like to express their sincere thanks to all members of the Warren Woods staff for their excellent cooperation in hosting the clinic. The Clinic was very well organized and much of the credit must go to Warren Woods Head Football Coach, Dennis Zbozen and Principal Tom.

The hospitality beer bust was sponsored by the Warren Woods Booster Club and everyone had a great time. Guest speakers and their topics included: John Dean of Detroit Northern on the "Detroit Northern 50 Defense", Dick Look of Tawas on "Backfield Fundamentals from the Veer", Glen Kelly of Flint Northwestern on "Attacking the 52 Defense with the Isolation Play", Ted Guthard of Bloomfield Hills Lahser on "Shotgun Offense — The Lahser Laser", Don Blanchard of Loy Norris on the "50 Gap Stack — The 100 Yard Defense", Jim Venia of Marysville on "Organization and Responsibilities to a Varsity Program as a Junior Varsity Coach", Tim McGee of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern on "Forest Hills Northern's Multiple Offense", John Blackstock of

Bad Axe on the "Trapping Game", Dennis Zbozen of Warren Woods on "The Warren Woods Offense Defense". and Jim Ooley of Traverse City on "The Traverse City Program". No wonder the Clinic was such a success with such outstanding speakers. Chairman Dick Harris of Harrison High School was again in charge of the Clinic and he did his usual outstanding job. Special guest speaker was Coach Daryl Rogers of Michigan State University who talked about the high powered passing attack at MSU. Next year's Clinic will be at Lansing Sexton High School on January 25-26, 1980.



Coach of the Year Daryl Rogers of Michigan State explains why his passing attack is so successful.



MICHIGAN FOOTBALL COACHES OF THE YEAR
Left to Right...Jim Ooley of Traverse City - class A, Dennis Zbozen of Warren Woods —
Class B, and John Blackstock of Bad Axe — Class C.

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Ed Malone checks over merchandise at one of the 20 Clinic displays.

### IMPORTANT DATES

August 13 . . . . . Start of Football practice in State of Michigan September 7 . . . First Football Game November 10 . . . . . Quarter Finals November 17 . . . . . Semi Finals November 24 . . . . Fifth Annual Final at Pontiac Silverdome January 25-26 . . . . . 8th Annual MHSFCA Football Clinic at Lansing Sexton February 22-24, 1980 . . . . . Kellogs Coach of the Year Clinic at Kalamazoo

# MHSFCA Board of Directors' Meetings

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

July 20-21......Summer Meeting at Sugar Loaf Lodge located near Traverse City

# Newsletter

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## PAUL SMARKS

"May He Rest In Peace"

Earlier this month we all lost a great friend and a truly great coach. At the age of 76 Paul Smarks died and we hope that his eternal reward will be in direct proportion to the many Christian things he did for his fellow man.

Paul was surely noted as an outstanding coach. During his 32 years at Lapeer High School he built a dynasty in athletics. In 1949 he became the first coach and AD at Warren Fitzgerald High School where again he achieved outstanding success in the field of athletics.

Although Paul was noted as a great coach, he will most likely be remembered for founding the Michigan High School Coaches Association in 1953. Ninety coaches made up the first group. At last count the MHSCA has over 3,000 members and much of this must be credited to Coach Smarks. A little known fact is that Paul contributed \$50,000 of his own money to help establish the MHSCA "Hall of Fame" at Central Michigan University. What a tremendous gesture for a man earning a teacher's salary. But when we think about Paul, we know that he was always willing to give of himself.

We, as coaches, can learn much from the life of Paul Smarks. He was a real man whose interests were involved with the welfare of others. We hope that the good Lord will reward him for his generosity and his caring about other people.



Jim Venia, the first J.V. coach to ever speak at a MHSFCA Clinic, tells his part in the highly successful Marysville program.



Ric Jeric, outstanding coach at Monroe accepts a Regional Coach of the Year Award from Dick Look of Tawas High School.



The President's gavel is passed from Jeff Smith of East Lansing to Harley Pierce of Sturgis. President Pierce opening statement was, "I will do the very best job that I can as the President of the Association".

# 1979 Open Football Dates

#### Scrimmages

Flint Bendle (C), Detroit Finney (A), Maple Valley (C), Cranbrook (C), and Homer (C)



Mr. Pete Sark of Flint and Mr. Claude Stevens of Owendale proudly display their Honorary Memberships in the MHSFCA.

# DAVE BOULET FUND

At the MHSFCA Clinic held at Warren Woods High School, \$450.39 was collected from coaches in attendance for the Dave Boulet Fund. Dave was a member of the Jr. Varsity Football Team at Warren H.S. and he received a very serious neck injury. Thanks to all the coaches who gave so generously.

#### 1st Game

Dearborn (A), Clinton (C), Flint Bentley (B), and Detroit Benedictine (C)

#### 2nd Game

Birmingham Brother Rice (A), South Lyon (B), Carson Ville Port Samibac (D), Lumen Christe (B), and Mason (B)

#### 3rd Game

Saginaw St. Peter & Paul (C), Marysville (B), Alpena (A), and Shelby (C)

#### 4th Game

Riverview Gabriel Richard (C), Cranbrook (C), Detroit Lutheran West (C), and Trenton (A)

#### 5th Game

Lincoln Alcona (C), North Muskegon (D), and Lumen Christe (B)

#### 6th Game

Lutheran East (C), Plymouth Salem (A), Lincoln Alcona (C), Midland (A), Bay City All Saints (B), and Romulus (A)

#### 7th Game

Midland (A), Flint Northwestern (A), Clare (C), and Midland Dow (A)

#### 8th Game

South Haven (B), Harland (B), Flint Northwestern (A), and Spring Lake (B)

#### 9th Game

Grand Rapids C.C. (B), Standish Sterling (B), Allendale (D), Battle Creek Harper Creek (B), Owendale Gage (D), Spring Lake (B), Saginaw St. Peter & Paul (C), Mona Shores (A), and Mount Clemens (A)



Tim McGee of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern diagrams his offense to the many coaches at the MHSFCA Clinic.

### COACHING OPENINGS

If you are looking for a football coaching position, send your name, address, and teaching qualifications to: Dave Driscoll, HFC, Parkside H.S., Jackson, MI 49203. If you know of any coaching positions, please send the information to Dave. Coach Driscoll was the first President of our Association and he does a great service for football coaches throughout the state with his "Placement Bulletin". Thanks Dave for your help. Check page 4 for more information.

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