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1st ANNUAL MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL EAST WEST ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAME

AUGUST 8, 1981

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After six years of planning the First Annual M.H.S.F.C.A. East-West All Star High School Football Game will finally be played at Michigan State University on Saturday, August 8th, starting at 1:30 p.m. A great deal of preparation has gone into the game and we are hoping for a tremendous turnout.

Our Association has received great cooperation from MSU, and at the present time, the game will be co-sponsored by Reef Petroleum of Traverse City and Coca Cola. Eight bands have been contacted along with several cheerleading groups that will be attending the MSU sport's school.

A special offer has been made to all the school districts in the state. For \$100.00 you can bring in a bus load of students, athletes, booster club people, or anyone that would like to attend the game. This should be a real savings since you can usually seat 40+ people on the bus. This is also a good way to bring people in your community together. Every school board has been contacted and asked to back the All Star Game.

We have had a tremendous response with the players chosen to play in the game. Only one of seventy-two is unable to play and there is a great deal of enthusiasm from the young men who are going to play in the game.

We are hoping to have a banquet the night before the game to honor the All Star Players and Coaches. The banquet would be open to the public.



Tickets may be purchased through Mr. Curt Evans of Homer High School at a cost of \$3.00 per ticket. Send a self addressed stamped envelope with a check made out to MHSFCA for your tickets.

We need the support of every coach in the state if the game is going to be a success. Try to bring as many members of your team and community as possible. We must get off on the right foot! Make the game a success by doing your part.

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Clinic Update

We may have a special treat for those attending the Annual MHSFCA Clinic in January of 1982. The clinic will be held at the new Convention Center in Battle Creek and we would like to note that the people at the Center are hoping that we will make the Annual Clinic a permanent event in Battle Creek.

We would also like to note that those in attendance will be given special room rates and the new facility will more than meet our needs. In fact, it looks like all the activities will be updated in one facility. Terry Rose of Lake Michigan Catholic has investigated Battle Creek Center and he assures us that we will be very satisfied with the site. There is also a possibility that we will have Coach Woody Hayes as a guest speaker.

Mark January 29-30, 1982, on your calendar!

Important Dates

August 8

MHSFCA 1st Annual All Star Football Game at Michigan State University at 1:30 p.m.

August 10

1st day of football practice in UP.

August 17

1st day of football practice in LP.

November 13

State Football Quarter Finals.

November 20

State Football Semi-Final.

November 27

State Football Finals at Pontiac Silverdome.

January 29-30, 1982

MHSFCA Football Clinic at Battle Creek.

MHSFCA Board of Director's Meeting

The following is a list of dates for the MHSFCA Board of Director's meetings:

Saturday, July 18, 1981 at 9:00 a.m., Summer Meeting at Michigan State.

Newsletter

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

1981 Major Rule Revisions

Legalized use of molded sole shoes with non-removable cleats or studs no more than 1/2" in length or non-abrasive material with no cutting edge.

Defined blocking below waist. There should be no blocking below the waist by any player who is out side the free blocking zone except to tackle the runner or a player pretending to be a runner.

Defined a chop block as a delayed block at the knee or below against an opponent who is in contact with a team-mate of the blocker in the free blocking zone with a 15 yard penalty.

An invalid fair catch signal is any signal by a player that does not meet the requirement of a valid signal. Penalty 5 yards.

An illegal fair catch signal is a valid signal given by a player when a fair catch is not permissible by rule. Penalty 5 yards.

Delete crawling definition and penalty.

Revised spearing definition as the intentional use of the helmet in an attempt to punish an opponent.

Allows intermission between halves to be increased to 20 minutes upon proper notification.

Added authority for officials to delay a game when weather conditions are hazardous.

Ball becomes dead when a loose ball is simultaneously caught or recovered.

Loss of down added to penalty for illegal forward handling.

Prohibits blocking the kicker of a free kick until he has advanced 5 yards beyond his free kick line or the kick has touched the ground or any other player.

Allow tripping of runner or pretended runner.

Points of Special Emphasis were: (1) movement of QB just prior to snap (2) team-mates pushing runner (3) defensive team interfering with offensive team's signals.

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A Strike Position

by Larry Merx
Political Action Chairman

Coaches, what happens to you and your program when you face a teacher's strike?

If you've been through one you know that any decision you make has serious implication: if you work, long term animosities develop that make your job even more difficult; if you don't work, your program is set back and can never recover time lost.

Something can be done! To assure your association and insure an uninterrupted season, you need to take action — NOW!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

First, recognize the fact that you are not alone in facing this interruption. You probably have several other members of your own staff who are teachers. Other fall sports: soccer, swimming, water polo, field hockey, women's basketball, etc. have begun. The band program has already put in vast amounts of time and is in the same position as football and other fall sports. Enlist these people's help! There is definitely strength in number. Meet with other interested parties. Unity of purpose should be quite obvious once you organize.

Offer your co-ordinating council and/or representative council a written policy which all parties involved in fall activities can support. Offer to make an extra effort to show your support of the strike action DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS and perhaps, in the evenings. A very small percentage of other teachers will make this offer. What can we offer? Parent contact is one of our strong points. Established access to media, letter writing, and speeches to the public and Booster Clubs regarding the strike. You may even work on extra picket duty. These are some of the areas where you can demonstrate your value to your association while still participating in extra-curricular endeavors.

A pro or con position in relation to the strike need have no importance to these activities, for the most part, all that would be asked is an effort to "educate" the community as to the issues.

We all know the arguments for not interrupting fall programs with a strike. One remains at the top of the

list: time lost in football cannot be made up as it will be, by law, IN THE CLASSROOM. One of our most effective arguments might be to illustrate what is actually lost in student contact during a work stoppage. For instance, with only three teaching members of our staff not present at football practice, we lose approximately 108 hours of practice during the course of a twelve day strike! That's two-thirds of an entire school year! That is time lost. It cannot be made up during winter break, or by cancelling IT IS LOST!

One thing we should not do is to wait until a strike is imminent. When the strike begins you will be backed with proverbial "rock and a hard place." unless you have made effective provisions for that eventuality well ahead of its happening.

Fall sports and band people can be important and influential association members. By acting in unison for our common purpose and educating your local in regard to our unique position, an argument can be reached where all parties are winners instead of all parties being losers. There is nothing you cannot accomplish with good preparation . . . and unity!

Membership Update

Currently we have 790 members which is some 200 less than the total last year at this time. We hope that those not registered as of yet for the 81-82 school year will fill out the Application Form on page 4 of the NEWSLETTER AND SEND IT TO Curt Evans, Membership Chairman.

Listed below is a membership list by regions:

Region 1-24	Region 2-123
Region 3-76	Region 4- 13
Region 5-41	Region 6- 67
Region 7-89	Region 8- 54
Region 9-46	Region 10- 48
Region 11-67	Region 12- 61
Region 13-37	Region 14- 27
Region 15-10	Region 16- 7

Scholarship Winners

At the Spring Meeting held at Ann Arbor High School in March, four scholarship winners were announced. They are: Michael Houghton, Warren Woods; Greg Nowak, Ypsilanti Lincoln; Scott Syme, Richmond; James Kuhr, Owen-Gage. Scholarship Chairman, Arnie Besonen, made the announcement.

Each of the winners will receive a \$300.00 scholarship for any college

of their choice. Mr. Besonen commented that this year's group of 41 candidates was one of the best ever and we congratulate all of the applicants, especially the winners. Our All Star Football Game is dedicated to raise money for the scholarship fund which is a very worthy cause. Please do your part by attending the All Star Game at M.S.U. on August 8th.

President Ooley Names Committees

Appointments to MHSFCA Committees were made by President Jim Ooley of Traverse City at the Spring Meeting. They include:

Public Relations

John Herring (Chairman), Ben Witukiewicz and Denny Patzer

Finance

Dick Look (Chairman), Mark Covert and Dick Harris

Honorary

Ron Pascuzzi (Chairman), Larry Sellers and John Stark

Clinic

Arnie Besonen (Chairman), Dick Look, Pete Schmidt, Terry Rose, John Moranto, Ron Pascuzzi, Bob Knight and Tom Moshimer

Rules

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Fall Football Practice Schedules For Michigan Colleges

Name of College	1st Fall Prac.	Time of Workouts	Can H. S. Coaches Attend Practices	First Home Game	Cost for H. S. Coach	Cost for H. S. Player
Adrian College	August 20	9-11; 3-5	Yes	9/12, Defiance	Free, Call 1st	Free, Call 1st
Albion College	August 20	9-11; 2-4	Yes	9/12, Alleghany	Free	Free
Alma College	August 21	9-12; 2-5	Yes	9/12, Ill. College	Free	Free
Central Michigan U.	F-8/14, Var. 8/17	7:30-3:15	Yes	9/19, N. Ill.	Call 1st	\$2.00, Call
Eastern Michigan U.	August 22	8:30-10:30; 3:30-5:30	Yes	9/12, Akron U.	Call 1st	Call 1st
Ferris State	Sept. 11	3:15-5:35	Yes		Free	Free
Grand Rapids J. C.	August 17	9:00-2:00	Yes		Free, Call 1st	Free, Call 1st
Grand Valley	August 21	9-11;30; 3:30-5:30	Yes	9/26, N. Mich.	MHSFCA Card	\$2.00
Hillsdale College	August 18	9 a.m., 2, 7 p.m.	Yes	9/12, Butler U.	Free	Free
Hope College	August 18	9:15 a.m.	Yes	9/12, Wabash	Free, Call 1st	Free, Call 1st
Kalamazoo College	August 31	9-11; 3-5	Yes	9/12, Taylor U.	Free	Free
Michigan State U.	No Response					
University of Michigan	No Response					
Michigan Tech. Univ.	August 26	9:30; 3:00	Yes	9/12, Northwood	Coachs' Pass	\$1.00
Northern Michigan U.	No Response					
Northwood Institute	No Response					
Olivet College	August 21	9:00; 3:30	Yes	112, N. C. Ill.	Call 1st	Call 1st
Saginaw Valley	No Response					
Wayne State	August 21	8-11:30; 2-6	Yes	9/12, N. C. Illinois	Call 1st	Call 1st
Western Michigan U.	August 17	8:00; 4:00	Yes, Call	9/12, Slippery Rock	Gen. Adm.	\$2.00

Michigan High School Football Coaches Association APPLICATION FORM

Send to: Curt Evans
Homer High School
Homer, MI 49245

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ MHSFCA ONLY — \$5.00
☐ JOINT — MHSFCA-HMSCA — \$9.00

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