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1992 Annual MHSFCA Hall of Fame Weekend – A Great Way to Start Our 20th Year Celebration



Held on the floor of Crisler Arena, the Hall of Fame Banquet, completely transforms the court. Another innovation in this year's anniversary event was the large screen TV on which the MHSFCA Highlight tape was played prior to the banquet.

was memorable starting with a social gathering Friday night at Schembechler Hall, where honorees entertained the throng of friends and associates who gathered there to honor them and renew old acquaintances. It was a great way to start our Twentieth Year Celebration because we had the opportunity to hear from all of our founding fathers, the early trials and tribulations of the association, many humorous events, and the great friendships that developed along the way. The brief... and sometimes not so brief, comments had everyone in the room roaring with laughter.

It was more of the same the next night at the annual banquet, as 400 friends and family members gathered again to hear

See 400 Friends... Gathered on page 3

*By Tom Fagan
Past President,
Hall of Fame Chair*

The 1992 Annual Football Coaches Hall of Fame Banquet was a tremendous success. Judging from the many compliments, letters and positive comments received from the honorees it was truly the "Mother of All Banquets." In fact, the entire weekend

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Membership Report

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MHSFCA Meetings & Important Dates

**MHSFCA Leadership
Conference**

Holden Hall, MSU

Thursday-Friday, July 30-31, 1992

**Board of Directors
Summer Meeting**

Harley Hotel, East Lansing

Friday, July 31, 1992

All Star Banquet

Lansing Center, Lansing

Friday, July 31, 1992

All Star Game

Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

Saturday, August 1, 1992

400 Friends and Family Members Gathered

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Bob Knight, 1992 MHSFCA President, presented Jeff Smith, Past President and one of the original members of the Board, his Hall of Fame plaque.

our founding fathers. To say we are proud of this group would be an understatement, as we realize that these men laid the foundation for our present and any future successes we may achieve. As expected the inductees were articulate and entertaining as they accepted their awards and recognized their players, fellow coaches and friends whom they credited for their success. Almost every inductee singled out their family and wife for special recognition and praise.

Gary Moeller, head football coach at the University of Michigan was the guest speaker for the evening. Coach Moeller recalled the trials and excitement of his own high school coaching career and heaped praise upon the inductees for their sacrifices, commitment and contributions to the game of football. A gesture of his commitment to high school football and high school football coaches in Michigan occurred after the induction ceremony was completed when Coach Moeller stayed and took individual photos with each honoree, creating what will surely become a treasured memento.

Special thanks to the many, many people in our association who helped in so many ways to make the weekend a success. The greatness of our association is in our membership and their willingness to give freely of their talents and abilities.

It was a great weekend for the association, for high school football and for all in attendance at the weekend functions. It was gratifying to see such a deserving group of men honored for their outstanding accomplishments to the profession of coaching.

1991 MHSFCA Scholarship Awards

*By Ernie Hoffman
Scholarship Chair*

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association is proud to announce the recipients of MHSFCA Scholarships for 1991. (See names on page 2)

The recipients will be honored at halftime of the 1992 All Star Football Game in East Lansing. Each individual will receive a plaque and a check for \$500.

This year's candidates produced some impressive credentials: G.P.A.'s averaged 3.8, class rank averaged 6th, ACT scores averaged 25.

The Association thanks each of the 27 candidates for scholarships and appreciates the level of achievement they have accomplished.

NOTE:

**MHSFCA Associated
with College Recruiting
Service?**

NOT!

Inserts included in past Newsletters, flyers mailed to coaches, and telephone calls – all requesting that information about your players be sent to a computerized college recruiting service located in Phoenix, Arizona and purporting to be from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association are **NOT** accurately attributed.

The organization responsible for the communications the: *American Collegiate Football Scouting Association*, at this time has no formal agreement with the MHSFCA. They are not authorized to simulate our letterhead in their communications. They have been formally asked to properly identify their communications.

**More to come in future Newsletters.*



Over the past years several of Michigan's best coaches have sent materials for the Newsletter. We encourage you to join that group.

Thanks To

Loren Willey, Jack Kramer, Houghton Lake High School and Dave Driscoll, 1st President MHSFCA for their contributions to this newsletter: *One More Go Around*, *How Long Does Your Season Last* and *MHSFCA Historical Review*, respectively.

Next Deadline for Submissions for October Newsletter — September 15

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Jim Crowley Award Nominations

*By Larry Sellars,
Traverse City St. Francis
Crowley Award Chair*

The Jim Crowley Award is given in memory of the late, former head coach at Jackson Lumen Christi High School, a great coach and dedicated family man who was tragically killed at the height of his career. The award honors individuals who have made special contributions to the game of football and the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

If you would like to nominate an individual for this most prestigious award, please send a letter of nomination prior to November 15th to:

Larry Sellars
Traverse City St. Francis High School
123 E. 11th Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

State of the Association – 1992

By Bob Knight, President - 1992

Our association is enjoying its greatest fiscal health and largest membership since its inception in 1972. This has come about through the efforts of our past officers and boards of directors. Their dedication to and constant nurturing of our association has made the MHSFCA a model for other coaches associations.

Our three major promotions: The Winners Circle Clinic, which which boasted over 1,300 in attendance in 1992; the Hall of Fame, which now has over 225 member coaches; and the All Star Game, now in its twelfth year and complete with an All Star Band and all currently, financially sound.

The association also sponsors a 24 member Academic All State Team, and a Leadership Workshop coordinated by the Substance Abuse Committee and run in conjunction with the All Star Game Camp.

We are very happy to have played a key role in the flourishing state playoffs, which now determine eight State Champions from a field of 128 qualifiers.

We currently award eleven scholarships annually totaling \$6,000 to deserving students from our membership's schools.

We proudly honor our members with the prestigious Jim Crowley Award, Coach of the Year Awards which recognize the accomplishments of head coaches as well as assistant, junior varsity, freshman, and special coaches. We also annually recognize a number of people from our communities by awarding Honorary Memberships in recognition of their contributions to high school football in the State of Michigan.

The governing body of the MHSFCA is composed of four officers, 32 Regional Directors, various committee chairs and our Past Presidents. We have been very fortunate to have had outstanding leaders in the past. Our current leadership will dedicate themselves to continued service for the betterment of football.

One of my major goals for this year, 1992, is to involve more of our mem-



bers in the various endeavors of the Association. We have many worthwhile activities that should interest and motivate our membership. The more that work, the lighter the load. If you have an interest – please contact one of the officers or Directors. Let's pull together and work for the best.

Yours in Football,

Bob Knight
Bob Knight

MHSFCA 1991 - 1992 Standing Committees

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Bob Petrovich

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Membership

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"You Want to Fix the Problem, Put 'Em With a Coach!," said Gary Moeller.

Head Coach at the University of Michigan, host of the Spring Meeting of the MHSFCA Board of Directors and of the Hall of Fame Banquet, Gary Moeller, addressed both gatherings with the same message: Football and football coaches in the schools provide the greatest vehicle for drug education in the country.

Coach Moeller focused on the difficulty in Michigan of getting coaches hired into schools as teachers and how "extra curricular activities" are frequently the first things to be cut when a school runs up against budget problems. He called for a reversal of this attitude that de-emphasizes sports and

puts kids at risk by turning them loose after classes. He said, "We must allow coaches into schools - even if we don't have room. We must put 'extras' on a pedestal, not cut them. When we cut the extras, we cut the number of hours spent in school. They go home and they get in trouble."

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Coach Moeller decried what he sees when he goes into high schools in

Michigan. Frequently, he cannot find a coach because the coach is "not in the building." Kids are in the halls, discipline is at a low ebb. "Schools in other states have coaches in schools. Other states have spring football and great athletic facilities - especially Florida

and Texas. Other states have much larger coaching staffs." He cited the fact that 273 football players in the State of Florida received Division I scholarships and that 80% of the athletes at Michigan on scholarship are from out-of-state. "We must find students who have a 2.5 grade point average and 13 credits in core classes." The message was clear, without coaches in schools and with the attitude that extra-curricular activities aren't important Michigan schools aren't doing the job and, "this is going to hurt kids."

He closed by saying that, "We have to expand our sports programs in the Midwest. We must demonstrate why sports are important. We have problems, but we have the people to solve the problems. You want to fix the problem, put 'em [kids] with a coach. You can't beat a coach for discipline and education."

How Long Does Your Season Last

by Jack Kramer, Region 12 Director, Houghton Lake



After being in the classroom and a football coach for over 15 years, I had the opportunity to move into an administrative role as an assistant principal and athletic director. The big negative to this move was that I had to give up the

coaching positions which I

had held (but our football team picked up a free volunteer coach). On the positive side, I have been able to work with the entire coaching and teaching staffs. The move has enabled me to take a more objective view as to what makes the best teachers and coaches... and I'm in no way looking at just the won loss records. To me the best teacher/coach is the one who can motivate, instruct, discipline and command respect (as well as give respect). ...Who are the people best able to do

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I now ask you — How long does your season last?

Whether you like it or not, as soon as you accept the position of a coach, you take on a tremendous role and responsibility in your school and community. Not only

will your athletes look to you for direction and guidance, but other teachers, coaches and community members will

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begin to see you in a new light, one which has the demand for "commitment and involvement" with students attached to it. In my mind, those individuals who go on to become the "best" or the most "successful," are those teachers and coaches who recognize and accept this responsibility for "commitment and involvement" beyond the normal restraints of time. Again I ask — How long does your season last?

As football coaches, where does our "commitment and involvement" begin and end? The MHSAA says it may begin in August and ends with the last game. Unfortunately, too many coaches follow this time frame. (Granted, the hours spent here are probably too numerous for the average worker to understand or comprehend.) A coach may continue his involvement by — Running a weight program. Over 1,300 of our membership committed the time to attend our annual Battle Creek Clinic last January. Some coaches will even take the time to attend other coaching clinics, either at a convention or in a college setting. Does this prove our "commitment and involvement?" Again I ask — How long does your season last?

Through football, I have been fortunate enough to learn the true meaning of commitment and involvement. I have gained this through my becoming a member of the Michigan High School Football Coaching Association. Through my work as a regional director for our Association and the opportunity I have had to come in contact with some of the best coaches throughout the State of Michigan. The football coaches I have been with here at Houghton Lake helped give me the true meaning of what it takes to be a football coach. I have come to know, and finally believe, that the "successful" and "best" coaches are those that go beyond the athletic fields, weight rooms and clinics. The coaches who commit themselves to the classroom and stress academics, those who demonstrate their involvement by supporting (not just

attending) band and choir concerts, coach other sports (every football coach at Houghton Lake also coaches another sport), push students to attend leadership conferences, take part in PACE training programs, lead the fight for substance abuse programs, take part in teacher improvement training, and have been active in their church and community groups (such as Red Cross, United Way, Lions Club, etc.). These individuals then become the "best" regardless of wins and losses because these individuals have taken the challenge to become truly committed. Again I ask — How long does your season last?

Coaching staffs must also be "committed and involved" with each other, much like a marriage. Successful programs will have coaching staffs who have been together for long periods of time. They are coaching staffs who are there for each other 365 days a year, many will spend vacation time and share work projects together. These are the staffs who can share the joys and sorrows of life. Last fall we, as a football staff, stood up together at a wedding of one of our former players. We have also served as pall bearers for one of our young athletes. Again I ask — How long does your season last?

I leave you with one final request. Take a moment and read the inscription found on the Jim Crowley Award or talk with those men who have received this distinguished award. (These are the men behind the coaching staffs and athletes who, like many of you, have shown what commitment and involvement is all about.) Realize and live the fact that you being a football coach means more than just X's and O's. Take pride in the fact that you have more of a responsibility to the student/athletes of your school, and your community, than just putting eleven players on the field at game time. Please examine yourself, your goals and expectations... and then answer the question: "How long does your season last?"

All Star Reunion – 1982 Needs Your Help

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association will continue to recognize past All Star Game participants and their coaches. We are trying to update our files on the players and coaches who participated in the 1982 All Star Classic.

If you have any information as to how we may locate the members of the 1982 All Star squads, please contact Dennis Zbozen at Romeo High School.

We will be inviting the 1982 coaches and All Stars to the banquet Friday night and also introduce them at half time during the 1992 All Star Game.

Your help in locating these past All Stars will be greatly appreciated.

Dennis Zbozen
Romeo High School,
11091 W. 32 Mile Rd.
Romeo, MI 48065
313-752-0300 School
313-642-3893 Home

All Star Highlight Video

Film will feature highlights from All Star Game itself, and include All Star Camp, and Awards Banquet. To make your reservations contact:

Rocky Jacobs
Home Town Video
2058 Wilson Drive
Erie, MI 48133
phone: (313) 848-8115

One More Go Around

The Benefits of a Senior Coach

By Loren Willey, Head Football Coach, Clio and Tom Healey, Athletic Director, Clio

At a time when schools are scrambling to fill coaching positions (sometimes with any warm bodies) principals and athletic directors may be overlooking a gold mine of talent right at their doorstep. Every school district has senior or retired faculty members (many ex-coaches) ready to return – if asked – for one more go around. Principals, athletic directors, and head coaches should be aware of the benefits of having senior coaches on staff.

Philosophically, senior coaches seem to coach for all the right reasons. They coach the kids, not the ball, putting athletic competition in its proper perspective, realizing that athletics are an extension of the classroom and one of many parts that contribute to the development of the whole person.

Senior coaches consider themselves teachers first. Consequently, they approach the job, not from the standpoint of wins and losses, but rather from the perspective of providing a sound, educational approach to athletics. The senior coach tends to set

reasonable and attainable goals encompassing the development of the individual, stressing self-improvement. The senior coach, through his vast experience, maintains an atmosphere at practices and competition that is conducive to learning the real lessons of athletics — cooperation, self-discipline, fair play, etc.

The senior coach is usually a role model in his community. His years of experience in the classroom and the stress of many competitions have taught him how to maintain discipline (self and team) needed in game

management.

Experience has shown us that senior coaches have more time to devote to their job. Having raised families and finished their educational commitment, they can put more energy into their coaching assignment. Members of the large cadre of senior coaches have built programs, won championships, put kids in college... and do not want to go quietly into the night. Principals, athletic directors and head coaches would be well advised to seek them out for one more go around.



Revenues/ Expenditures*

*June 1, 1991 - March 15, 1992

	<u>Amount</u>
Revenues*	108,786.61
Expenditures	133,729.30
Expenditures Over Revenues	(\$24,942.69)

*Receipts from Hall of Fame Banquet and All Star Program incomplete as of March 15.

Committee Budget

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Budget Amt</u>
Clinic	\$16,500
Bd of Directors	9,344
Bd Special	11,500
Assoc. Exp.	2,319
Newsletter	6,478
Placement	50
Playoff	00
Pub. Relations	1,500
Rules	00
Sec. Treas.	8,952
Joint Memb	2,110
Membership	1,500
Scholarship	6,400
All Star	75,000
Coach of Year	2,500
Hall of Fame	15,000
Academic All Star	950
Sub. Abuse	4,900
TOTAL	165,012

Annual Revenues*

*June 1, 1991 - March 15, 1992

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
All Star Banquet Tickets	\$4,985
All Star Banquet Raffle	857
All Star S Room Tickets	30
All Star Program Ads	8,651.50
All Star Program Sales	2,451.91
All Star Sponsors	27,145
All Star Tickets	9,131
Clinic At-Door Reg.	6,155
Clinic Pre-Registration	31,505
Clinic Exhibitors	5,236
Clinic Notebooks	00
Duffy's Clinic	00
Clinic Ref's & Donations	500
Hall of Fame Bar	00
Hall of Fame Gold Brick	200
Hall of Fame Banq. Raffle	00
Hall of Fame Tickets	10
Leadership Conference	3,300
Membership - Joint	4,970
Membership - Regular	5
Membership - Lifetime	225
Lions's Tickets	420
All Star Band Shirts	28
Refunds	2,981.20
TOTAL	108,786.61

At the Hospitality gathering of the 1992 Hall of Fame inductees (another of Tom Fagan and the Hall of Fame Committee's innovations) Dave Driscoll, Past President of the MHSFCA, (1972-1973 and 1973-1974) consented to write a review of the events surrounding the inception and birth of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.



MHSFCA Historical Review

By Dave Driscoll, 1st President MHSFCA



After the 1971 football season ended, the Jackson Area Football Coaches Association (J.A.F.C.A.) felt the need to organize football into a state organization. Steve Sonoga, President Elect and head football coach at Jackson High School, appointed Dave Driscoll to begin a fact finding mission. Driscoll, being the head football coach of cross town rival Jackson Parkside High School and past president of J.A.F.C.A., began taking a census from coaches in various regions across the state about their potential interest in such an organization.

On Friday, February 5, 1972 in Grand Rapids, where the annual "Duffy" Daugherty and "Bud" Wilkenson Coach of the Year Clinic was held, Jim Crowley, (now deceased) head football coach at Jackson Lumen Christi High School had arranged for a conference room at the Holiday Inn-North for a meeting of the interested coaches.

This meeting proved very beneficial, in attendance were about thirty coaches from throughout the state, most of whom were eager to organize. They agreed to continue our efforts to organize and that a constitution and a set of by-laws would be necessary. Before leaving the clinic Sonoga and Driscoll received the coaches' endorsement and a promise of participation.

Glen "Dutch" Schrotenboer, Head Football Coach at Alpena High School, kept the ball rolling by arranging with Ray Kramer, then head football coach at Central Michigan University to reserve a conference room in February of 1972. We agreed to this location because of its proximity to the center of the state. Some of the Coaches from the Grand Rapids clinic continued to volunteer their efforts by helping to formulate the constitution while at Central.

Some of the coaches that were very active at that meeting in Mt. Pleasant were Steve Sonoga, Jeff Smith from East Lansing High School, "Dutch" Schrotenboer and Art Gillespie of Alpena High School, "Bud" Breed of Portage Northern High School, and "Ike" Muhlenkamp from St. Joseph High School.

After a lengthy session, an exhausted group of hopeful members left with the rough draft of the constitution. It was agreed that the final draft would be prepared by Steve Sonoga and ratified as soon as possible. It was Jeff Smith's turn to "carry the ball" and he invited us to attend a meeting and ratify the constitution at East Lansing High School. On March 24, 1972 our constitution was ratified and the association's first officers were elected. This new organization became known as the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association - M.H.S.F.C.A. It was decided that we should have quarterly meetings during the calendar year. The purpose of the association had been established and now the work would begin with tackling many of the problems that the football coaches had been dealing with independently. A ground swell of energy carried this young group back into their communities to promote the organization.

The calendar was planned with the following events: Steve Sonoga, Secretary-Treasurer and his wife Peg, went to almost every clinic and meeting in the state to get coaches to join our association. Almost everyone at the various clinic's was very helpful and cooperative.

In July an all encompassing "two day work session" was necessary to outline the objectives and duties for the 1972-73 school year.

It quickly became apparent that we needed a "Public Relations Chair-

man" and Ron Holland of North Farmington High School was selected for that position. With his judgement

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Dave Driscoll
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Alpena High School
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"Bud" Breed
Portage Northern High School
Secretary-Treasurer
Steve Sonoga
Jackson High School

and leadership; our stationary, certificates and various awards were designed and developed. Many of those items are still being used today by the association. At this point Ron's personal friend, the late Paul Smarks, Executive Director of the Michigan High School Coaches Association, contributed his personal support and the support of the MHSCA. They encouraged us to offer joint membership with them. Later, they also encouraged Hal Schram, (now deceased), the Sports Editor for the Detroit Free Press to use our selection of the Coach of the Year in the *Free Press*.

In November, we would improve the Coach of the Year selections by

History -

"The approval for such an organization was clearly endorsed by the eager participation of so many coaches."

having each member elect their own "Regional Coaches of the Year" in each class and from that group of coaches, we as a Board of Directors would elect the state "Coach of the Year." We also needed to prepare plans for "our first major football clinic" to be held in early 1973.

Our plan would be to hold a football clinic in January, along with our General Membership Meeting and elections of the Regional Directors for the Association.

Then in April, we would start

encouraged to bring his wife along for the weekend retreat. It proved to be an ideal environment, everyone cooperated throughout the weekend. A lot of brainstorming took place and many promising ideas were conceived at this session.

Clare, Michigan, wrapped us in its peak autumnal color, as we began our Fall session. The organization chose the state's Coaches of the Year in each class and we planned our first football clinic.

George Kiesel, Principal at Jackson Parkside High School, warmly welcomed

more than 800 coaches during the two day session.

The approval for such an organization was clearly endorsed by the eager participation of so many coaches. It was becoming clearer with each session, that the need for M.H.S.F.C.A. was great and that by participating within the system high school football was gaining respect and improving the sport for all the student/athletes in Michigan.

Thanks to the cooperation of many, many coaches throughout the state

Some things you can't predetermine. We had a lot of anxiety about many things including the bitter January weather for which Michigan is notorious. Yet, spring came the early that January and as the sky cleared the temperatures soared into the 60's. And, better yet, the attendance far surpassed our expectations, we hosted more than 800 coaches during the two day session.

our organization has blossomed wonderfully over the past twenty years. As one of the early members of the Board of Directors, I share in the pride this organization rightly takes. It is my hope that the MHSFCA continue to be an instrument for assisting our high school coaches in becoming their very best as both coaches and teachers.

again, and we would introduce all of the "newly elected" Directors to the active board members and issue duties for the summer work session and the next school year.

Obviously, it was a busy first year. To put all this into historical perspective: Some of you might remember, President Nixon was running for his second term, yet to be clothed in the notorious "Watergate scandal." The United States was torn over its involvement in what history records as the "Vietnam Conflict." And some football fans will remember the unstoppable Miami Dolphins under the auspices of Don Shula and their inevitable victory in the Superbowl at the L.A. Coliseum over the Washington Redskins.

Our first summer session was to be a mixture of work with pleasure while at the base of Sugar Loaf Ski resort. Jim Ooley, of Traverse City High School invited the members to have the meeting during the third weekend in July of '72. Each coach was

us to hold the clinic and awards presentation in Parkside's facilities. It would be a Friday and Saturday clinic the last weekend in January and the guest speakers would all be high school coaches from around the state. All the speakers enthusiastically volunteered their participation in the very first clinic and they did an outstanding job. Two assistant coaches, Mike Raczkowski and John Raut, from Parkside joined with other coaches from various schools in the area and did a fantastic job of coordinating two days of activities. Our objective was to present a great clinic that would set precedent for years to come. This clinic would be our major source of income for the association as well.

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MHSFCA Substance Abuse Committee Leadership Conference

*Don't Let Your Team's
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Those who have attended have taken literally a wealth of confidence back to their team. Send your captains, haven't selected captains... make it a requirement for that position of leadership. Want references? Call Chuck Salvano (616) 428-1400, Tom Fagan (313) 994-1183, Don Lessner (313) 285-7361, Bill Tucker (785-4741, Jack Crabtree (313) 429-5454, Loren Willey (313) 659-3181, or anyone on the committee. Flyer was in March Newsletter... lost you lost it? Call Chuck Salvano!

Hall of Fame Reaches 10th Anniversary

Coincides with 20th Anniversary of MHSFCA



1992
Hall of Fame
Inductees

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Original
Board of Directors
MHSFCA

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame opened officially on April 16, 1982. The Hall of Fame is located in the lobby of the University of Michigan's indoor football practice facility.

The Hall of Fame became a reality because of the planning and effort of the committee headed by Ron Holland, Chuck Ritter and many MHSFCA past presidents. The Hall of Fame was established and is maintained by Gold Brick contributions of \$100 or more from each member school. This program was initiated by past president Dick Look. The GOLD BRICK with the school's name inscribed is placed on a large wall map of the State of Michigan and displayed in the Hall of Fame. Schools may become members and have their names placed on the map by sending a check to: Don Lessner, Executive - Director, M.H.S.F.C.A. Hall of Fame, 12431

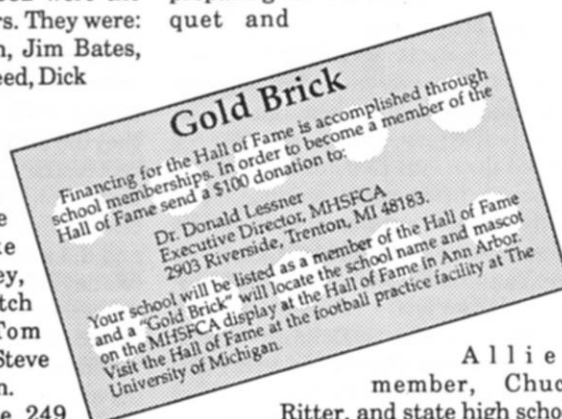
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First inductees in 1982 were the original Board of Directors. They were: Roy Allen, Paul Baldwin, Jim Bates, John Blackstock, Bud Breed, Dick Comar, Jerry Cvengros, Dave Driscoll, Elmer Engel, Ken Faust, Art Gillespie, Ron Holland, Rich Jeric, Wayne Melchiori, Ike Muhlenkamp, Jim Ooley, Fred Rademacher, Dutch Schroetenboer, Tom Seroczynski, Jeff Smith, Steve Sonoga and Jack Verduin.

Presently there are 249 members of the MHSFCA Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame Banquet is held each year in conjunction with the University of Michigan Spring Football Clinic in April. Past presidents: Tom Fagan, Dick Look, Ike Muhlenkamp, Executive - Director Don Lessner, and

Historian Jack Carlson, work diligently preparing for the banquet and



Allied member, Chuck Ritter, and state high school sports historian, Dick Kishpaugh, also contribute to maintain the Hall of Fame.

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association is very proud of the Hall of Fame as it was one of the primary purposes for establishing the Football Coaches Association.

1992 Hall of Fame Inductees

Original Board of Directors MHSFCA

ROY ALLEN JR.

11 years of coaching; 4 years J.V. and 7 years varsity, Detroit Northwestern High School. Record: 82 wins, 17 losses; Presently: Athletic Director Detroit Public Schools.

PAUL BALDWIN

21 years of coaching; Ann Arbor Pioneer, Hudson, Muskegon, Kalamazoo Central, and Sault Ste. Marie. Record: 115 wins, 67 losses. Presently: Residing in Cedarville.

JIM BATES

33 years of coaching; Walled Lake, Jackson, Port Huron H.S., Port Huron Northern. Record: 142 wins, 76 losses. Presently: Coaching at Port Huron Northern.

JOHN BLACKSTOCK

23 years of coaching; Bad Axe Schools, 4th, 5th, 6th grades, Junior High, J. V. and Head Coach. Assistant coach at Central Michigan University. Presently: Coaching at Bad Axe.

BUD BREED

18 years of coaching; Bangor High School, Portage Northern High School. Record: 98 wins, 57 losses. Defensive back for the Chicago Bears and New York Giants.

DICK COMAR

29 years of coaching; Aquinas High School, Notre Dame High School, St. Mary's Redford, Wayne State University, Michigan State University, Indiana State, Toronto Argonauts, Buffalo Bills, Alma College. Presently: Coaching at Eastern Michigan University.

JERRY CVENGROS

27 years of coaching; assistant coach and head coach Escanaba High School. Record: 178 wins, 50 losses. Presently: Associate Director Michigan High School Athletic Association.

DAVE DRISCOLL

25 years of coaching; Jackson St. Mary's, East Jackson High School, Jackson Parkside, Ypsilanti High School, Michigan State University. Record: 122 wins, 102 losses, 5 ties. Presently: Residing in Jackson.

ELMER ENGEL

23 Years of coaching; Barrington High School, Illinois; J.V. coach University of Illinois; Bay City Central High School. Record: 182 wins, 41 losses. Presently: Retired living in Florida.

KEN FOUST

28 Years of coaching; Manistee High School, Albion High School, Albion College. Record: 129 wins, 80 losses.

ART GILLESPIE

38 Years of coaching; Boyne City High School, South Haven High School, Assistant for six different coaches at Alpena High School. Presently: Retired living in Alpena.

LARRY HARP

19 Years of coaching; J.V., Varsity Assistant, Volunteer, and Head Coach at Muskegon High School. Record: 131 wins, 37 losses. Five Conference Championships, Regional Coach of the Year four times.

RON HOLLAND

24 Years of coaching; Nashville (Michigan), North Farmington High School. Record: 165 wins, 54 losses. Presently: Athletic Director Farmington Schools.

RICH JERIC

28 Years of coaching; Monroe High School, Warren Western Reserve (Ohio), Aliquippa High School (Pennsylvania). Record: 159 wins, 126 losses. Presently: Coaching at Monroe High School.

WAYNE MELCHIORI

17 Years of coaching; Ironwood High School, Ironwood (Michigan). Presently: Residing in Ironwood.

IVAN "IKE" MUHLENKAMP

29 Years of coaching; Albion High School (assistant and head coach), St. Joseph High School. Record: 194 wins, 73 losses, 1 tie. Presently: Coaching at St. Joseph.

JIM OOLEY

39 Years of coaching; All at Traverse City High School, four years junior varsity, ten years varsity assistant, twenty-five years head coach. Record: 256 wins, 86 losses. Presently: Retired from coaching and still teaching at Traverse City High School.

FRED RADEMACHER

26 Years of coaching; Coldwater St. Charles, Muskegon Catholic, Flint Holy Redeemer, Flint Powers. Record: 168 wins, 50 losses, 2 ties. Presently: Athletic Director at Flint Powers.

STEVE SONOGA

28 Years of coaching; McDonald High School (Ohio), Boardman High School (Ohio), Jackson High School. Presently: Owns and operates Tawas Golf Course.

JEFF SMITH

29 Years of coaching; Hale, Grass Lake, St. John's, East Lansing. Record: 196 wins, 68 loss, 4 ties. Presently: Head Coach East Lansing High School.

TOM SEROCZYNSKI

18 Years of coaching; Chicago Bears, North Muskegon, Fruitport, Muskegon Mona Shores, Ludington High School. Record: 129 wins, 30 losses. Presently: Coaching at Ludington.

GLEN "DUTCH" SCHROTENBOER

30 Years of coaching; St. Charles, Mt. Pleasant High School, Jackson High School, Flint Central High School, Alpena High School, Lloyd C. Bird High School (Chesterfield, Virginia). Record: 207 wins, 51 losses, 3 ties. Presently: Residing in Virginia.

JACK VERDUIN

32 Years of coaching; Wyoming Park High School, Naples High School (Florida). Record: 222 wins, 85 losses, 6 ties. Presently, Head Football Coach Wyoming Park.





MHSFCA 1992 All Star Football Game West Coaches – Profiles

Pat Gallinagh
Head Coach

Bessemer A.D. Johnson High School

Pat Gallinagh will be starting his 22nd season as coach of the Bessemer Speedboys where he has posted a 121-71 record. It is his 23rd season as head football coach (126-75 record overall). A native of Detroit, he attended Servite High School and graduated in 1963. From there, he attended Michigan State University and played on two Big Ten and Co-National Championship football teams. He was selected an Academic All-American and graduated with honors in 1967. He then spent one year teaching and coaching in Gallup, New Mexico followed by another at Detroit Servite. Then he attended Eastern Michigan University for two years while obtaining his Master's Degree. He moved on to Bessemer in 1971 and has been there ever since.

Under his guidance, the Speedboys have posted 15 winning seasons, 12 league championships, 2 Class D- U.P. Championships, and a Class D State-Runners-Up title. Gallinagh is married to the former Deloris Kolesar, they reside in Ironwood.

Frank Altimore

Defensive Co-ordinator

Midland Dow High School

Coach Altimore graduated from Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School in 1962. He attended Michigan State University from 1962-1966 where he played defensive back for the Spartans. While at State, Frank received his B.A. and M.A. degrees and worked as a graduate assistant in 1966.

Frank has been working in Midland for 25 years. He began as an assistant under Hall of Fame Coach Bob Stoppert at Midland High. In 1983 he moved to Dow High as head football coach and has since then compiled a 54-27 record.

Coach Altimore is active in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association serving as a Regional Director and a member of the Clinic Committee.

Frank and his wife, Connie, have been married for 19 years and have two sons, Tony 13 and Greg 9.

Loren Willey

Assistant Coach

Clio Area High School

Loren graduated from Adrian High School in 1952 where he played football and baseball. He earned a varsity football letter at Adrian College in 1952. He then entered the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge, he entered Hillsdale College where he earned his B.A. Degree in History in 1959.

Coach Willey has been teaching history and coaching football for 33 years. He started his career at Quincy, where he coached football, basketball and tennis for two years. Loren then went to Dansville Agricultural School where he coached football, basketball and started the wrestling program. Coach Willey spent the next 13 years at Clio Area High School where his football teams won two "Big 9" Conference Championships. His one year as baseball coach netted Clio a "Big 9" Championship. Coach Willey then went to Flushing Community High School for 13 years as football coach. In 1991 he returned to Clio as an assistant football coach.

Loren has been active in the M.H.S.F.C.A. for many years and at the present time is serving on the Board of Directors. In 1987 Loren had the honor of being inducted into the M.H.S.F.C.A. "Hall of Fame."

Loren and his wife Peggy have been married for 39 years. They have four children: Blake, Jill, Jane and Sarah and seven grandchildren.

Phil Leigeb

Assistant Coach

Midland Dow High School

Phil Leigeb graduated from Midland High School in 1965 earning All-State honors in football. Phil graduated from Central Michigan University with a B.A. degree in Business Education.

Coach Leigeb started his coaching career as an assistant coach for one year at Midland High School under Coach Bob Stoppert. From Midland he went to Meridian High School, coaching ten years with his last seven as head coach. Phil guided Meridian to their only undefeated season and State Playoff appearance. He was twice voted Coach of The Year by the Jack Pine Conference and also Regional Coach of The Year by the MHSFCA in 1981. After leaving Meridian, Phil spent one year as quarterback coach at Northwood Institute and is currently in his third year as quarterback and receivers coach at Midland Dow High School. Phil has also coached at the nationwide Will Hayes Quarterback-Receiver Camp.

Phil and his wife, Chris, have been married for 18 years. They have two sons, Jeremy and Brian.

Jack Crabtree

Assistant Coach

Saline High School

Coach Crabtree graduated from Washington Court House High School in Ohio in 1959. He began his coaching career at Washington Courthouse Junior High in 1959 before entering Northwestern University. Jack later transferred to Augustana College where he became an all conference lineman, a captain of the football team and competed on the track team before graduating in 1965. Coach Crabtree took a graduate assistant coaching position at Eastern Michigan University while working on his Master's degree there. 1966 found him at Ypsilanti Roosevelt High. In 1968 Jack became an assistant coach at St. Clair Shores Lakeshore High School where he remained until his move to Saline in 1970. At Saline Jack took the head coaching job in 1976. His teams have since then won the conference title eight times, made four state playoff appearances and have had three undefeated seasons. His career record stands at 164 wins, 81 losses, 2 ties. Eleven All State players have come from Jack's program at Saline as have five MHSFCA All Stars.

Jack has been named Regional Coach of The Year eleven times and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988.

Jack and his wife, Linda, have been married for twenty-seven years and are the parents of Jason, 21, a student at E.M.U. and Kristan, a June graduate of Ypsilanti High School.

Richard Salani

Assistant Coach

Hancock High School

Coach Salani is a 1969 graduate of Hancock High School where he played football and basketball and ran track. He attended Michigan State University from 1969-1972 where he received his B.S. degree. While at M.S.U. Rich played four years of football under Duffy Daugherty and earned a letter as a punter and receiver.

Rich started his teaching and coaching career at Tawas as an assistant under Dick Look. After a year at Tawas he accepted the head coaching job at Hancock where he has been for the last 18 years. His teams have won five conference championships and went undefeated in 1983 and 1984 earning Coach Salani, Regional Coach of The Year in 1984.

Rich and his wife Marja have been married 22 years. They have three boys: Jason, the starting strong safety at N.M.U.; Chris, who will be playing in this year's All Star Game; and Eric John, an eighth grader who is a football and hockey enthusiast.

MHSFCA 1992 All Star Football Game East Coaches – Profiles

Tom Mosimer

Head Coach East

Plymouth Salem High School

Coach Mosimer, a Marine Corps Veteran, graduated from Michigan State University where he began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under the late "Duffy" Daugherty. He moved on to Dundee High School in 1959, taking over a program that had been 1-22-1 over the previous three seasons. During his eight year tenure as the Vikings head coach, "Mo's" teams compiled a 41-23-3 record, which included 35 straight games without a loss. A team motto he used at Dundee "Success lies not in never falling, but in rising every time you fall," is one he still stresses today.

In 1967, he became the head coach of Plymouth High School (renamed Plymouth Salem in 1972), where he again inherited a "down" program with a 1-15 record over the two previous years. In his 25 years at Salem, Coach Mo's teams have gone 139-81-3, giving him a lifetime record of 180-104-6, including six undefeated seasons.

Coach "Mo" is a member of the M.H.S.F.C.A. Hall of Fame, a recipient of the prestigious Jim Crowley Coach of the Year Award, and several other coaching honors including League, Area, and Regional Coach of the Year honors.

Coach Mosimer has two sons, Duncan and Mike, who played for him during their high school careers. Mike is currently a junior varsity coach on the Salem staff.

John Walker

Assistant Coach East

Troy Athens High School

John is a 1967 graduate of Benedictine High School where he earned 14 varsity letters. He played four years of football at Holy Cross earning his B.A. in 1971. He earned his M.A. from Michigan State in 1979.

Coach Walker started coaching in 1971 at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. From '73-'76 he was defensive coordinator at Brother Rice and was part of their 1975 championship team. For the past 16 years John has been the head football coach and a social studies teacher at Troy Athens. His record is 88-57 and includes two MSAA Championships and a playoff appearance in 1989.

Coach Walker has been voted MHSFCA Regional Coach of the Year four times and has won numerous other coaching awards. "The major influences that have helped me develop as a person and a coach are my parents and my experiences as assistant coach under Mike Boyd and Al Fracassa. Our success at Athens is due to the loyal and hard working assistant coaches, and dedicated student-athletes who believed in the team concept as the heart of football."

John resides in Oxford with his wife, Gina, and their six children: Jennifer, Janine, Jim, Mary, Adrienne and David.

Eric Smith

Assistant Coach East

Detroit Central High School

Coach Smith graduated from Detroit Central High School in 1984. His highly successful high school career earned him a full scholarship to Kentucky State University where he played from 1984-1988. He was All Conference at Kentucky State in 1987 & 88 and graduated with honors in May of 1989.

Eric served as an assistant coach at Frankfort High School,



Frankfort, Kentucky for one year before returning to Detroit Central where he has been coaching for the past three seasons. In his first year as defensive coordinator at Central his team recorded six shutouts and allowed only 21 points in nine games.

Coach Smith teaches special education at Central High School and is attending graduate school at The University of Detroit.

Ernie Hoffman

Assistant Coach East

Dundee High School

Coach Hoffman received his B.S. in education from Central Michigan University and an M.A. from Eastern Michigan University. He started his coaching career at Deckerville High School. In 1973 he took the position of junior varsity football coach at Dundee High School. Two years later he became the head coach at Dundee and kept that post for twelve seasons. During that period Dundee won three league championships.

Coach Hoffman was an All League and Honorable Mention All State running back for a Dundee team that had gone 35 games without a loss. He stated, "I feel extremely fortunate to be coaching in this All Star game with my former high school coach, Tom Mosimer."

While Coach Hoffman said, "the past 22 seasons have been wonderful," he added that he was, "most thankful for my wife of 22 years, Marge. Her support and understanding have allowed me to pursue a great career."

Ernie and Marge have a son, Scott, who is a senior at Alma College and a member of the Alma Scotts' football team.

Jim Jarvey

Assistant Coach East

Plymouth Salem High School

Jim was born and raised in Calumet and graduated from Calumet High School where he played football and hockey. He received his B.S. from Northern Michigan University and his M.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Jim taught mathematics and coached at Clarenceville High School for five years before moving to Plymouth-Canton High School in 1972. He coached at Canton for four years as an assistant to Jim Muneio before crossing over to Salem. The last 16 years he has been an assistant to Tom Mosimer and is currently the defensive coordinator. In 1986 he was honored as M.H.S.F.C.A. Assistant Coach of the year. He said, "One of the highlights of my coaching career was being able to coach my son Mike."

Jim and his wife Sally reside in Canton with their son Mike and daughter Carrie.

Woody Thomas

Defensive Coordinator East

Detroit Central High School

Play Off Expansion Possible

By Jim Ahern Past President MHSFCA Ithaca High School

At the Spring meeting of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, discussion took place concerning the expansion of the football play off format. Using the Indiana High School Athletic Association's play off format as a guide, two plans were drawn up. A brief description of each plan follows below.

PLAN A

1. The 620 schools that play football would be divided equally into the eight classes, giving approximately 77 schools per class, and approximately 19 schools in the four regions.
2. A seven game regular season schedule would be played, with points accumulated the same as the present play off format.
3. After the seventh game the top 16 teams in each region would be paired. This would leave approximately only 13 schools in each class, or three per region out of the playoffs. The schools could be paired as they are now, with the highest point getter playing the lowest etc.; or pair them geographically as is done in basketball to reduce travel.
4. The gate receipts for the eighth & ninth play-off dates would be divided equally among the four teams playing each other in the first two rounds. After the first two rounds, the present format would be used to divide the gate receipts.

Plan A Format

7 Game Regular Season
 Districts 8th & 9th Date
 Regional 10th Date
 Quarter 11th Date
 Semi 12th Date
 Final 13th Date

PLAN B

1. The 620 high schools that play football would be put into the eight classes as they are now under the present format.
2. An eight game regular season would be played, with points accumulated the same as the present play off format.
3. After the eighth game, the top eight schools in each region would be paired. This should put all the schools with "good" records into the playoffs. Schools that didn't make the playoffs could schedule a ninth game if they desired.
4. The gate receipts for the first round of the playoffs would be divided among the two schools playing. After the first round the present format would be used to divide the gate receipts.

Plan B Format

8 Game Regular Season
 Districts 9th Date
 Regional 10th Date
 Quarter 11th Date
 Semi 12th Date
 Final 13th Date

Both plans could be easily implemented without a lot of change by the M.H.S.A.A. If you have feelings about either proposal, contact your regional director, so that he can express your opinions at our summer meeting. The M.H.S.F.C.A. would like to involve as many schools as possible in the playoffs, and these two plans are a way of achieving that. Let us know how you feel.

LETTERS

Thank You

Dear Don & Clinic Committee,
 Just wanted to say thanks for all the time and effort you put into running our clinics. Your results are greatly appreciated. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
 Phil Booth
 Lansing Catholic Central

All Star Thanks

Just a short note to thank you and the entire MHSFCA crew for the hospitality during the 1991 All Star Game. For various reasons I have not been in attendance since I participated in the original in 1981. One again, Great Effort!

Regards,
 Kevin Egnatuk

Hall of Fame

Much has already been said about the idea to honor the original MHSFCA board of directors with a re-induction banquet on the tenth anniversary of the Hall of Fame, and now that it has happened I would like to express the gratitude of the Cvengros family for including us in the proceedings. Having attended the banquet in the past to support friends who were being inducted, I was familiar with the class the organization brought to the affair. Being honored by the organization reinforced that feeling.

It was especially heartwarming to socialize with friends on Friday night at the Schembechler Building. What a tremendous idea! We were all gratified by the experience. The warmth and friendliness of the present officers and planners including Tom Fagan and Bob Knight, made it evident that this was a "labor of love." We could feel that throughout the weekend. Please convey our thanks to the appropriate persons. I look forward to a continuing relationship with the organization.

Sincerely,
 Jerry Cvengros
 MHSAA Associate Director

Statement to be Read at all Football Rules Meetings Preceding the 1992 Season

Safety a Top Priority

From Jerry Cvengros, Michigan High School Athletic Association

In 1991 over one and one-half million students competed in junior and senior high school football throughout the entire country. There were three deaths nationally that were directly associated with traumatic football injuries, the second lowest total in thirty-seven years. Of 28 catastrophic injuries in the 1990-91 school year, twenty were recorded nationally in football. None occurred in Michigan again in 1991.

It is a tribute to both coaches and officials in Michigan football that we are successful in providing a safe environment for the students of our schools. Safety is a prime responsibility for all of us, but pride alone is not enough to continue in our pursuit to maintain or improve our current records. We must remind ourselves to play by the rules and coach and officiate with the best interests of our participants uppermost in our minds at all times.

Membership in the various coach-

ing and officiating associations indicates your desire to reach even further in improving the game.

The following reminders have been stated in previous meetings, but we use them again for everyone involved in the great game of football:

1. Coaches should re-emphasize the sound, educational principles of interscholastic sports, particularly sportsmanship, to enhance the safety of the student-athlete.
2. Coaches should conduct pre-season and in-season safety clinics for players.
3. Coaches clinics should include sessions on sports medicine and safety.
4. Coaches should enforce existing rules and support officials calling the infractions as they are explained in the rules.
5. Officials must stress responsibility for the safety of participants and strict enforcement of the rules.
6. Coaches and officials must be aware of the high-risk areas in all football games: the areas of kickoffs, punts, and open-field collisions.

NOTE:

Coaches and officials have key roles in making the game as safe as possible. As representatives of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association we enthusiastically join forces with the MHSAA in pursuit of making the game free from serious injury.

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