

# Michigan High School Football Coaches Association NEWSLETTER



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## Hall of Fame in 14th Year



Featured Hall of Fame speaker, University of Michigan Offensive Coordinator Fred Jackson, 1996 Inductee Raymond Page, and Hall of Fame host, University of Michigan Head Coach Lloyd Carr.

**T**he Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame opened officially on April 16, 1982. The Hall of Fame is currently 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, Tom Fagan 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

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**MHSFCA Leadership Conference**  
August 2 - 3, 1996, M.S.U. East Lansing

**All Star Football Game**  
August 3, 1996, Spartan Stadium

## Membership Report

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*Michigan High School  
Football Coaches  
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**Terry Rose Memorial Scholarship**

Mike Wojda, Hillman

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State Representative, Kirk Profit

**MHSFCA  
Meetings &  
Important Dates**

**Board of Directors Summer Meeting**

Harley Hotel, East Lansing

August 1, 1996

**Leadership Conference**

Holden Hall, M.S.U.

August 2-3, 1996

**All Star Awards Banquet**

Lansing Center, Lansing

August 2, 1996

**All Star Football Game**

Spartan Stadium, M.S.U.

August 3, 1996

**Board of Directors Fall Meeting**

Doherty Hotel, Clare

December 6, 1996



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## NEWSLETTER

### Encourages Contributors

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

*Next Deadline for Submissions  
for October Newsletter  
— September 20 —*

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# All Star LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 1996

Michigan State University • August 2 - 3, 1996

## MHSFCA Members We Need Your Help!

August 2-3, 1996, the M.H.S.F.C.A. will be presenting their Annual Leadership Conference at Michigan State University.

This conference involves young men and women from all over the state. This year we expect about 300 students to attend. We need mature, responsible couples to serve as chaperones. The period of time we would need you is from Friday afternoon August 2, to Saturday, about noon, August 3. This would include spending the night on Friday. We will provide your room and meals at Holden Hall at M.S.U.

This is your chance to help the football coaches association and the young people taking part in our leadership conference.

If you would consider helping out as a chaperone or have any questions please contact me.

Coach Loren Willey, Box 2, 541 Clarion St., Clio MI 48420

(810) 686-4564

### Your Input is Requested

The All Star Leadership Conference is a hands-on, practical, problem-solving two day workshop. We will be calling on coaches, who have demonstrated their success in leadership strategies, for their help.

Our problem-solving session will be Saturday morning and our hope is

that this becomes a swap shop of ideas between the participants and coaches.

This is your chance to help us in development of strategies for the leadership portion of the 1995 Leadership Conference. Please answer the following questions and return to me. (Loren Willey, address above)

Questions: ..... Clip here, Photo copy, or make Facsimile .....

1. What problems would you most like discussed in this session? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Would you be interested in serving on the panel of coaches for this session?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1997 All Star Coaches

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Saginaw Arthur Hill

## Safety and Sportsmanship

From Jerry Cvengros, MHSAA

*This is the message that will be read at the 1996 Football Rules meetings this fall*

### Safety

**R**esearch conducted by Dr. Frederick O. Mueller of the University of North Carolina indicates that in 1995 there were four direct fatalities and seven indirect fatalities as a result of participation in high school football. This news follows the 1994 record when there were *no* direct fatalities attributed to football participation. In 1995 all four direct fatalities occurred in regular season games as a result of injuries to the head. Of the seven indirect fatalities five were heat related, one related to an asthma attack and one to lightning. The heat related deaths are a major concern since there have not been this many since 1972. There were no deaths in Michigan in 1995.

*It is important that all coaches involved with football be aware that safety of participants is a primary concern. Specific recommendations for 1996 include the following:*

1. Emphasize proper, gradual and complete physical conditioning. Particular emphasis should be placed on neck strengthening exercises.
2. Be aware of the problems and safety measures related to physical activity in hot weather.
3. Each school should strive to have a team trainer who is adequately prepared and qualified, and schools should maintain close relations with physicians.
4. There should be strict enforcement of game rules and administrative regulations should be enforced to protect the health of the athlete. Game officials *must* be supported by coaches in their conduct of the athletic contest.
5. Coaches should continue to teach and emphasize the proper fundamentals of blocking and tackling. *Keep the head out of football!*
6. Strict enforcement of the rules of the game by both coaches and officials will help reduce serious injuries.

### Sportsmanship

This year's points of emphasis will include an appeal to a renewed sense of sportsmanship at all levels of competition. Sportsmanship may be the most important educational consequence of competition and in 1995 there were far too many examples of bad sportsmanship and violent acts at high school athletic events. The issues were and are not confined to football, but it is important that the game of football and its participants lead the way and become the example we expect our young athletes to follow.

In far too many cases, athletes are influenced negatively by what they see and hear through professional sports and in some cases at the collegiate level. We must continue to emphasize that there is more to competition than winning and losing and that athletes, coaches and officials are all necessary to the success of athletic competition. Officials and coaches must enforce the rules and regulations of the game and players must understand the consequences of their actions.

*Together, all of us can promote our game as the safest, most sportsmanlike competition and worthy of placement in this nation's educational curricula.*

## Letters

### Hall of Fame Banquet

Thank you for your participation in the MHSFCA Hall of Fame Banquet on March 16, 1996. Induction to the Hall of Fame was a great honor for me. Your presence at the banquet helped to make this very special night one that I will always cherish.

Thanks for the memory.  
Sincerely,  
Pat West

### Assistant Coaches Awards

I would like to thank you for honoring me as one of your 1995 Assistant Coaches of the year. It is a great honor and I am pleased to have been selected.

Coaching in the Middle School has been part of my life for twenty-seven years. As a head coach at the Middle School and as an assistant in Walled Lake Centrals' football program, it has been my pleasure to coach and instruct a number of players in the Walled Lake School district. The rewards have been many over the years and this honor is especially thoughtful.

Sincerely,  
Thomas R. Kopp

## Game Needed

1st Date Capac (C) 1996

Contact:

Maureen Kloke  
Athletic Director  
541 N. Glassford Street  
Capac, Michigan 48014

(313) 395-4321

## 1996 Hall of Fame Banquet

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the Hall of Fame. Schools may become members and have their names placed on the map by sending a check to: Don Lessner, Executive Secretary, MHSFCA Hall of Fame, 2903 Riverside, Trenton, Michigan 48183.

First inductees in 1982 were the original Board of Directors of the MHSFCA: Roy Allen, Paul Baldwin, Jim Bates, John Blackstock, Bud Breed, Dick Comar, Jerry Cvangros, Dave Driscoll, Elmer Engle, Ken Foust, 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 324 members of the MHSFCA Hall of Fame with 22 new members inducted in 1996. 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, Jeff Smith, 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 historians Dick Kishpaugh and Ron Pesh also contribute to maintain the Hall of Fame.

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

### Hall of Fame Featured Speaker Fred Jackson

**J**oining the ranks Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian, Duffy Daugherty, Bud Wilkinson, Bo Schembechler, Gary Mohler, Herb Deromedi, Don Canham and Lloyd Carr, notable past Hall of Fame speakers, Fred Jackson, The University of Michigan's Offensive Coordinator and Backfield Coach was the featured speaker at the 14th Hall of Fame Banquet on March 16, 1996.

In his fourth season as a member of the Michigan coaching staff, his first as offensive coordinator along with handling the offensive backfield, Jackson started his coaching career at Flint Southwestern High School where he coached Wolverine star Rick Leach. Jackson, who was head track coach and assistant football coach at the start of his high school career, coached a



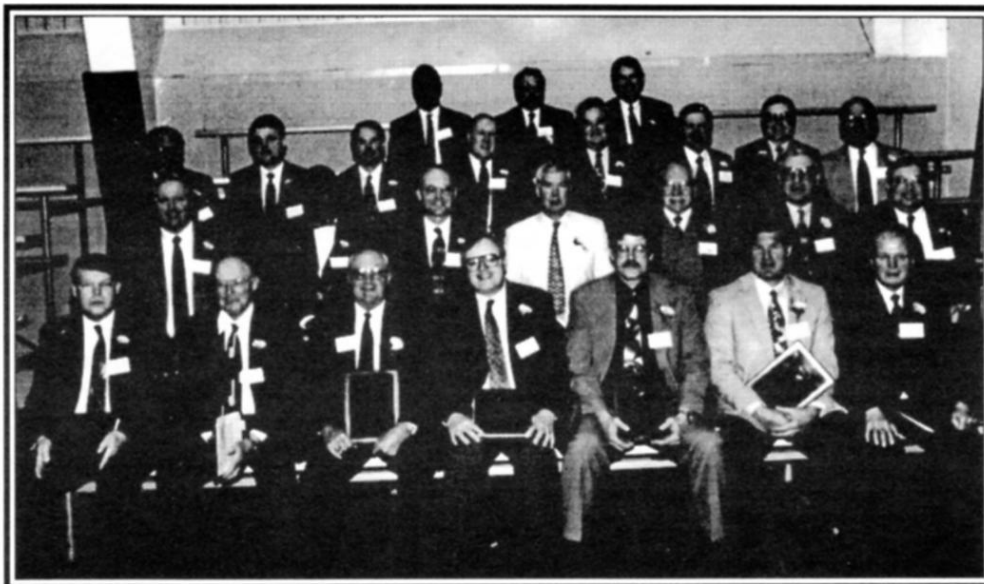
Bill Apisa, Clintondale, receives the plaque naming him a member of the MHSFCA Hall of Fame from 2nd-Vice President, Jack Schgars (Muskegon Oakridge).



### Future Hall of Fame Building

A 1994 architect's rendering of a building design that may one day house the MHSFCA Hall of Fame.

pair of state championship track teams (1975 and 1977). He was Coach of the Year in 1977. He started his college coaching career as an assistant at Toledo (1979-81) under Chuck Stobart and went to Wisconsin (1982-86) under Dave McClain. He was quarterbacks and receivers coach at both places and also served as offensive coordinator. Jackson has also coached at Navy (1987), South Carolina (1988), Purdue (1989-90) and Vanderbilt (1991) before accepting his position at Michigan.

**Jim Ahern***Ithaca*

Jim Ahern 28 years of coaching; Kalamazoo Hackett, North Branch, Gobles, Ithaca. Record: 140 wins, 116 losses, 9 ties. Regional Coach of the year five times. Many area Coach of the Year Awards.

**Mitch Filip***Hamtramck*

Mitch Filip 20 years of coaching; Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, Hamtramck. Record: 109 wins, 57 losses. Twin Valley Conference Champs four years, Metro Conference Champs in 1976. Retired from coaching.

**Tim Klein***Roscommon*

Tim Klein 25 years of coaching; Portage Central, Frankfort, Roscommon. Record: 144 wins, 37 losses. Regional Coach of the Year 10 times; State Coach of the Year 4 times; All Star Football Coach in 1988; MHSFCA Board of Directors for 13 years. Presently coaching at Roscommon High School.

**William Apisa***Clintondale*

William T. Apisa 28 years of coaching; Kam High School, Hawaii, University of Hawaii, Clintondale Middle School and Clintondale High School. Record 152 wins, 111 losses. Bi-County Coach of the Year 1984 and 1985, MHSFCA Regional Coach of the Year 1986, 1991; MAC Coach of the Year 1990, 1991, 1995; Clintondale schools Coach of the Year 1991. Presently coaching at Clintondale.

**Chuck Gordon***Westland John Glenn*

Chuck Gordon 24 years of coaching; Blissfield, Westland John Glenn. Record: 166 wins, 55 losses. MHSFCA Regional Coach of the Year eight times. Detroit News Class A Coach of the Year 1993. Presently coaching at Westland John Glenn.

**Larry Ledlow***Schoolcraft*

Larry Ledlow 22 years of coaching; Portage Northern, Schoolcraft. Record: 184 wins, 44 losses. Regional Coach of the Year many times, State Coach of the Year 1988 (Class D State Champions) and 1989 (Class C State Champions), AP Coach of the Year, 1987. Presently coaching at Schoolcraft High School.

**Ben Armstrong***Marshall*

Ben Armstrong 27 years of coaching at Marshall High School. Record: 152 wins, 67 losses, 2 ties. Assistant Varsity Coach of the Year, 1991. Presently coaching at Marshall High School

**John (Jack) Heglund***Hart*

John (Jack) Heglund 29 years of coaching; Hart. Record: 99 wins, 123 losses. Assistant Coach of the Year 1991. West Michigan Conference Ken Niemeyer Coaching Award 1992. Presently coaching at Hart High School.

**Richard L. Moffit***Corunna*

Richard Moffit 29 years of coaching; Corunna. Record: 177 wins, 82 losses. Regional Coach of the Year 1981. Presently coaching at Corunna High School.

**Ron Eichbauer***Trenton*

Ron Eichbauer 30 years of coaching; Our Lady of Lourdes, Shafer High School, Allen Park and Trenton High Schools. Record: 115 wins, 47 losses, 6 ties. University of South Dakota Hall of Fame, City of Trenton Hall of Fame, City of Allen Park Hall of Fame. Retired from coaching in 1994.

**James Jarvey***Plymouth Salem*

James Jarvey 28 years of coaching; Clarenceville, Canton, Salem. Record: 140 wins, 104 losses. MHSFCA Assistant Coach of the Year 1985, Coach in All Star Game 1992. Presently Coaching at Plymouth Salem High School.

**Raymond Page***Middleville*

Raymond Page 24 years of coaching at Thornapple Kellogg. Record: 159 wins, 60 losses. Member of Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame. Retired from coaching in 1993.

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### Steven Piersma

*Zeeland*

Steven Piersma 28 years of coaching; Zeeland. Record: 153 wins, 86 losses. MHSFCA Assistant Coach of the Year in 1992. Presently coaching at Zeeland High School.

### Tom Reed

*Alma*

Tom Reed 28 years of coaching; Alma. Record: 127 wins, 98 losses. 1986 Class B Regional Coach of the Year, 1986 Class B Gratiot/Isabella County Coach of the Year, most career wins at Alma, Playoffs in 1986. Record: 1 and 1. Retired from coaching in 1992.

### James Reynolds

*Martin Luther King*

James Reynolds 28 years of coaching; Detroit Pershing, Detroit Central, Detroit Mackenzie, Detroit Martin Luther King. Record: 174 wins, 78 losses. Detroit Public School Coach of the Year 1988, 1989, 1990. M.H.S.F.C.A. Regional Coach of the Year 1989, 1990, 1991. Operation Friendship Coach of the Year 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992. Assistant All Star coach 1988. Redford High Community Achievement Award. Mackenzie High School Community Achievement Award. King High School Men's Club Community Achievement Award. Booker T. Washington Business Association Community Achievement Award. MHSFCA Class A Coach of the Year. Detroit News and Detroit Free Press Coach of the Year. Presently, coaching at Detroit Martin Luther King High School.

### Bob Royer

*Portage Central*

28 years of coaching; Portage Central Junior and Senior High Schools. Record: 170 wins, 67 losses, 5 ties. 1986 MHSFCA Assistant Coach of the Year. Presently, coaching at Portage Central High School.

### Bob Scheloske

*South Lyon*

Bob Scheloske 25 years of coaching high school football, 4 years of college. Ypsilanti St. John, Southgate Aquinas, Battle Creek Pennfield, South Lyon, Michigan Technological Institute. Record: 173 wins, 85 losses. MHSFCA Class A Coach of the Year 1985, MHSFCA Regional Coach of the Year 1987, 1991, 1992, 1995. Detroit Free Press and Detroit News Metro West Coach of the Year 1995. Presently, coaching at South Lyon High School.

### Jim Sullivan

*Flint Powers*

Jim Sullivan 30 years of coaching; Flint Powers, Flint St. John Vianney. Record: 162 wins, 66 losses, 10 ties. 1984 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year Award. Presently, coaching at Flint Powers.

### Pat West

*White Pigeon*

Pat West 27 years of coaching; Greenville, Litchfield, White Pigeon. Record: 168 wins, 74 losses. Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Assistant

Coach of the Year : 1988. Recognition of contributions to St. Joseph Valley League. Retired from coaching 1994.

### Ron Wetherbee

*Holland West Ottawa*

Ron Wetherbee 34 years of coaching; Coopersville High School, Holland West Ottawa High School. Record: 42 wins, 57 losses, 4 ties. (Records from 1976 to present not available). Area Coach of the Year, Michigan High School Coaches Association Service Award. Presently, coaching at West Ottawa.

### John Witkowski

*Farmington Harrison*

John Witkowski 27 years of coaching; Farmington Junior High, Warner Junior High, Farmington Harrison. Record: 236 wins, 62 losses, 4 ties. Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year 1986. Two Western Lakes J.V. Championships, 1994 Bronze Star Recognition Award. Governors Council on Physical Fitness. Health and Sports in Michigan. Seven state championships as part of the Farmington Harrison staff. Presently, coaching at Farmington Harrison.

### Dennis Zbozen

*Romeo*

Dennis Zbozen 30 years of coaching; Hamtramck High School, Warren Woods. Record: 185 wins, 79 losses. Coach of the Year in 1978, Regional Coach of the Year four times, Macomb County Coach of the Year three times. Retired from coaching in 1994.

## Hall of Fame Coaches

**W**ith the induction in 1982 of its founding Board of Directors, the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association initiated its Hall of Fame. To qualify for the Hall of Fame a coach must have either 20 years of high school football coaching in Michigan or have recorded 100 high school victories.

Under the direction of its first and only chair, MHSFCA Past President Tom Fagan, the Hall of Fame Banquet has thrived. The annual awards banquet is one of the most prestigious events in the State of Michigan.

The 25 inductees of the "Class of 1995 raise the total

membership in the MHSFCA Hall of Fame to 325 of Michigan's greatest high school coaches.

\*Coaches are listed alphabetically followed by the school they were most recently associated with in the year of their induction (which follows the school name).

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## Ravenna Dogs' Football Athletic Nutrition Guidelines



The following is a nutritional guideline used by Dusty Fairfield and his staff at Ravenna High School. A copy is given to all Ravenna football players in the pre-season. Each player is asked to take it home to his parents to post on the family "fridge."

### 24 Hours Before a Contest

The 24 hours prior to a game provide a final opportunity to fine-tune your engine. Good nutrition alone is not enough to produce a winner, but poor nutrition may be enough to keep you from being a winner.

*So, plan ahead. Eat smart the night before the contest.*

1. Concentrate on sources of complex carbohydrates for dinner the night before. Avoid meats, cheeses, and fried foods. They are not good sources of energy.
2. Recommended sources of complex carbohydrates: breads, cereals, pasta, spaghetti, bagels, waffles, pancakes, and French toast.
3. Drink plenty of fluids the night before and the morning of the game. Adequate supplies of water fight fatigue and promote recovery.

### Day of a Contest

1. Afternoon contests require a light breakfast. Evening contests require a normal breakfast and a light lunch.

2. The purpose of the pre-game meal is to take the edge off your hunger. It should not be used as a source of the energy needed for the contest.
3. Avoid fatty, fried, spicy, or bulky foods. These may produce discomfort during the game.
4. Prepare for a lengthy contest by drinking a lot of fluids throughout the day.
5. Avoid large amounts of sugar two hours before a game.

### Questions

What about extra salt? Not necessary unless you have been indulging in repeated days of maximal exercise in the heat.

Can you drink ice water during exercise? Yes!

What about a sports drink? Okay, if you want to!

What about drinking milk before a game? Fine, for most athletes, since milk is at least 97% water.



## 1996 East All Star Coaches

### Head Coach Bob Schroeder • Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley High School

Bob Schroeder is a graduate of St. Phillip High School in Detroit. He attended Wayne State University where he played four years of football and was captain of the 1965 team. He graduated in 1966 with a B.S. in Health and Physical Education. (M.ED. 1974) His 30 year coaching tenure began in the Fall of 1966 at Wayne State under Head Coach Vern Gale to whom

he attributes much of his love for the game.

In 1974 he joined Russ Hepner and Jon Rice at Grosse Pointe South in what proved to be a very successful 17 years. Their teams won eight championships, finished second eight seasons with one third place in an eight team league. In 1989 Bob became Head Coach at Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township.

Two playoff appearances in the seven years at Chippewa have been a highlight for Bob bringing his High School Career total to 138 won and 68 lost.

Bob and his wife Carol have been married for 30 years and currently reside in St. Clair Shores. They have three children Pam 29, Jeff 27 and Jill 25.



### Assistant Coach Jim Venia • Marysville High School

Coach Venia will be starting his 28th year of football at Marysville High School this fall where he has been the Defensive Coordinator since 1980. Coach Venia graduated from Port Huron Catholic Central High School in 1966, where he played for Hall of Fame Coach Dave Woodcock, who is presently at Jenison. Ironically, Port Huron Catholic and Marysville were bitter rivals when Coach Venia served as Port Huron Catholic's captain and leading tackler in 1965.

Coach Venia knew when he was in grade school that he wanted to be a coach, especially in football. Coach Venia graduated from Michigan State University in 1970. While at M.S.U., he studied football theory classes from the staff of Coach Duffy Daugherty. Coach Venia majored in Physical Education and Physical Science at M.S.U. and did his Masters work in Education Leadership at Wayne State University.

Coach Venia has twice been named a M.H.S.F.C.A. Assistant Coach of the Year and is the only assistant coach to be named the St. Clair Area League's "Coach of the Year" in 1983 when his defense shut-out the entire league. Coach Venia has been in two Class B State Championship victories in football (1986 and 1992) and his Girls' Softball team was State Champs in 1983 and State Runner-ups in 1992.

Coach Venia is married, he and his lovely wife and best friend, Denise have three children: daughters Jamie (10) and Chelsey (8) and son Roger (9), who are all active in athletics. There isn't much idle time in this family.



### Assistant Coach Keith Stephens • Oak Park High School

Coach Stephens is a graduate of Ferndale High School where he played offensive tackle. He continued his playing career at North Carolina A & T University where he was named all conference.

Coach Stephens has been actively involved in sports for twenty six years. He began his coaching career while still in high school. He coached little league football, baseball, softball and basketball. As President of the Recreation Commission in his community Keith supervised intramural sports activities for the Parks and Recreation Department.

In 1974 Coach Stephens was the freshman coach at Oak Park High. In 1993 he left his assistant varsity coaching position for the varsity offensive line and defensive coordinator position at Southfield High School. In 1994 Keith returned to Oak Park as the head football coach.

Coach Stephens is proud having had forty All League players, six All Star participants and placing over forty percent of his seniors in college. His high school career record is 84-41.

Keith thanked former athletic director, Howard Stone, for "believing in my ability and hiring me as head football coach at Oak Park High School." He also thanked the current administration at O.P.H.S. for their continued support and expressed his gratitude for the, "patience and understanding of my wife."

Keith and his wife, Donna, have been married for six years. They reside in Pontiac with their children: Darrin, 5; Eiyasha, 2; Lakeisha 18; Earold, 13; Marquita, 12; and Emmanuel, 11.



### Assistant Coach Michael McCollum • Royal Oak Shrine High School

No Information Available

### Assistant Coach Michael Carr • Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley High School

No Information Available

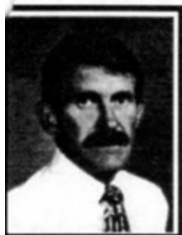
### 1st Assistant Coach John Goddard • Royal Oak Shrine High School

No Information Available

# 1996 West All Star Coaches



## Head Coach John Blankenship • Frankenmuth High School



Coach Blankenship enters his 28th football season this fall. He has been a head coach for twenty-three years. The 1996 season will be his fifth year at Frankenmuth High School. During the past four years the Eagles have compiled a record of 31-9. John's career record is 168-63-4 and 139-55-4 as a head coach.

Coach Blankenship began his coaching career at Houghton Lake High School in 1969 after graduation from Ferris State. After five years as an assistant he moved to Calumet High School as head coach. In 1977 he accepted the position of head coach at Millington High School. One year later he moved back to Houghton Lake where he coached and taught math for fourteen years prior to going to Frankenmuth.

John and his wife Lucy have three children: Shannon (25), a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University, is employed with Farm Bureau Insurance; David (22), is a student in electronic engineering in Chicago; Niki (17) will enter her senior year at Frankenmuth this year.

## Assistant Coach Tom Cutler • Marion High School



Tom Cutler concluded his coaching career in 1993 at Marion High School. He was the head coach of the Eagles for eleven years. He was also the head football coach at Hesperia High School for five years, from 1971 to 1975. Previous to that he served as the junior varsity coach at Muskegon Oakridge High School.

Tom's head coaching record is 113-37-4. It includes six conference championships, five playoff teams, three regional championships, and a State Championship in 1990.

Tom has been honored by the MHSFCA eight times as Regional Coach of the Year and as State Class DD Coach of the Year in 1990.

Tom has been married to Lynda for 32 years. They are the parents of three children and the proud grandparents of Samantha and Cort Musolf. Betsy, a journalist (married to Cort Musolf on the same day as the 1990 State Championship game); Tom (who played in the 1987 All Star Game), a teacher and head football coach at Holton High School; and Joel (a captain of the 1990 State Champions), now a deputy sheriff.

## Assistant Coach Harry Weston • Frankenmuth High School



Coach Harry Weston graduated from Lapeer High School in 1968, where he played football and baseball. Continuing his education at Michigan State University, Weston graduated in 1973 with a bachelor of Arts degrees in history and political science.

Harry began his teaching and coaching career at Frankenmuth High School in the fall of 1975. Early in his tenure at Frankenmuth, Coach Weston served as a freshman football coach and as the head coach of the girls' varsity softball team for four seasons. Since 1980, Harry has been the defensive coordinator for the varsity football team. Coach Weston's teams have compiled a 118 win - 39 loss record, which includes six conference championships, seven playoff appearances, three Regional Championships and four undefeated regular seasons.

In 1993, Harry was honored as an Assistant Coach of the Year by the MHSFCA. Coach Weston said, "I feel very fortunate to have been a part of a great football program at Frankenmuth High School and to have had the pleasure of working with three outstanding head coaches: Roger "Budd" Tompkins, Ralph Munger and current Head Coach John Blankenship."

Harry and his wife of twenty years, Molly, reside in Frankenmuth. They have two children, Virginia (18), a student at Alma College; and Pete (14), a freshman football player at Frankenmuth. Coach Weston credited his continued participation in coaching to the tremendous support and understanding from his family, "without which none of the accomplishments mentioned above would have been possible."

## 1st Assistant Coach Al Slamer • Battle Creek Central High School



Al Slamer is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne, Michigan. Al played football basketball and baseball at Wayne Memorial and graduated in 1974. Coach Slamer attended Eastern Michigan University on a football scholarship where he was a four year starter and captain of a record setting 1977 EMU football team. After a brief stint in the Canadian Football League, Al started his coaching career as a junior high football coach. After one year of teaching in Waterloo, Indiana, he moved to Battle Creek, Michigan where he served as assistant football coach for seven years. Al became the head football coach at Battle Creek Central in 1987. Coach Slamer begins his tenth year as head coach at Battle Creek central and his 18th year in coaching this fall.

Al Slamer is second in all-time wins in the 103 year history of Battle Creek Central Football. He was honored as the *Detroit News* Class A Coach of the Year in 1991. Coach Slamer has been an assistant track coach for 15 years and has also coached junior high basketball.

Al and his wife Maureen, who is an elementary school teacher in neighboring Harper Creek, have been married for 17 years and have ten year old twin daughters, Kristin and Sarah.

## Assistant Coach Doug Throop • Grandville High School



Coach Doug Throop is a 1967 graduate of Vestaburg High School where he earned 16 varsity letters. He received a B.S. degree from Ferris State University where he lettered three years in football.

Doug began his high school coaching career in 1972 at Albion High School. His coaching stops include Clio High School-1973 to 1976, McBain High School - Head Coach 1977 to 1984, and Grandville High School - 1985 to present. Doug was named MHSFCA Regional Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1990, and UPI Class A Coach of the Year in 1990. Coach Throop expressed his appreciation to his assistant coaches over the years. He is especially proud of his former players who are now coaching.

Doug and his wife of 25 years, Helen, have two daughters: Kelly 22 and Jenny 19. Doug said, "A highlight of my life was when when Kelly and Jenny were both varsity cheerleaders on Grandville's sideline."

## Assistant Coach Doug Bess • Battle Creek Central High School



Doug's coaching started in 1979 in Battle Creek where he was a junior high football coach and head wrestling coach at Springfield High School for two years. Doug then moved to Houston, Texas where he continued his coaching as both a middle school and high school coach of football, basketball and baseball for five years. Coaching in the Texas High School playoffs in the Astrodome is one of the highlights of his experience in Texas. Upon returning to Michigan in 1986, Doug coached varsity football and baseball for Springfield High School for one year before joining Coach Slamer at B.C.C. He spent the next eight years as head J.V. coach where his teams compiled a 57-15 record including two league titles and two undefeated seasons. This past season Coach Bess moved to the varsity team as the Offensive Coordinator.

Doug credits his continued participation in coaching to the support of his wife of nearly 18 years, Linda. Doug and Linda reside in Battle Creek and have two sons. Michael is a 13 year old eighth grader and Casey is a ten year old fifth grader.

## Holt Wins



## Good Sports Are Winners! Award



Holt High School, runner-up in the 1996 Michigan High School Athletic Association Class AA Football Playoffs, was selected as the recipient of the Good Sports Are Winners! award from the MHSAA and True Value Hardware Stores of Michigan from the 16 schools at the finals. November 24-25, at the Pontiac Silverdome. The award was presented at the school on February 16, prior to a varsity boys basketball game against Grand Ledge, with Holt High School receiving a crystal trophy, commemorative banner and \$1,000 donation from True Value Hardware Stores of Michigan. Participating in the ceremony were: MHSAA

Associate Director Jerry Cvengros, team captain Doug Birch, Assistant Principal Dan Plunkett, Athletic Director Del Corey, Assistant Football Coach Fred Ford, and Gerald Fuller of Jeny's True Value Hardware in Eaton Rapids. The award was given to Holt based on the sportsmanlike behavior displayed by the team, its coaches and spectators on and off the field at the 1995 MHSAA Football Playoff Finals. Football is one of ten sports in which True Value Hardware is sponsoring sportsmanship awards at the district, regional and final levels of tournament play. All final round winners receive the symbolic crystal trophy,

commemorative banner and \$1,000 cash donation. True Value Hardware has over 300 locations in Michigan, and is in its seventh year as the exclusive hardware partner of MHSAA championships and the Good Sports Are Winners! program. (Photo by Mark Todd, Charlotte, Mich.)

## Musings on the Wing - T

(a little laughter is good for the digestion)

by Bob Burcaw, Olivet

**A**fter leaving the MHSFCA clinic in Battle Creek I, an old line coach who's been hit in the head a few too many times, contemplated the interest in the Wing - T expressed at the clinic. I thought others might enjoy some of those musings.

Do any of you remember that hockey has never been a commercial success on TV because nobody can find the puck? (Hint-Wing-T football). Have you ever walked through stands during a game that features a Wing-T team? "Whose got the ball?" "How come only one team gets the ball for a whole half?" "Why do all those guys wear forearm pads and white sweat bands on their wrists?"

Heck, we're a Veer team. Our quarterback sticks the ball out with both hands where everybody can see it. We even give the defense a chance to take a handoff once in a while. We've actually had a quarterback with a sore arm from throwing the ball. Our fans can really get after our coach, they know whose got the ball.

Did you notice that nobody talked, in public, about how to stop the darn thing? The last time we played a Wing-T team we only saw the ball on the kickoff. Irv Sigler is considering changing Belding's colors to LEATHER and WHITE. There's been a proposal to allow teams who play against the Wing T to have 12 players on defense. (We tried that, they scored anyway.)



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## Placement Service

By Bret Foerster, McBain  
Placement Chair

The MHSFCA sponsors a placement service for its members and football sponsoring schools. A placement bulletin is mailed to all interested coaches from January until June each year (see form on inside back page of Newsletter).

It is, however, a two-way street. If you know of coaching and/or teaching openings in your school or area, please let us know (use second form on inside back page of Newsletter).

We are particularly interested in coaching/teaching positions, as most of our Bulletin subscribers are interested in dual openings rather than "coaching only" vacancies.

From the MHSCA's Executive Vice President, Jack Johnson

## MHSCA/Gatorade 15 and 25 Year Coaching Service Award Certificates

### General Requirements

- Must have distinguished himself/herself with good coaching ethics and promoted good sportsmanship in their coaching
- May use up to ten years coaching outside Michigan
- May use years as an assistant as well as years as a head coach
- May combine sports coached but may not count more than one sport any school year
- May use years at the varsity, junior varsity, or junior high/middle school level
- May apply for certificate in more than one sport if you qualify for 15 or 25 years in each sport

### Specific requirements

- To receive a 15 year certificate, must have been a coach in a particular sport for 15 school years
- To receive a 25 year certificate, must have been a coach in a particular sport for 25 school years

### Procedure for receiving certificate

- Complete the application form and mail to:  
Mr. Jack Johnson, Executive Director  
MHSCA  
35445 Hathaway  
Livonia, MI 48150-2513

- Completed certificates will be sent to the President of your sport's association for his/her signature
- Presentations of the certificates will then be made by your association at a time and place determined by them.

### MHSCA Application for

☐ 15 or ☐ 25 Year Coaching Award (✓ one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Coaching (List Sport, Level, Years)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_

AD or Principal Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Coaching Award Program sponsored by Gatorade – The Official Thirst Quencher of MHSCA and in cooperation with MHSCA*

### PLACEMENT BULLETIN JOBS AVAILABLE INFORMATION

#### Return to:

Bret Foerster  
10592 W. Stoney Corners  
McBain, MI 49657

*If you would like to receive the MHSFCA Placement Bulletin twice monthly from January-June please return the form below.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### PLACEMENT BULLETIN VACANCY NOTIFICATION FORM

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McBain, MI 49657

*If you have an opening on your staff please fill in the following form and return*  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Position(s) Available \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact \_\_\_\_\_

Send (resume, credentials, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for Application \_\_\_\_\_

# Leadership Conference

Coaches by now you should have received a package of flyers for the MHSFCA Leadership Conference taking place **August 2 - 3** on campus at Michigan State. It is very important that you distribute those flyers to:

## Your Team Members and Captains

This conference is a winner! Under the direction of Loren Willey, and Gaspar Giarmo the 1995 Conference was a great success. It is an extremely worthwhile event... make your student leaders aware of its availability!

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- ☐ Athletic Director

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FOOTBALL COACHES' ASSOCIATION**  
Don Lessner, Executive Director  
Riverview High School  
Riverview, Michigan 48192



## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

**Send to:** Mr. Jim Clawson  
Membership Chairman  
21681 Thorofare  
Grosse Ile, MI 48138  
*Lifetime Membership Fee \$50*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Where Last Coached \_\_\_\_\_

Year Retired from Coaching \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years Football Coaching \_\_\_\_\_

### Qualifications

1. Have coached football for twenty years on any level.
2. Have previously been a MHSFCA Member.
3. Have retired from coaching.
4. Pay a onetime fee of \$50

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 1996-97



**Send to:** Mr. Jim Clawson  
Membership Chairman  
21681 Thorofare  
Grosse Ile, MI 48138

☐ JOINT MHSFCA/MHSCA/NHSACA (\$10) ☐ NOT COACHING ANYMORE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Total Years Coaching \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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