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# ALL STAR FOOTBALL A REALITY

On August 8, 1981, the first Michigan High School All Star Football Game was played at Michigan State University. The game was extremely well played by two evenly matched teams. The East won 6 - 8 on a 79 yard TD pass from Steve Coulter to Todd Stoner with only 1:13 left to play.

Both teams and coaching staffs are to be commended for the tremendous game. Even a second quarter downpour of rain could not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd or the great play.

It was very rewarding to see the quality of players selected for the game. Not only were they outstanding athletes, but they were fine young men who never caused any problems for the nine days they were on the M.S.U. campus.

All Star games can often be dull and lack-luster. If the first All Star was any indication, we can look forward to many exciting contests. The All Star players had a busy schedule for nine days and they were a pleasure to be around both on and off the field. Any coach who had a player in the game should be very proud. We hope that the M.H.S.F.C.A. All Star Football Game will continue to be a big success.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL STAR GAME

Organizing an All Star Football Game is a huge task and many people were involved with the project. We sincerely thank our patrons: Reef Petroleum of Traverse City, the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Lansing, and VanDervoort's Sports. Reef Petroleum backed the game financially while Coca Cola provided a great deal of advertising especially in the Lansing area. VanDervoort's provided the uniforms for the All Star Players and we are most thankful to Mr. Marty Austin of Coke and Mr. Tom Schaberg of VanDervoort's.

Mrs. Mary Flynn was the Cheerleading Sponsor and Mr. Charles Purcell of Alma High School was the band coordinator. The cheerleaders and bands provided great enthusiasm and excitment at the game. We are indebted to Mrs. Flynn and Mr. Purcell for their many hours of work for the All Star Game.

It would be hard to express what great cooperation we had at Michigan State. Gene Kenney, Assistant Athletic Director at M.S.U., and Dave Driscoll, assistant football coach, helped us in every way. Jon Phillips made sure the field facilities were ready and Rich Church

was in charge of the scoreboard message-gram. Mr. and Mrs. Nate Rufe headed up the All Star photography.

Without the dedicated work of George Clifford of Melville Emblems, we would not have had the tremendous publicity in the Lansing area. George was presented with an award at the All Star Banquet and it can hardly symbolize all that George has done for our Association.

Head coaches for the game were Al Fracassa of Brother Rice and Jeff Smith of East Lansing. What a great job they did. Along with ten other of the finest high school coaches in the state of Michigan, they molded two teams that provided us with a great All Star contest.

Members of our Association with special assignments were: Tom Moshimer, All Star Chairman; Deny Patzer, All Star Player and Coach Director; Bob Knight, Special Events for Players; Larry Rueger, Game Day Chairman; Curt Evans, Ticket Chairman; Bert McMahon, Sponsor Chairman.

We hope that more coaches will take and active part in helping with All Star Game.

### THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS:

- 1. All Star Football Nomination Form
- 2. Potential College Football Players Form
- 3. All Star Football Program Order Request
- 4. MHSFCA 1981-82 Membership Form.

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Todd Stoner of Temperance Bedford High School, "a real All Star"

# New Director and Alternate

Jim Watters of Alpena is the new Director for Region 14 and Mike Wojda of Hillman is the Alternate.

## Important Dates

November 27th State Football Finals at Pontiac Silverdome January 29-30, 1982 MHSFCA Football Clinic at Battle Creek

# MHSFCA Board of Directors' Meeting

The following is a list of dates for the MHSCA Board of Directors' Meetings:

December 2, 1911 - 10:00 a.m.

Clare Meeting to select State and Regional Coaches of the Year January 29, 1982

Clinic Meeting at Jackson Convention Center

## Newsletter

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## A Real Success Story

Last April, the MHSFCA selected their first All Star Football Team. The name of Todd Stoner of Bedford was mentioned, but when the voting took place, Todd was not selected. But when the All Star players were asked if they were going to participate in the game, only one of the 72 selected said they could not play. This enabled Todd to be a member of the 1981 East All Star Team. This provided a real chance for the 5'9", 155 pound receiver. And what a chance it was. Todd really impressed the East coaching staff and he was selected as the starting Split End. Receiver coach, Dave Snead of Detroit Central, nicknamed Todd "the money man" and said that "he catches everything in sight.' Besides being a starter, Todd was also named a Captain for the East squad by head coach Al Fracassa.

But this was only the start. Todd caught 3 passes in the game for 124 yards including a game winning catch of 79 yards with only 1:13 left in the game and his team down 3 - 0. What a spectacular performance for a young man that almost didn't make the team. It should also be noted that Todd is an outstanding young man with maturity beyond his age. Although Todd is small for a college receiver, he is a member of the Kenyon College Football Team.

Another young man small in stature, but big in performance is QB Bill Core of Traverse City. Maybe the smallest All Star at 5'8" and 150 pounds, Bill consistently moved the West offense with his pinpoint passing. Bill completed 8 of 12 passes for 147 yards and was a real leader on the field. One might wonder how a player of Bill's stature makes an All Star Team. But once you see this very capable young man complete, you soon find out.

### NO SILVERDOME PLAYOFF BANQUET

Due to the Banquet Room at the Silverdome being used by the Michigan High School Athletic Association between the playoff games, our Association will NOT host the luncheon as we have the last three years. Dominic Lividoti will work on having the banquet for the 1982 playoffs.

### 1981 EAST ALL STAR FOOTBALL TEAM



First row (left to right): 5 Harold Moor, Dearborn; 7 Steve Coulter, Sterling Heights Stevenson; 12 Lamar Tidwell, Ecorse; 20 Alex Clark, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 20 Steve Mazur, Bloomfield Hills Andover; 20 Rick Rogers, Wayne Memorial; 21 James Glidden, Owen-Gage; 21 Todd Stoner, Temperance Bedford; 32 Ken Granader, Birmingham Groves; 32 Mark Kuney, Auburn Heights Avondale. Second row: 33 Angelo Buttazoni, Walled Lake Western; 33 Steve Jones, Detroit Central; 33 Bruce Szczechowski, Wyandotte Mt. Carmel; 36 Jack Giarmo, Monroe Catholic Central; 40 Vern Johnson, Redford St. Mary's; 40 John Taylor, St. Clair Lakeshore; 42 Tim MacLean, Brother Rice; 44 Doug Schulte, North Farmington; 48 Bruce Jendritz, Riverview; 49 Derrick Samuels, Detroit Southwestern. Third row:

Coach David Snead, Detroit Central; 56 Tim Sutherland, Allen Park Cabrini; 64 Frank Simone, Trenton; 65 Mark Palazzo, Grosse Pointe North; 65 John Penders, Plymouth Salem; 66 Doug Ziegenbein, Birmingham Groves; 71 Vic Maraldo, Detroit de LaSalle; 72 Greg Humphries, Auburn Heights Avondale: 99 Jackie Harris, Detroit Central; 74 Kevin Watson, St. Clair; Coach Ralph Temby North Farmington. Fifth row: Coach Ron Holland, North Farmington; 76 Mike Lowman, Detroit Redford; 76 John Ghindia, Trenton; 84 Jim Scarcelli, Warren Woods; 86 Jim Dembinski, Warren Tower; 86 Ken Kaszubinski, Rochester Adams; 88 John Oleksik, Sterling Heights Stevenson; 73 Dale Boone, Westland John Glenn; Coach John Herrington, Farmington Harrison; Coach Mike Popson, Brother Rice.

### 1981 WEST ALL STAR FOOTBALL TEAM



First row (left to right): 7 Dave Valkanoff, Okemos; 8 Mike Thayer, Jackson Parkside; 9 Ted Hollern Grand Rapids Catholic Central; 10 Bill Core, Traverse City; 11 Kevin Egnatuk, East Lansing; 12 Chris Foote, Bath; 22 Mike Stimac, Munising; 22 Chris Hofer, Menominee; 25 Tom Murphy, Ann Arbor Huron; 30 Brian Hilsabeck, Powers North Central. Second row: Coach Tom Fagan, Yosilanti; 32 Derrick Tolliver, Ypsilanti Lincoln; 40 Ron Gerstner Escanaba; 40 Duane Watts, Lansing Hill; 42 Charles Harris, Albion; 44 Dan Dorgan, Dowagiac; 45 Todd Carter, Schoolcraft; 54 Gary Norton, Shepherd; 56 Jerry Derusha, Menominee; 61 Ed Hengesh, Reed City; 61 Jim Giffen, Essexville Garber. Third row:

Coach Ike Muhlenkamp, St. Joseph; 76 Mario Ferretti, North Muskegon; 66 Carl Farmer, Davison; 66 Rick Walkley, Cheboygan; 66 Al Wichiacz, Flint Powers; 66 Mike Wilkerson, East Kentwood; 71 Robert Roese, Bay City John Glenn; 74 Mance Broome, Flint Central; 74 Dave Greco, Wyoming Park; 74 Charles Harris, Olivet; 76 Glynnis Bishop, Ypsilanti; Coach Pete Schmidt, Okemos. Fourth row: 78 Steve Skalski, Jackon Lumen Christi; 78 Ron Kimmerly, St. Joseph; 81 Tony Demim, Traverse City; 82 Willie North, Flint Aimsworth; 88 Jim Riemland, St. Joseph; 89 Jim Morrisey, Flint Powers; Coach Jeff Smith, East Lansing; Coach Jack Piotter, East Lansing.

# POTENTIAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

For the fourth year we are asking all football coaches in the state of Michigan to send a list of their seniors who have the potential to play college football. The following form shoud be filled out and sent to Don Lessner, Riverview H. S., Riverview, Michigan 48192, by

November 25th. All of the names that are received will be compiled on one form and sent to the twenty colleges and universities in the state of Michigan that play football. It is the feeling that this service will aid in getting recognition for our top football players and it

should also make it easier for the college coaches to know who are our best players. Please make sure that you take time to fill out this form since it is very important for your players.

DO YOUR PART FOR YOUR PLAYERS!

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### 1981 MHSFCA ALL STAR HIGHLITES





The first All Stars to ever check in were (left to right) Chris Hofer and Jerry Derusha of Menominee High School along with Mike Stimac of Munising High School.



Mr. George Clifford of Okemos is presented with an award for his numerous hours of work in preparation for the All Star Game. Thank you George for all your help. The All Star would not have been a success without your help.



M.S.U. Head Football coach "Muddy" Waters was the guest speaker at the All Star Banquet and he talked about the M.S.U. Football Program and the responsibility that each All Star Player has "to put back into the game of football all the wonderful things that football has provided for them."



Head Coach of the East Team, Al Fracassa (second from left) proudly accepts the winner's trophy from M.S.U. Head Football Coach "Muddy" Waters (far left), All Star Chairman Tom Moshimer (second from right), and M.H.S.F.C.A. President Jim Ooley (far right).



John Herrington, Football Coach at Farmington Harrison High School, congratulates members of the East All Star Team as they are introduced.



The game's leading rusher was #33, Steve Jones, the 5'10", 175, running back from Detroit Central with dynamite speed. Steve had 101 yards on 13 carries for an impressive 7.7 average. #44 Dan Dorgan of Dowagiac is in pursuit of Steve.



West coaches Pete Schmidt of Okemos High School (left) and Jerry Hayes of Ypsilanti High School watch the action from the sideline at the All Star Game.



West Defensive Backfield Coach Ike Muhlenkamp of St. Joseph High School provides on the field instruction for his defensive backs.



Jack Giarmo of Monroe Catholic Central makes a great interception from his linebacker position to stop a first quarter West TD. Jack was Captain for the East All Stars and he led the East defense with 6 tackles.



M.H.S.F.C.A. All Star Chairman, Tom Moshimer, presents Rick Rogers of Wayne Memorial High School an All Star Plaque. Rick is now a member of the University of Michigan Football Team.



Don Lessner (left), M.H.S.F.C.A. Secretary-Treasurer, presents Ron Holland, Hall of Fame Chairman, with two footballs autographed by the First All Star Teams to be housed in our new Hall of Fame at the University of Michigan. Seated in the foreground is Mr. Bill Brooks of Wayne Memorial High School who served as the All Star Game public address announcer.



East All Star Kicker, Harold Moore, of Dearborn High School listens to a lady from Provincial House East Nursing Home.



an enthusiastic crowd intensely watches the exciting action provided by the best high school football players in the State of Michigan.



Jim Ooley, M.H.S.F.C.A. President from Traverse City High School, welcomes the large All Star Banquet crowd.



Mr. Tim Stoudt of Lansing TV Station, Channel 6, served as Master of Ceremonies for the All Star Football Banquet.



Steve Coulter of Sterling Heights Stevenson sets up to fire a forward pass. Steve completed 6 of 18 for 130 yards. Coach David Snead of Detroit Central and Head Coach Al Fracassa of Brother Rice anxiously watch on the sideline along with #33 Angelo Buttazoni of Walled Lake Western, #48 Bruce Jendritz of Riverview, and #40 John Taylor of St. Clair Shores. Pass protection is being provided by #74 Kevin Watson of St. Clair.



Head Coach All Fracassa talks with a 97 year old patient at Burcham Hills Nursing Home. It just happened that the gentleman spoke Italian. No wonder Al's team won with all that advise.



The West All Stars were lead by Jeff Smith, Past President of the M.H.S.F.C.A. and the very successful coach at East Lansing High School.



Tom Moshimer Head Football Coach at Plymouth Salem High School, is the All Star Chairman and Tom must be congratulated for his outstanding job in getting the All Star Game off the ground on a high note.



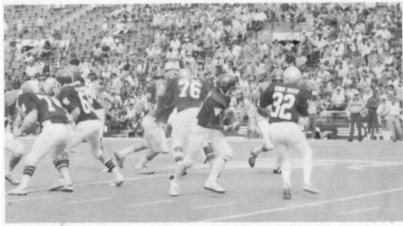
East All Star QB, #7, Steve Coulter of Sterling Heights Stevenson, launches one of his 6 completions. Steve had 130 yards passing and hit the game winning 79 yard TD pass with only 1:13 left in the game. Blocking for the East All Stars is #76 John Ghindia and #64 Frank Simone of Trenton High School along with #71 Vic Maraldo of De LaSalle. #44 Dan Dorgan of Dowagiac and #78 Steve Skalski of Jackosn LumenChristi defend on the play for the West All Stars.



No football game is complete without a band. The All Star Bands were under the skillfull leadership of Mr. Charles Purcell of Alma High School which provided great enthusiasm plus great pre-game and half-time performances.



The head coach for the East All Stars was Al Fracassa of Brother Rice, a fine gentleman and one of the best football coaches ever in the State of Michigan.



West All Star QB Bill Core of Traverse City fakes to #32 Derrick Tolliver of Ypsilanti Lincoln and throws to Tom Murphy for a 38 yard gain on the first play of the game. Blocking for the West All Stars are #74 Dave Greco of Wyoming Park, #68 Mike Wilkerson of East Kentwood and #76 Glynnis Bishop of Ypsilanti.



West head coach Jeff Smith of East Lansing High School confers with QB Bill Core during a time-out.