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THANK YOU DETROIT SHRINERS

Due to the efforts of the Detroit Shriners, the 1983 M.H.S.F.C.A. All Star Game was a financial success. An Agreement was made with the Shriners last March to sell All Star Game tickets. We are very happy to report that our Association was presented with a check for \$7,526 for the tickets sold by the Detroit Shriners, Mr. Carl F. "Bud" Sexauer, Potentate for the Detroit Temple, is to be commended for his efforts. Through his guidance 5,017 tickets were sold. It might be a good idea if members of our Association would take the time to send a note thanking the Shriners for their help. The address is: Mr. Carl F. "Bud" Sexauer, Potentate, MoslemTempleShrine,434Temple, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

The 3rd Annual All Star Game was another exciting football game with the East winning 24-10. The West opened the scoring with Lance Loughman of Gull Lake kicking a 45 yard field goal. The East went ahead on a 15 yard run by John Blackwell of Riverview and Farmington Harrison's ace kicker, David Blackmer, added the extra point. The East scored again in the second quarter, Ken Kish of Farmington Harrison hit Dan Glidden of Owen-Gage with a 39 yard TD pass. When Blackmer kicked a 45 yard field goal, the East had a 17-3 half-time advantage.

The third quarter was mostly all West with Dean Altobelli of Escanaba scoring on an 18 yard belly play around the left side. Loughman added the extra point and the West only trailed by 17-10. The West got the ball immediately on a fumble and was stopped on the East 11 yard line before turning the ball over. On the first play, Ken Kish .dropped back and hit Dan Glidden for a second TD pass.

This time the TD covered 89 yards and it iced the game for the East squad. The 3rd All Star Game was exceptionally well played and a credit to Michigan High School football. The enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the tremendous performance and everyone in attendance on the 92° day appreciated the efforts of both teams.

The All Star coaches, players, and administration is to be com-



"Bo" Schembechler, Head Football Coach at the University of Michigan; Tom Moshimer, All Star Chairman; and George Perles, Head Football Coach at Michigan State University enjoy themselves at the All Star Banquet held at the Kellogg Center on August 5, 1983. Both "Bo" and George are great backers of the All Star Football Game and the M.H.S.F.C.A.

THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS:

- 1. All Star Football Nomination Form
- 3. Potential College Football Players Form
- 2. MHSFCA 1983-84 Membership Form
- 4. 1984 M.H.S.F.C.A. Clinic Flyer

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FOOTBALL COACHING RECORDS

by Dick Kispaugh

We need information on coaches who might reach the 200 victory mark within the next few seasons. The records now show just three with 200 or more wins: Bill Maskill at 216, Okia Johnson (retired) at 212, and Jack Castignola at 208. Jack Streidl is closing in with 194 wins and Dick Soisson is not far behind at 184.

We do not have enough data on in-active coaches who might have reached 200 wins. We need the names of active coaches with 175 wins or more. Please send this information to: Mr. Dick Kispaugh, 361 Glendale, Parchment, Michigan 49005. Make sure that we do not overlook any deserving coach.

MHSFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

November 30, 1983 - 10:00 a.m. MHSFCA Winter Board of Director's Meeting to select Coaches of the Year at Doherty Hotel in Clare

January 27, 1984 MHSFCA Clinic Meeting at the Battle Creek Stouffer Hotel

IMPORTANT DATES

November 12, 1983 State Quarter Finals

November 19, 1983 State Semi Finals

State Semi Finals

November 26, 1983 State Finals at Silverdome

January 27-28, 1984 MHSFCA Football Clinic at Battle Creek Stouffers

February 24-26, 1984 Champion Coach of The Year Clinic at Grand Rapids Marriott Hotel

Newsletter

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ALL STAR GAME

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mended for another outstanding performance by Michigan's finest

football players.

The M.H.S.F.C.A. would also like to thank Mr. Charles Purcell of Alma High School for again being the All Star Band Director, and Mrs. Mary Flynn of Mt. Pleasant, for being the All Star Cheerleader Sponsor. The 300 band members and 92 cheerleaders provided a lot of enthusiasm.

Many thanks to Coach George Perles and the M.S.U. administration. As usual we received great support from Mr. Gus Ganakas and Mr. Gene Kenney, members of the State Athletic Department.

Others who provided great help were: Dr. Thomas Jamieson, All Star Medical Advisor of Lansing: Dr. Edward Fugate, West Team doctor from Muskegon; Dr. W. L. Schildberg, East Team doctor from Plymouth; Mr. Neil Collard, game announcer from Marysville; Mr. Bob Gross of the Lansing State Journal for great press coverage: Mr. Gerry Schmauch of Melvindale and Mr. Milt Crassweller of Riverview, statitician; Mr. Mike Pearson of the M.S.U. Sports Information Department; and Mr. George Clifford who is our "main man" in Lansing for the All Star Game.

The All Star managers were Mike Boyd, Pete Ottman, and Andy Boyd of Waterford, and the All Star Trainers were Jim Carr of Riverview and John Kibble of Trenton.

Needless to say, the All Star Game is a very expensive venture by the M.H.S.F.C.A. We are very fortunate to have great cooperation from the McDonald Corporation and all of the McDonald coops in the state of Michigan.

The game jerseys were sponsored by Sports Bell of Marine City and we are also very thankful to Mr. Tom Schaberg and Vander-Voot's for all the equipment that they donate.

Overall, the 3rd Annual All Star Game was a big success, but we need to have the cooperation of all high school coaches in the state to make next year's game even better. Please do everything possible to promote next year's game.

"BO" ADDRESSES ALL STARS



U. of M. Head Football Coach, "Bo" Schembechler addressed the 3rd Annual All Star Banquet and he stressed that everyone must join together to promote high school football. Due to millage defeats and declining enrollment, Michigan H. S. football is suffering.

It is important that high school coaches make every effort to see that their programs are not cut. It is increasingly difficult when you cannot hire coaches and funds are lacking for equipment and other necessities. We must make football a priority!

EAST ALL STAR COACHES



(Left to Right) Rick Bye, Sterling Heights Stevenson; Armand Vigna, Livonia Franklin; Gerry Cullen, Livonia Franklin; John Dean. Detroit Northern; Mike Boyd, Waterford Our Lady of The Lakes.

WEST ALL STAR COACHES



(Left to right) Gary Karasinski, Wyoming Park; Jack Carlson, Holland West Ottawa; Dick Look, Tawas; Jack VerDuin, Wyoming Park; Pete Kutches, Muskegon Catholic Central; and Roger Chiaverini, Holland West Ottawa.

Mark These Important Dates on Your Calendar

12th ANNUAL MHSFCA CLINIC

at the

Battle Creek Stouffer Hotel JANUARY 27-28, 1984

> Featuring Michigan's Finest High School Football Coaches

CHAMPION COACH OF THE YEAR CLINIC

at the

Grand Rapids Marriott Hotel FEBRUARY 24-26, 1984

Featuring The Finest College Coaches in the U. S.

MHSFCA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

at the

U. of M. Crisler Arena APRIL 14, 1984 30 Outstanding Michigan High School Coaches will be inducted

POTENTIAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

DO YOUR PART FOR YOUR PLAYERS!

For the sixth 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 should be filled out and sent to Don Lessner, Riverview High School, Riverview, Michigan 48192, by November 23rd. 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.

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1983 MHSFCA ALL STAR HIGHLITES





M.S.U. Head Football Coach, George Perles, welcomes the large crowd to the 3rd Annual All Star Banquet at the Kellogg Center. Many thanks to George and the people at Michigan State for their help with the All Star Game.



Ronald McDonald poses with No. 40 Mike Visovatti and No. 61 Gerald Colaner of Ann Arbor Huron, Chelsea McDonald owner-operator Al Fellhauer, and No. 1 John Nairn of Ann Arbor Pioneer. \$1,486 from ticket sales was sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit.



All Star Kicker, David Blackmer of Farmington Harrison, booms a 44 yard field goal in the second quarter of the All Star Game to give the East team a 17-3 lead. Blocking on the play is No. 21 Craig Boe of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and holding for the kick is Ken Kish of Farmington Harrison.



Detroit Temple Potentate, Mr. Carl "Bud" Sexauer accepts a placque on behalf of the Detroit Shriners who sold \$7,526 worth of All Star Game tickets.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Mattern accept a plaque and their son's jersey from Secretary-Treasurer Don Lessner at the All Star Banquet before a standing ovation. Their son, Scott, who was an East All Star from Edsel Ford H. S. was killed in a tragic automobile accident last winter.



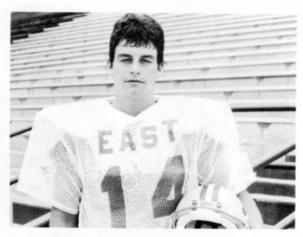
West All Star, No. 24, Glennard Smith of East Lansing returns the opening kickoff from his 3 yard line to the 42. In pursuit is No. 35, Tom Doman of Royal Oak Shrine.



John Blackwell, No. 44, of Riverview, is congratulated by No. 2, Kevin Krussman of Fraser, Bob Stebbins of Livonia Franklin and No. 65, Bill Kiafoulis of Dearborn Fordson. Blackwell's 15 yard TD gave the East All Stars a lead they never relinquished on their way to a 24-10 win.



East All Star, David Houle of Plymouth Salem, is interviewed by Lansing TV station, Channel 10. The coverage by the local TV stations and the Lansing State Journal was again outstanding.



Although no MVP is selected at the All Star Game, Ken Kish of Farmington Harrison is to be commended for his performance which included completing 6 of 14 passes for 191 yards and 2 TD's. Ken is accustomed to winning having been a member of the 1981 Class B State Champs and 1982 Class A State Champs at Farmington Harrison High School.



All Star Banquet Chairman, Valdy Gailitis of Mason, is to be commended for organizing another tremendous banquet. The 450 in attendance had a very enjoyable time highlited by guest speaker, "Bo" Schembechler.



East Head Coach, Mike Boyd, and his wife Chris enjoy the 3rd Annual All Star Banquet. Mike and all of the All Star coaches are to be commended for their outstanding performance.



Pat Shurmur of Dearborn Divine Child proudly accepts his All Star plaque from President Dick Harris as All Star Chairman, Tom Moshimer, looks on. Pat was one of 80 players honored by the M.H.S.F.C.A. for their outstanding football achievements.



West All Star coach Dick Look of Tawas H. S. confers with Joe Sutter of Gladstone during a timeout at the All Star Game. Dick is the 2nd Vice President for the M.H.S.F.C.A.



No. 3, Marcelle Carruthers of Lansing Eastern sprints out with No. 83, Steve Thibert of Walled Lake Central, and No. 51, Mark Nichols, in pursuit.



Mr. Perry Lewis, Detroit McDonald's owner-operator and Ronald McDonald wish good luck to Coach John Dean of Detroit Northern and East All Stars: No. 1, Roland Stevens of Detroit Northern; No. 24, Duwayne Pitts of Detroit MacKenzie; No. 77, Tim Landrum of Detroit Kettering; and No. 25, Roy Banks of Detroit Martin-Luther King.



West All Star coach Jack VerDuin of Wyoming Park addreses the huge crowd at the All Star Banquet. Jack is one of the states successful coaches with a 21 year record of 144-37-6. We are lucky to have a coach like Jack as part of the All Star coaching staff.



Tim Stoudt, sport director at Channel 10 has been the MC for all three All Star Banquets. The M.H.S.F.C.A. is most thankful to Tim for his help in promoting the All Star Game.



Dean Altobelli, No. 16, star running back from Escanaba breaks through a hole in the left side of the line and goes 18 yards for a West TD. East defenders are: No. 55, Jerry McCabe of Detroit DeLaSalle; No. 51, Mark Nichols of Birmingham Brother Rice, and No. 60, Pat Shurmur of Dearborn Divine Child.



Dick Harris of Harrison is a very active person this year serving as M.H.S.F.C.A. Just one of his many duties is to see over the All Star Banquet and All Star Game. Dick and his wife, Pat, enjoy themselves at the All Star Banquet.



No. 42, Richard Popp of Livonia Franklin prepares to take the first snap for the All Stars. The temperature at game time was 92° with it being much warmer on the field.



Bill Bergan of Benton Harbor treated the All Star crowd with some booming punts. Bill kicked 4 times and averaged 43.0 per punt. Covering for the East is No. 35, Tom Doman of Royal Oak Shrine.



A veteran coach of 33 years, Roger Chiaverini of Holland West Ottawa, was the head football coach for the West All Star Team. Rog enjoys the All Star Banquet with his wife, Dot.



M.S.U. football coaches Larry Bielet (left) and Buck Nystrom (center), along with Central Michigan head football coach, Herb Deromedi (right) relax before the All Star Banquet held at the Kellogg Center on the M.S.U. campus. Many college coaches attended the All Star Banquet and All Star Game.



Defensive End, Carlitos Bostic of Ypsilanti, No. 45, moves in to make a tackle on No. 42, Richard Popp of Livonia Franklin after a short gain in the first quarter of the All Star Game.

"The following is a summary of the information that Jim Ahern sent to the M.H.S.A.A. in regard to Michigan high school football playoffs."

The following is a proposal change in the playoff format that is now in use for the high school football playoffs. The purpose of this proposed change in the play-

offs is to get every deserving team into the post season tournament.

Teams would qualify in the following manner. All league champs from leagues with six or more teams would automatically qualify for the playoffs. (Leagues that have 12 or more teams could be divided into divisions, each division with six or more teams being considered a seperate league.) It would be the responsibility of each league to set their policy for a tie-breaker procedure if a tie for the championship of their league occurred. This would give us approximately 80 teams in the playoffs.

Teams that belong to no league or a league with fewere than six teams would be considered as independent. Any independent team with a 7-1 record or better would

automatically qualify for the playoffs.

After the league champs and independents have been determined, the remainder of the 128 teams would be chosen based on the following point system: 60 points for a win over a school of a larger class size, 50 points for a win over a school of the same class size, 40 points for a win over a school of a smaller class size, 30 points for a tie, two bonus points for each game a team you defeated wins, and one bonus point for each game a team you tied wins. The team with the highest points, regardless of points, would qualify.

After all the teams that qualify are determinted, they would be broken down into four divisions of 32 teams basedon enrollment. The 32 with the highest enrollment

would be division I, the next would be division II, etc.

When the divisions have been determined, the teams within each division would be paired based on geographic location. (Basketball district or regional areas could

be us d for this purpose.)

This plan would require two extra playing dates. These dates could be obtained in many different ways. One plan would be to play an eight-game schedule, and start the season the same week the U.P. teams do. This would give the two extra weether (Teams that didn't qualify for the playoff but desired to play a ninth dale, for gate receipts or a big rivalry etc. could do so.)

another plan would be to start the stason the same as now, play an eight-game schedule, (pick up a ninth date if desired) and play the district round on the Wednesday following the final game and the regional round on the following Saturday. This would give a Friday-Wednesday-Saturday format. This is the method used in Wisconsin and Illinois for the playoffs. These are just two example of ways to pick up these two extra playing dates, with other methods also being possible.

A paper playoff using the above procedure was drawn up for the 1982 season. All but twenty some teams with two losses also made the playoffs.

The strengths of the plan are: (1) little additional work for the M.H.S.A.A., but a high increase in revenues; (2) all deserving teams get a chance to get into the playoff; (3) the emphasis is on league champs which will strengthen the leagues; (4) four times as many teams would be involved in the playoffs which is going to increase the interest in the playoffs; (5) travel will be cut becasue of geographic pairings; and (6) it will be good for high school football.

This is an abbreviated explanation of the format. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at Ithica High School (313) 875-3373 or at home (313)

875-4587.

Jim Ahern