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Look for the Following in a Separate Mailing

Regional Coach of the Year Ballot

Nomination Forms for:

Academic All State 2004 All Star Nomination Assistant Coach of the Year

Membership Report

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МНSFCA Meetings & **Important Dates**

Board of Directors Fall Meeting

Doherty Hotel, Clare 10:00 a.m. • 5 December 2003

All Star Selection Meeting

West - MSU/East Allen Park HS 9/10 January 2004

32nd Winners Circle Clinic

McCamly Plaza, Battle Creek 22-24 January 2004

52nd Coach of the Year Clinic

Soaring Eagle Hotel, Mt. Pleasant 5-6 March 2004

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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.

Deadline for Submissions for December Newsletter — November 15 —

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NOTES

Thank You Varsity Gold

Varsity Gold, the fund raising organization, agreed to sponsor a MHSFCA Scholarship. The addition of the Varsity Gold Scholarship means that the MHSFCA was able to give 12 \$500 scholarships for the 2003-2004 school year. The recipient was Jeffrey Reardon of Sturgis High School who is attending Hope College.

Ten scholarships are part of the Association's budget. Baden, the All Star Game ball sponsor, has for several years sponsored an eleventh scholarship.

Thank You Power of Influence Award

I would like to thank the MHSFCA for nominating me as the 2003 American Football Coaches Association nominee for the *Power of Influence Award*. I am very humbled to be selected among all the great football coaches in the State of Michigan who have been tremendous influences in the lives of players whom they coached. Coaching football is one of the greatest professions today where we as coaches can truly make an impact in the world. Once again, thank you for this tremendous honor.



Yours in Football, Jack Schugars, Oakridge High School

Thank You Terry Rose Scholarship

Thank you very much for the Terry Rose Memorial Scholarship. I have already used the \$1000 to make my first tuition payment at Ferris. I appreciate your organization's generosity in helping with my college expenses.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Carlson

Thank You Ring Purchase

Thank you for the \$200 towards a ring purchase for our state title team. As you know... it takes a lot of good people, great players and luck to be able to participate in a title game. Thank you [Don Lessner] for your leadership of this great organization.

Peter Stuursma, East Grand Rapids High School

Thank You for Support

I'm greatly moved and appreciate each card, visit and prayer from my fellow coaches. It warms ones heart to know someone far away cares and thinks about another person's struggle.

Thanks for your support.

Respectfully, Ernie Hoffman, Dundee High School

Regional Coach of Year Date Change!

At the Summer Meeting of the MHSFCA Board of Directors, approval was given to change the deadline date for Regional Coach of the Year voting. Last year coaches had to send their votes in by game eight of the regular season. Many coaches who did well in the playoffs were never given consideration since the vote had to be turned in before the playoffs started.

The new deadline for Regional Coach of the Year voting will be after the regional game which is the third playoff game which will be played on either November 14 or 15. The voting must be post marked no later than Monday, November 17.

Ballots for Regional Coach of the Year will be sent out during the week of October 20 which is the last week of the regular season.

2003 All-Star Football Game Another Big Success

by Larry Rueger, Fruitport, All Star Game Chair

On July 26, 2003, the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association hosted yet another successful All Star Game. The 23rd annual All-Star Football Game was once again held at the beautiful Spartan Stadium. I am very happy to report that it was a great week with the coaches and players, and everything went off very smoothly. The coaches had the players prepared both physically and mentally. We received many compliments on how the players were gentlemen and how well they represented their schools and communities during the week.

Nomination forms will be mailed out in a separate mailing again this year instead of being in the newsletter. They must be turned in to me by December 1, 2003.

Next years game will be on July 24, 2004. I hope you will want to get involved somehow for the 2004 game. There are so many of you missing out on a great experience. Please get involved in some way and support the All Star Game.





2004 All Star Game Nominations

(Nomination Forms will be mailed separately)

Game Date July 24, 2004

Class AA, A schools may nominate three (3) players Class BB, B schools may nominate two (2) players Class CC, C & DD, D schools may nominate one (1) player *Only one player per school may be selected to play in the All Star Game.

When nominating players for the All Star Game coaches should consider the following guidelines:

- 1. Only nominate players that you feel have the ability to play with the best in the state.
- A player's "character" is vitally important. Only nominate players who will reflect positively on your school and on your community.
- 3. Check with players to be sure that if selected they will play in the game... before nominating them.
- Do NOT nominate players who are considering the service academies (Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard).
 The academies do not allow cadets to participate in the game.

If you have a player(s) deserving of this honor please take the time to fill out the nomination form (mailed in a separate package) and return it to Larry Rueger before December 1.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Players selected to play in the All Star Game will be required to submit all materials relative to participation (physicals, program materials, information sheets, etc. by **MARCH 15** or they may be replaced by the first alternate at their position.

Series Results East 13 - West 10

1981	EAST	6	West	3
1982	WEST	25	East	22
1983	EAST	17	West	10
1984	EAST	24	West	10
1985	WEST	14	East	0
1986	EAST	24	West	14
1987	WEST	9	East	7
1988	WEST	17	East	10
1989	EAST	31	West	26
1990	EAST	7	West	6
1991	WEST	15	East	12
1992	WEST	20	East	0
1993	EAST	29	West	6
1994	WEST	20	East	0
1995	EAST	10	West	9
1996	EAST	20	West	12
1997	WEST	28	East	19
1998	EAST	20	West	15
1999	WEST	35	East	9
2000	WEST	28	East	17
2001	EAST	38	West	14
2002	EAST	28	West	7
2003	EAST	12	West	6

Observations: Most games won in a row - three (East 2001, 02, 03). The West has never been shut out, the East has been shut out three times: 1985, __1992, 1994.

All Star Video

Call Comcast Cable, Flint Programming Department (810) 235-7680. A set of two tapes is available: 1. A sixty minute tape recording the All Star Camp week activities including interviews, awards banquet and pre-game; 2. The All Star Game itself. Cost for the set is \$30.



Score By Quarters

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
East	0	0	9	3	12
West	0	0	0	6	6

Scoring Summary

3RD QUARTER		
East: 3:44 Chudzinski, 32 yard field goal 12 plays, 66 yards	3	0
2:42 Powell, 4 yard pass from Michalak PAT pass failed	9	0
4TH QUARTER		
East: 4:32 Chudzinski, 39 yard field goal 5 plays, 25 yards	12	0
West: Bushong, 16 yard pass from Catlin Weber PAT Kick failed	12	6

Final Team Stats

	East	West
FIRST DOWNS	11	18
Rushing	4	4
Passing	6	11
Penalty	1	3
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	37	28
Yards Gained	124	108
Yards Lost	41	37
Net Yards Rushing	83	71
PASSES ATTEMPTED	20	38
Completed	8	17
Had Intercepted	1	1
Yards Passing	134	192
TOTAL PLAYS	57	66
TOTAL NET YARDS	217	263
Average Gain/Play	3.8	4.0
Sacks By Number-Yards	4-31	2-21
Fumbles-Number Lost	0-0	5-2
Penalties Number-Yards	8-67-	4-48
TD's Rushing	3	1
TD's Passing	1	0
TD's Other	0	0
Total TD's	4	1
Total Yards	218	253
Average	4.3	3.7
Number Punts-Yards	7-331	5-173
Average Per Punt	47.3	34.6
Punt Returns Number-Yards	0-0	2-0
Kick Offs	4	1
KO Returns Number-Yards	1-9	3-67
Interceptions Number-Yards	1-0	1-15
Fumble Returns Number-Yards	0-0	0-0
Possession Time	26:21	21:39
Third Down Conversions	3 of 14	4 of 16
Fourth Down Conversions	1 of 1	3 of 4
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-3

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2003 All Star Final Roster





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> Assistant Larry Bellor West Branch Ogemaw Heights

Assistant Phil Christensen McBain

Assistant Matt Prisk Traverse City West

Assistant **Brett Foerster** Saginaw Heritage

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3	Dave Weber	K	6'	165	Brett Foerster
4	Brian Jackson	P	6'4"	205	Dan Boggan
5	Chris Smith	DB	6'2"	185	Mike Smith
6	Isaac Brown	TB	6'1"	195	Fred Townsend
7	Kirk Williams	WR	5'10"	175	Rob Zimmerman
8	Garret Bushong	TE	6'5"	230	Terry Johnson
9	Roman Starr	WR	5'8"	155	Dusty Fairfield
10	Mark Catlin	QB	5'10"	180	Noel Dean
11	Justin Gardner	WR	6'1"	175	Bob Kubiak
12	CJ Van Wieren	QB	6'4"	210	Jim Caserta
13	Tim McDaniel	DB	6'	170	Tony Annese
17	Jordan Dickerson	DB	6'	180	Al Slamer
20	Lee Marana	FB	5'11"	190	Jim Marana
21	Preston Jones	TB	5'7"	165	Jeff Smith
23	Jared Dell	FB	5'10"	192	John Scwartz
24	Andy Gilde	ILB	6'1"	215	Matt McDonald
25	Lee Hackley	WR	5'9"	155	Gasper Giarmo
32	Jeff Jansen	ILB	6'2"	218	Ben Pack
33	Ryan Strehl	DB	6'1"	175	Dave Lawrence
35	Kyle Nelson	ILB	6'1"	218	Bill Altimore
40	Tyson Mengel	TB	6'3"	210	Dave Cashen
41	Justin Ulberg	ILB	6'3"	220	Ben Burk
44	Eric Tunney	ILB	6'3"	238	Kyle Tobin
45	Nick Carlson	OLB	6'4"	215	Matt Prisk
53	Trevor Schultz	DL	6'3"	255	Ed Greenman
54	Victor Doman	ILB	6'1"	225	Ed Schindler
55	Chris VanDalsen	C	6'4"	270	Dave Larkin
60	Mike Larsen	DL	6'1"	225	Brad Grayvold
62	Joe Perri	G	6'2"	290	Mike Holmes
63	Jacob Henige	G	6'2"	280	Jim Szappan
65	Isaac Nerat	DL	6'1"	298	Ken Hofer
67	Kurt Buhlman	G	6'1"	208	Larry Bellor
69	Justin Hartig	T	6'5"	290	Eddie Ostipow
75	Jason Gunderson	C	6'3"	270	Steve Robb
76	Bill Kern	T	6'3"	275	Bill Murray
77	Brandon Zukoff	T	6'5"	305	Joe DeLaney
79	Dave McManaman	G	6'3"	280	Charlie Otlewski
80	Erik Schumacher	OLB	6'4"	215	Lou Rau
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HS Coach

John Tiziani

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Irv Sigler III Presented by the UAW and General Motors

6'

6'2"

195

290

275

DB

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Jeff Mackey

Demetrius Russell

2003 All Star Final Roster





*	AA	*	A	A	AA	KAA KA	AAA
#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	HS Coach	HS, Class	Head Coach
1	0	DB	5'11"	180	Ed Jackson	Detroit Northern, A	
2	Joel Malkasian	WR	6'1"	180	Chris Bell	Lake Orion, A	Floyd Carter
5	Anthony Jackson	WR	5'10"	175	Albert Fracassa	Birmingham Brother Rice, A	Wayne Memorial
6		TB	5'10"	190	Andre Harlan	Detroit Murray Wright, A	
7	Wynn Michalak	QB	6'2"	195	Al Boydston	Caro, B	1st Assistant
8	Quinton McKenzie	ILB	6'	205	Bob Snell	Redford Thurston, B	Rick Corona
9	Jerry Chester	DB	5'10"	180	Bob Czarneck	Trenton, A	Brother Rice
10	Joe Novak	OLB	6'1"	187	Paul Verska	Warren De LaSalle, A	brother Rice
11	Pierre Walker	DB	5'8"	180	Michael Thornhill	Detroit Central, B	CONTRACT CONTRACT
15		K	6'	175	Bob LaPointe	Belleville, A	Assistant
16		QB	6'2"	185	Cory Gildersleeve	Dundee, C	Adam Korzeniewski
17	Chase Chandler	DB	6'	174	Tab Kellepourey	Novi, A	Renaissance
20	Marcus Woods	TB	5'8"	180	John Herrington	Farmington Harrison, A	**************************************
22	Nick Notario	ILB	6'2"	197	Chris Clark	Monroe, A	Assistant
23	Steve Van Nortwick		6'	210	Mike Zdebski	Walled Lake Western, A	Assistant
24	Joe Dost	OLB	6'2"	200	Bob Saylor	Reese, C	Earl A. Moore
27	Rob Kiefer	P	6'	180	Tom Hoover	Allen Park, A	Murray-Wright
31	Scott Long	DB	6'	172	Mark Carter	Walled Lake Central, A	
33	Tony Mikulec	FB	5'10"	190	Jim MacDougal	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, B	Assistant
41	Terry Mitchell	WR	6'2"	185	Eddie Kindle	Port Huron, A	
42	Murray Percival	FB	5'10"	180	Michael Boyd	Our Lady of the Lakes, D	Mark Carter
44	Leython Williams	ILB	6'2"	225	Tracey Sewell	University Liggett, C	Wayne Memorial
45	Isaiah Eatmon	OLB	6'1"	235	George Coaker	Detroit Osborn, A	
47	John Neely	DB	6'1"	185	Scott Merchant	U of D Jesuit, A	Assistant
51	Antoine Weible	DL	6'	235	Jim Scarcelli	Mt. Clemens Clintondale, B	
55	Pat Flannery	G	6'5"	235	Bud Rowley	Oxford, A	Wayne Morris
56	Bryan Norburn	C	6'3"	241	Jack Bridges	Dearborn Edsel Ford, A	Woodhaven
57	Nick Fincher	T	6'4"	270	Mike Carr	Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley, A	
58	Antoine Terrell	DL	6'	240	George Sahadi	Trinity Catholic, D	
60	Josh Beischer	G	6'3"	275	Matt Topie	Capac, B	
62	Kenny Schmidt	DL	6'5"	245	Ken Schmidt	Waterford Mott, A	
65	Dan Farkas	DL	6'2"	250	Tim Baechler	Plymouth Canton, A	
67	Tom Ahearn	T	6'2"	260	Rich Jeric	Bad Axe, C	
69	Al Voikos	T	6'4"	265	Butch Wagner	Sterling Hts Henry Ford II, A	
71	Mike Sheldon	C	6'5"	230	Terry M. Powers	Royal Oak Kimball, A	
75	James Blair	G	6'4"	315	John L. Hunter II	Detroit Pershing, A	
76	Patrick Clark	DL	6'4"	250	Tom Mach	Detroit Catholic Central, A	
77	Jake Long	T	6'7"	310	Brad Gerlach	Lapeer East, B	
80	Kevin Dombrowski	OLB	6'3"	198	Ryan Flanary	Grosse Ile, B	
81	John Rehberg	TE	6'4"	215	Tim Gabel	Livonia Stevenson, A	A COL
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Assembly Line to Goal Line... Teamwork Wins!

Fran Herrington Memorial

by Don Lessner, Executive Director, MHSFCA



n Sunday, May 11, a memorial was held at the Farmington Hills Harrison High School football field for Fran Herrington. Fran passed away during the summer of 2001. Fran was the wife of John Herrington, the 2002 National High School Football Coach of the Year. A tree

was planted at the field in honor of Fran and the event was attended by her family, many of the football coaches from Farmington and the surrounding area, former athletes, parents, and members of the MHSFCA Board of Directors.

The event was held on Mother's Day and it was most appropriate since Fran was the "first lady" of Harrison Football for thirty years and a "parent" to many of the players. She attended every Harrison football game and she was the dedicated wife of a highly successful football coach.

Fran attended all of the MHSFCA Summer Meetings along with John, our Public Relations chairman. Fran was a close friend to the wives who attended the Summer Meetings and she will always be remembered for her sense of humor and pleasant personality. Her untimely death from cancer is a big loss to both the Herrington family and our Association. She will be missed, but never forgotten.

The MHSFCA would like to thank Jim Weston, assistant football coach at Harrison High School, who was very instrumental in planning the memorial and taking care of all the details.



FRASER Award Nomination

Due December 1

Designed to recognize coaches who distinguish themselves through community service, the FRASER Award will be presented at the MHSFCA clinic luncheon. In addition to the plaque awarded to the winning coach, the MHSFCA will award a \$500 grant to the elementary school designated by the recipient. The grant will be used for the purchase of books for students in the school who would not otherwise have access to reading materials.

Funding for this award is generated by the FRASER Award Golf Outing sponsored by the MHSFCA in conjunction with All Star Game Weekend.

Send nominations to:

Noel Dean, Fraser Award Committee Chair 4135 Bedaki Ave. NW Lowell, MI 49331

Nominations must be received by December 1. Include:

- · Name, school affiliation, phone and address of nominee
- Formal letter of recomendation from a school administrator
- Documentation of qualifying activities

All Star Thank You

I just wanted to take a minute to thank you again for choosing Justin to participate in this game... what a great experience! The banquet was so well organized and what a pleasurable event. Justin had a great week as well and was very appreciative, as am I, of the opportunity. It was a great week for him to have just prior to entering football camp at Ball State!

Thank you so much again.

Toni Hartig, Charlotte

Advertising in the MHSFCA Newsletter

MHSFCA Newsletter now accepting advertising.

We thank those businesses that have taken advantage of this opportunity to "connect" with Michigan high school football coaches and encourage others who may have an interest in doing so in future issues.

The advantages: 3,700 copies of the MHSFCA Newsletter are printed four times a year. 3,500 are mailed each issue. Each member of the association (high school and middle school coaches and youth league coaches) receives a copy mailed to their home address. Current membership is 2,400 (March 2003). A copy of the newsletter is also mailed to each high school in Michigan which participates in football (over 600) addressed to the head coach with routing to the athletic director, principal and superintendent. In addition a copy of the newsletter is mailed to every newspaper published in the State of Michigan.

Deadlines: March issue, 15 February • May issue, 15 April • October issue, 15 September • December issue, 15 November

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2 issues	\$225	\$160	\$125	\$85
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Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

Specific Duties of Regional Directors

- The Board of Directors shalt be responsible for the management of the affairs, funds and property of the association.
- II. Promote membership in his region:
 - A. Secure total membership count for region from the secretary at the Spring meeting, along with the deliquent members' cards.
 - B. Mail letters to delinquent members urging reenrollment.
- III. Represent the interests of the association and his region at all association meetings in the: Spring, Sumner, Fall and Winter, for two years.
 - A. At the Spring meeting, assume the duties relating to the committee assignment(s) made by the president. Be prepared to do wherever is necessary to make the Hall of Fame Banquet a success.
 - B. At the Summer meetings, continue coammittee work and bring names of honorary membership for nomination. Be available to help with whatever needs to be done to make the M.H.S.F.C.A. All-Star Game and/or the leadership conference successful.
 - C. At the Fall meeting, come prepared with Coach of the Year responsibilities completed.
 - Write a letter of congratulations to any coach from your region receiving a Regional Coach of the Year award
 - Make sure each honored coach is in attendance at the January clinic for his presentation.
 - D. Prior to the January meeting, if running for reelection, be sure your name has been properly placed on the ballot. If not seeking re-election, encourage at least two coaches from your region to write to the secretary-treasurer, to have their names placed on the ballot.
 - E. At the Winter meeting, come prepared to assume at least one clinic responsibility. Bring a gift for a door prize.
- IV. Serve as an active member of whatever committee you were appointed to by the president.
- V. Report to your region all urgent business transacted or discussed as soon as possible. Keep a record of all expenses incurred in such cases of necessary communication and submit to the secretary-treasurer for reimbursement.
- VI. Be ethical in all your football relationships so as to be a model to the coaches in your region.

A Letter About Playoff Expansion

from Gary Gerson, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood

am very pleased to have read in the May 2003 Newsletter of the MHSFCA's decision to "not aggressively pursue the issue" of an expanded playoff system. This decision was based on the results of a survey sent to every school that "did not provide a clear direction for further action."

With some dismay, I had earlier read an article in the March 2003 Newsletter of efforts to establish a separate football playoff grouping for private schools in Michigan. I continue to humbly question the motivation behind such a move.

I know that it would seem that there is an unfair number of

state champions that come from the ranks of the private school

population. However, an examination of why a private school

is a state champion would probably reveal a lot about the

commitment and skill of the coach and the depth of the program.

When Mike Boyd coaches for 30 years and finally wins a state

championship at Waterford Lakes, it is not because he's at a

private school. It is because he has built a program that works

well in our current system and he has gained the skill and

experience to motivate his athletes. The same goes for Chuck

Apap at Walled Lake Western and countless others.

Under the "Why Expansion?" heading, the separation of private and public schools is listed as a "part of the evolution" of the playoff system. I was not aware that the revised playoffs were scheduled to evolve further, and this wording suggests that that was an initial intention. That the separation of private and public schools will "create more opportunities for student athletes" to "experience the excitement of the playoffs" is something that was addressed in the initial playoff expansion several years earlier. These statements suggest that separation

would have beneficial results for everyone, a suggestion with which do not agree. There is also the suggestion that the aforementioned "greater opportunity" is the primary reason for the thrust towards expansion/separation, which I question.

Of more concern to me is the four-part content in the section regarding "Reasons For

Taking Action". There is reference to a survey taken at the MHSFCA clinic with "72% of the coaches favoring separation." I was at that clinic, and I remember flurries of blank survey sheets all around the ballot box and on the tables. Therefore, there is no way that it can be stated that any given number of coaches in the state were in favor of this proposal, and there is no guarantee that any set percentage of coaches even voted on this issue. As an association, we must be very careful when stating positions of our membership in terms of percentages, especially when using a survey that is not scientific and sample size that is unknown.

Another cause for concern (in the "Reasons" section) is the statement that Chuck Apap was "asked by several coaches in region 7 to ask the directors of the MHSFCA

to look at this question", and then he was in turn asked by the directors of the MHSFCA to chair a sub-committee on this very issue. While my respect for Coach Apap is unbounded and I have no doubt that he treated and will treat the issue fairly, I question whether he is the appropriate member of our association to be named chairman of a sub-committee addressing the separation issue since his commentary is one of the reasons for the separation issue existing in the first place.

A final cause for concern is the makeup of the

Officers and Directors of the MHSFCA. All of these members are from public schools. Is there no private school coach on any of the committees involved here?

Fellow members, I hope that we can look further into the reasons for the excitation of the separation issue. I know that it would seem that there is an

unfair number of state champions that come from the ranks of the private school population. However, an examination of why a private school is a state champion would probably reveal a lot about the commitment and skill of the coach and the depth of the program. When Mike Boyd coaches for 30 years and finally wins a state championship at Waterford Lakes, it is not because he's at a private school. It is because he has built a program that works well in our current system and he has gained the skill and experience to motivate his athletes. The

In the Metro Conference, Clarenceville has not lost a league game in three years and advanced to the 2001 State Finals. I suggest that this is because, again, their

same goes for Chuck Apap at Walled Lake Western

and countless others.

A Letter About Playoff Expansion Continued

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chose to coach young men; one would hope that the

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coach's drive towards success. As coaches, we must

demonstrate character in every action that represents

our schools and athletes, particularly those choices

that will affect other programs.

coach, Greg Hudkins, has built a sound public school program and his team has paid its dues along the way. The rest of the league will continue to cheer for the way Clarenceville has built their strong program and try to learn from their example.

We have had some gridiron success while maintaining our academic integrity at Cranbrook Kingswood, and we also know that we will not progress in the playoffs until we can get past the strong Class B programs at Center Line, Marine City, Riverview, or Clintondale, all public schools with durable programs and experienced and dedicated coaches. Our athletes and coaches look forward to that challenge, and we do not wish to be

measured only against the private school pool as that would seem to dilute our efforts to compete in Michigan. By the same token, our school will not compromise the integrity of our program by pursuing athletes over academicians. The success of our football program can only be complete if there is

an accounting of informed and appropriate respect from our opponents, satisfied that the Cranes have gotten to their record through fair means.

The private schools in the Metro Conference work hard to maintain this integrity, and I am proud to be associated with them. Incidentally, three private schools from the Metro made the playoffs last year, two losing in the first round. There are nine teams in the Metro, 6 of them private schools. Only two Metro private schools have won a total of two games in the state playoffs (Lutheran North vs. Clawson in 2002 and University Liggett vs. Harper Woods in 1996; note that the second game was a Metro vs. Metro game). As I mentioned earlier, our lone Metro team to make the finals has been Clarenceville, a public school.

I am concerned about the blaming of private schools for perceived "lack of football success" at public schools while the role of strength of program is much more the deciding factor. More, I am concerned that the successes of a very few private school programs are clouding the visions of so many public school football coaches, leading to the suggestion that playoff separation is a necessity. The issue of separation of private and public schools in the playoffs seems more a bandage than a cure. I suggest that the MHSFCA look more closely at ways to support and strengthen the existing MHSAA rules regarding recruitment and fairness in all schools.

As a private school coach, I must exclaim my disappointment in other private schools that are active in the migration of star athletes. It is our duty as private school coaches to do our best with the students that come into our charge, to be loyal to those who have spent years in our own systems, and to respect the programs that other schools are working hard to build in the confines of their own geographies. Unfortunately, the specter of "winning at all costs" continues to permeate certain programs (and their coaches' mentalities). Their efforts to that end, regardless of fairness, will always raise the ire of earnest programs and coaches, particularly (and often justly) those whose programs have been perceived

to have been "raided". It is sometimes very hard to remember why we chose to coach young men; one would hope that the building of character remains first and foremost in a coach's drive towards success. As coaches, we must demonstrate character in every action tha represents our schools and

athletes, particularly those choices that will affect other

I certainly hope that everyones concerns are addressed by the MHSAA and that the integrity of the MHSFCA is upheld. Sincerely,

Gary D. Gerson
Head Varsity Football Coach
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood
ggerson@cranbrook.edu

Nominations Due by November 15

Jim Crowley **Award**

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.

Send nominations to:

Larry Sellers Traverse City St. Francis H.S. 123 E. 11th Street Traverse City, MI 49684

Hall of Fame

100 Career Wins

and/or 20 Years Coaching! If you are aware of deserving Michigan High School Football Coaches who meet either of these two criteria and are not yet members of the MHSFCA Hall of Fame nominate them now. Don't assume someone else has taken the initiative!

To nominate a coach for membership in the Hall of Fame a letter is required. It must be received by Jack Carlson, MHSFCA Historian, before November 15 so that the nomination can be confirmed and considered at the Winter Board of Directors Meeting.

Send nominations to:

Iack Carlson MHSFCA Historian 2195 Lakeridge Drive Holland, MI 49423

Assistant Coach of Year **Award**

The award for Assistant Coach of the Year now includes a category for a coach who has been a head coach, then returned to an assistant position in order to stay active in the sport. A Nomination form, included in the school edition of this Newsletter points out the requirement of ten years experience as an assistant. Due November 15.

Send nominations to:

Dick McGiness BOX 663 Lake City, MI 49651

Potential College Players Do Your Part for Your Players With College Playing Potential

Complete the following form and return it to Don Lessner, 2903 Riverside, Trenton, MI 48183, by November 27. The names that are received will be compiled on one form and sent to the 20 colleges and universities in the State of Michigan that play football. This service is designed to make it easier for the college coaches to identify our top players. Please take the time to complete this form and send it to Don Lessner by November 27.

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From the MHSCA's Executive Vice President, Jack Johnson

MHSCA/Gatorade 15/20/25/30/35/40/45 Year **Coaching Service Award Certificates**

General Requirements

- · Must have distinguished himself/herself with good coaching ethics and promoted good sportsmanship throughout his/her coaching
- · May use up to ten years coaching outside Michigan
- May use both years as head coach and assistant
- · 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 the number of years in each sport

- Specific requirements
 To receive a 15/20/25/30/35/40 year certificate/ plaque in a specific sport you must have been a coach in that particular sport for that number of years at any level
- To receive a 15/20/25/30/35/40 year certificate/ plaque in for coaching sports in general you must have been coaching at least one sport per year for that number of years at any level

Procedure for receiving certificate

 Complete the application form and mail/Fax to: Mr. Jack Johnson, Executive Director MHSCA 35445 Hathaway

Livonia, MI 48150-2513 Fax: 734-762-9957

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- Completed certificates/plaques will be sent to the President of your sport's association for his/her signature and then they will be mailed to you. This process may take time, so be patient.
- Plaques will be done twice a year Late Fall/Late Spring

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for the most current Placement Bulletin updates!

VACANCY NOTIFICATION **FORM**

Return to:

Tony Ceccacci Brandon H.S. 1025 Ortonville Rd. Ortonville, MI 48462 (248) 627-1820 x 1164 tceccacci@brandon.k12.mi.us

School Name				
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Person to contact				
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Membership runs September - August Battle Creek Clinic Registration includes membership starting the following September