



President Harley Pierce

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

... by Harley Pierce of Sturgis

It is a great honor to serve as President of the MHSFCA. I will try hard to do what you expect me to do. I want to compliment our Past President Jeff Smith for a job well done during his administration and I am looking forward to working with our Vice-Presidents Walt Braun and Jim Ooley.

I have been with the Association since the very beginning when I served as an alternate to Ike Muhlenkamp of St. Joseph. Dave Driscoll was our first President and he is still active in our Association as Historian. In the seven years our Association has been in existence, we have had many hard working committees. The work of the committee members has been outstanding in helping the growth of football in Michigan. As your President I am confident the Officers, Directors,

and Alternates will continue to improve football in the State of Michigan.

You must remember, if we are to represent you, we must have your support and your help. Therefore, I would like to urge all members of the MHSFCA to contact your Regional Director if you have anything to contribute to the growth of football. Your Regional Director will present your ideas to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

The Board of Directors meet four times per year:

1. the night preceding the State Basketball Finals,
2. the third weekend in July,
3. the last week in November, and
4. the afternoon preceding the Annual Clinic.

PLAYOFF UPDATE

Upon an unanimous vote of the MHS FCA Board of Directors meeting on March 23, a change in playoff points was adopted to recommend to the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

In the past teams not playing a ninth game received points from opponents' wins while they were idle. The new change would be similar as in the past in figuring playoff points: (80, 64, 48, 32) for wins over opponents. You would divide by the number of games played establishing an average for playoff points.

The change is in the bonus points. All bonus points won by a team shall be divided by nine, the number of games for a full season. The average will be added to the playoff average and the sum of these averages shall be the season total. If you have any comments, contact Art Gillespie at Alpena High School.

MHSFCA CLINIC UPDATE

Mark January 24, 25, 1980, on your calendar as the date for the 8th Annual MHSFCA Football Clinic at Lansing Sexton. Dick Harris of Harrison H.S. is the Clinic Chairman again and if you have any suggestions concerning the clinic, please contact Dick. We are looking for a great turnout since the clinic will be held in Lansing which is very centrally located and the January date is usually the first clinic date of the year. Pre-registration will be \$10, and the fee will be \$12 at the door. The first 400 registrations will be given free luncheon tickets for the Saturday clinic dinner.

Don't miss the MHSFCA clinic. Without a doubt it is the best football clinic in the state of Michigan.

DINNER AT THE SILVERDOME

One of the highlights of the athletic school year is the high school playoffs at the Silverdome in Pontiac. The third annual MHSFCA buffet is scheduled between the playoff games on Saturday, November 24, after the Class A game at approximately 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon at the "Main Event" restaurant. The cost will be \$6.50 and there will be a cash bar. Send your check to Mr. Dave Snead, Head Football Coach, Detroit Central H.S., 2425 Tuxedo, Detroit, MI 48206. Get your check in **today!** Your lunch ticket will be waiting for you at the door. See you at the Championship Games.

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MHSFCA PROJECTED 79-80 BUDGET

The following budget was adopted by the MHSFCA Board of Directors at the annual summer meeting at Traverse City:

All Star Committee	\$ 150.00
Annual Audit	100.00
Clinic	6,000.00
Director Expenses	4,500.00
Historian	50.00
Honorary Membership	150.00
Newsletter	2,100.00
Placement	100.00
Playoff Committee	25.00
Public Relations	1,350.00
Rules Committee	50.00
Scholarships	1,400.00
Secretary-Treasurer Exp. ...	650.00

Total Budget for 79-80 \$16,625.00

Mr. John Maxim is head of the Finance Committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 10 Quarter Finals

November 17 Semi Finals

November 24 Fifth Annual Final
at Pontiac Silverdome

January 25-26 8th Annual
MHSFCA Football Clinic
at Lansing Sexton

February 22-24, 1980 Kellogs
Coach of the Year Clinic
at Kalamazoo

MHSFCA Board of Directors' Meetings

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

Wed. Nov. 28, 1979, 10 a.m. at Clare
to select Regional & State "Coaches
of the Year"

Fri. Jan. 25, 1980, at Lansing Sexton -
Pre Clinic Meeting

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is the official publication of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association with the expressed aim of keeping the membership informed.

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OFFICIAL'S RATINGS

At the beginning of every football game, the officials are to give the coach a yellow card with the names of the officials and their positions. This is an aid in rating the officials.

We, as coaches, should make sure that we do a good job rating the officials. We must take the time to reward a good official for a job well done and also making note of those officials who are incompetent. At the end of the season, the MHSAA requests that a form be filled out with the ratings of all officials that have worked your games. This is our responsibility, so let's make sure that we do a good job.

MAJOR FOOTBALL CHANGES FOR '79

The following rules have been changed for the 1979 season:

1-5-2 The home team shall wear its dark color jerseys and the visiting team its light color jerseys.

1-5-3-d Specifies the types of shoes that are illegal.

2-30-6 The spot of the foul for non-player fouls that occur out-of-bounds is now the same as the player fouls.

3-2-1 During the coin toss ceremony, all team personnel on the playing field, other than the team captains (limit 2 per team), shall be restricted to their respective team box areas.

3-3-3 All personal as well as unsportsmanship fouls following the last down of either half will be penalized.

3-3-5-e The quarter may be extended if there were a deliberate foul by the kicking team, and the penalty is not declined.

3-4-2 The clock will start on the snap following any delay of game penalty.

3-5-3 Charged time-outs may be reduced in length only if both teams are ready to play prior to the 25 second ready for play signal.

4-2-2-d Permits the try or field goal to score, even though touched in the end zone, if the ball goes through the goal above the crossbar.

7-2-1-b Revised to provide a penalty for wearing identical numbers.

9-7-1 A second unsportsmanship foul by the same member of the coaching staff will cause that coach to be ejected from the stadium area.

10-5-3 Provides for all live ball fouls by the defense committed during a scoring down will be penalized on the succeeding kick-off.

SUCCESS FORMULA USED IN COACHING AND IN LIFE

By Tom Stobie, Frankfort H.S.

**Work + Discipline + Pride + Team =
Success & Winning**

I. Work — in the quest of success in life's endeavors work is essential, giving yourself 100% to whatever you are undertaking.

II. Discipline — we must also discipline ourselves to not make the mistakes that hinder our development.

III. Pride — once we have a sense of work and discipline, pride is developed in ourselves and we know we are the best at what we do.

IV. Team — very few things are done individually. The majority of our accomplishments are done as a team. This is certainly true in athletics and it also holds true for the business world, the Church and other institutions in our society.

V. Success — the combination of the above 4 equals success, the degree of success depends on how well we've mastered the work, discipline, pride, and team concepts. If the degree of success continues to be small then one or more of the four concepts needs to be re-evaluated and improved.

IV. Winning — winning in athletics and in life is merely an off-shoot of success. If you continue to be successful in life, winning will come to you.

MHSFCA SCHOLARSHIP

The MHSFCA is offering four scholarships to graduating seniors in the state of Michigan. Any present member of the MHSFCA may submit the name of a boy or girl who has participated in the game of football in any capacity either as a player, manager, statistician, etc.

Qualifications are based on the applicant's classroom ability, financial status, acceptance to a college or university of their choice and who shows the value of an education to achieve success. The high school of attendance will forward the necessary information of the student's present educational status. Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis taking all the above factors into consideration.

All MHSFCA members must first file a letter to nomination to Mr. Arnie Besonen, Scholarship Chairman, MHS FCA, Owen-Gage High School, Owen Dale, MI 48754.

Additional information may also be sent to Mr. Jeff Smith at East Lansing H.S. or Mr. Besonen.



John Blackstock

SPECIAL AWARD TO JOHN BLACKSTOCK

On June 4th John Blackstock was presented a special award by the MHSFCA for the tireless and outstanding service to the Association. John was an original member of the MHSFCA and he served as Secretary-Treasurer from 1975 to 1979.

POTENTIAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

For the second 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 H.S., Riverview, Michigan 48192, by November 1. 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 the time to fill out this form since it is very important for your players.

High School _____ City & Zip _____

Head Coach's Name _____

	Player's Name	Height	Weight	Off. Pos.	Def. Pos.
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
For Years Ended May 31, 1979, and May 31, 1978

	May 31, 1978	May 31, 1979
Cash Revenues	\$16,186.85	\$16,478.21
Cash Expenditures		
Clinic Expense	5,910.82	4,911.86
Directors' Expense	2,992.85	4,358.18
Directors' Meeting & Conferences	23.75	70.24
Association Expense	615.95	461.04
Postage, Shipping & Newsletter	973.59	1,633.44
Placement	28.00	—0—
Play Off	969.81	940.75
Public Relations Committee	55.25	52.28
Rules Committee	60.40	—0—
Secretary, Treasurer, and Office Expenses	497.60	2,063.44
Coach of the Year	582.32	837.52
Michigan High School Coaches Association Joint Members	879.34	656.50
Printing & Typing Expense	—0—	—0—
Bad Checks and Tawas Bank charges	—0—	—0—
All Star	5.59	—0—
Refunds	—0—	—0—
Scholarship	638.30	1265.91
Total Cash Expenditures	\$14,233.57	\$17,538.00
Excess of Cash Revenues Over Cash Expenditures	1,953.28	(1,059.79)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	7,882.30	9,835.58
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 9,835.58	\$ 8,775.79

**Michigan High School
Football Coaches
Association
APPLICATION FORM**

Send to: Curt Evans
Homer High School
Homer, MI 49245

CHECK ONE:

- ☐ MHSFCA ONLY — \$2.00
☐ JOINT — MHSFCA-MHSCA — \$5.00

NAME _____
SCHOOL _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS (Street) _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
POSITION _____
HOME ADDRESS (Street) _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
MEA REGION _____ PHONE _____

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