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44th Annual MHSFCA Clinic provides learning for all football levels

Lansing Center - January 21 - 23rd



The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association cordially invites you to our 44th Annual Clinic in Lansing, Michigan on January 21 – 23rd. This time honored tradition continues to grow and become stronger each year. The clinic committee is dedicated to providing learning for all levels of football from the youth level to the collegiate. Again, this year, we will provide a Saturday format that will be geared for our youth programs and sprinkle in a few high school and college speakers for our die hard high school clinicians. 2016 will be our 3rd year in Lansing which provides a terrific and exciting venue for our football family. The downtown Lansing Radisson Hotel, Lansing Center

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MHSFCA
Membership runs
January - December

visit: MHSFCA.com

MHSFCA Meetings & Important Dates

Board of Directors

Fall Meeting

Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City
3-4 December, 2015

44th Winners Circle Clinic

Lansing Radisson at the Capitol
January 21-23, 2016

2016 Leadership Conference

Lansing Radisson At the Capitol
8 February, 2016

EVEN REGION

Board of Directors Election

Online • January 2016
see page 6

East / West

All Star Game

Date and location TBD

Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

Ford Field Championship Games Hospitality

MHSFCA Members
*Stop by the MHSFCA
hospitality room at Ford Field during
Friday and Saturday
contests!*

Winners Circle Clinic

Lansing Radisson
at the Capitol

January 21 - 23, 2016
Registration form on Page 5
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Even number Regions elected in even years.
 Odd number Regions elected in odd years.

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All-Star

Jim Sparks, Clawson

Apparel

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Assistant Coach Award

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Clinic

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Ethics

Wes Wishart, Belleville

Fran Herrington Award

Steve Robb, Tecumseh

Finance

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Playoff

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 for December Newsletter*

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44th Annual MHSFCA Clinic

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and the Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau continue to be wonderful hosts for our very large group. I encourage you to use our online registration process for easy registration and membership. You can register at www.mhsfca.com. Head Coaches, please encourage "ALL" of your staff to attend and join our association. Everyone involved in your program can benefit from the top notch speakers from around the Midwest. On behalf of the clinic committee, thank you for your past support and we look forward to seeing you in 2016. Good Luck to the rest of your season.

New this Year:

- On-line information about speakers and topics at www.mhsfca.com.
- A break at lunch time on Friday to visit our vendors in the combined vendors and lunch area.
- Register for clinic and membership on-line at www.mhsfca.com.
- A special expanded Saturday format of speakers geared for Youth and High School Coaches.

Clinic Highlights:

- Thursday night sessions with registration beginning at 4PM.
- Speakers will begin sessions from 7 – 10 PM
- Located in the lobby of the Lansing Center– college recruiting tables where recruiting information can be delivered and you can spend time discussing your players to college coaches.
- Awards banquet and Food Bust at the Radisson Hotel.
- Plenty of topic choices with up to 6 concurrent breakout sessions!
- Huge amount of vendors on site with the most current football equipment, technology, uniform and apparel available for inspection.
- Friday evening awards banquet in the Radisson

Ballroom. This is a first class event honoring our State Champions and various award winners who have made a positive impact on our sport. Tickets will available at the registration table and clinic booth.

- Friday morning "Kickoff Session" with Division I head football coaches, offensive/defensive coordinators and many other top college and high school football staff's. Most coaches are all from the Midwest and right here in our great state!
- Sessions are designed for the high school coaches with many presentations being made by our best high school programs.
- Friday evening reception in the Radisson Ballroom on 2nd floor. Starting at 9PM, come and enjoy all the food you can eat.
- Saturday morning features a Youth Football Program specifically geared for youth football coaches and board members.
- Unmatched service in one of the finest full-service hotels in the Midwest.
- The Lansing site offers a complete football setting and experience along with an exceptional downtown area with restaurants.



Host Hotel, Lansing Radisson
Make Your Reservations at:
800-967-9033



Winner's Circle Clinic
January 21-23, 2016
Lansing Center
Cost - \$100.00
Early Registration - \$90.00

Early Registration Deadlines:

By Mail – Must be postmarked by: Dec. 24, 2015

Register Online – Deadline: Jan. 10, 2016

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

School: _____

Email: _____

Current Coaching Position (Check One)

____ Varsity Head Coach ____ Varsity Assist. Coach

____ JV Head Coach ____ JV Assist. Coach

____ Frosh Head Coach ____ Frosh Assist. Coach

____ Middle School Head Coach ____ Middle School Assist. Coach

____ Youth Coach

Other: _____

Send form and payment to:

Steve Wilson

3010 Elm St.

Fruitport, MI 49415

Make check out to: MHSFCA

Office Use Only

Date: _____

Transaction: _____

No of Coaches: _____

Paid Amount: _____

Initials: _____

STAFF REGISTRATION - (Head Coach – Fill in above information)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Coaching Position: Use the coaching position from the list above (Varsity Assist., JV Head Coach, etc.)

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MHSFCA Regions & Board Elections - EVEN Regions

Regional Directors in EVEN numbered regions will be selected in online elections in January 2016. If you are interested in running as a director in an EVEN numbered region, you should contact Steve Wilson by email: swilson.fpt@gmail.com or USPS mail: Steve Wilson, 3010 Elm, Fruitport, MI 49415-9665 to have your name placed on the ballot. Regions are assigned by conference affiliation and then by geographic location with some exceptions. Regions were re-numbered in 2014 to reflect changing league alignments and numbers of schools. All 8-man football teams are now in Region 18.

MHSFCA Regions (# of Schools)

Region 1 (32)

Great Northern U.P. Conference
Great Western Conference
Mid-Eastern Football Conference
Mid-Peninsula Athletic Conference
Ski-Valley Conference
Western Peninsula Athletic Conference

Independent Schools

Rudyard
Sault Ste Marie

Region 2 (45)

Big North Conference
Highland Conference
North Star League - New
North Star League - Old
Northern MI Football League - I
Northern MI Football League - II
Ski-Valley Conference

Independent Schools

Cheboygan

Region 3 (35)

Central State Activities Association - Gold
Central State Activities Association - Silver
Lakes-8 Activities Conference
North Western 6 Football League
West Michigan Conference

Independent Schools

Manistee
Muskegon Heights

Region 4 (34)

Jack Pine Conference
Mid-State Athletic Conference - South
Tri-Valley Conference - Central
Tri-Valley Conference - West

Independent Schools

Bay City John Glenn
Pinconning
Standish-Sterling
Tawas Area

Region 5 (37)

Flint Metro League
Genesee Area Conference - Blue
Genesee Area Conference - Red
Saginaw Valley Association - Blue
Saginaw Valley Association - Red

Independent Schools

Saginaw Nouvel

Region 6 (49)

Ottawa-Kent Conference - Black
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Blue
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Bronze
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Gold
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Green
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Red
Ottawa-Kent Conference - Silver
Ottawa-Kent Conference - White

Independent Schools

Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian

Region 7 (35)

Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference- I
Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference - II
Red Arrow Conference
Southwestern Athletic Conference - North
Southwestern Athletic Conference - South
Wolverine "B" Conference - East
Wolverine "B" Conference - West

Region 8 (35)

Big "8" Conference
Interstate Eight Athletic Conference
Kalamazoo Valley Athletic Association
Southwestern MI Athletic Conference - East
Southwestern MI Athletic Conference - West

Independent Schools

Galesburg-Augusta

Region 9 (34)

Capital Area Activities Conference - Blue
Capital Area Activities Conference - Red
Capital Area Activities Conference - White
Central Michigan Athletic Conference
Greater Lansing Athletic Conference

Region 10 (31)

Cascades Conference
Lenawee County Athletic Association
Southern Central Athletic Association
Tri-County Conference

Region 11 (30)

Blue Water Area Conference
Greater Thumb Conference - East
Greater Thumb Conference - West
Tri-Valley Conference - East

Independent Schools

Bay City All Saints
Mayville

Region 12 (36)

Kensington Lakes Athletic Association - Central
Kensington Lakes Athletic Association - North
Kensington Lakes Athletic Association - South
Kensington Lakes Athletic Association - West
Southeastern Conference - Red
Southeastern Conference - White

Region 13 (40)

Downriver League
Huron League
Michigan Metro Athletic Conference
Western Wayne Athletic Conference- Blue
Western Wayne Athletic Conference- Red

Independent Schools

Dearborn Heights Star Int'l Academy
Detroit Consortium
Detroit University Prep Science & Math
Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

Region 14 (24)

Catholic High School League - AA
Catholic League - Central
Catholic League - Intersectional
Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Independent Schools

Clarkston Everest Collegiate

Region 15 (25)

Charter School Conference
Detroit Public School League

Independent Schools

Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy
Detroit Edison

Region 16 (26)

Oakland Activities Association - Blue
Oakland Activities Association - Red
Oakland Activities Association - White

Independent Schools

Harper Woods
Detroit Country Day

Region 17 (37)

Macomb Area Conference - Blue
Macomb Area Conference - Bronze
Macomb Area Conference - Gold
Macomb Area Conference - Red
Macomb Area Conference - Silver
Macomb Area Conference - White

Independent Schools

Marine City Cardinal Mooney Catholic

Region 18 (8-Man) (34)

Bridge 8-Man Football Alliance
Central Michigan 8-Man Football Conference
Independent 8-Man
Mid-Michigan 8-Man Football League
North Central Thumb 8-Man League
Southern Michigan 8-Man League

Duties of Regional Directors

- I. Directors are responsible for the management of the affairs, funds and property of the association.
- II. Directors will promote membership in their region:
 - A. Secure total membership count for region from the membership Chair
 - B. Contact delinquent members urging re-enrollment.
- III. Represent the interests of the Association and his region at all Association Meetings.
 - A. Assume the duties relating to the committee assignment(s) made by the President. Promote all activities of the MHSFCA in his region
 - B. At the Summer Meetings, participate in committee work and bring names of honorary membership for nomination. Be available to help with whatever needs to be done to make the MHSFCA All-Star Game successful.
 - C. At the Fall meeting, come prepared with Coach of the Year responsibilities completed.
 1. Contact any coach from your region receiving a Regional Coach of the Year award.
 2. Make sure each honored coach is in attendance at the January clinic for his presentation.
 - D. Prior to January elections, if running for re-election, 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 run.
- E. Attend the MHSFCA Winners Circle Clinic and be 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 Executive Director for reimbursement.
- VI. Be ethical in all your football relationships so as to be a model to the coaches in your region.

To have your name placed on the ballot contact Steve Wilson in writing (email works).

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Coach-To-Coach Mentoring Program

Ever had a question about how to do your job as a coach and not know where to turn for an answer? Need the name of an experienced coach who you could talk to in confidence about answering that question - or solving that problem? The MHSFCA has initiated a new "mentoring" program that you can turn to for this kind of help. Called Coach-To-Coach, that is exactly what it is. Experienced coaches who have a long standing relationship with the MHSFCA (Past Presidents, Regional Directors, Committee Members, etc.) have agreed to have their names and contact information listed at MHSFCA.com as volunteer mentors. If you have something you need help with, look over the list, contact one (or more) of the Coach-To-Coach volunteers. Each of the volunteers has several years of coaching experience. Get their advice. It's free and confidential.

Find the list of Coach-To-Coach volunteers at

MHSFCA.com

You must be a member of MHSFCA to access this service.

Join online at MHSFCA.com

State Final Games Hospitality @ Ford Field

MHSFCA members are again invited to stop by the 7th floor **Rooftop Suite** hospitality room at the State Final games 27-28 Nov. (You must be a member for admission - membership will be available at our Association table in the Atrium. Immediate family members are invited to accompany members.)

More coaches each year take advantage of this opportunity to network with associates from across the state while watching the games from a great vantage point. Join us! Limited refreshments will be available.

2015 Quick Lane Bowl

Monday, December 28, 5 PM at Ford Field

Televised by ESPN2.

courtesy of the Detroit Lions

The 2015 Quick Lane Bowl will be played on Monday, December 28 at 5 PM ET at Ford Field and televised by ESPN2.

Tickets start at \$29 and are available for purchase at www.fordfield.com. Additionally, Detroit Lions pocket schedules have a Quick Lane Bowl ticket promotional code.

The Quick Lane Bowl will feature teams from the Big Ten and ACC. At the end of the college football season, officials from both conferences will meet with bowl officials to determine the best possible matchup and choose their team representatives.

In the inaugural game (2014), the Rutgers University Scarlet Knights defeated the University of North Carolina Tar Heels, 40-21. Detroit Lions rookie FB Michael Burton played a prominent role in the victory, helping to pave the way for 340 team rushing yards for Rutgers.

2015 will be the second year of a multiyear agreement for Ford's Quick Lane Tire and Auto Center as the title sponsor of an annual college football bowl game at Ford Field.

The Detroit Lions are the only NFL team to own, host and operate a college football bowl game. The team's entertainment division, DLI Entertainment, has promoted multiple large-scale shows and events at Ford Field, including seven consecutive sold-out Kenny Chesney concerts, Taylor Swift, the 2003 Basketbowl, 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Regionals, 2009 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four and the 2010 NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Frozen Four.

Keep up-to-date on Quick Lane Bowl news at www.quicklanebowl.com.



Scoring Summary (Final) Wayne State Football

Team Ohio vs Team Michigan (Jun 13, 2015 at Detroit, Mich.)



Team Ohio vs. Team Michigan

Date: Jun 13, 2015 • Site: Detroit, Mich. • Stadium: Tom Adams Field

Attendance:

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Team Ohio | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Team Michigan | 3 | 7 | 0 | 14 | 24 |

| Qtr | Time | Scoring Play | V-H |
|-----|-------|---|--------|
| 1st | 03:52 | MICH - Bri. Alsobrooks 26 yd field goal, 16-53 8:08 | 0 - 3 |
| 2nd | 03:22 | OHIO - Abu Daramy 27 yd pass from Steven Ficyk (Bryan Kristan kick), 14-92 7:50 | 7 - 3 |
| | 00:23 | MICH - Bran. Childress 7 yd run (Bri. Alsobrooks kick), 7-55 2:52 | 7 - 10 |
| 4th | 07:01 | MICH - Bran. Childress 1 yd run (Bri. Alsobrooks kick), 5-70 2:35 | 7 - 17 |
| | 03:20 | MICH - Donte Eubanks 38 yd interception return (Bri. Alsobrooks kick) | 7 - 24 |

**See pages 10 - 11 for Team Ohio vs Team Michigan
individual and team statistics**

Award Nominations • Due by November 15

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 Fall Board of Directors Meeting.

Send nominations to:

Jack Carlson
MHSFCA Historian
2195 Lakeridge Drive
Holland, MI 49423

Assistant Coach of Year

The award for Assistant Coach of the Year 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, available at MHSFCA.com points out the requirement of ten years experience as an assistant. Due November 15.

Nominees MUST BE MEMBERS of the MHSFCA!

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Steve Spicer Leadership

The Steve Spicer Memorial Team Leadership Award honors high schools throughout the State of Michigan who exemplify the legacy left to us by Steve Spicer, the former head football coach at Fowler High School. Steve was an outstanding coach, teacher, husband, father and community leader before his untimely battle with cancer took him from us. Steve, a member of our Football Coaches Hall of Fame, had an outstanding coaching record along with capturing a state football title while at Fowler. He was a great role model for the players he coached and the students he taught.

Send nominations to:

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Jim Crowley

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
4380 Ridgemoor Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49684

Fran Herrington Woman of the Year

The Fran Herrington Award is presented in the memory of the late wife of John Herrington (Farmington Hills Harrison). Fran was a tremendous part of their football program and school community who gave tirelessly of her time and energy. She helped in creating a successful football program in her community, and she also worked on a number of projects for the MHSFCA. This award is presented annually to honor those women who have contributed their time, energy and expertise in promoting high school football in their community and the state of Michigan. This award is presented at the MHSFCA clinic in January.

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Also At MHSFCA.com

Alliance Award Nomination

Future Teachers/Coaches Information Sheet

MHSCA/Gatorade Coaching Service Award

Coaches' Placement Data Base

Scholarship Application

2015 Border Classic

Team Michigan proves too much for Ohio

Jim Sparks, Clawson

The 2015 Border Classic went much like the first edition with Michigan dominating the line of scrimmage on it's way to a 24-7 victory over Team Ohio. The coaching staff, consisting of Terry Hessbrook (Ithaca), Gary Griffith (Troy), Drake Wilkins (Madison), Jim Ahern (Lansing Catholic Central), Craig Snyder (Ithaca), and Tony Miller (Clarkston), did a tremendous job preparing our team throughout the year and guaranteeing that Michigan continued to be the dominant force in this annual event.

Unfortunately, I have to report that our counterparts from Ohio have decided to no longer participate in the Border Classic. The reasons cited were monetary difficulties and the inability to get their top high school talent to participate in the game. While unfortunate, the end of the event guarantees that the lasting image of the 2-year Border Classic era will be that of Team Michigan leading the way and showing what high school football in Michigan is all about. The 80 young men, along with the coaches and committee members, went out of their way to uphold the values that we expect of those people that make football in our great state so special. While I am saddened to see this event come to an end I do look

forward to holding bragging rights over that state down south.

As we move forward, we are currently making plans to resurrect our East West game. In the past few months, we have had some great discussions on how to take what was good about the Border Classic and infuse our old format with some of the new ideas to come up with an event that we can all be proud of. Early discussions have focused on how to assure that our game has a state-wide representation that includes participants from every region of the state, including our newest 8 man region. I believe that in the long run it will be the student athletes across the state of Michigan that will benefit from Ohio ending their association with the Border Classic.

In the upcoming months we will be exploring sites for the game and finalizing the selection process. With that being said, please stay tuned as we will be releasing details of the 2016 East West game as they become available. In the meantime, let's all take pride in the fact that we will be on an extended win streak over Ohio and nobody can ever say again that a team of All-Stars from Michigan could not compete with their counterparts from Ohio.

Team Michigan Roster

QB: Ryan Brand - University of Detroit Jesuit
 QB: Brandon Childress - Baldwin
 RB: Romello Ross - Detroit Western
 RB: Alex Grace - Saginaw Swan Valley
 H-Back: Alexx Zielinski - Brighton
 H-Back: Sam Girodat - Jackson Lumen Christi
 WR: Obbie Jackson - West Bloomfield
 WR: Rayshawn Wilborn - Lansing Sexton
 WR: Damon Terry - Lansing Everett
 WR: Anton Curtis - East English Village
 WR: Sam Beal - Ottawa Hills
 WR: Sean Bunting - Clinton Twp. Chippewa Valley
 OL: David Moorman - Northville
 OL: Swain Shannon - Lansing Sexton
 OL: Cole Chewins - Clarkson
 OL: DeShawn Baker Williams - Westland Glenn
 OL: Logan Slaughter - Mendon
 OL: Wes French - St. Joseph
 OL: Steve Eipper - Greenville
 OL: Mike Skibinski - Livonia Churchill
 DL: Kyonta Stallworth - Detroit King
 DL: Josh Alabi - Detroit Cass Tech
 DL: Eddy Wilson - West Bloomfield
 DL: Shahid Bellamy - Oak Park
 DL: Charles Harris - Southfield

DL: Mike Danna - Warren De La Salle
 DL: Tony Balabani - Macomb Dakota
 LB: Junior McMullen - Oak Park
 LB: Taran Smith - Muskegon
 LB: Abdallah Jaffal - Dearborn Fordson
 LB: Mike Ojemudia - Farmington Hills Harrison
 LB: Paul Ingram Jr, - Detroit Loyola
 LB: Kenny Willekes - Gd Rapids NorthPointe Christian
 DB: Merrick Canada - Clarkston
 DB: Dior Johnson - Southfield
 DB: Tyson Smith - Orchard Lake St. Mary's
 DB: Tyrone Miller - Saline
 DB: Alezay Coleman - Muskegon
 DB: Jamil Sabbagh - Dearborn Fordson
 Kicker: Brian Alsobrooks - Livonia Churchill

Coaching staff

Head Coach: Terry Hessbrook - Ithaca
 Assistant: Gary Griffith - Troy
 Assistant: Jim Ahern - Lansing Catholic Central
 Assistant: Drake Wilkins - Madison Heights
 Assistant: Craig Snyder - Ithaca
 Assistant: Tony Miller - Clarkston



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"Professional growth is one of the key ingredients to developing program success. The excellent and varied speaker line up at the Grand Rapids clinic provides staffs with an abundant opportunity to engage in thought provoking exchange of ideas with each other and the various speakers." - Ralph Munger, Rockford High School (MI)

Safer Than Ever Program

The game of football is once again under fire. Concussion issues, in particular, have given the perception in the minds of some that the game is too dangerous for young people to play.

To tell our story, and to encourage participation in football at all levels - the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the Michigan High School Athletic Association have partnered in an unprecedented way to promote one simple fact - that football is Safer Than Ever!

The MHSFCA and MHSAA have teamed up to create a variety of resources - which the MHSAA has distributed at the top-down level through its media partners; and which the membership of the MHSFCA can carry into the field at the grass-roots level to schools and youth football programs - to get this message out. It is this latter effort, by coaches in their communities - that is the most important key to our success, and it is up to you to make it happen.

Last summer, the MHSFCA mailed a KIT containing a DVD with a promotional message and a packet of information to ALL head football coaches in the state, regardless of their membership in the Association containing materials and ideas about how to use them within their communities to speak to football's safety record and to get people excited about the game. We know these opportunities will vary in different parts of the state. There are more radio broadcasts of weekly games in the western and northern parts of the state than in the metropolitan southeast, so the scripts provided for coaches to tape messages for those broadcasts will get more use. But one thing we know - statewide - is that football coaches continue to be high-profile individuals in their communities, and have a voice that people will listen to. Review the resources in this kit and determine where you can make your best efforts to help preserve this great game.

*The materials that were mailed last summer are also available online at SaferThanEver.org and you can find a link to them at both MHSFCA.com and MHSAA.com

Some people have been speaking about football's demise for some time. It's our time to speak up and speak out and tell everyone - ours is a great game, a game that's Safer Than Ever, and a game that will only continue to prosper and grow in participation and popularity.

Questions? Contact your MHSFCA Regional Director or an Association officer (Contact info is on page 2 or 3 of this newsletter or John Johnson at the MHSAA at 517-332-5046 (office), or by email at john@mhcaa.com).



Coach Group ID: Scott Farley, Jackson; Chad Fulk, Holt; Tim Parker, Muskegon Oakridge; Drake Wilkins, Madison Heights Madison.

Kit Resources (Sent to all head football coaches last summer)

DVD:

A 100-second message with football moms from around the state touting the benefits of participation in football; and high school coaches elaborating on those benefits.

How To Use It

- As part of a your Meet The Team Night
- When talking with local youth football leagues and teams to encourage participation
- When talking to local service club luncheons about your team and the state of football
- Reformatted for use on team website (Or download web version from SaferThanEver.org)

Safer Than Ever Brochure:

A full-color brochure touting the benefits of participation in football and a feature commentary written by Ann Arbor Pioneer High School graduate and Baltimore Ravens' head coach John Harbaugh. Available at SaferThanEver.org. Reproduce as needed.

How To Use It

- As part of a your Meet The Team Night
- When talking with local youth football leagues and teams to encourage participation
- When talking to local service club luncheons about your team and the state of football

Safer Than Ever Poster:

A full-color poster touting the benefits of participation in football. Ravens' head coach John Harbaugh. Available at *SaferThanEver.org*. Reproduce as needed.

How To Use It

- Post around your school. Available at *SaferThanEver.org*. Reproduce as needed.

Radio Message Script:

A 60-second message using the themes presented in the DVD and brochure, with locations for the head varsity coach to insert his name and the school he coaches at

How To Use It

- If there is a local radio station which broadcasts your games, contact the sports director

or the individual who announces the game for the station and tell them you'd like to record a message to be played back during your games, and possibly at other times on the station throughout the day. Most stations will jump at the opportunity to have the local high school football coach come in and record something like this.

Copies of this script will also be distributed to radio stations by the MHSAA. A shortened version of this script is also included in the kit for coaches to record for playback over the public address system at home games. It is recommended that such messages be 30 seconds in length or less and be played on the public address system during pre-game.

MHSAA meets with MHSFCA

Wes Wishart, Walled Lake Western

On August 4th, MHSAA Assistant Director Mark Uyl met with MHSFCA Ethics chair Wes Wishart and committee member Brad Bush (absent member Mike Zdebsi) in East Lansing. The purpose of their meeting was to review some of the rules all football coaches are expected to follow. Two of these included off-season and undue influence rules.

Assistant Director Uyl suggested that the MHSAA will be developing a spring test so that all coaches know what is allowed.

Another one discussed was the transfer rule. Mark Uyl stated that this rule needs to be changed. Currently, it is under discussion at the state level.

Finally, the assistant director indicated that the football rule book should be simplified as it is too complicated.

A future meeting is scheduled for next June to update these recommendations and changes. It obvious that the MHSAA is willing to address the concerns and needs of the football coaches.

2015 Recruiting Nights

Coaches:

Plan to attend a Recruiting Night scheduled near you. Meet and talk to D2, D3 and NIAA coaches about your prospects without worrying about the next bell. Introduce your prospects and their parents to the coaches. Do all you can to promote your player and your program to Michigan and mid-west schools looking for qualified student athletes.

Check the web site, *MHSFCA.com*, for more details.

Tuesday, December 1 • Grayling

Tuesday, December 1 • Hartford

Wednesday, December 2 • Escanaba

Wednesday, December 2 • Lowell

Monday, December 7 • Troy

Tuesday, December 8 • Jackson

Wednesday, December 9 • Edsel Ford

Thursday, December 10 • Walled Lake Western

Why Football Matters

The game of football is under attack.

We see it every day in the headlines, and on the news.

The medical concerns are pressing. The game has taken its share of criticism. President Barack Obama said that if he had boys he wouldn't let them play football. Even LeBron James has publicly said no football in his house.

The question is asked over and over: Why would anyone want to play football? And why would anyone let their kids play?

Here's my answer: I believe there's practically no other place where a young man is held to a higher standard.

Football is hard. It's tough. It demands discipline. It teaches obedience. It builds character.

Football is a metaphor for life.

This game asks a young man to push himself further than he ever thought he could go. It literally challenges his physical courage. It shows him what it means to sacrifice. It teaches him the importance of doing his job well. We learn to put others first, to be part of something bigger than ourselves. And we learn to lift our teammates – and ourselves – up together.

These are rare lessons nowadays.

Football has faced challenges like this before.

In 1905, there were 19 player deaths and at least 137 serious injuries. Many of these occurred at the high school and college levels. Major colleges said they were going to drop football because the game had become too violent.

That's when President Teddy Roosevelt stepped in to call a meeting with coaches and athletic advisers from Harvard, Princeton and Yale. He wanted to find a way to make the game safer. They made significant changes, introducing new rules like the forward pass and the wide receiver position. Those changes turned football more into the game we know it as today.

We made progress. Rules changed. Society evolved. The game advanced.

We're at another turning point in our sport. The concussion issue is real and we have to face it.

We have to continue to get players in better helmets. We have to teach tackling the right way, and that starts at the NFL level. Change the rules. Take certain things out of the game. It's all the right thing to do.

But even with all of that, the importance of football hasn't changed. In some ways, it's more important than ever.

And I believe the most critical place for football is at the youth and high school levels. For 97 percent of football players, the pinnacle of their careers is the high school game. Few players ever go on to the college level. Even less make it to the pros.

For a lot of these kids, it's not until it's all said and done, and they look back on it several years later, that they realize the difference the sport made in their lives. They are proud of playing the game. Have you ever met anybody who accomplished playing four years of high school football, and at the end of that run said, "Man, I wish I wouldn't have played?" It doesn't get said.

We know that football players aren't perfect. Nobody is. But millions of former players, one by one, can recount the life-altering principles they learned from football.

They know the value of football is the values in football. That's why high school football – and particularly high school coaches – play such a vital role in our society. Our football coaches are on the front lines of the battle for the hearts and minds of the young men in our society. The culture war is on and we see it every day. These young men are more vulnerable than ever.

How many youth and high school coaches serve as a father figure to their players? How many mothers look to the coaches of their son's football team as the last best hope to show their son what it means to become a man – a real man? More than we'll ever know.

Coaches teach our young people the lessons of life that very often they learn from no one else. Coaches have the kind of influence in our schools, and with our young people, that is difficult to come by.

Billy Graham once said, "One coach will influence more people in one year than the average person will do in a lifetime." My dad also says all the time that it just takes one person to believe in a young man or young woman to change their lives. I couldn't agree more.

Our culture teaches us to judge an activity by how it's going to make us feel right now. But football doesn't work that way. The game challenges and pushes us. It's often uncomfortable. It requires us to be at our best.

Isn't that what we want in our society?

Football is a great sport. Football teams can be, and very often are, the catalyst for good in our schools and our communities. Millions of young men have learned lessons in football that they could only learn through playing this game. Football has saved lives.

That is why football matters.

- John Harbaugh

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There's no doubt that participation in extracurricular activities helps teach lessons you can't always learn in the classroom. Lessons like hard work - team work - ethics - integrity - respect - and we think football does that very well.

High school rules started taking the head out of the game 40 years ago, and are constantly changing to keep safety at the forefront, like the recent reduction of practice contact.

School coaches are - above all else - teachers. They bring to the game an educational perspective.

The statistics don't lie. Over the years, the most serious football injuries are greatly down, and we do a better job than ever before being aware about injuries during practices and games, and about a young person's return to play when an injury is suspected.

There's nothing like a football Friday night, where everything that's good about our schools is on display.

Great relationships are built through sports, not just on the field, but on the bus rides and all the other team activities.

So many people have played high school sports, and gained the skills that have made them outstanding adults.

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FOOTBALL MATTERS

Letter To Potential Football Moms

To moms of boys wanting to play football,

Growing up on the West Coast, I played every sport I could – soccer, basketball, baseball, tennis, I swam, and for a short period I was even in a bowling league, but the only time I got to play football was at school during recess. I am pretty sure that the universal rules of recess football are still the same: Two-hand touch (when the recess lady was watching), one run per every four downs, two completions for a first down and we always debated whether we were going to count “Alligator” or “Mississippi” to rush the passer.

My parents never allowed playing organized football to be an option for me. They didn’t want me to get hurt. In the spring of eighth grade, the high school football coach came to our middle school to talk to a bunch of us about playing high school football. I was interested in soccer and the other sports at the time, but playing football was definitely intriguing. My mom still would not let me play.

For two more years I continued to play other sports, and on Friday nights, as the football team played under the lights, I sat with the rest of the student body and watched. I really wanted to play, but my mom wouldn’t budge.

In the summer between my sophomore and junior year, unbeknownst to me, a group of my friends’ parents ganged up on my mom and convinced her that she would really regret it if she didn’t allow me to play. Amazingly, she finally relented and said I could play!

I played that season of football and fell in love. I have not missed a football season since that fall of 1985 and my life has never been the same.

The game of football has so much to teach and so much to give.

Football taught me what it means to be a part of something bigger than myself. Success in football requires selflessness and true teamwork. It is impossible to have any kind of personal success without your teammates – impossible. No matter how talented an individual might be, he will never win one versus eleven. In a powerful way, the game of football is very humbling as it demands that players put the team over the individual.

A football team is unlike any other, in that it depends on all kinds of body types and skill sets. Short, tall, stocky, thin, fast, not so fast, strong, not as strong, cerebral, and hardheaded – they all can have a place and a position on a football team. There are so many different roles and positions and every one of them matters.

Football teams break down race barriers better than anything else I have ever been a part of in my life. When you are in a huddle holding hands you don’t see brown, black, white, red, yellow or green. You see your brothers, your teammates who are depending on you, and who you are depending on to do their job. The best teams that I have been a part of truly love each other. When a young man gets the opportunity to be a part of that, he will never be the same. It is a powerful reality and one that the rest of society certainly could stand to emulate.

In addition to teamwork, football develops toughness – mental, physical and emotional. The toughness I am talking about is not merely the ability to push another player out of the way or tackle the guy with the ball, but rather the refusal to be discouraged or distracted in the face of a challenge. Football teaches the value of hard work, the necessity of honoring commitments no matter what and the unbelievable power of a positive attitude in the face of adversity. Because it is uniquely demanding, football has the ability to instill belief, self-confidence, and discipline.

We all want our boys to grow up to be responsible and effective in life. Being successful in life as an adult absolutely requires toughness. Maintaining a strong marriage, raising kids, developing a career and sticking to a value system all require commitment, responsibility and perseverance. In a culture that is raising boys that seek to be entertained rather than be challenged, I submit to you that no other game develops toughness that translates to success in life quite like the game of football.

Unfortunately, the game of football is under attack. People are being steered away by the recent attention to concussions and other injuries. I am now a col-



lege football coach and have been for 24 years. I have a deep concern for the well-being of every one of my players – I always have and always will. I am not an anomaly. We take concussions and all injuries very seriously. During the last 10 years, we have seen significant changes in the rules of the game, the introduction of annual baseline testing as well as post-injury testing on athletes, improvement in helmet quality and fit, and dedicated training for physicians, athletic trainers, players and coaches on the presentation and management of concussion. Player safety is definitely a focus in the game of football.

Let it also be known that research shows that more concussions occur from riding bikes than from playing football, and soccer tops the list when it comes to girls’ sports. I have a daughter who plays soccer and loves it, and all three of our children ride bikes! Of course, I cannot tell you that your son will not have to deal with an injury from having played football and tragically some injuries end up being serious. I will tell you that awareness, preventative measures and care are at all-time highs and from my 30 years of experience – the game of football gives so much more than it takes away.

I cannot imagine my life without the invaluable lessons, situations, and experiences that football has provided me. I have experienced being a back-up and a starter. I have been the hero and the goat. I have been on an 0-10 team and a 10-0 team. I have suffered injuries and have seen guys end their career due to injury. I have seen the pain when players fail to make the team and the uncontrolled joy when players are told they are receiving a full ride athletic scholarship to play football in college. Football has taken me to play or coach in seven different countries, paid for my Master’s degree, and has allowed me to provide for my family my entire adult life. The experiences have run the gamut, but it is all worth it. The most valuable things that football has given me are the people I have met and the incredible lifelong relationships I have built along the way.

I love my mom. She has never done anything but want the best for me. Thank God she ended up letting me play football. For that I will be forever grateful. To all you parents debating whether or not your son should play football – let him if he wants to do it. I wholeheartedly believe that the benefits far outweigh the risks. It is truly a life-changing game!

Chris Creighton
Head Football Coach
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Letter from the MHSFCA President

Dear Coaches,

July 28, 2015

In less than two weeks the 2015 football season will be starting, and I'm sure all of you are making your final preparations on what will hopefully be a championship year for you and your school. As President of the MHSFCA I felt compelled to share with you some thoughts that I hope you will benefit from.

On July 14 the football profession lost a giant when Pat Riepma, head coach of Northwood University passed away after a long struggle with cancer. Pat and I go way back as we were graduate assistant coaches in 1984 at Central Michigan. Last week I attended Pat's funeral to pay respect to a man that truly made a difference in the lives of thousands of people.

Pat was a family man, leaving behind a wife and three sons. He was not only a wonderful husband and father, but a great leader, mentor, educator, coach and friend. As I talked to different people before and after the funeral it was apparent that Pat was universally respected by all that came into contact with him. I heard people describing Pat as a class act, someone that did things the "right" way, a person with a great sense of humor, a coach that believed in his players and got the most out of them, a man that impacted lives and had others best interests at heart, and by caring for others he helped those around him reach their highest potential.

Coach Riepma did all of this and much more for 20 years at Northwood. His mantra for his team was GO MAD- Go Make A Difference. What was most important to Pat was his personal relationship with Jesus Christ. His Christian faith guided him on a daily basis and he was not afraid to express his beliefs. Pat had two bouts with cancer and endured a lot over the past decade but his faith never wavered and he lived his life in a way that all of us can benefit if we take part of his legacy with us into the 2015 season.

As your President, I have asked myself, "What can I do to help the coaches in Michigan?" My question was answered when I attended Pat's funeral. I can help you by challenging you to take a part of Pat Riepma and incorporate it into your coaching. As coaches we all want to win. We want to beat our rival school, end the season on top of our league, and ultimately win a state championship. Unfortunately, that is not going to happen for everyone. Because of that, I challenge you to be a winner in the same way Pat was a winner.

I believe your role as a football coach is the most important position in your school. You touch people

every day as you strive for greatness. It's not just the kids you have an impact on, it's their parents, the school, your entire community. You are the face of your school and with that comes a great responsibility. At the end of the day it all boils down to a list of questions: Are you turning boys into men? Are you educating your players on and off the field? Do you bring passion and enthusiasm to our great profession on a daily basis? Do you hold people accountable? Do you lead by example? Do you possess humility and grace in victory and defeat? Are you a father figure to your players?

Pat would say over and over that every day is a gift from God. It is up to all of us to treat it as such. Seems simple but yet it's hard to put into practice unless you live your life to its fullest.

So as you put the final touches of preparation on the upcoming season, take the time to think about the big picture. Step it up another notch this year when it relates to how you are going to treat your players. Lead them with love, encouragement, and a can-do attitude. GO MAD is not just a slogan, Making A Difference a lifestyle that Pat Riepma exhibited on a daily basis, and you can have the same influence in your community that he had in his.

Good luck,
Ed Greenman
President, MHSFCA



Follow these 9 best practices to develop a strong concussion awareness plan

Article courtesy of Joe Frollo, usafootball.com

The importance of concussion education, management and treatment is a cornerstone of Heads Up Football. More than 5,500 youth leagues and nearly 1,000 high schools made a commitment to spread that message in 2014 by signing up for the USA Football program.

Still, according to studies, up to 50 percent of high school athletes – across all sports – admit to not reporting concussion symptoms when they occurred and 16 percent of high school coaches disclosed that they are not familiar with the process to identify concussion signs in players.

So the work continues.

During the recent Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sport National Meeting, speakers representing the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Korey Stringer Institute, American Medical Society of Sports Medicine and other medical organizations offered these recommended practices for youth leagues and school districts to develop their own plans.

- Every school or youth organization should develop an emergency action plan for handling potentially life-threatening injuries, including a referral plan for concussions.
- Enforce the standard use of sport-specific equipment, including proper fit and re-certification.

- Pre-participation exams should include concussion-specific questions.

- Pre-season education for coaches, players and parents should teach the basics of concussion, including that helmets do not prevent concussions.

- Athletes suspected of sustaining a concussion are not permitted to return to a practice, game or activity on the same day.

- Athletes suspected of sustaining a concussion are not permitted to return to participation until receiving written clearance from a qualified medical professional.

- No child or adolescent should return to a sport or activity unless he or she has managed a return to school.

- Implementation of a graduated return-to-participation protocol should include at least five steps with no more than two in a single day.

- All schools and organizations should construct a comprehensive medical-management plan for acute care of potential head or cervical spine injury.

All of these best practices are supported by USA Football and its programs.



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Inside the Official's Huddle- Talking About Holding

Mark Uyl, MHSAA Assistant Director

Each and every year, the most consistently talked about foul (or potential foul) in football deals with holding. We spend a great deal of time teaching officials what is, and what is not, holding. Actions that can lead to a foul for holding are common to the game and occur on virtually every play. The key for officials is determining whether or not these actions create a clear and material restriction of the opponent. We teach the following philosophies through our trainers and associations to get all officials on the same page to make this foul as consistently applied as possible. Below are the philosophies in the area of blocking that officials are to use in each and every game.

Blocking & Holding

1. If a player is illegally blocked or held "into" making a tackle, no foul should be called unless the action is a personal foul or there is an element of time between the foul and the tackle.
2. Takedowns at the point of attack, those in the open field, within the tackle box and affecting the result of the play create special focus and should be called in those situations.
3. If there is a potential offensive holding but the action occurs clearly away from the point of attack and has no (or could have no) effect on the play, offensive holding should not be called.
4. If there is a potential for defensive holding but the action occurs clearly away from the point of attack and has no (or could have no) effect on the play, defensive holding should not be called. Example: A defensive back on the opposite side of the field holding a wide receiver on a designed run play to the other side.
5. For blocks in the back, if one hand is on the number and the other hand is on the side and the initial force

is on the number, it is a block in the back. The force of the block could be slight and still a foul if the contact propels the player past the runner or prevents him from making the play. If the force is clearly on the side, it is not a foul. If the blocker is in a "chase mode", all the action must be on the side.

6. Blocks that start on the side and subsequently end up in the back are not fouls as long as contact is maintained throughout the block.
 7. Blocks in the back that occur at or about the same time a runner is being tackled shall not be called, unless they are in the nature of a personal foul.
 8. A grab of the receiver's jersey that restricts the receiver and takes away his feet should be defensive holding if other criteria are met, and could also be defensive pass interference.
 9. Holding should be called when it meets the criteria even if the quarterback is subsequently sacked.
 10. Blocks in the back that are personal fouls in nature should always be called regardless of their timing relative to the runner being tackled.
 11. Rarely should you have a hold on a double team block unless there is a takedown or the defender breaks the double team and is pulled back.
 12. When in question if an illegal block occurs in the end zone or field of play, it occurs in the field of play.
 13. Regarding blocking below the waist, when in question, the ball has not left the low blocking zone.
- These are the philosophies we are teaching our officials, and encourage you to keep these in mind when coaching and preparing your teams. As always, feel free to contact me at the MHSAA at any time if you have any rule questions or concerns.

Special Offer

Coach and Athletic Director magazine

Coach and Athletic Director magazine, "The team sports industry's leading publication covering the latest news, research findings, strategies & drills, and the most pressing issues facing coaches and athletic directors," has offered MHSFCA members a subscription to Coach and Athletic Director Magazine at the extremely reduced

price of just \$6.50 per year for the print subscription. The regular rate for non-association members is \$19.95. To get the reduced price subscription use the codes:

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Each week throughout the 2015 nine-week high school football regular season, one coach that best develops his players' character, discipline, and football skill in addition to emphasizing player health and safety in their program, will be recognized for his commitment to the team, school, and community. The winner is selected by a panel of high school football media members—Mick McCabe (Detroit Free Press), Hugh Bernreuter (Saginaw News), Bret Bakita (WOOD Radio-106.9 FM, ESPN 96.1 FM-Fox 17/Grand Rapids), James Cook (Traverse City Record-Eagle) and Scott Brandenburg (Mlive.com/Muskegon).

This season's program will award \$22,000 to aid in the development and promotion of high school football in the state of Michigan, thanks to contributions from the Detroit Lions, the NFL Foundation and presenting partner, Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan.

Each winning coach during the regular season will receive a \$2,000 donation to his school's football program. At the conclusion of the 2015 Michigan High School Football season, the Lions will also select the High School Football Coach of the Year. This season's Coach of the Year will receive a \$4,000 donation to his school's football program. All winners will receive a certificate signed by Lions' head coach Jim Caldwell and National Football League (NFL) commissioner Roger Goodell, a personalized game ball as well as acknowledgement at an upcoming Lions home game.

Currently in its' 19th year, the Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Week program has awarded \$345,000 to high school football programs throughout the state of Michigan. For more information on the Detroit Lions High School Coach of the Week program, contact Chris Fritzsching, Lions' Director of Youth Football, at 313-262-2248.

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Week 1

The Detroit Lions have named Dale Harvel of Detroit Martin Luther King High School the week one recipient of the 2015 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program.

Coach Harvel led his Crusaders to a 12-10 victory over defending Division 2 state champion Warren DeLaSalle during the opening weekend of the high school football season. In his 33th year of coaching, his 30th season at King and 7th year as King's head coach, Harvel has directed the Crusaders to playoff appearances in each of the last six seasons. Harvel's career record is 52-24. This Friday, King plays at home against Detroit Western in a Detroit Public School League game.

In terms of player health and safety, Detroit King's

Athletic Training Staff is participating in a Michigan High School Athletic Association pilot sideline concussion testing program aimed at assisting in decision-making regarding the removal of athletes from activity after possible concussion events. King will participate in the King-Devick Test, a rapid eye movement screening evaluation requiring athletes to read single-digit numbers displayed on a tablet computer in order to detect impairments of eye movement, attention, language, concentration and other symptoms of abnormal brain function. The test is administered on the sidelines during evaluations for suspected head injuries, and post-injury results are then compared to an athlete's preseason baseline.

Week 2

The Detroit Lions have named Clint Galvas of New Lothrop High School the week two recipient of the 2015 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program.

Coach Galvas led his Hornets (Ranked 7th in Division 7) to a 44-0 victory over Burton-Atherton in a Genesee Area Blue division game. In his 14th year of coaching and 7th year as New Lothrop's head coach, Galvas has directed the Hornets to six Genesee Area Blue titles while posting five straight unbeaten regular seasons. Galvas' career record is 63-9. This Friday, New Lothrop goes on

the road to take on Carson City-Crystal.

In terms of player health and safety, although New Lothrop does not have an athletic trainer on staff during the week of practices, they do have a medical staff on hand at games. Members of the athletic department and coaching staff also carry the proper CPR certifications as well as being educated on heat/hydration issues and concussion management.

Week 3

The Detroit Lions have named Matt Koziak of Muskegon Mona Shores High School the week three recipient of the 2015 Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan High School Football Coach of the Week Program.

On September 11, Coach Koziak led his Sailors (Ranked 3rd in Division 2) to a 31-10 victory over Rockford. Currently in his 16th year of coaching and 5th year as Mona Shores head coach, Koziak took over a football program that had never made the state playoffs. He has since directed the Sailors to two consecutive playoff berths while guiding his team to the Division 2 state finals in 2014. Koziak's career record is 27-15. This Friday, Mona Shores hosts Caledonia, currently ranked 9th in Division 2.

In terms of player health and safety, Muskegon Mona Shores High School partners with Mercy Health, a West Michigan based medical group that provides full-time athletic training services to Mona Shores student-athletes in grades 7-12. In addition to adhering to all the required MHSAA protocol regarding concussion management and heat and hydration, Mona Shores also provides ImPact baseline testing for all student-athletes in grade 9-12.

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