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2007 Crowley Award Winner Bob Knight, Portage Central

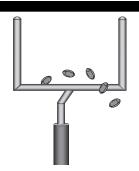
By Larry Sellers, Crowley Award Chair



"Have fun, play hard, be dedicated to doing your very best;" These were the challenges put forth to his athletes by the late Jim Crowley, in whose memory the MHSFCA presents this award. Coach Crowley guided the football fortunes of Jackson St. John, which eventually became part of merging several small Catholic schools into Jackson Luman Christi High School in the 1960's. Coach Crowley led his Titan football teams to state titles in 1977 and 1979, and then was tragically shot to death in his own driveway during a robbery in January of 1980 at the age of 45. As is our 2007 recipient, Coach Crowley was a dedicated family man and committed not only to his family, church, team, and school but also to making his community a better place in which to live.

Bob Knight was born on November 16, 1940 in Hamilton, Alabama, the third of four boys in his family. When he was in high school, the family moved to Adrian,

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Membership Report

Jim Clawson, Membership Chairman

MHSFCA Membership 2,207 TOTAL

February 1, 2007 *Membership runs September-August*

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All Star Selection Meeting

East - Allen Park HS/West - Okemos HS 12/13 January 2007

35th Winners Circle Clinic

McCamly Plaza, Battle Creek 18-20 January 2007

55th Coach of the Year Clinic

Soaring Eagle Hotel, Mt. Pleasant 2-3 March 2007

Board of Directors Spring Meeting

University of Michigan Schembechler Hall Saturday May 19, 2007

Hall of Fame Banquet

University of Michigan Saturday May 19, 2007

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20 May 2007 Jenison HS

17 June South Lyon High School

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2007 All Star Coaches

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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 May Newsletter — April 15 —

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NOTES

Correction

Academic All State

The 2006 Academic All State Team has added two members that were omitted from the list posted in the December 2006 Newsletter. Congratulations to First Team Academic All State members:

Tony Grittini, Warren Cousino Michael Kasper, Dowagiac Union

Web Sites Worth Finding

from Dave Larkin, Jenison

• "All American Supports Nutrition Awards Contest"

1 Team will win \$15,000

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200 word essay about your team's hard work to accomplish something tremendous including hardwork on and off the field, training program, teamwork and proper eating habits.

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Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award

The Awards Committee announces the Duffy Daugherty Memorial Awards will be presented to:

LaVell Edwards, BYU Archie Griffin, Ohio State

Leo "Smokey" Boyd, Nouvel Catholic Ceremonies will take place Thursday, April 5 at Eagle Eye Golf Club, 15101 S. Chandler Road, Bath, MI. Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00. Tickets are \$50 each. Make checks payable to Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award Committee, Inc. and send to 321 W. Lake Lansing Rd., Suite 100, East Lansing, MI 48823. Be sure to include your mailing address and phone number. Questions: Call Patrick J. Boog, President, 517-333-2982.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued patronage at the McCamly Plaza Hotel. We thoroughly enjoy hosting the MHSFCA Clinic every year. I hope it was a successful conference for the Association, even with the date change. We'll do whatever we can to help.

Sincerely, McCamly Plaza

2007 Crowley Award Winner • Bob Knight

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Michigan and he enrolled in Adrian high school where he played football, basketball and ran track, graduating in 1959. He was recruited and signed by the University of Wyoming to a scholarship which could be used for football or basketball. After playing both sports during his freshman year, he chose to give up basketball to concentrate on football. Although he was recruited as a running back, he was moved to tight end and eventually made all conference. During his time at Wyoming he married his high school sweetheart Nonie (April 1. 1961). Upon his graduation in the spring of 1963 he was made a graduate assistant and coached the freshman football team to a 4-0 record in the fall of 1963. He completed his master's degree in 1964.

Bob began his high school teaching and coaching career at Muskegon High School in 1964. While teaching science, physical and health education from 1964-1971 he was a varsity assistant to Roger Chiaverini, a great Michigan high school coach who was the 1991 recipient of the Crowley Award. Bob learned a great deal under "Chev's" tutelage and took most of what he learned in Muskegon with him when the chance came to become a head coach himself. While at Muskegon Bob began the wrestling program at the school. In the spring of 1971 and with coach Chiaverini firmly entrenched with a very successful program at Muskegon, an opportunity arose that Bob could not ignore. He applied for and was offered the head coaching job at Portage Central High School. That summer he prepared for his new job as a physical education teacher and the new head football coach of the Mustangs of Portage Central High

For 34 years (1971-2004) Bob was the head football coach at Portage Central, posting a 217-108 won-loss record, 14 conference championships, 10 playoff runs, including the state championship game in 1977 where the Mustangs lost a tough game to Birmingham Brother Rice. During his time at Portage Central he was the head track coach for 5 years and the assistant for 10 years.

Bob has also served the MHSFCA well. He was a director for 8 years, served on the All Star Committee and as



Bob Knight, second from right, family and friends lus a small part of the many friends and fellow coaches that made the trip to Battle Creek to join the MHSFCA in honoring 2007 Crowley Award winner, Bob Knight.

Crowley Award Recipients

David Driscoll '81
Jackson Parkside

Donald Lessner '82
Riverview

Ron Holland '83

North Farmington

Harley Pierce '85
Sturgis

Jack Castignola '86
Trenton

Tom Fagan '87

Elmer Engle '88

Bay City

Tom Moshimer '89
Plymouth Salem

Bob Wyman '90

Roger Chiaverini '91

Holland

Walt Braun '92

Marysville

Jim Ooley '93
Traverse City

Dan Lauer '94
Benton Harbor

Larry Rueger '95

Fruitport/Mona Shores

"Ike" Muhlenkamp '96
St. Joseph

Pete Coll '97
Center Line

"Woody" Thomas '98

Detroit Central

Jeff Smith '99
East Lansing

Jack Schugars '00 Muskegon Oakridge

Larry Merx '01
Ann Arbor Huron

Dave Woodcock '02

Jenison

John Herrington '03
Farmington Harrison

Albert Fracassa '04
Birmingham Brother Rice

James Reynolds '05

Martin Luther King II

Keith Froelich '06
Okemos

Bob Knight '07

Portage Central

2007 Crowley Award Winner • Bob Knight

an officer of our organization (President in 1992). In 1988 he was selected to the MHSFCA Hall of Fame and that summer, as head coach of the West All Stars, coached his team to victory over the East All Stars.

Much like Coach Crowley our 2007 recipient was a great coach, motivator, role model, and father figure to his players. He taught them to prioritize their lives in this order; religion, family, school, football, girls and other things such as cars. He expected a great deal

from his coaches and players; he passed on to his assistants (some of whom went on to establish their own successful programs) to "love the battle" (the game) and to prepare all week long to be ready. He loved the physical aspects of the game of football and his teams were known for their toughness regardless of their size or natural ability.

Coach Knight was all about details, whether it was in breaking down film, game planning, practice schedule, etc.; and he also was a great supporter of the other programs in the school. He had to change some attitudes when he got to Portage Central but he persevered and the results were pretty special. Nonie, his wife of 45 years and children Phil, Carolyn, David, Daniel and Kristina are rightfully very proud of what their husband arid father has given to the young men of the city of Portage and to the MHSFCA.

Coaches of the Year '06



Division 1 MIKE GIANNONE R-18 Macomb Dakota



Division 5 RYAN CULLOTY R-18 Madison Heights Madison



Division 2 TONY ANNESE R-6 Muskegon



Division 6 MIKE BOYD R-4 Saginaw Nouvel



Division 3 PETER STUURSMA R-6 East Grand Rapids



Division 7 MIKE HOLMES R-3 Muskegon Catholic Central





Division 4 JOHN SHILLITO R-6 Zeeland West



Division 8 JAKE EMMENDORFER R-11 New Lothrop

Honorary Members Inducted into MHSFCA in '07

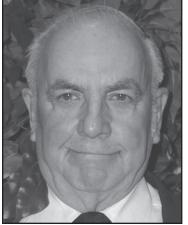
Honorary Inductees: Dale Smith, Climax-Scotts Don Butcher, Corunna; Bob Miller, New Buffalo; .

ale Smith has been an integral part of Climax-Scotts football for 30 years as a statistician, parttime play caller and supporter of Climax-Scotts athletics in general. Kevin Langs nominated Dale for Honorary Membership and said about him, "He is a good example of being loyal and dedicated, two things society needs to teach each

generation of young people. Through all the tough times and changes of coaches, the one constant was Dale Smith and his stat crew on the sidelines."

Don Butcher just completed his 54th year on the chain gang at Corunna High School. "There has never been a football game played at Nick Annese Field when Don has not been on the sideline," said head coach Mike Sullivan who nominated Don for Honorary Membership. A student, athlete and graduate of Corunna High, Don helped build the







stadium in 1953 including cutting and nailing the bleachers, hauling cinder for the track and placing sod for the field. Don has had 36 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren grow up and attend Corunna Public Schools.

Bob Miller was nominated by New Buffalo High School Principal, Ronald Hart who said, "Mr. Miller has been the equipment manager, comforted athletes and supervised those injured for 15 years. He hauls equipment to every game including taking time off work

when necessary or if he can't get the time off sending his wife with the equipment and joining her later on the sideline. He has done all this without concern about cost and time."

Nomination for Honorary Membership should be submitted in writing to:

Roger Bearss Millington High School 5110 Hart Rd. Vassar MI 48768 989-652-0335

1st Fran Herrington Award MHSFCA Football Wife of the Year Eileen Lessner

he Fran Herrington Award is presented in the memory of the late wife of John Herrington from Farmington Hills Harrison High School. Fran was a tremendous part of their football program and school community who gave tirelessly of her time and energy. She was 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 being initiated by the MHSFCA to annually recognize and honor those women who have contributed their time, energy and expertise in promoting high school football in their community and in the state of Michigan.

The first recipient of the Fran Herrington Award, Mrs. Eileen Lessner of Trenton, is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Monroe and became a registered nurse with a degree from Providence Hospital. She has been married to Dr. Don Lessner for 44 years, and it was probably inevitable that Eileen found a way to

become involved in high school football at the community and state level. She is particularly well known for the countless hours and days she has donated to projects involving this Association. Eileen is heavily involved in the preparation and operation of the All-Star Game and Hall of Fame Banquet, doing many jobs, including selling t-shirts and programs.

Eileen has proof-read almost every document ever mailed out by this Association, and is instrumental in the mailing of the Newsletter and all correspondence the Association sends out. She has also taken on a variety of duties at the high school level during her husband's coaching career.

Eileen has also involved many of her five children and 18 grandchildren in the football projects she works on including the Nike Coach of the Year Clinic since it's inception in Michigan.

By Steve Robb



35th Annual MHSFCA

Winners Circle Clinic

Battle Creek January 18-20, 2007



Al Slamer, Clinic Committee Chairman MHSFCA President 2007

he MHSFCA Football Clinic in Battle Creek was held on January 18, 19 and 20. Nearly 1500 coaches attended and used this three day clinic as an opportunity to pick up new ideas to help their programs and to celebrate the great experiences of the past season.

The Thursday night "Early Bird" sessions are becoming more and more popular as coaches are opting to come in on Thursday evening rather than Friday morning. Chuck Martin, the Head Coach of the National Champion Grand Valley

Top Left: Jim Buttson, Allen Park, 2006 MHSFCA President hands the president's gavel to Al Slamer, at the clinic luncheon.

State University Lakers, served as the Thursday "headliner". Thursday night featured three, two hour sessions with Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University and Olivet High School.

The Friday afternoon sessions (by both High School and College Programs) offered six different meeting sites occurring simultaneously with a wide variety of topics ranging from offense, defense, special teams, philosophy and conditioning. Many of the rooms were standing room only and additional rooms may need to be added in the future. The University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Northwestern University staffs all gave outstanding presentations!

Friday night promised to be spectacular and the college speakers did a great job. Pat Fitzgerald , the Head Football Coach at Northwestern University and Mark Dantonio, the new Head Coach at Michigan State University, were our Keynote Speakers. The "Social Hour" was moved back to the Kellogg Arena and feedback on the site change was very positive.

Saturday morning is always a treat as the "Ford Field" coaches share some of their ideas for program success. The Awards Banquet is held immediately after the last speaker. The Banquet honors the Regional Coaches of the Year, the Assistant Coaches of the Year, the State Coaches of the Year and individual programs which are receiving various honors. Bob Knight from Portage Central High School was honored as the Jim Crowley Award Winner, the highest honor the MHSFCA bestows on a coach.

The Clinic continues to grow as a near record number of exhibitors were set up in the Kellogg Arena and a record number of speakers presented during this three day event. The Clinic Committee is trying to offer you the best learning opportunity in the country. If you have any suggestions or ideas that would help to improve the clinic please contact your Regional Director.

See you in Battle Creek in 2008!

2007 Spicer Leadership Award Winners









Spicer awards were presented at the Clinic Luncheon to:
Mike Glennie, Saline; Todd Laventure, Caro; Mike Zdebski, Walled Lake Western; Rob Zimmerman, DeWitt

State of the Association, 2007 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

Al Slamer, Clinic Committee Chairman MHSFCA President 2007

ur association is enjoying its greatest fiscal health and largest membership (2500) since its inception in 1972. The prosperity is a direct result of the efforts of our past officers and boards of directors. Their dedication to and the constant nurturing of our Association has made the MHSFCA a model for coaches associations across our state and the country. The primary goal of the MHSFCA is to promote high school football in Michigan. Let me review just some of the ways our Association works to accomplish this:

The new year begins with the "Winners Circle Clinic" in Battle Creek (one of the largest clinics in the country). The speakers were outstanding, highlighted by the keynote speakers, Pat Fitzgerald (Head Coach at Northwestern) and Mark Dantonio (new Head Coach at Michigan State University). We also present the prestigious Jim Crowley Memorial Award, Steve Spicer Team Leadership Awards, Coach of the Year Awards and the Honorary Lifetime Membership Awards, all of which recognize significant contributions by many people to high school football. Current and newly elected directors are also recognized at this function.

The MHSFCA is proud to honor academic achievement by naming Academic All State Teams in each of the eight divisions and awarding 24 deserving individuals with Academic All State 1st team, Academic All State 2nd team and Special Mention Academic All State recognition. These teams are announced during our clinic weekend.

Spring finds us in Ann Arbor for the annual Hall of Fame induction and banquet. The Hall of Fame began in 1982 with the induction of the charter board of directors as the original members and Woody Hayes as the featured speaker. The Association annually inducts 24 Michigan high school football coaches who have attained 100 victories or have had a minimum of 20 years of coaching in the state. The presentation of the \$1000 Terry Rose Memorial Scholarship (MHSFCA past president-1986) happens at this event.

Summer takes us to East Lansing where 88 of the best high school football players from the state gather and play in the annual MHSFCA All Star Football Game. This is one of the premier all star games in the country and also showcases the winning squads from the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association and an All Star High School Band. In addition, recipients of the ten annual \$500 MHSFCA scholarships are presented with their awards at halftime.

The All Star weekend also provides the setting for our annual Leadership Conference which brings together 300 aspiring leaders to share ideas and to learn new leadership techniques to take back to their schools and teams in the fall.

During the fall, our membership concentrates on football with members striving to mold each of their teams into champions. The MHSFCA was instrumental in the adoption of a statewide playoff system to determine a true state champion in football. The goal was accomplished in 1975 with the first post season competition. The Association has been the driving force in the continued expansion and improvement of the format that now includes 256 teams each fall competing for eight state championships. Our annual meeting in Clare



Mark Dantonio, Head Coach, Michigan State University, in his Friday night keynote address of the 2007 Winners Circle Clinic.

provides us with Coach of the Year balloting, choosing Academic All State teams and coaches for the East-West All Star teams.

The Association is currently working towards the construction of a permanent Hall of Fame building or establishing a permanent site. Much work has gone into this project and a number of concrete possibilities now appear to make this close to a reality. We are in the process of raising \$1.5-\$2.0 million dollars to equip, staff, maintain and operate a first class facility.

The MHSFCA is governed by a slate of officers and directed by 36 Regional Directors, Committee Chairmen, Past Presidents and an Executive Director who voluntarily give of their time to make the Association and high school football in the state of Michigan the very best.



February '07 MHSAA Rules Meeting

By Dave Larkin, Jenison

At the February 8 meeting of the Football Committee of the MHSAA, three issues about which MHSFCA members have expressed concern were brought up. Following is a summary of the committee's response to those issues:

1) Bunch Kick off

The National Federation's Survey showed only 19% of those polled felt is was an issue. The National Federation won't take any action until the percentage on the survey is over 50%. The MHSAA said they will always follow the National Federation's guidelines. When asked about other states such as Texas and Massachusetts (who don't follow all of the National guidelines) and if we could institute a change in Michigan for this one rule the answer was "No." They did suggest, however, that we can officially ask the MHSAA for a two year experiment that would not allow the "bunch kick off". The results could then be followed by documented support from coaches, officials, etc. for not allowing it.

2) Multiplier Proposal

After Dave Farris presented the results of the MHSFCA survey to the committee showing our support to look into it further, it was voted down. Two important things happened: The Supervisor for the Detroit Catholic League, a committee member spoke out totally against it. The argument was made that schools of choice have the ability to draw kids from all over the county just as do private and parochial schools. A motion was made to have the MHSAA conduct a similar survey (to that the MHSFCA has

already done) with the hope of getting a better response (since only 62% responded to our survey). Dave Larkin seconded the proposal and after much discussion, it was voted down.

3) Moving Back the FB Starting Date (later in summer) The MHSAA said that following the state legislature's directive to start school after Labor Day it's still a "wait and see" approach to possibly backing up fall sports a week. The state is hoping that by starting school after Labor Day that tourism will pick up. If tourism doesn't pick up like they hope, then the MHSAA may look at other options. "There has been nothing said about moving fall sports back a week from the state but, listening to the people at the MHSAA talk, it sure sounds like it's a definite possibility to help boost tourism even more." Mackinac Island was mentioned as the "poster child" for the post Labor Day school start legislation and representatives from the island have noted that after fall sports begin practices they see a big drop in visitors.

In addition to Dave Larkin, the MHSFCA was represented at the meeting by Dave Farris, Boyne City; Tom Barberi, Dexter and Keith Froelich, Okemos.

Coaches Looking for Jobs Scrimmages/Games Needed

The following were posted at the MHSFCA Clinic in Battle Creek. We cannot vouch for the veracity or the completeness of what was written, smudged or erased on the white board. Please confirm the information by contacting the schools and individuals involved.

Coaches looking for jobs

Matt Colby 765-418-2707. 2 years MS coaching. 1 as MS AD. 3 years MS Science teaching.

Mike Rebec 517-927-8078. 5 years teaching, 13 years coaching experience.

Rob Rorie 231-598-1241. 9 years coaching experience. CB & CC looking for coaching/teaching

Steve Dickinson 517-712-8986, steve_dickinson@comcast.net. 10 years coaching. CE, CX.

Games Needed Scrimmage

Battle Creek Lakeview needs 1

Bay City Central

Bellville (w/Taylor Kennedy & Salem

Caro need 1

Carson City Crystal needs 1 or 2 more Mason, Adrian, Marshall need 1 more

Millington

Mt. Morris need 2 Saranac need 2

Spring Lake need 1 more

St. Joseph

Walled Lake Central needs 1

Game 1 Canton Denby Fowlerville Kingsley Lakeland

Muskegon Oakridge

Game 2 Brother Rice Chelsea (08) Coloma

Flint Powers Catholic

Holton Hudsonville Game 3 Cadillac

Norway

Muskegon Heights

Game 4
Brandon
Game 6
Evart

Muskegon Heights Traverse City West Whittemore-Prescott

Game 8
Glen Lake
Game 9
Dryden
East Jackson
Kingsley
Milford
Swan Valley

2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

The 2007 Induction ceremony will take place at The University of Michigan's Indoor Track Building on May 19. 15 coaches who have accumulated 2,633 wins in 471 coaching years (That's an average of over 164 wins and nearly 30 years each!) will be inducted.

For tickets - see information on the back panel of this newsletter.

Victor BalajAnchor Bay	Ralph MungerRockford	
Bruce BendixSaginaw Heritage	Bill MurrayBrighton	
Richard BushBattle Creek Central	Patrick O'KeefeGrand Ledge	
Bud DobaWarren Cousino	Jeffrey PutnamDavison	
Dave FarrisBoyne City	Ben SteeleVestaburg	
Tim GayleOnsted	Jack WallaceFowlerville	
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MaxPreps.com/MHSFCA School Service Award Fraser Reading Program Nominations Due June 1

By Noel Dean, Fraser Reading program Chair

he Fraser Reading Program is a community service project in which student athletes serve as role models to elementary students. In the Fraser Reading Program student-athletes are matched-up with elementary teachers and their students. The high school football players then attend the elementary classroom during one class period per week, at least during the football season and read to the students. (For the 2006 awards, programs conducted in the fall of 2006 or spring of 2007 will qualify.)

The 2007 Fraser Award plaques will be presented at the MHSFCA All Star Football Game. In addition to the plaque awarded to the winning programs, the MHSFCA will present a grant to the elementary school/s designated by the recipient. The grant will be used to purchase books to expand student access to reading materials.

MaxPreps.com has pledged to fund the Fraser Reading Program Award. 29% of Michigan schools took advantage of MaxPreps.com's free web services for high school coaches in 2006. In recognition of that success in their first year in Michigan, MaxPreps.com has pledged \$1,000 to fund four \$250 awards in 2007. MaxPreps.com will pledge up to an additional \$2,000 in future years as we increase our participation.

Send nominations and direct questions to:

Noel Dean, Fraser Reading Program Chair 1570 Hawthorne Hills Ada, MI 49301 616-682-0562

Nominations must be received by June 1, 2007

Include:

- *Name, school affiliation, phone and address of nominee*
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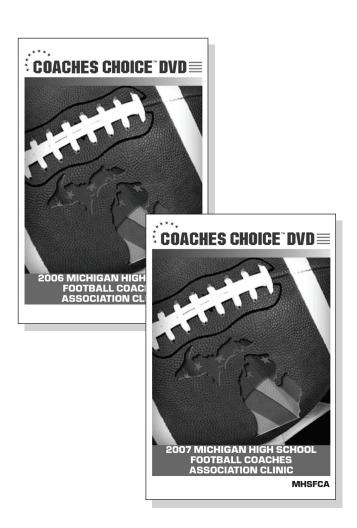


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Friday March 23 2007

Clinic M.S.U.

Spartan Stadium• LaSalle Bank Club, 4th Floor 1:00 Registration 2:00 Ken Mannie - MSU Strength and

Conditioning Coach

Spartan Stadium 3:00 Spartan Spring Practice Session

MSU Track 5:00 Tailgate

Spartan Stadium• LaSalle Bank Club, 4th Floor 6:00 High School Speakers

Brad Bush, Chelsea: The 3 Step Passing Game

Noel Dean, Lowell **Option Passing Routes**

Tom Hoover, Allen Park Weekly Defensive Game Planning

Jack Wallace, Fowlerville

11 Men to the Ball - Defensive Emotion

7:00 MSU Coaches Pat Narduzzi, Defensive Coordinator

Don Treadwell, Offensive Coordinator Ted Gill, Defensive Line Dan Enos, Running Backs

8:00 Keynote Speaker

Mark Dantonio, MSU Head Coach

8:15 **Dean Pees**, Defensive Coordinator, New England Patriots

Daugherty Indoor Facility 9:30 Coaches Mixer with MSU Coaches

*Mixer provided by: Damon's, East Lansing

Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

Saturday
March 24
2007

Clinic at M.S.U.



Daugherty Indoor Facility
7:30 FCA/Athletes in Action Breakfast
The Value of Athletic Ministry
Mark Dantonio, Head Coach
Phil Gilespie, Campus Director
Athletes in Action

Spartan Stadium• LaSalle Bank Club, 4th Floor 9:00 MSU Coaches

March 2007

Mike Tressel, Linebackers
Dave Warner, Quarterbacks
Harlon Barnett, Defensive Backs
Dan Roushar/Mark Staten, O-line/TE's

10:00 High School Coaches **Terry Hessbrook**, Ithaca *Multiple Defense for Multiple Offenses*

Kevin Langs, Climax-Scotts
Wing -T Lineman Fundamentals
and Drills

Spartan Stadium 11:15 MSU Practice

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Registration Pre-Register before March 16 cost: \$30.00 Register after March 16 cost: \$40.00

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What: This camp is designed to teach and demonstrate 21 drills that are designed to make all high school quarterbacks better players. This camp will be an essential tool to help prepare for the upcoming season. The summer camp provides more work in the area of reading and recognizing prior to, and during each play where the ball should go.

Philosophy: This camp is a high repetition, hard working camp. Your actual on field time will be significant in the two days you are here.

Coaching: These drills are the same that are employed by Lowell High School Head Coach Noel Dean when developing and teaching his own players. Over the past 11 years Lowell has won 85% of their games, and won 2 state titles. Much of their success has come from the abilities of their quarterbacks. Other selected high school coaches and assistants will be providing instruction.

Accomplishments of Lowell Quarterbacks the past 11 years

- 10 first team all OK White conference / 1 second team
- 8 Grand Rapids Press All Area Awards / 2 second team
- 6 first team all state awards / 5 honorable mention
- 2 Detroit Free Press Dream Team members
- State of Michigan's second only "Elite 11" invitee
- State record for total yardage in a championship game 411 yards
- 2,000 plus passing yards the past 6 seasons
- average of 1,059 rushing yards per year over past 11 years
- Parade All American Award
- All eight quarterbacks over 16 year period have gone on to play college ball.

What is needed: Football cleats, your own football, work out clothes, sack lunch.

Cost: The camp cost is \$135 pre registered (prior to June 1) for either location, \$160 late and includes a camp t – shirt. Camp is limited to the first 100 players. The spring camps filled up before pre registration deadlines so please do not wait.

Questions: Noel Dean, ndean@lowellschools.com, (w) 616 987 2962, (c) 616 893 2669. Call for over night suggestions.

Daily Timeline

Day #1	Day #2
8:30 – 9:00Registration	8:30 – 9:00Warm up
9:00 – 9:30Welcome and Warm up	9:00 – 11:15Drill Work
9:30 – 11:45Drill Work	11:15 – 12:00 Lunch
11:45 – 12:30 Lunch	12:00 – 12:15Warm Up
12:30 – 12:45Warm Up	12:15 - 2:00Drill Work & Big Gun Competition
12:45 - 2:45Drill Work	2:00Awards, and Closing Comments
2:45 – 3:00Wrap up	·

Please Circle Camp attending:

Lowell July 10, 11 Fenton July 12, 13

Please cut off and send check payable to: Noel Dean 1570 Hawthorne Hills Ave, Ada MI 49301

Name	Level in the fall of 2007 (circle 1)			
Phone	Varsity Starter	Varsity		
School	V Freshman	Eighth Grade		
Email Address:				



Michigan College & University 2007 Spring Practice Schedules

School	Practices:	Begin	Game	Clinic	Call First!
CMU	8:30-10:30 am TTH	3/20	4/21	3/30-31	(989) 774-3896
EMU	3:00 TTh 9:00 S	3/10	4/15 12:00	4/7	(734) 487-2160
FSU	3:30 MThF 11:00 Sa	3/27	4/20 6:00	N/A	(231) 591-2864
GVSU	3:00 MWF 9:00 S	3/19	4/14 12:00	N/A	(616) 331-3170
Hillsdale	4:00 MTWThF 10 Sa 1:00 Su	3/26	4/22 1:00	N/A	517-607-3133
MSU	3:30 TTH, TBA Sat	3/20	4/21 1:30	3/23-24	(517) 355-1647
MTU	3:30 MWFS	4/4	4/28	N/A	(906) 487-2985
NMU	3:30 MWF, 9:30 Sa	3/26	4/21 7:00 p.m.	N/A	(906) 227-2039
Northwood	3:00 MTTHF	4/19	5/12 11:00 am	No	(989) 837-4107
SVSU	3:00 MWF 10:00 Sa	3/31	4/28 12:00	N/A	(989) 964-4639
UM	4:00 TTh 10:00 Sa	3/17	4/14 TBD	3/29-30	(734) 763-4422
WSU	3:30 WFSu 11:00 Sa	3/21	4/14 (Tentative)	4/14 (Tentative)	(313) 577-4288
WMU	8:00TTh 9:00 Sa	3/15	4/14 12:00	N/A	(269) 387-8620

Be sure to CALL first, plans in most cases were still somewhat tentative at our deadline. Phone numbers were accurate as of 2/9/2007. Days of week may vary depending on weather. NOTE: Adrian, Albion, Alma, Grand Rapids J.C., Hope, Kalamazoo and Olivet do not hold spring practices.

About NATS



The National Athletic Testing System (NATS) is a program partnership between the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and officially recognized state high school coaches associations.

The NATS program is in many respects an athletic version of the Scholastic Aptitude Test for high school football players. It is a nationwide standardized athletic performance test that produces results that can be used to track and compare the players' athletic ability and development. NATS is also, however, a means of providing players, parents, coaches and guidance counselors important information and services pertaining to college recruiting, NCAA academic requirements, financial aid and athletic performance analysis and preparation.

Development of NATS began in 2000 when the AFCA organized a task force comprised of college coaches and state high school coaches association representatives to research and develop the NATS program. The task force designed a national athletic testing system and established a standardized athletic test grading formula and player data distribution technology. The task force also developed web-based interactive tracking tools for players (and parents) to help them follow their physical development and academic progress throughout their high school career.

NATS concluded its third and final phase of develop-

ment in 2004 when six state high school coaches associations conducted the first NATS Tests. Following the success of these initial NATS Tests, AFCA approved full implementation of the NATS program.

All players, beginning as early as their freshman year, are invited to participate NATS. NATS results and player profiles are distributed online to every college football program in the country.

Michigan NATS Dates

20 May 2007 Jenison HS

17 June South Lyon High School

To be notified about when registration opens for the Michigan testing dates sign-up online at:

http://visitor.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?m=1101098178292



Michigan High School Football Coaches Association

Alliance Award

MHSFCA Youth Football Committee

The MHSFCA Alliance Award is offered as a token of appreciation to person(s) having made a long-term commitment to youth football. Individuals that actively promote youth football, simply for a love of the game, and have done so for a long period of time, are excellent candidates. Coaches can be nominated if their contributions expand far beyond personal team(s). Won/loss records are of no concern. As a rule of thumb, persons that have affected the most youngsters over the longest period of time will receive the most consideration through this process. To date, all recipients of this award have been involved with youth football more than 20 years. Volunteers will be given additional consideration.

The nomination process will be completed when this form and accompanying letter are received on or prior to April 1 of the upcoming year. Please mail to: Bill Hollenbeck, MHSFCA, 6856 Wheeler Road, Maple City, MI 49664.

Nomination Form

(Please Print)

Part I	
	Name of Nominee
	Street/Box
	CityState Zip
	Phone
Part I	I
	Number of years involved
	Volunteer Paid employee Other (Explain)
Part I	II
	Name of Contact Person (Nominator)
	(Phone)

It is essential that you include a letter describing contributions made by your nominee. Additional paperwork may be included. It is the policy of the Youth Football Committee that the nominating letter be signed by yourself and two (2) other persons familiar with the nominee.

The Youth Football Committee of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association appreciates your efforts in this matter.

Future Teacher/Coaches Data Base

By Vince Leveille, Vassar H.S.

I am sure you are aware of the teacher shortage problem in our state. Finding a teacher that is willing to coach football is even more difficult and is getting worse every year. Nearly every head football coach has a player or two attending college for teaching.

We have developed a database of teacher education students that played football and are willing to coach upon graduation. I believe it would be much easier for administrators looking for teachers to hire a coach if they had a list of qualified applicants.

Below is an information sheet. Please copy this as needed and give it to any of your former players that are in a teacher education program in college and are interested in coaching upon graduation. They do not have to be seniors to get their name in the database. I would like to keep track of freshmen through seniors. The success of this program is dependent upon the coaches getting the information sheet to prospective teacher/coaches.

The second half of this concept is to get the information to the hiring person. If your school has a teaching position open and would like a list of future football coaches, they need to contact me and I will provide them with the information. Please notify your hiring person that there is a list available to them.

If a school employee would like a list of names, have them contact Vince Leveille by email at vleveille@vassar.kl2.mi.us or by phone at 989-823-8534 (email would be easier).

Future Teacher/ Football Coach Information Sheet

This sheet is for college level teacher education students that are interested in coaching football after graduation. This information will be made available to administrators and coaches looking for teachers. Please fill in the following information.

NAME		College	
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		City, State Zip	
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Expected Year of Graduation			
Check one: Secondary Ed	Elementary Ed. 🏻 Major	Minor	
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Vassar MI, 48768	989-823-7823		

Interested administrators or coaches should contact Vince Leveille at 989-823-8534 or email, for a list of qualified applicants.

Coaches: Copy as necessary and give to any of your former players attending college for teaching.

Midland, MI 48640

Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame Application

Criteria for application: Only persons who have coached and/or directed a secondary school athletic program for 25 years or more and actively coached in Michigan for a minimum of 10 years are eligible for the Hall of Fame. The applicant must have been a member of the Association (MHSCA), in good standing and an active member of the Association two years prior to induction into the Hall of Fame.

Name of CandidateTitle:								
(H) Address: Street	City	State	Zip _					
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From the MHSCA's Executive Director, Rich Tompkins

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- **General Requirements** Must have distinguished himself/herself with good coaching ethics and promoted good sportsmanship throughout his/her coaching career
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- 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

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. Rich Tompkins, Executive Director

MHSCA 9 South Lighthouse Dr. Mears, MI 49436 Fax: (231) 873-5003

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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.

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Street Address					
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Position(s) Available					
Qualifications Person to contact					
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Deadline for Application					

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