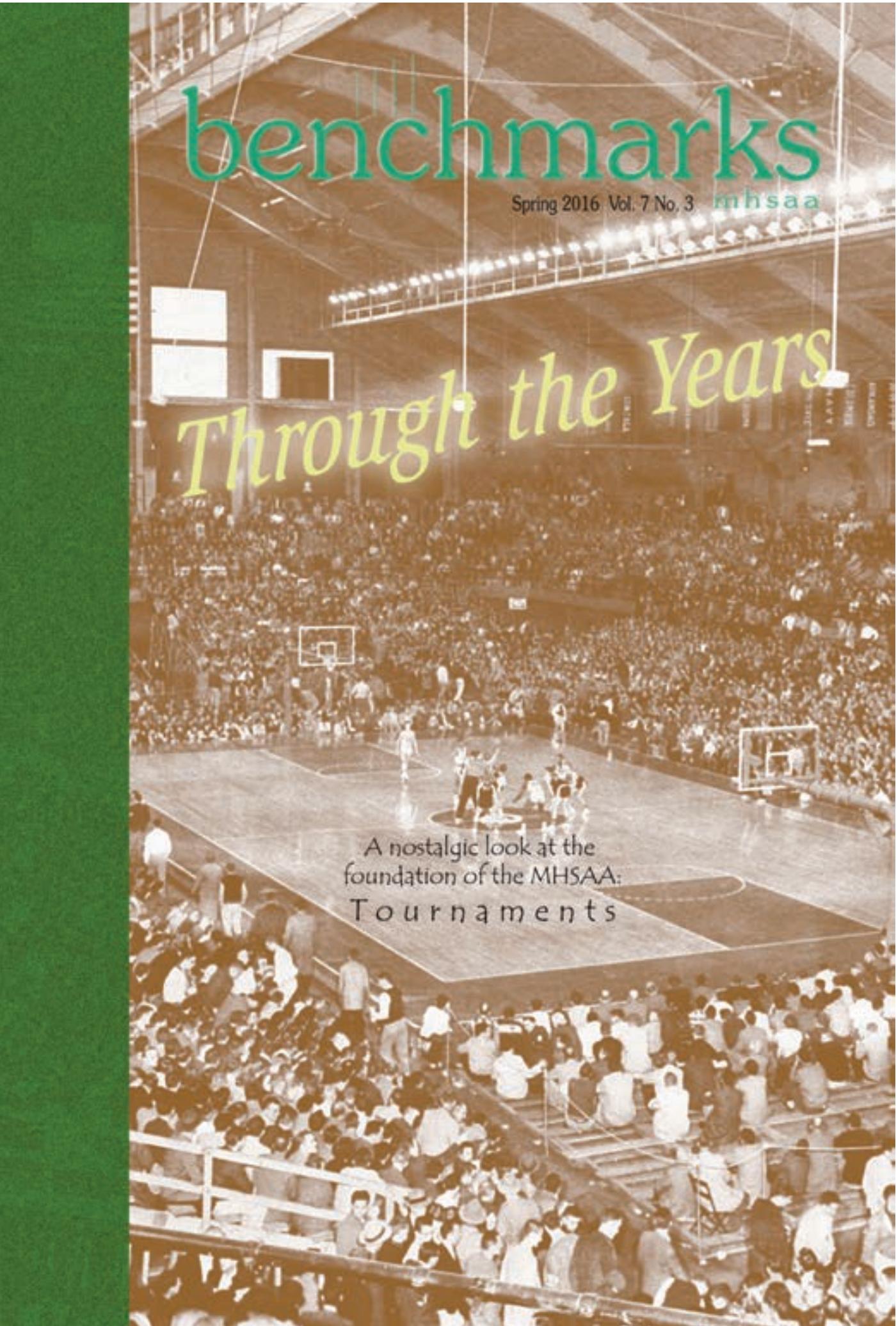


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Tournaments





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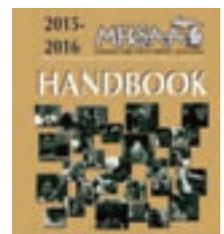
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New for 2016-17, member middle schools may sponsor 6th-grade teams and have that age group participate with 7th- and 8th-graders with approval.



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Just One Bucket Can Make a Bucket List



At 1:05 on a Thursday afternoon in March of 1965, at Camp Randall Fieldhouse at the University of Wisconsin, I made the first basket of the first game of the final weekend of the three-day, eight-team, single-class Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association boys basketball tournament. It was a 12-foot jumper, with bad form; and it was the only basket I made that game.

That I still remember the moment, the opponent and that it was snowing hard outside the arena, demonstrates how powerful school sports can be. They create mental pictures that are never quite forgotten. Which is why this issue, devoted to tournaments, is presented with more photographs and fewer words than is customary for *benchmarks*.

From a few tournaments for boys in the 1920s to 14 tournaments for each gender today, MHSAA tournaments serve student-athletes of diverse sizes, shapes and interests. More than 1.3 million spectators will attend MHSAA tournaments during the 2015-16 school year.

From the very start, MHSAA tournaments have operated in classifications based on enrollment, a concept that has spread to almost every sport in every state. The result is that in Michigan, the MHSAA will award 1,922 trophies to schools and 69,042 medals – first-round through Finals – to student-athletes during 2015-16.

The MHSAA delivers dozens more services than it did decades ago, but it is still through MHSAA postseason tournaments that most people know us. It is the place where memories are made, many of which last a lifetime.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John E. “Jack” Roberts
MHSAA Executive Director



At tournament time, every shot has the potential to become a lifetime snapshot.

Historian's Top 10

It sounded simple and fun, the theme for this issue of *benchmarks*: a history of MHSAA tournaments. It certainly has been the latter, but simple? Not so much. There's no way to do justice to nearly a century's worth of history in some sports. Complicating matters was the abundance of information and photographs for some, and the scant amount of detailed data and images for others.

MHSAA historian Ron Pesch was given an equally challenging task: recount a "Top 10" list from his days covering various MHSAA Finals. He shares them here and, he adds, they are in no order of favorites.

The Shot: 1986 Class B Boys Basketball Final at Crisler Arena – Saginaw Buena Vista's Chris Coles' desperation shot, launched at the buzzer from well beyond half court, dropped through the hoop to give the Knights a 33-32 win over defending champion Flint Beecher in a rematch of the 1985 Class B title game. The shot was Coles' first of the second half, and his only points in the contest.

The Smurfs: 1986 Class A Football Final at the Pontiac Silverdome – The "Smurfs" – Muskegon Coach Dave Taylor's nickname for his small, quick swarming defensive linemen – limited heavily favored Sterling Heights Stevenson to 4 yards rushing and 73 yards of total offense in a 10-0 win. As a 1979 graduate of Muskegon High School, I was elated.

The Drive: 1989 Class B Football Final at the Pontiac Silverdome – I slid down from the press box into the stands at the Silverdome for the end of this one. With 2:20 remaining, the atmosphere was simply electric, as Farmington Hills Harrison's lauded quarterback **Mill Coleman** (right) took the reins with his team down 27-21 to DeWitt. The senior executed a flawless two-minute drill, guiding his team to the DeWitt 9 before scampering into the end zone for the tying points. Steve Hill added his fourth PAT for the lead, then secured the victory with an interception on the next series.



King Kool: 2005 Class B Boys Basketball Final, Breslin Center, East Lansing – David Kool was a flawless 20-for-20 from the free-throw line and scored 43 points as Grand Rapids South Christian downed Muskegon Heights 67-60.

The Parade: 2004 Individual Wrestling finals, The Palace of Auburn Hills – In 2004, I traveled to Auburn Hills to watch the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals for the first time. The pageantry of the Grand March, the skills on display, the roar of the massive crowd, and the ensuing beauty and chaos of a wrestling extravaganza of this scale is truly a sight to see.

A Marathon: 2007 Division 3 Football Final, Ford Field, Detroit – East Grand Rapids and Orchard Lake St. Mary ended regulation tied 14-14, and this would turn into a five overtime battle that required an extra hour of play. No previous football playoff game, from Districts up, had ever gone beyond four overtimes. After exchanging field goals, touch-

downs, extra points and two-point conversions, East Grand Rapids emerged with a 46-39 victory.

Tawana Towers: 1994 Class A Girls Basketball Final at Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek – Flint Northern, coached by Leteia Hughley and led by 6-4 freshman **Tawana McDonald** (right), defeated 1993 runner-up Detroit Martin Luther King, 46-32, for the Class A championship. McDonald batted down an MHSAA-record 10 shots, pulled down 13 rebounds and added five points and seven assists in a stellar performance.



Never Quit: 2008 Division 2 Football Semifinal, Spartan Stadium, East Lansing – Unbeaten, No. 1 ranked and heavily favored Muskegon trailed Davison by 22 late in the third quarter and 16 with less than five minutes to play. In perhaps the greatest comeback in playoff history, Muskegon recovered two onside kicks and scored 19 points in the final 4:31 to escape with a 38-35 victory and its third trip in five years to the Class A Final.

MHSAA Legends: 1998-2008 – For 10 years, the MHSAA showcased great teams from the past with their Legends of the Game series. From a historian's perspective it was a chance to meet and learn more about folks I had often known only from the pages of microfilm. It was quite the treat to see years fall away as coaches, team managers and players reunited, in many cases for the first time after decades apart.

The MHSAA Record Books: Online, 1994 – One of my first efforts as state historian was to expand the record books beyond their primary focus on football, basketball, track & field and swimming & diving. With the arrival of the internet, an enhanced version of the record books was brought online. Coaches and fans were quick to respond with letters and e-mails, happily listing entries that had been "missed." Soon, five category headings in a sport grew to 20, then to 50 and beyond.

Kids: 2004 Football Finals, Pontiac Silverdome – (OK, this is No. 11...consider it an extra point). For the first time, my sons joined me for my annual excursion to Metro Detroit for a Thanksgiving Day football weekend. They got to see the Silverdome before the move of the MHSAA Football Finals to beautiful Ford Field. Future Big Reds, they also got to see their future alma mater win another title.

Tourney Journey

Concussions and cutbacks. Participation fees and part-time employment. Student safety and specialization. International students and interstate travel. Transfers and trials. Through a myriad of issues which periodically cloud our mission, the foundation on which the MHSAA was built still shines brightest three times each year: Tournament Time!

It can be daunting and overwhelming to make a living at this business of interscholastic athletics these days, not to mention a tad confusing. Do we need legal degrees? Medical degrees? Business degrees? Marketing degrees? There seems to be no escape from threat of legislative mandates which continually change the landscape of our product and how it's delivered. Demands pile up, resources dwindle.

Add the daily challenges of scheduling issues, inclement weather and pleasing teenagers and their parents on a daily basis, and it's easy to lose focus of the primary missions for the MHSAA and its member schools.

And then, scenes like this happen:

- Holly Bullough, a senior cross country runner from Traverse City St. Francis takes her second straight Division 3 championship, winning by 36.4 seconds . . . *with a stress fracture in her left foot.*
- Detroit Martin Luther King QB Armani Posey directs a game-winning drive to give his school the Division 2 football championship...*a drive which started on his own 3-yard line with 37 seconds left and ended with a 40-yard heave to receiver Donnie Corley on the final play of the game.*
- Leland sweeps the Class D volleyball title match 3-0 over Battle Creek St. Philip...*ending a string of nine straight titles for St. Phil, the 10th longest national streak in history.*
- Davison's Taylor Davis becomes only the fourth person in MHSAA Girls Bowling history to roll a 300 game in the Singles portion of the tournament...*and the first ever in the championship match.*
- The Upper Peninsula's Hancock HS wins the Division 3 ice hockey title in its first trip to the Final since 2000... *a trip funded in part from a "Go Fund Me" web page that raised \$6,620 from 99 donors in two days.*
- Junior Kierra Fletcher of Warren Cousino carries her team to the Class A girls basketball championship with 27 points in the Final...*after scoring 37 of her team's 60 points in the Semifinals and totaling 198 during eight tournament games.*

That's just a sampling of the magic since this past October.

These moments shine through the current challenges and the unseen future that awaits us as they always have. The uniforms and faces are different, but the tournaments have always yielded the fruits of our labors, and the memories for our mental scrapbooks. Take a break from your daily diversions and enjoy a journey of the MHSAA tournaments through the years.



Diamond Gem

Bailey Park in Battle Creek was home to the MHSAA Softball Finals from 1990-2013.

Crowning Achievements

Since the fall of 1924, when Ann Arbor High School won the MHSAA **Boys Cross Country** championships, tournaments have been the crowning glory for the Association's membership for nearly a century. *(The MHSAA officially was established Dec. 4, 1924, but that lone fall championship is included in official MHSAA titles).*

In addition to that event, boys sports of Basketball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis and Track & Field were established as **tournament sports in 1925**, and the growth has continued through the sponsorship of Boys and Girls Lacrosse in 2005.

To date, entering this spring's tournaments which will cap the 2015-16 school year, **28 MHSAA Tournament Sports** have produced a **grand total of 5,530 Team Champions** in MHSAA history throughout Michigan's Lower and Upper Peninsulas, and thousands more individual victors within those sports.

Boys Basketball has crowned 427 team champions, followed by **Cross Country** with 417.

Girls sports tournaments arrived on the scene in 1972 with Tennis, Swimming & Diving, Golf and Gymnastics, followed by Basketball and Track & Field a year later. **A total of 2,014 girls team champions** have hoisted title trophies, topped by **298 in Track & Field** when combining LP and UP teams, and **247 in Cross Country**.

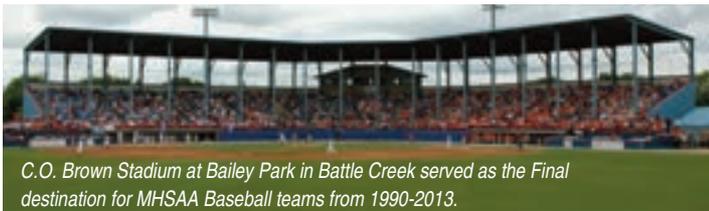
These and other triumphs represent only the summit of each tournament run. Countless other memories and accomplishments have been achieved at District, Regional, Quarterfinal and Semifinal levels throughout the decades.

The following pages represent just a snapshot of the MHSAA tournament trails. Everyone who has traveled even a portion of the path undoubtedly carries with them their own memories as well.

BASEBALL 1971-2015

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2014-Present: East Lansing (McLane Stadium at Kobs Field MSU)
 1990-2013: Battle Creek (Bailey Park-Nichols, Morrison and C.O. Brown fields)
 1987-1989: East Lansing (Kobs and Municipal fields)
 1985-1986: Kalamazoo (Judson Hyames Field WMU)
 1983-1984: Ypsilanti (Oestrike Stadium EMU)
 1981-1982: Mt. Pleasant (Alumni Field CMU)
 1971-1980: Each Class played at different sites, which included Battle Creek, Coldwater, Flint, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, Marshall, Mt. Pleasant, Pontiac, Port Austin, Wyandotte and Wyoming



C.O. Brown Stadium at Bailey Park in Battle Creek served as the Final destination for MHSAA Baseball teams from 1990-2013.

HOMER, OF COURSE

If ever a school was destined for historical dominance on the baseball diamond, it couldn't be more aptly named: Homer.

The small-town school from Southern Michigan hit it big during the 2004 and 2005 campaigns, winning a then-national record 75 consecutive games, still an MHSAA mark.



Coached by Scott Salow, the Trojans put together a streak that included a 5-1 win over Shepherd in the 2004 Division 3 Final, and did not end until a 7-6 title-game loss to Saginaw Nouvel in 2005.

A year later, however, Homer returned to Battle Creek for the Division 4 Final, and emerged with a 3-2 victory over Holton.

It was a remarkable run during which Homer shut out 41 opponents, including eight in a row during one stretch, and averaged more than 11 runs per game. Team batting averages of .393 in 2004 and .404 in 2005 rank on the MHSAA single-season list, as do more than 80 other standards reached by the team and individuals during the streak.

DIAMOND GEMS

Following the 2015 season, Blissfield's Larry Tuttle and Grand Ledge's Pat O'Keefe were tied atop the all-time MHSAA Baseball coaching chart for career victories with 1,190.

Larry Tuttle, Blissfield (1968-2015, 1,190-383-5)

Pat O'Keefe, Grand Ledge (1968, 1970-2015: 1,190-304-1)



TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Class A, B,C,D	1971-1997	108
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	1998-2015	72

Most Appearances in MHSAA Finals

- 9 – Blissfield (1973, 1976, 1977, 1992, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2009)
- 8 – Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher (1971, 1974, 1977, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989)
- 7 – Bay City All Saints (1978, 1981, 1991, 1999, 2000, 2004, 2008)
- 6 – Mt. Pleasant (1980, 1996, 2007, 2008, 2014, 2015)
- 6 – Orchard Lake St. Mary's (1984, 1998, 2003, 2007, 2009, 2015)
- 6 – Decatur (1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2012, 2014)
- 6 – Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett (1972, 1979, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- 6 – Birmingham Brother Rice (1986, 1992, 1994, 2003, 2008, 2013)
- 6 – Saginaw Nouvel (1990, 1992, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2005)

Bold=Titles

Most Championships

- 7 – Blissfield (1973, 1976, 1977, 1992, 2000, 2002, 2003)
- 5 – Dearborn Divine Child (1992, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2010)

Consecutive Championships

- 3 – Madison Heights Bishop Foley (2011-13)

TO WIN IS DIVINE

Dearborn Divine Child has the second-most MHSAA titles to Blissfield (see above), but has won all five times it has reached the title game.

The Falcons first won the Class B title in 1992, then captured back-to-back Division 2 crowns in 2004 and 2005. The most recent championship came in 2010 on the strength of a complete-game victory from Myles Smith (below) over Grand Rapids West Catholic, 4-2.



BOYS BASKETBALL 1925-2016

Olympia Stadium in Detroit was the first MHSAA Boys Basketball site to host four Finals under one roof, from 1928-30.



TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Class A, B, C	1925-2016	273
Class D	1926-2016	90
Class E	1941-1960	19
UP Class B, C, D	1932-1947	45

Note: The tournament ended following the District level in 1943

FINAL GAME SCORING LEADERS

49-Keith Appling, Detroit Pershing vs. Kalamazoo Central, 2009 Class A

47-Antoine Joubert, Detroit Southwestern vs. Flint Central, 1983 Class A

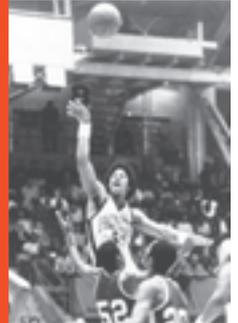
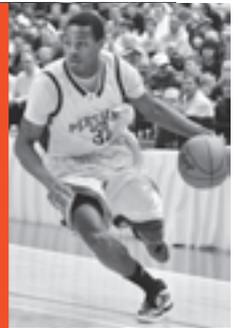
44-Mark Harris, Flint Central vs. Detroit Murray-Wright, 1981 Class A

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

1994-Present: East Lansing (Breslin Center MSU)
 1990-1993: Auburn Hills (The Palace of Auburn Hills)
 1975-1989: Ann Arbor (Crisler Arena UM)
 1974: East Lansing (Jenison Field House MSU)
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 1945-1970: East Lansing (Jenison Field House MSU)
 1944: Lansing (Boys' Vocational Fieldhouse, now part of Lansing Eastern)
 1940-1942: East Lansing (Jenison Field House MSU) (1943 - No finals)
 1935, 1937, 1939: Flint (IMA Auditorium)
 1934, 1936, 1938: Grand Rapids (Civic Auditorium)
 1931-1933: East Lansing (Demonstration Hall MSU)
 1928-1930: Detroit (Olympia Stadium)
 1927: Classes A, D-Detroit Central HS; Class B, C-Detroit Northwestern HS
 1926: Classes A, D-Ann Arbor HS; Class B, C-East Lansing HS
 1925: Class A-East Lansing HS; Class B, C-Ann Arbor HS (No D Final)
Upper Peninsula Finals sites from 1932-47 included Northern State Teachers College/Northern Michigan College (now Northern Michigan University, Ironwood High School and Ishpeming High School)

MARCH IS MAGIC

While the MHSAA recently branded its busiest month of tournament sports as Magic, March has been delivering lasting memories for nearly a century now, including the 1977 Class A Final that saw Lansing Everett's Ervin "Magic" Johnson cap a storied prep career with a 62-56 overtime win over Birmingham Brother Rice in the Class A Final. Johnson would lead Michigan State to the 1979 NCAA Championship vs. Larry Bird's Indiana State squad in the highest-rated title game in history, then led the Los Angeles Lakers to the 1980 NBA crown. In a dizzying, spectacular four-year period, the Magic Man led high school, college, and professional teams to the summit of his sport.



BOYS BASKETBALL 1925-2016

MHSAA BOYS BASKETBALL: A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals conversations might not begin and end with River Rouge and legendary coach **LOFTON GREENE**.

But, there sure is a steady stream of superlatives when sages discuss one of the great game-changers in high school basketball, and there's no denying the place Greene's Panthers hold in history.



River Rouge legendary coach **Lofton Greene** (far right) looks on as his 1954 team accepts the MHSAA Class B championship trophy, the first of 12 such scenes that Greene would oversee through the 1972 season.

1954, 1955, 1959, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1998, 1999

His squads won 12 MHSAA Class B titles between 1954 and 1972, and appeared in the Final five other times under his watchful eyes. Ironically, it might have been Rouge's first trip to the Final, a loss to Floyd Eby's Coldwater team in 1949, which might have opened the floodgates to the Rouge river of success.



Lofton Greene and Floyd Eby

Greene and more than 40 of his players from those golden years returned to the MHSAA Finals one last time together, in 2002 at MSU's Breslin Center as part of the MHSAA Legends of the Games program. Greene died the following July at age 84, but his impact on the game lives on.

Greene and his Panthers were beaten by what he described as "racehorse basketball," a style which he would mimic and perfect involving a pressing defense and fast-break offense. The rest, as they say, is history, to the tune of an MHSAA record 739 victories in 41 seasons, and those 12 titles. The school later would add to that mark with championships in 1998 and 1999.



Greene at the 2002 Legends of the Games Ceremony with many of his former players.

JAMMING JENISON For all but two years from 1940-1970, Jenison Field House on the campus of MSU in East Lansing was home to the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals. In 1943, no Finals were held due to World War II efforts. In 1945, Jenison was once again the stage for the state's top cage teams, and a commemorative program was printed to salute young war heroes (*see program cover at right*).



BOYS BASKETBALL 1925-2016

3... 2... 1... GOOD TO THE LAST SHOT!

MEMORABLE BUZZER-BEATERS

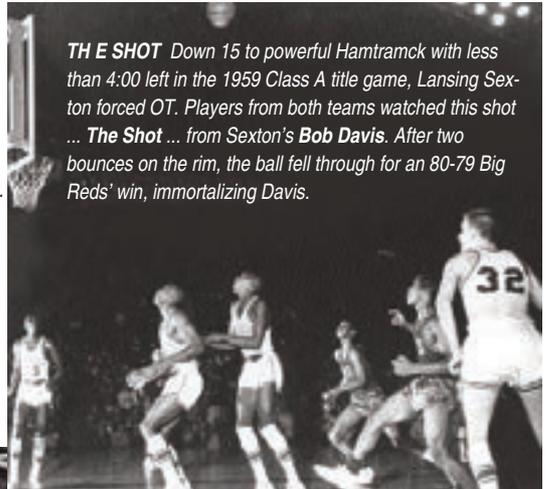


COLES' COMET Saginaw Buena Vista and Flint Beecher waged memorable back-to-back Class B Finals battles in 1985 and 1986. Beecher seemed a lock to win both games until BV's **Chris Coles** (1) launched a desperation shot from beyond half-court that (2) found nothing but net and (3) set off a Knights' celebration in a 33-32 win. Beecher won again in 1987 vs. Alma, and BV would win three of the six after that.



MITCHELL on the MARK Detroit East Catholic won eight MHSAA crowns before closing its doors, but the most thrilling was its last, in 1997. Guard **Andrew Mitchell** (left) netted 36 points, including this 3-point buzzer-beater to beat Wyoming Tri-unity 63-60 in Class D.

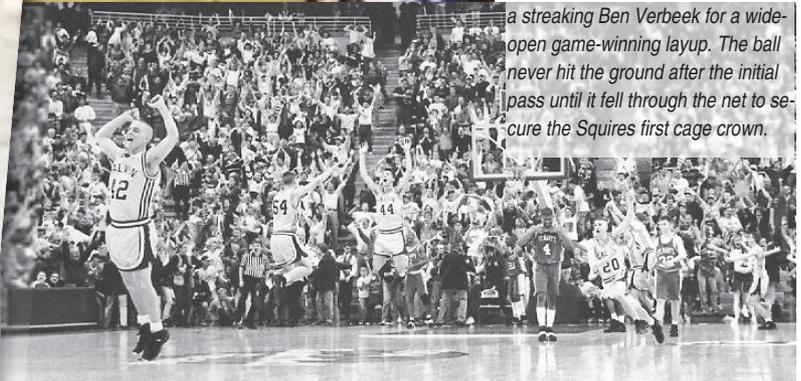
EVANS from the HEAVENS Detroit Rogers' **Eric Evans** (circle below) only had time for a shot and a prayer down by 2 in OT to Bellaire in the 2005 Class D Final. The trey was good, Evans was fouled, converted the FT, and the Rangers had title No. 3 in a row, 71-68.



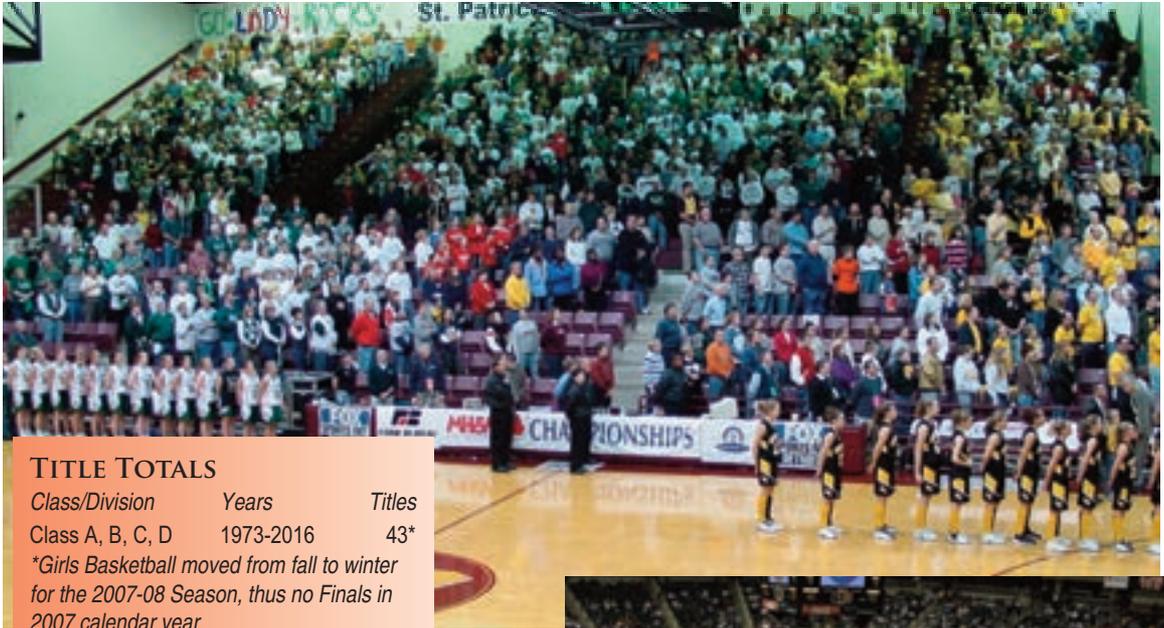
THE SHOT Down 15 to powerful Hamtramck with less than 4:00 left in the 1959 Class A title game, Lansing Sexton forced OT. Players from both teams watched this shot ... **The Shot** ... from Sexton's **Bob Davis**. After two bounces on the rim, the ball fell through for an 80-79 Big Reds' win, immortalizing Davis.



SQUIRES SPRINT in 6.6 Grandville Calvin Christian and Orchard Lake St. Mary's were tied in OT at 83 in the 1994 Class C Final with 6.6 ticks left (below). After grabbing a second missed FT, GCC's **Jon Stucki** fired a pass to **Joel Bluekamp**, who then hit a streaking **Ben Verbeek** for a wide-open game-winning layup. The ball never hit the ground after the initial pass until it fell through the net to secure the Squires first cage crown.



GIRLS BASKETBALL 1973-2016



TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Class A, B, C, D	1973-2016	43*

*Girls Basketball moved from fall to winter for the 2007-08 Season, thus no Finals in 2007 calendar year

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

- 2010-Present: East Lansing (Breslin Center MSU)
- 2008-2009: Ypsilanti (Convocation Center EMU)
- 2004-2006: East Lansing (Breslin Center MSU)
- 1997-2003: Mt. Pleasant (Rose Arena CMU)
- 1990-1996: Battle Creek (Kellogg Arena)
- 1986-1989: Allendale (Grand Valley State University)
- 1983-1985: Kalamazoo (Read Fieldhouse WMU)
- 1981-1982: Detroit (Callihan Hall U-D)
- 1977-1980: East Lansing (Jenison Field House MSU)
- 1974-1976: East Kentwood HS
- 1973: Class A-Grand Blanc HS; Class B-East Kentwood HS; Class C-Owosso HS; Class D-Alma HS



R & B Records

The MHSAA Girls Basketball Finals attendance record was set at CMU's **Rose Arena** (top) in 1999, as 10,958 fans packed the gym for four title games. The three-day, Semifinals-Finals standard was set at MSU's **Breslin Center** (above) in 2004, as 24,211 gathered for girls hoops, including 10,460 for the Finals.

MARQUETTE IN A CLASS OF ITS OWN ABOVE THE BRIDGE



When it comes to Upper Peninsula Girls Basketball, schools above the bridge have certainly made their mark on the MHSAA Finals. St. Ignace is most prominent, with five titles in eight trips to the big stage in Class C or D. Carney-Nadeau has three Class D crowns, including back-to-back trophies in 1989-90, while Rapid River came oh so close with three runner-ups in four years (1997-2000) by a total of nine points.

However, there's only one UP school to win the MHSAA's largest class, and that's the 1976 **Marquette Redettes**. Coach **Barb Crill's** (left, kneeling) squad dominated opponents during that Bicentennial year and painted the town red following a 68-41 win in the Class A Final over Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, avenging a 1975 Semifinal loss. All five starters played the entire game, led by Shelly Chapman's 23 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL 1973-2016

THE ORIGINAL FLINT-STONES



Paula (32) and Pam (30) McGee helped Flint Northern rule Class A girls basketball in the late 1970s.

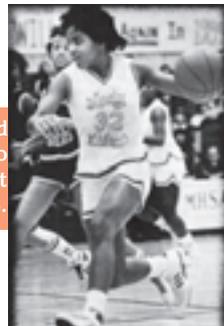
When the Michigan State University men's basketball team won the 2000 NCAA Championship, the core of the group was tagged with the nickname "Flint-stones," alluding to the basketball-rich city from which they heralded.

Little do many know, that group simply followed in the footsteps of female counterparts who were blazing a trail – and the nets – during the 1970s, 80s and 90s. From 1978-85, only two MHSAA Class A championships went to schools outside of Flint, and in those two years, the Flint schools reached the Final.

Flint Northern, led by twins Pam and Paula McGee in 1978-79, won four straight crowns from 1978-81 under Coach Dorothy Kukulka, and reached

the 1982 Final before losing. In 1983, Flint Northwestern took the baton, winning the 1983 and 1984 hardware under Coach Roger Zoll and the play of star Tonya Edwards. The coaches taught the pupils well, as Edwards would later coach the Wildcats to the Class A title in 1993, while Leteia Hughley, who played for Kukulka on three of those decorated Northern teams, led her alma mater to championships in 1994 and 1995.

Tonya Edwards directed Flint Northwestern to its second straight Class A title in 1984.



Leteia Hughley played for Flint Northern's 1978-80 title teams, then coached her alma mater to two crowns.

Speaking of Flint power, that brings us to Flint Powers Catholic, which was dominating the Class B scene under Coach **Kathy McGee** (right). Powers won four championships from 1991-2001, including back-to-back efforts in 2000-01, and finished runner-up twice in that span. Also in Class B, Flint Beecher netted championships in 1980 and 1987 prior to Powers' run.



In Class C, another Flint school has been making noise of late, as Flint Hamady has been to four Finals since 2006, winning two in a row in 2009-10, to go with a title in 1983. The city first made the scene when Coach Jo Lake's Flint Holy Rosary teams captured the 1974 and 1975 Class D hardware in just the second and third seasons of MHSAA Girls Basketball tournament play.

COACHING TOP 5

- 736 - *Frank Orlando, Detroit Country Day (1981-16, 736-112)
- 675 - *Al DeMott, Sandusky (1979-16, 675-185)
- 631 - *Diane Laffey, Harper Woods Regina (1962-16, 631-425)



- 599 - Kathy McGee, Flint Powers Catholic (1976-06, 599-153)
- 596 - *Al Schraub, Portland St. Patrick (1985-2016, 596-164)

*still active in 2016

SWEET REPEATS

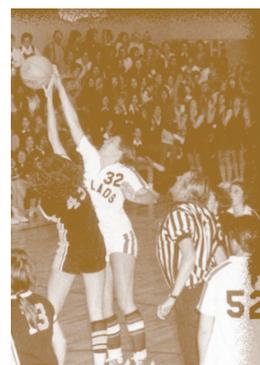
Beginning with the first two MHSAA Girls Basketball Finals, there have been 31 repeat champions. Hamtramck St. Ladislaus (right, in light) and Detroit Dominican (in dark) were early perennial powers, winning back-to-back titles the first two years in Finals history (1973 and 1974): Dominican in Class A, and St. Lad's in Class C.

There have been eight back-to-back champs Class A, but only Flint Northern recorded three or more in a row with four from 1978-81.

Of the six times it's occurred in Class B, three were by Detroit Country Day, which leads all school with 11 MHSAA titles. The Yellowjackets' two 'three-peats' (1997-99 and 2002-04) sandwiched back-to-backs by Flint Powers in 2000-01.

Class C has welcomed seven repeat winners to the podium, with no team winning more than two straight.

Class D has brought the most familiarity to the victory stand, with 10 schools which have consecutive titles. Portland St. Patrick has six wins in 12 title games, including three straight from 1994-96 which started a string of six in nine years. From 2004 to 2012 there was a repeat winner every year in D, beginning with Lansing Christian's second straight in 2004. That was followed by Frankfort (2005-06), New Lothrop (2008-09) and Waterford Our Lady (2010-12). (Note: there is no 2007 in the streak, because that school year the Finals shifted from Fall to Winter, making the date 2008). Our Lady, St. Pat's and Leland (1980-82) all boasted consecutive strings of three championships.



BOYS/GIRLS BOWLING 2004-2016

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GIRLS 300s at MHSAA Finals

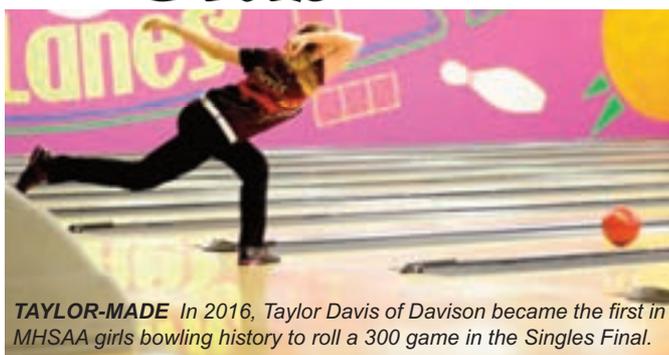
Singles Event

Taylor Davis, Davison -- 2016 Girls Division 1 Singles Final
 Kara Richard, Tecumseh -- 2008 Girls Division 2 Singles Round of 16
 Kara Richard, Tecumseh -- 2008 Girls Division 2 Singles Qualifying Block Game #3
 Rachel Ringrose, South Lyon -- 2007 Girls Division 1 Singles Qualifying Block Game #6
 Felicia Goll, Harper Woods Regina -- 2005 Girls Class B Singles Qualifying Block Game #3

Team Event

Ashley Blakley, Grand Blanc -- 2007 Girls Division 1 Team Qualifying Block, Regular Game #2

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BOYS 300s at MHSAA Finals

Singles Event

Brendan Welsh, Freeland -- 2016 Boys Division 3 Singles Qualifying Block Game #6
 Josh Kukla, Grandville -- 2014 Boys Division 1 Singles Quarterfinals Game #1
 Alex Ouellette, Bay City John Glenn -- 2014 Boys Division 2 Singles Qualifying Block Game #4
 Darren Norrod, Battle Creek Pennfield -- 2008 Boys Division 2 Singles Qualifying Block Game #5
 Andy Teeples, Flint Carman-Ainsworth -- 2007 Boys Division 1 Singles Qualifying Block Game #1
 Matt Richard, Tecumseh -- 2005 Boys Class A Singles Qualifying Block Game #4
 Austin Herter, Chelsea -- 2005 Boys Class A Singles Qualifying Block Game #1
 Nick Broene, Hudsonville -- 2004 Boys Class A Singles Qualifying Block Game #1

Team Event

Cory Baker, Zeeland -- 2015 Boys Division 1 Team Quarterfinals
 Lee Pierson, Dearborn Divine Child -- 2008 Boys Division 2 Team Semifinals
 Matt Wetzel, Ithaca -- 2005 Boys Class C-D Team Round of 16
 Kyle Morse, Traverse City St. Francis -- 2004 Boys Class C-D Team Finals
 Steve Roy, South Lyon -- 2004 Boys Class A Team Quarterfinal
 Jack Goodell, Warren DeLaSalle -- 2004 Boys Class A Team Round of 16

Team Baker

Walled Lake Central -- 2008 Boys Division 1 Team Qualifying Block Game #2
 Port Huron Northern -- 2005 Boys Class A Team Quarterfinal
 Dearborn Divine Child -- 2005 Boys Class B Team Round of 16

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

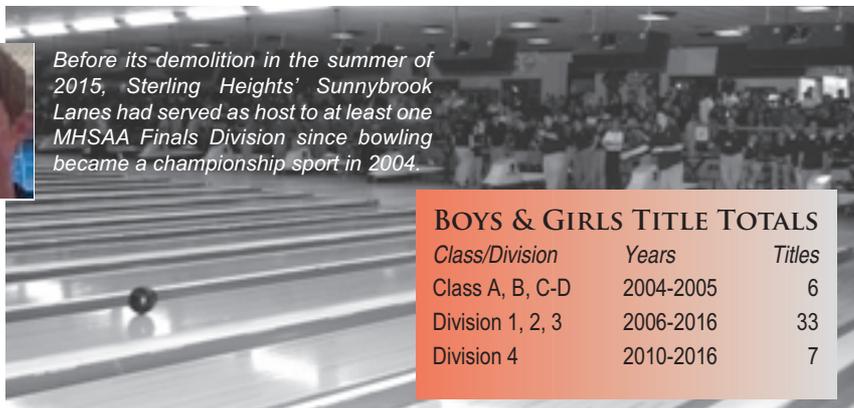
2016: D1-Sterling Heights (Sterling Lanes);
 D2-Canton (Super Bowl); D3-Jackson (Airport Lanes); D4-Grand Ledge (Royal Scot)
 2015: D1-Sterling Heights (Sunnybrook Lanes);
 D2-Waterford (Century Lanes); D3-Jackson (Airport Lanes); D4-Grand Ledge (Royal Scot)
 2014: D1-Sterling Heights (Sunnybrook Lanes);
 D2-Waterford (Century Lanes); D3-Jackson (Airport Lanes); D4-Battle Creek (M-66 Bowl)
 2013: D1-Muskegon (Northway Lanes);
 D2-Waterford (Century Lanes); D3-Jackson (Airport Lanes); D4-Sterling Heights (Sunnybrook Lanes)
 2010-2012: D1-Battle Creek (M-66 Bowl);
 D2-Waterford (Century Lanes); D3-Jackson (Airport Lanes); D4-Sterling Heights (Sunnybrook Lanes)
 2008-2009: D1-Muskegon (Northway Lanes);
 D2-Sterling Heights (Sunnybrook Lanes);
 D3-Jackson (Airport Lanes)
 2007: D1-Sterling Heights (Sunnybrook Lanes);
 D2-Battle Creek (Nottke's Bowl); D3-Jackson (Airport Lanes)
 2004-2006: Sterling Heights (Sunnybrook Lanes)

KING PIN

Only one bowler has won multiple singles championships during the 13 years of MHSAA Boys Bowling Finals. **Kyle Tuttle** of St. Charles also became the first to win three straight when he claimed the 2016 Division 4 crown at Royal Scot in Lansing. A junior, he'll go for four in 2017.



Before its demolition in the summer of 2015, Sterling Heights' Sunnybrook Lanes had served as host to at least one MHSAA Finals Division since bowling became a championship sport in 2004.



BOYS & GIRLS TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Class A, B, C-D	2004-2005	6
Division 1, 2, 3	2006-2016	33
Division 4	2010-2016	7

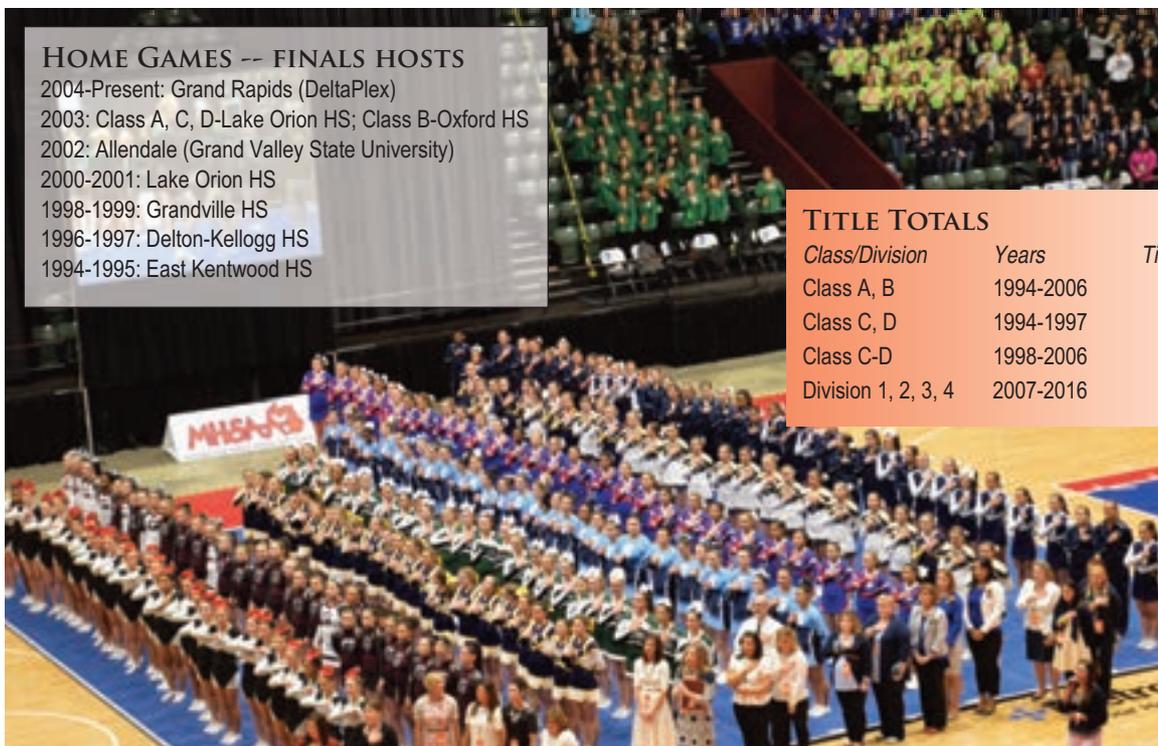
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER 1994-2016

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2004-Present: Grand Rapids (DeltaPlex)
 2003: Class A, C, D-Lake Orion HS; Class B-Oxford HS
 2002: Allendale (Grand Valley State University)
 2000-2001: Lake Orion HS
 1998-1999: Grandville HS
 1996-1997: Delton-Kellogg HS
 1994-1995: East Kentwood HS

TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Class A, B	1994-2006	26
Class C, D	1994-1997	8
Class C-D	1998-2006	9
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	2007-2016	40



Something to Cheer About

The MHSAA Girls Competitive Cheer Finals regularly pack the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids, home to the championship weekend since 2004.

DOUBLE THE FUN

Since 2000, participation in Girls Competitive Cheer has more than doubled, from 3,214 in 2000 to 7,189 in 2015. The highest participation mark was 7,656 in 2011, as the sport has become one of the MHSAA's most popular for girls in less than 25 years. It continues to draw enthusiastic crowds each March at the DeltaPlex, including a Finals-record 12,253 in 2015.



PYRAMIDS OF SUCCESS

The leading programs in MHSAA Cheer titles are, clockwise from right: Rochester (13), Breckenridge (9), Gibraltar Carlson (9) and Pewamo-Westphalia (8). Carlson, shown below locking up title No. 1 in 1995 at East Kentwood HS, has won the last six in a row under three coaches, an MHSAA record.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY 1924-2015

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

Lower Peninsula Boys and Girls 1996-Present: Brooklyn (Michigan International Speedway)
Among the MHSAA's oldest Finals, LP Cross Country has had hundreds of hosts prior to MIS; the UP continues to use different sites, with all Divisions running at that site each year.

TITLE TOTALS

LP/UP Combined	Years	Titles
Open Class	1924-1926	3
Class A, B	1927-1942	27
Class C-D	1928-1973	43

Note: No Tournament in 1932, 1933, 1942

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Class A, B	1943-1999	115
Class C, D	1974-1999	53
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	2000-2015	64

Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Class B	1946-1965	20
Class C-D	1944-1973	0
Class A-B	1966-1999	35
Class C, D	1974-1999	52
Division 1, 2, 3	2000-2015	48

GIANT STEPS

Kalamazoo Central's Maroon Giants established a path for others to follow with an MHSAA-record 11 titles between 1925 and 1954, still more than any other LP school. *The 1926 team is below.*



U.P. POWER

The most dominant school in MHSAA Cross Country hales from the Upper Peninsula, where Marquette's boys have won 22 championships, and the girls teams have compiled a staggering 30 titles.



KERMIT Running enthusiasts only need one name to recognize Kermit Ambrose. A successful coach at Birmingham Seaholm and even more renowned track and cross country official for 40-plus years, Kermit lived to be 101 years old and made the sports his life's passion. For decades after he retired, Kermit assisted with Finals medal ceremonies until his passing in 2012.



FAST TIMES AT ROCKFORD HIGH Since 5K became the MHSAA Finals distance for cross country in 1980, Rockford runners have posted the two fastest times all-time. **Dathan Ritzenhein** (above) has the top clocking of 14:10.4 in the 2000 D1 Final, eclipsing fellow Ram Jason Hartman's 1998 mark of 14:51.0.

REMEMBERING RYAN

Central Lake's **Ryan Shay** is the lone runner in the long history of Boys Cross Country with four individual championships, winning from 1993-96. In fact, he won every meet he competed in following the third meet of his freshman year. The morning of Nov. 3, 2007, during the US Olympic marathon trials in New York City, Shay collapsed approximately 5 miles into the race and was later pronounced dead at a nearby hospital prior to 9 a.m. (Editor's Note: Ironically, the MHSAA Cross Country Finals were taking place that same day at MIS, where Shay had finished his prep career on the same day the Finals moved to the Speedway in 1996. Stunned silence fell over the meet administration and media rooms when the news broke. Feelings of vulnerability and mortality permeated the mood that day, and a name that stands alone in MHSAA lore would now be forever intertwined with the event he dominated.)



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY 1978-2015



DRAWING A CROWD
Among the highlights at the Finals each year are the eight awards ceremonies during the day.

ON TRACK

IN 1996, the MHSAA and the Michigan International Speedway began a partnership that changed the course of the LP Cross Country Finals – quite literally. The land in and around the track at Brooklyn would host the Finals for ALL classes of runners in one place on one day, an annual festival of nearly 2,000 runners competing for the MHSAA’s top honors. Even skeptics – and there were several among running purists who thought the course was too flat, for example – can’t deny the results. Finals attendance nearly doubled in that first year, and crowds in excess of 10,000 have enjoyed a day of racing three times, including a record 12,153 in 2011. Attendance has failed to reach at least 8,000 only twice since the move to MIS.

TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1978-1978	1
Class A, B, C, D	1979-1999	84
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	2000-2015	64
Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1978-1979	2
Class C-D	1980-1993	12
Class A-B	1980-1999	20
Class C, D	1994-1999	16
Division 1, 2, 3	2000-2015	48

Note: Class C and D were separate in 1984 and 1985

3 FOR 4 Seven girls have won four MHSAA XC Finals, including the three pictured here. From left, Calumet’s Tara Kiilunen, Breckenridge’s Kirsten Olling and Rochester Adams’s Katie Boyles.



MHSAA GIRLS XC 4-TIME CHAMPS

- Kirsten Olling, Breckenridge (LP Division 4) (2010-13)
- Tara Kiilunen, Calumet (UP Division 1) (2009-12)
- Amber Smith, Ishpeming Westwood (UP Division 2) (2000-03)
- Katie Boyles, Rochester Adams (LP Class A/Division 1) (1997-2000)
- Carrie Gould, Burton Bendle (LP Class C) (1992-93); Flint Powers Catholic (LP Class C) (1994-95)
- Theresa Padilla, Camden-Frontier (LP Class D) (1984-87)
- Valari Ambrose, Riverview Gabriel Richard (LP Class B) (1981-84)

FALCON FLYERS Rochester’s Megan Goethals (below) has two of the top times in Finals history, including the top time of 16:54.8 in the 2009 D1 Final. Next on the list is Brook Handler, also from Rochester, with 17:00.2 in 2010.



FOOTBALL 1975-2015

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

11-Player

2005-Present: Detroit (Ford Field)
 1976-2004: Pontiac (Pontiac Silverdome)
 1975: Class A, D-Kalamazoo (Waldo Stadium WMU)
 Class B, C-Mt. Pleasant (Perry Shorts Stadium CMU)

8-Player

2012-Present: Greenville HS
 2011: Marquette (Superior Dome NMU)

TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Class A, B, C, D	1975-1998	96
Class AA, BB, CC, DD	1990-1998	36
Division 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	1999-2015	136
8-Player	2011-2015	5

Most MHSAA Championships

- 13 - Farmington Hills Harrison (1981, 1982, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2010)
- 12 - Detroit St Martin dePorres (1978, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 2001, 2003)
- 11 - Muskegon Catholic Central (1980, 1982, 1990, 1991, 1995, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- 11 - East Grand Rapids (1976, 1983, 1993, 1995, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)
- 11 - Mendon (1982, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2011)
- 10 - Detroit Catholic Central (1979, 1990, 1992, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2009)

CMU Perry Shorts Stadium



1975



WMU Waldo Stadium

1976-2004: Pontiac Silverdome



Attendance Records
 4 Finals: 53,501-1986
 8 Finals: 71,156-1995



John Herrington's Farmington Hills Harrison squads have hoisted more grid trophies than any other school.

2005-PRESENT: Ford Field



Attendance Record
 67,549-2005

FRACASSA'S FINAL STAND

The winningest coach in MHSAA Football history couldn't have scripted his exit from the game any better. **Al Fracassa's** Birmingham Brother Rice squad defeated long-time rival Muskegon for the second year in a row, 38-21, to finish the 2013 season with a D2 trophy and put an exclamation point on his tenure. Fracassa began at Royal Oak Shrine (1960-68) before moving on to Brother Rice from 1969-2013 and totaled a record of 430-117-7. Brother Rice won nine MHSAA titles under Fracassa, including three in a row to cap his career.



8-PLAYER FOOTBALL



2011: NMU Superior Dome

2012-PRESENT: Greenville HS



The MHSAA introduced 8-player football in 2009, and the first title game was won by Carsonville-Port Sanilac (above) in 2011.

FOOTBALL 1975-2015

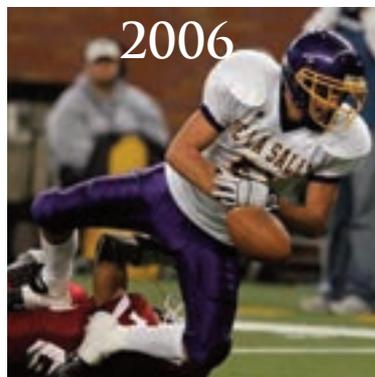
Fantastic Finishes



STARR POWER Muskegon Reeths-Puffer's **Stacey Starr** (left) comes down with a deflection off of a desperation flea-flicker in the waning seconds, then races to the end zone as the Rockets stun Walled Lake Western 21-18 in Class A.



BY GEORGE Grand Ledge's **Tim George** (above) reaches the pylon at the end of a 45-yard pass play from QB Matt Bohnet to give the Comets a 19-14 win over Utica Eisenhower in the 2000 D1 Final. Bohnet had scored on a 5-yard run with 53 seconds left, but the 2-point try to tie the score failed. GL recovered the onside kick, and two plays later, history was made.



SO CLOSE, SO FAR Down 2 with time running out, Warren DeLaSalle's Don Fowler is hit at the 4-yard line by Muskegon's **Ronald Johnson**. As Fowler stretched the ball toward the goal line, he fumbled into the end zone just before his knee hit the ground. Muskegon's Bobby Miller recovered to secure a 32-30 win in D2.

ANATOMY OF A TOURNAMENT

A brief timeline illustrates the birth and growth of the MHSAA Football Playoffs.

1975 - Winter survey of football-playing schools shows 73 percent desire an actual playoff. MHSAA Representative Council approves playoff at March meeting. First playoff conducted. Top team from four Regions in four Classes (16 teams) participate in two-week tournament, with Finals outdoors at CMU and WMU.

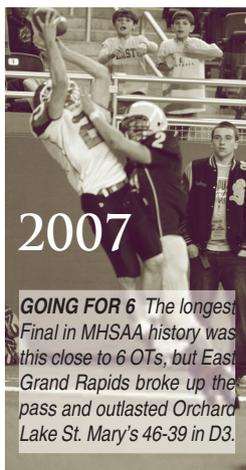
1976 - Finals move to the Pontiac Silverdome. Attendance for the four games was 29,234.

1977 - Playoff expands to three-week format, involving the top two teams in each region. 32 teams participate.

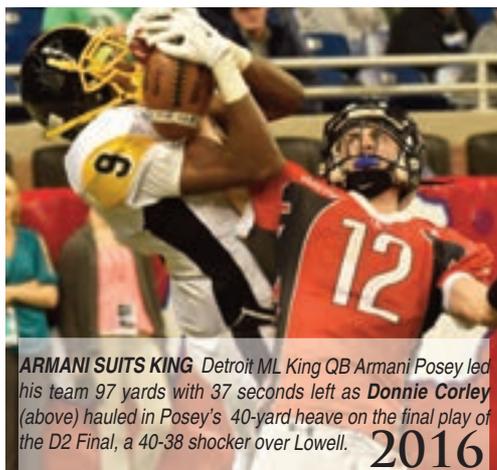
1985 - Playoff expands to four-week format, involving the top four teams in each region. 64 teams participate.

1990 - Playoff expands from four to eight classes, dividing each class (A-B-C-D) into upper and lower divisions. Format is still four weeks long. 128 teams participate.

1999 - Playoff expands to five-week format. Classification for tournament into eight divisions is conducted after 256 qualifiers are determined.



GOING FOR 6 The longest Final in MHSAA history was this close to 6 OTs, but East Grand Rapids broke up the pass and outlasted Orchard Lake St. Mary's 46-39 in D3.



ARMANI SUITS KING Detroit ML King QB Armani Posey led his team 97 yards with 37 seconds left as **Donnie Corley** (above) hauled in Posey's 40-yard heave on the final play of the D2 Final, a 40-38 shocker over Lowell.

HISTORIC STREAKS HAVE FINALS ENDINGS

The two longest winning streaks in MHSAA history both came to an end in the Finals. The Hudson Tigers took a 72-game winning streak into the first-ever Class C championship game at CMU's Perry Shorts Stadium where 7,000 fans saw Ishpeming shock Hudson with a 38-22 win and end the longest streak in the nation at that time, set just one week earlier. Mark Marana opened the scoring with a TD and Ishpeming never looked back in racing to a 30-8 lead.

Hudson's string began Sept. 20, 1968, and lasted until that last game of 1975, the first year the MHSAA sponsored playoff football.

Ithaca (below in 2013) would come close to matching Hudson's streak, reeling off 69 in a row over five seasons. Like the Tigers, the Yellowjackets' streak ended in a title game, a 22-12 loss to Monroe St. Mary CC in 2014. Unlike Hudson, however, Ithaca had four prior shots at an MHSAA title, and won them all (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013) in Division 6.



BOYS/GIRLS GOLF 1926/73-2016



HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

Year-by-Year hosts throughout the history of MHSAA golf are difficult to pin down, but Michigan State's Forest Akers facility (below) has been a mainstay in the Lower Peninsula, hosting one or more Classes or Divisions since the early 1980s.



In the Upper Peninsula, Marquette, Iron Mountain, Escanaba and Rock Mid-Peninsula have been frequent hosts.

BOYS TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1926-1929	4
Class A-B	1930-1934	5
Class A, B	1935-1997	128
Class C-D	1935-1974	39
Class C, D	1975-1997	46
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	1998-2015	68

Note: No Tournament 1942, 1943, 1944; Two in 1971, Fall and Spring; Boys LP Golf moved from fall to spring for the 2007-08 Season, thus NO Finals in 2007 calendar year

Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Class C-D-E	1945-1961	18
Class B	1945-1961	18
Open Class	1962-1977	17
Class C-D	1978-1994	17
Class C, D	1995-2000	12
Class A-B	1978-2000	23
Division 1, 2, 3	2001-2015	45

GIRLS TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1973-1988	16
Class A, B-C-D	1989-1998	20
Division 1, 2, 3	1999-2015	54
Division 4	2009-2015	7

Note: Both Fall and Spring Finals in 2007 due to seasons change

Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1972-1977	5
Class A-B	1978-2000	23
Class C-D	1978-1994	17
Class C, D	1995-2000	12
Division 1, 2, 3	2001-2015	45

Note: Moved from Fall to Spring in 1973-74, thus NO finals in 1973 calendar year

BOYS RECORDS

Lower Peninsula Titles

14 – Jackson Lumen Christi (1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1991, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Upper Peninsula Titles

22 – Escanaba (1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1965 shared, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2010, 2011)

Three-Time Champions

Mike Nagy, Manistique (Upper Peninsula Division 1 2009, 2012; Upper Peninsula Division 2 2011)

Ryan Brehm, Mt. Pleasant (Lower Peninsula Division 2) (2000-01, 2003)

Colby Beckstrom, North Muskegon (Lower Peninsula Division 4) (1999-2001)

Brian Robinette, Escanaba (Upper Peninsula Class A-B) (1988-90)

Todd Marston, Parma Western (Lower Peninsula Class B) (1982-84)

NOTE: Champions listed above date only to 1979

GIRLS RECORDS

Lower Peninsula Titles

9 - Grosse Ile (1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2009, 2011, 2013)

Upper Peninsula Titles

20 - Ontonagon (1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)

Four-Time Champions

Carley Saint-Onge, Marquette (Upper Peninsula Division 1) (2008-11)

Kendra Palmer, Marquette (Upper Peninsula Class A-B) (1996-99)

Three-Time Champions

Elle Nichols, Okemos (Lower Peninsula Division 2) (2011-13)

Megan Manninen, Ishpeming-Westwood (Upper Peninsula Division 2) (2009, 2011-12)

Kate Loy, Ann Arbor Pioneer (Lower Peninsula Class A) (1993-95)

Jennifer Kangas, L'Anse (Upper Peninsula Class C-D) (1990-92)

Jenny Mellinger, Menominee (Upper Peninsula Class A-B) (1984-86)

GIRLS GYMNASTICS 1972-2016



HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

- Lower Peninsula Finals**
 2015-Present: Rockford HS
 2013-2014: Plymouth HS
 2011-2012: Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills HS
 2009-2010: Rockford HS
 2008: Plymouth HS
 2006-2007: Troy Athens HS
 2003-05: Plymouth HS
 2002: Rockford HS
 1999-2001: Hartland HS
 1997-1998: Rockford HS
 1995-1996: Troy HS
 1994: Westland John Glenn HS
 1992-1993: Trenton HS
 1991: East Kentwood HS
 1990: Saginaw Valley State University
 1989: Troy HS
 1988: Canton HS
 1986-1987: Grand Rapids Creston HS
 1985: Troy HS
 1982-1984: Canton HS
 1981: Troy HS
 1980: East Kentwood HS
 1979: Spring Arbor College
 1978: Ann Arbor Pioneer HS

TITLE TOTALS

Class	Years	Titles
Open Class	1972-2016	46
Upper Peninsula	1973-2003	31

Note: Both Peninsulas combined in 2004

HAVING A GRAND TIME

With six consecutive titles from 2008-2013 – and runner-up finishes the year before and after the streak – the Comets of Grand Ledge have proven to be a formidable obstacle in the gym in recent years under Coach Duane Haring. Grand Ledge leads all Lower Peninsula schools with six titles.

The 2013 team (some of those members pictured below) eclipsed the previous record of five straight championships set by Ludington from 1975-1979.



In the Upper Peninsula, Marquette won 12 championships before the UP-only tournament ceased in 2003.

ONE STANDS ALONE

The lone four-time all-around champion in MHSAA history is Escanaba's **Katie Aho**, who dominated the Upper Peninsula scene from 1990-1993.

Upper Peninsula Finals

- 2003: Menominee HS
 2002: Escanaba HS
 2001: Gladstone HS
 2000: Marquette HS
 1999: Menominee HS
 1996-1998: Escanaba HS
 1995: Menominee HS
 1993-1994: Escanaba HS
 1992: Menominee HS
 1989-1991: Escanaba HS
 1988: Menominee HS
 1987: Escanaba HS
 1986: Kingsford HS
 1985: Gladstone HS
 1984: Menominee HS
 1983: Gladstone HS
 1978-1982: Marquette HS

ICE HOCKEY 1975-2016



GAME CHANGER

Orchard Lake St. Mary's (in red) and Marquette skated to the only tie in MHSAA Ice Hockey Finals history in 2008 as eight overtimes and 109 minutes of ice time wasn't enough to break a 1-1 draw. The MHSAA deemed both schools worthy of a title, concerned for player safety as the contest neared 4 1/2 hours. Ironically, Marquette had a 1-0 lead with 1:36 left in regulation, when OLSM's Tim Hooker notched the tying goal. Today, if a tournament game is tied after a fourth 8-minute overtime, 4-on-4 hockey will be played until a winner is determined.

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2003-Present: Plymouth (Compuware Arena/USA Hockey Arena)
Note: Compuware became USA Hockey Arena in 2016

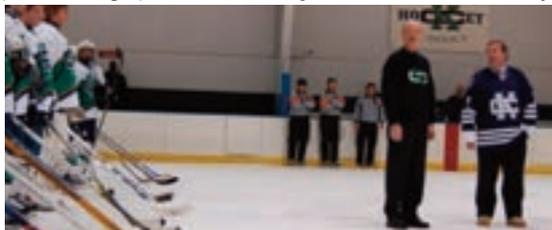
- 1992-2002: Flint (IMA Arena)
- 1991: Houghton (Student Ice Arena MTU) and Flint (IMA Arena)
- 1989-1990: Flint (IMA Arena)
- 1988: Flint (IMA Arena) and Houghton (Student Ice Arena MTU)
- 1979-1987: Flint (IMA Arena)
- 1978: Houghton (Student Ice Arena MTU) and Flint (IMA Arena)
- 1977: Ann Arbor (Yost Arena) and Flint (IMA Arena)
- 1976: East Lansing (Munn Arena MSU)
- 1975: Ann Arbor (Yost Arena UM)

TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Tier I, II	1975-1978	8
Class A, B-C-D	1979-1999	42
Division 1, 2, 3	2000-2016	52

HALL OF FAMER JOHNSON PAVES WAY

Before the MHSAA sponsored an ice hockey tournament, and years before his school would win the first of its record 17 championships, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook's, **Jim Johnson** (below far right) dominated his sport like no other in history.



His 249 career goals and 45 career hat tricks still stand as national records, and his talents led him oh-so-close to a spot on the "Miracle on Ice" 1980 US Olympic Hockey Team before a leg injury sidelined him just months prior. At the time, he was among the final 40 fighting for a spot.

In 2007, Johnson became the first hockey player to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame.

OUT OF TRAGEDY . . .

The Division 1 MHSAA Semifinal on March 7, 2014, was more than a hockey game. That Detroit Catholic Central defeated Grandville 3-0 is irrelevant. Grandville senior captain **Ryan Fischer** (inset) died in his sleep the previous night; the team decided to play the game in his honor and memory.



Immediately following the final horn, Detroit CC players skated to the Grandville end



of the ice to embrace and console their fellow student-athletes, rather than celebrate in their own end.

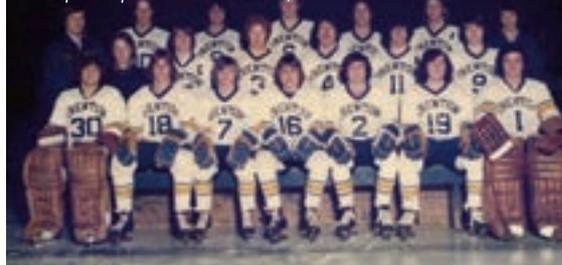
The teams formed a bond, playing an early-season game the next season, and – wouldn't you know it – the squads met again in the 2015 Final. Chants of "Ryan Fischer ... Ryan Fischer" came from the young men in the CC student section prior to that game, won by CC, 5-2.

"It's a remarkable example between both sports communities and certainly the young men who compete," said Grandville Coach Joel Breazeale.

Most Championships

- 17 - Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood as Cranbrook: (BCD-79-83-85-86) as Cranbrook Kingswood: (BCD-87-88-91-97, D3-00-01-04-06-07-09-10-13-15)
- 14 - Trenton (T1-76, A-79-80-82-86-91-96-98, D2-03-04-08-09-10-14)

The first of Trenton and Coach Mike Turner's (back row left) 14 championship teams was this one, in 1976.



BOYS/GIRLS LACROSSE 2005-2015



HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

Boys Lacrosse

2016: Howell (Parker MS)
 2014-2015: Troy Athens HS
 2013: East Grand Rapids HS
 2010-2012: Birmingham Seaholm HS
 2007-2009: Troy Athens HS
 2006: Birmingham Seaholm HS
 2005: Troy Athens HS

Girls Lacrosse

2016: Brighton HS
 2012-2015: Rockford HS
 2010-2011: Troy Athens HS
 2006-2009: Bloomfield Hills Lahser HS
 2005: Troy Athens HS

BOYS & GIRLS TITLE TOTALS

Division	Years	Titles
Division 1, 2	2005-2015	22

GIRLS

Most Championships

4 - Rockford, Division 1 (2010, 2013, 2014, 2015)
 4 - East Grand Rapids, Division 2
 (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

BOYS

Most Championships

11 - Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Division 1 (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
 3 - East Grand Rapids, Division 2 (2007, 2008, 2009)
 3 - Detroit Country Day, Division 2 (2005, 2011, 2014)
 3 - Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Division 2
 (2006, 2013, 2015)

OH BROTHER

That's the feeling MHSAA Boys Division 1 Lacrosse teams have had since the inception of the tournament in 2005, as Brother Rice has won all 11 titles in history.

The Warriors' closest Finals scare occurred twice vs Detroit U-D Jesuit by 12-11 scores; in the inaugural 2005 Final, and again in 2009 when the Cubs had a 2-goal lead late vs. the Warriors.

THE STREAK

Okemos compiled an MHSAA-record 64 game winning streak during the 2009 and 2010 seasons en route to back-to-back Division 2 championships.

Following a 12-6 win in the 2009 Final, Coach Bill Prahler's Chieftains faced Flint Powers Catholic for a second straight season in the 2010 Final.



The anticipated rematch turned into a one-sided affair for undefeated Okemos when it turned a 3-3 game into a 12-5 lead at halftime and won by a final score of 20-6. Okemos scored 10 consecutive goals and finished the game on a 13-1 run to cap off the unbeaten season and keep the streak intact.

Kristen Hull (left) led the Chieftains (29-0) in goals with eight, while Sarah Lowe chipped in with four goals and six assists, and MacKenzie

Lawler scored three goals and assisted on eight others.

The streak would come to an end on May 3, 2011.



BOYS/GIRLS SKIING 1975-2016

Nubs Nob in Harbor Springs is the most frequent host of the MHSAA Boys and Girls Ski Finals.



BOYS & GIRLS TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Open Class	1975-1995	21
Class A, B-C-D	1996-2006	22
Division 1, 2	2007-2016	20

NORTHERN EXPOSURE

As might be expected, schools from Michigan's great white north are the natural leaders in team title history since skiing became a championship sport in 1975, with Petoskey leading both genders.

On the boys side, **Traverse City HS** dominated the early going, winning 14 of the 21 Open Class Finals from 1975-1995. The all-time leader, however, is **Petoskey** (above right, following win No. 6 in a row in 2016) with 17 championships. The Northmen won three Open trophies, then won four in Class B-C-D, two in Class A, and have won eight of the 10 Division 2 Finals, including the last six. **Marquette**, meanwhile, has won 11 of the 21 large class Finals that have taken place since the Open Class was split for the 1996 season. The Redmen won six Class A crowns, and five Division 1, including the last four in a row.

Petoskey also leads the all-time list in girls skiing, with 13 championships. Petoskey's girls enjoyed great early success with eight Open crowns, then won two in Class B-C-D, and three in Division 2 with four runner-up efforts.



GIRLS

Giant Slalom

Four-Time MHSAA Champion

Christy Salonen, Stambaugh West Iron County (Class B-C-D) (1993-96)

Three-Time MHSAA Champion

Katherine Rowley, East Jordan (2005, 2007-08)

Slalom

Two-Time MHSAA Champions

5 different skiers

BOYS

Giant Slalom

Three-Time MHSAA Champions

Greg Kyle, Houghton (1985-87)
Eric Behan, Petoskey (2003-05)

Slalom

Two-Time MHSAA Champions

10 different skiers

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

Harbor Springs (Nubs Nob): 1980, 1984, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015

Marquette (Marquette Mountain): 1988, 1993, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016

Boyne City (Boyne Mountain): 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013

Thompsonville (Crystal Mountain): 1978, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1994, 1997

Bellaire (Schuss Mountain/Shanty Creek): 1981, 2014, 2016

Cedar (Sugar Loaf): 1992, 1996

Kingsford (Pine Mountain): 1979

Note: While no Finals were held, the MHSAA conducted skiing Regionals for boys and girls from 1954 to 1974.

BOYS SOCCER 1982-2015



HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

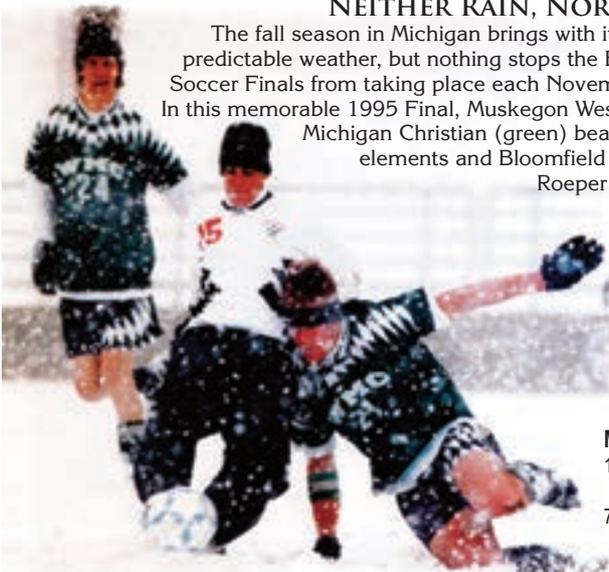
2015: Brighton HS and Comstock Park HS
 2014: Brighton HS and East Kentwood (Crestwood MS)
 2009-2013: Troy Athens HS and East Kentwood (Crestwood MS)
 2008: Troy Athens HS and Rochester Hills Stoney Creek HS
 2007: Troy Athens HS and East Kentwood (Crestwood MS)
 2006: Troy HS and East Kentwood (Crestwood MS)
 2005: Troy Athens HS and East Kentwood (Crestwood MS)
 2003-2004: Troy Athens HS and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central HS
 2002: Novi (Meadows Stadium) and Lowell HS
 1995-2001: Bloomfield Hills Andover HS and Lowell HS
 1986-1994: Bloomfield Hills Andover HS
 1982-1985: Flint (Atwood Stadium)



The Boys Soccer Finals first took place at multi-purpose Flint Atwood Stadium from 1982-85, after artificial turf had replaced the original surface depicted above.

NEITHER RAIN, NOR . . .

The fall season in Michigan brings with it unpredictable weather, but nothing stops the Boys Soccer Finals from taking place each November. In this memorable 1995 Final, Muskegon Western Michigan Christian (green) beat the elements and Bloomfield Hills Roeper 3-1.



TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Class A	1982-1996	15
Class D*	1982-1996	7
Class B-C	1982-1986	5
Class C-D	1987-1994	9
Class B	1987-1996	13
Class C, D	1995-1996	4
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	1997-2015	78

*Note: Class C-D was one combined Class from 1987-94

Most Championships

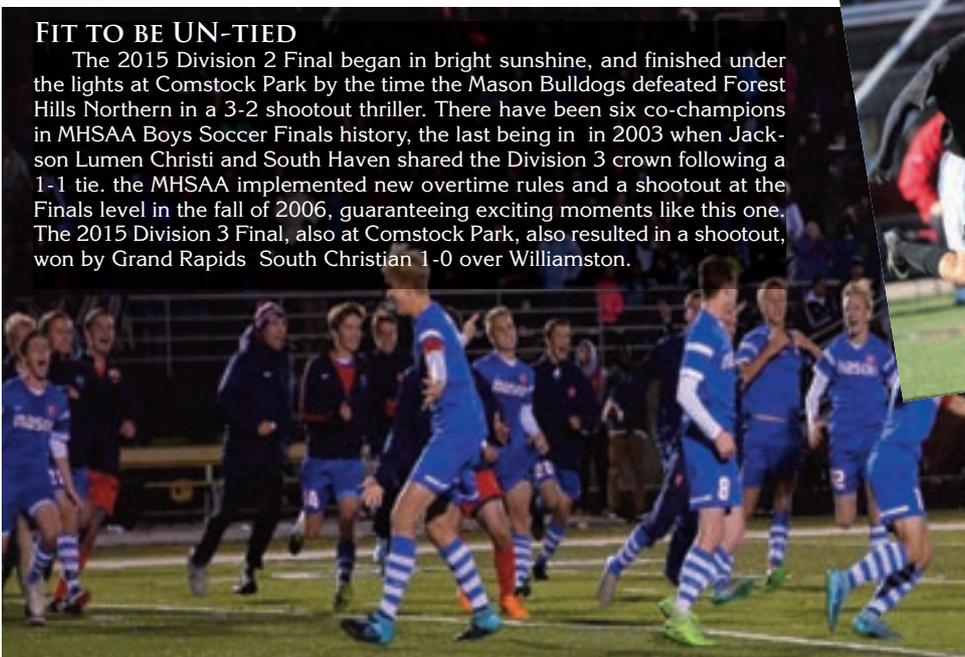
14 - Detroit Country Day (1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011)
 7 - Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (1983, 1984, 1985, 2000, 2005, 2006, 2011)

FIT TO BE UN-TIED

The 2015 Division 2 Final began in bright sunshine, and finished under the lights at Comstock Park by the time the Mason Bulldogs defeated Forest Hills Northern in a 3-2 shootout thriller. There have been six co-champions in MHSAA Boys Soccer Finals history, the last being in 2003 when Jackson Lumen Christi and South Haven shared the Division 3 crown following a 1-1 tie. The MHSAA implemented new overtime rules and a shootout at the Finals level in the fall of 2006, guaranteeing exciting moments like this one. The 2015 Division 3 Final, also at Comstock Park, also resulted in a shootout, won by Grand Rapids South Christian 1-0 over Williamston.



Three players have tallied four goals in MHSAA Finals action; the most recent is **Simon Roennecke** (above) in Birmingham Roeper's 4-2 win over Grand Rapids Covenant Christian in the 2014 Division 4 game.



GIRLS SOCCER 1983-2015

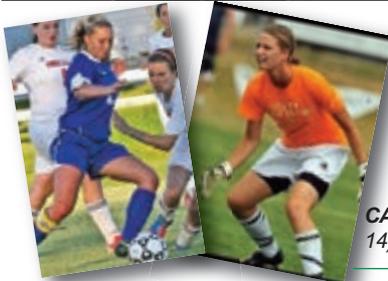
HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2015-Present: East Lansing (DeMartin Soccer Complex MSU)
 2013-2014: Williamston HS and Mason HS
 2010-2012: Williamston HS and East Lansing (Old College Field MSU)
 2009: Troy Athens HS and Grand Rapids Christian HS
 2007-2008: Troy Athens HS and East Kentwood (Crestwood MS)
 2006: Troy HS and East Kentwood (Crestwood MS)
 2004-2005: Troy Athens HS and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central HS
 2003: Novi (Meadows Stadium) and Richland Gull Lake HS
 2000-2002: Canton Community Schools and Richland Gull Lake HS
 1993-1999: Canton Community Schools
 1991-1992: Northville HS
 1990: Canton Community Schools
 1988-1989: North Farmington HS
 1986-1987: Northville HS
 1983-1985: Flint (Atwood Stadium)

TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Open Class	1983-1986	4
Class A, B	1987-1997	22
Division 1, 2, 3	1998-2015	54
Division 4	2000-2015	17

A year after the MHSAA Baseball and Softball Finals moved to MSU, Girls Soccer made it an MHSAA Spring Sports Festival by playing all four title games at DeMartin Soccer Complex in 2015.



CAREER LEADERS Lake Fenton's Jordan Newman (far left) scored 195 goals from 2011-14; Hudsonville Unity Christian's Holly VanNoord shut out 75 opponents from 2009-12.



ON A ROLL

There have been eight separate streaks of three or more consecutive MHSAA Girls Soccer Championships since it became a tournament sport in 1983.

The longest is six straight, as Hudsonville Unity Christian nabbed the hardware from 2005-2010. The Crusaders were runners-up in 2011, and since have won three of the last four entering the 2016 season. Coach **Randy Heethuis** (right) has been at the helm for all nine of the school titles, and also has led the Unity Christian boys team to four championships.



Looking to continue chasing the all-time streak entering 2016 were **Grandville Calvin Christian** (left), which has four straight Division 4 titles, and Richland Gull Lake, which has won the last three Division 2 crowns.

Most Championships

- 12 - Madison Heights Bishop Foley (1988, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2011)
- 8 - Hudsonville Unity Christian (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015)
- 5 - Detroit Country Day (1991, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2004)
- 5 - Livonia Stevenson (1983, 1985, 1990, 1997, 1998)



Prior to title No. 12 in 2011 Madison Heights Bishop Foley players (left) and Lansing Christian players presented the colors along with the officiating crew.

SOFTBALL 1975-2015



HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2014-Present: East Lansing (Secchia Stadium MSU)
 1990-2013: Battle Creek (Bailey Park-Convis & Flannery complexes)
 1985-1989: Lansing (Ranney Park)
 1983-1984: Midland (Emerson Park)
 1981-1982: Lansing (Ranney Park)
 1975-1980: Each Class played at different sites, which included Allendale, Benton Harbor, Clare, Coldwater, Comstock, East Detroit, Fowler, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Manchester, Oak Park and Southfield

TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Class A, B, C, D	1975-1997	92
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	1998-2015	72

Most Championships

- 8 – Waterford Our Lady (1983, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2004)
- 7 – Kalamazoo Christian (1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2013)
- 7 – Stevensville Lakeshore (1995, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2014)
- 6 – Harper Woods/Warren Regina (1989, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2015)
- 6 – Jenison (1987, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1995)

Consecutive championships

- 5 – Kalamazoo Christian (1996-2000)
- 4 – Harper Woods Regina (2004-07)
- 3 – Portage Northern (2000-02)
- 3 – Fenton (1978-80)

Lansing's Ranney Park



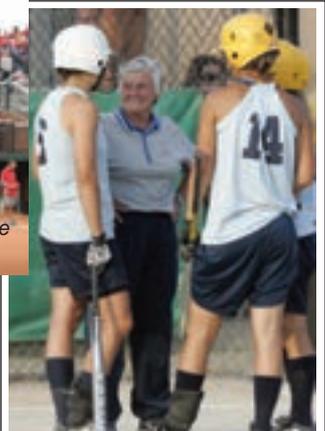
MSU's Secchia Stadium



A Finals-record 6,524 watched the title games in 2015, just the second year of the event at the facility.

MORSE THAN 1

For 40 years, no player in the history of the MHSAA had homered more than once in a title game. That changed when Wayland's **Leigha Morse** drove this 3-run homer to left field in the seventh inning of her team's 11-0 win over Frankenmuth for the 2015 Division 2 crown. Morse began the scoring with a solo shot in the second.



MONDAY FUNDAY

In 1993, **Pinconning's** Angie Rosich and Fenton's Lisa Hillman locked up in a pitcher's duel for the ages in Class B. It was so good, in fact, that neither team lost on Saturday. The length of the game combined with rain forced the longest final in history – 20 innings – to be completed that Monday, with Pinconning taking a 1-0 win.



The game picked up in the 15th inning, and Dana Bersano put the Spartans up with an RBI single in the top of the 20th. Rosich took care of the rest, finishing off her 32-strikeout performance, a record that still stands. The marathon winners are pictured above right.

Seven years later in the 2000 Division 2 Final, Pinconning appeared headed for another all-nighter, as the Spartans and Wyoming Rogers were scoreless entering extra innings. Spartan pitcher **Jenny Mackson** (left) struck out her 18th batter of the game to end the 8th, and looked like she could go on and on to match Rosich's mark of 32. However, Mackson then took matters – and a bat – into her own hands in the bottom of the inning and launched a two-out, game-winning homer to give her school another 1-0 title win, and – oh, yes – complete the seventh no-hitter in Softball Finals history.



THE COACH

It's difficult to discuss softball in Michigan without **Diane Laffey's** name being mentioned. The veteran Harper Woods/Warren Regina mentor began her tenure in 1963, and is still going strong as the MHSAA's all-time leader in victories with 1,118. She has led Regina to six championships including the 2015 Division 1 title.

Schools in Baseball/Softball Finals in same season

- 2014 - Bay City Western - Won both
- 2012 - Hudsonville - Won both
- 2008 - Bay City All Saints - Won both
- 1999 - Bay City All Saints - Won Softball, lost Baseball
- 1994 - Grandville Calvin Christian - Won Baseball, lost Softball
- 1991 - Bay City All Saints - Won Softball, lost Baseball
- 1979 - South Haven - Lost both
- 1977 - Center Line St. Clement - Lost both

Bay City Western doubled its fun in 2014.



BOYS/GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING 1925/72-2016

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

The MHSAA Lower Peninsula Swimming & Diving venues have taken place predominantly on college campuses, while the Holland Aquatic Center has been in the LP rotation recently as well. The Upper Peninsula meet has a long relationship with Marquette High School through the years, but other schools have occasionally staged the event as well.

IN THE FAST LANE

A trio of coaches have combined for 77 MHSAA Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving Championships. From left, they are Ann Arbor Pioneer's **Dennis Hill** (15B-16G-31); East Grand Rapids' **Milton Briggs** (10B-19G-29); and Marquette's **Matt Williams** (10B-7G-17).



BOYS TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1925-1928 & 35	5
Class B-C-D	1929-1934	6
Class B	1936-2002	67
Class A	1929-1934	6
Class A	1936-2002	69
Division 1, 2	2003-2016	28
Division 3	2008-2016	9
Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1980-2016	37

GIRLS TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1972-1975	4
Class A, B	1976-2001	53
Division 1, 2	2002-2015	28
Division 3	2007-2015	9
Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1980-2016	37

BOYS

Lower Peninsula Titles

25 - East Grand Rapids (1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 2008, 2010, 2013)

18 - Ann Arbor/Ann Arbor Pioneer (1956, 1957, 1959, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1993, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2009)

Upper Peninsula

25 - Marquette (1981, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016)

GIRLS

Lower Peninsula Titles

19 - East Grand Rapids (1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014)

16 - Ann Arbor Pioneer (1979, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

Upper Peninsula Titles

23 - Marquette (1980, 1981, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015)



SCHMITT SHOWS HER METTLE ON WORLD STAGE

Canton' HS's Allison Schmitt holds MHSAA Finals records in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events, and didn't stop showing her mettle following her prep career. As a result, she's got plenty of medals to show for her efforts. In her Olympic debut at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, Schmitt won a bronze medal as a member of the 4x200-meter freestyle relay. Four years later, at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, she won a total of five medals, three of them gold - the 200-meter freestyle (in which she set a new Olympic record), in the 4x200-meter freestyle relay, and in the 4x100-meter medley relay (in which a new world record was set); she also won a silver medal in the 400-meter freestyle, and a bronze medal in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay.

BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS 1925/72-2015



HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

Stowe Stadium (background) is the oldest continuous MHSAA Tournament venue, having hosted at least one Class or Division of Tennis Championships since 1947. This spring marks the 70th consecutive year when the Girls D4 Finalists hit the courts. The site first hosted in 1945 following WWII. More recently, the **Midland Tennis Center**, below right, has also provided first-rate facilities – and indoor courts during the unpredictable Michigan weather – since the 1970s for LP Boys and Girls Finals. In the **Upper Peninsula**, Iron Mountain and Negaunee have been familiar sites.

BOYS TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1925-1929	5
Class A-B	1930-1934	5
Class A, B	1935-1997	136
Class C-D	1930-1997	78
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	1998-2015	84

Note: Both Fall and Spring Finals in 2007 due to seasons change

Note: No Tournament 1942, 1943, 1944

Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Class B	1946-1947	2
Class A-B	1948-1965	19
Open Class	1945, 1966-1976	12
Class A-B	1977-2000	26
Class C-D	1946-2000	60
Division 1, 2	2001-2015	33

GIRLS TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1972-1973	2
Class A	1974-1996	27
Class B, C-D	1979-1996	36
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	1997-2015	73

Note: Girls LP Tennis moved from fall to spring for the 2007-08

Season, thus NO Finals in 2007 calendar year

Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1972-1976	5
Class A-B, C-D	1977-1999	46
Division 1, 2	2000-2015	33



BOYS

Lower Peninsula Titles

34 - Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett
18 - Hamtramck

Upper Peninsula Titles

33 - Marquette (1986, 1987, 2008 shared)
22 - Iron Mountain (1949, 1984, 1986, 1989, 2000 shared)

Finals Championships - Consecutive

Lower Peninsula

13 - Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett (1972-84)

Upper Peninsula

14 - Marquette (1983-96) (1986, 1987 shared)



Legendary Grosse Pte. Woods U. Liggett Coach Bob Wood

GIRLS

Lower Peninsula Titles

20 - Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett (1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002)

16 - Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1999, 2004, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

Upper Peninsula Titles

16 - Escanaba (1975, 1976, 1977, 1984, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2011)

14 - Iron Mountain (1977, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995, 2001, 2008, 2010)

Finals Championships - Consecutive

Lower Peninsula

11 - Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, Lower Peninsula (1980-90)

Upper Peninsula

7 - Escanaba, Upper Peninsula (1989-95)

BOYS TRACK & FIELD 1925-2015

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2000-Present: Grand Rapids Area

Prior: Separate Classes held in various regions of the state throughout history.

Upper Peninsula

2000-Present: Kingsford HS

1980-1999: Marquette HS

Prior: Numerous

TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Class A, B, C	1925-1999	225
Class D	1927-1999	72
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	2000-2015	67

Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Class D-E	1940-1959	19
Class B	1940-1959	19
Class C	1940-2000	62
Class A-B	1960-2000	42
Class D	1960-2000	41
Division 1, 2, 3	2001-2015	46

Note: No Tournament in 1943



Houseman Field in Grand Rapids has been a frequent host to a Class of MHSAA Track & Field Finals since 2002.



Boys Track & Field athletes had been competing statewide for years before the official MHSAA Finals began in 1925, as this 1927 program from MSU would indicate.

TWO FOR FOUR

Only two LP boys athletes have won four individual events during one Finals meet: Pewamo-Westphalia's **Cory Noeker** (left) and Dearborn Heights Robichaud's **Tyrone Wheatley** (lower left). Noeker won the 2010 D4 100 and 200 dashes, and the 110 and 300 hurdles; Wheatley took the 1990 Class B long jump, 100 and 200 dashes, and 110 hurdles.



ONE GIANT LEAP STILL MAKING "PAYMENT'S FOR UP JUMPERS

The MHSAA Boys Track & Field record book includes separate records for each Class and Division in history. In **bold**, are the overall, all-time records by event, regardless of school size. So, it stands to reason that most entries in bold were set by Class A, B or Division 1, 2 athletes. And, Lower Peninsula, of course.

Then, there's **John Payment's** giant leap from the Class D 1989 meet in Marquette. That's right, Marquette. Not only was Payment participating for Class D Brimley, but UP Class D at that.

All Payment did that day was raise the bar – literally – to set a high jump mark that stands statewide, in all classes, in both peninsulas, to this day. After clearing 6-10, Payment missed twice at 7-0, and then successfully cleared the bar to tie the 10-year old MHSAA Finals record. He cleared 7-1 on his next attempt and the stadium exploded in celebration.

The standard still stands today, in **bold**, on the MHSAA Boys High Jump list. You can look it up!



GIRLS TRACK & FIELD 1973-2015

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2000-Present: Grand Rapids Area
 Prior: Separate Classes held in various regions of the state throughout history.

Upper Peninsula
 2000-Present: Kingsford HS
 1980-1999: Marquette HS
 Prior: Unavailable

SENSATIONAL SAMI

A year after becoming just the second female to win four MHSAA titles at one meet, Reed City's **Sami Michell** won four events again at the 2013 MHSAA Division 3 Finals, claiming championships in the same events: 100- and 300-meter hurdles, the 200 dash and long jump. That gave Michell 12 MHSAA titles, destroying the Lower Peninsula girls record of 10 individual titles for a career.



TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1973-1973	1
Class A-B, C-D	1974	2
Class A, B, C, D	1975-1999	102
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	2000-2015	66

Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1973	1
Class A-B, C, C	1974-1999	80
Division 1, 2, 3	2001-2015	46

Most MHSAA Championships

Lower Peninsula Finals

16 – Ann Arbor Pioneer (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008)

10 – Detroit Renaissance (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007)



MAYHAN'S MARKS

Detroit Mumford's **Shayla Mahan** is the fastest female in Finals history, setting 100 (11.50) and 200 (23.74) dash times at the 2006 Class A meet. She was also part of the 2005 record 400 relay (47.15)



SOUTH RISES IN 2012

Kelsie Schwartz ignited Grosse Pointe South's record-setting 3,200 quartet with a personal best lead leg of 2:13.0, followed by (from left below with Coach Stephen Zaranek) Ersula Farrow, who clocked 2:13.3 for her split. Twins Haley and Hannah Meier were next, and when Hannah anchored with a 2:08.2, the Blue Devils owned a national mark of 8:48.29. Hannah added MHSAA records in the 800 and 1,600 in 2013.



Ann Arbor Pioneer's girls teams were accustomed to wearing crowns during legendary Coach Bryan Westfield's tenure. His teams captured a record 16 big-school MHSAA titles. Westfield died in July 2015 at age 72.

Upper Peninsula Finals

21 – Marquette (1973, 1977, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2007 shared, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

18 – Escanaba (1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1992, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007 shared)



Hold that pose, please. The scene above is familiar for UP Track & Field participants, as the Redettes of Marquette lead the way with 21 titles.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 1976-2015

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

Lower Peninsula Finals

2008-Present: Battle Creek (Kellogg Arena)
 1996-2007: Kalamazoo (University Arena WMU)
 1990-1995: Kalamazoo Central HS
 1989: Class A, D-Kalamazoo Central HS; Classes B and C-Comstock HS
 1987-1988: Class A, D-Flint Carman-Ainsworth HS; Class B, C-Corunna HS
 1985-1986: Class A, D-East Kentwood HS; Class B, C-Delton Kellogg HS
 1983-1984: Class A, D-Howell HS; Class B, C-Linden HS
 1982: Class A, B-Howell HS; Class C, D-Battle Creek Central HS
 1981: Class A, D-Battle Creek Central HS; Class B, C-Battle Creek Pennfield HS
 1980: Mt. Clemens Chippewa Valley HS
 1978-1979: Grand Rapids (Gerald Ford Center GR Junior College)
 1977: Livonia (University Center Schoolcraft College)
 1976: Class A-Livonia (University Center Schoolcraft College);
 Class B-Kalamazoo (Gary Center WMU);
 Class C-D-Saginaw (Delta College)

Upper Peninsula Finals

1999: Class A-B-Escanaba; Class C-Rudyard;
 Class D-Rapid River
 1986-1998: Escanaba HS
 1985: Sault Ste. Marie Area HS
 1984: Ironwood Luther Wright HS
 1983: St. Ignace LaSalle HS
 1982: Watersmeet HS
 1981: Brimley HS
 1980: Watersmeet HS

TITLE TOTALS

Lower Peninsula	Years	Titles
Class C-D	1976-1976	1
Class C, D	1977-1999	46
Class A, B	1976-1999	48

Upper Peninsula	Years	Titles
Open Class	1980-1990	11
Class A-B-C	1991-1998	8
Class A-B, C	1999-1999	2
Class D	1991-1999	9

LP/UP Combined	Years	Titles
Class A, B, C, D	2000-2015	68

Note: Both Winter and Fall Finals in 2007 due to seasons change

NOBODY BETTER

Temperance Bedford Coach **Jodi Manore** (right) became the national leader in volleyball victories in September 2015. Following another successful campaign, her record stands at 1,871-312-52, with Class A titles to her credit in 1998, 2001 and 2005.



TIGER TALE IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

With 20 MHSAA Volleyball championship trophies in its showcase, the Tigers of Battle Creek St. Philip have titles in nearly half of the 41 years in the tourney's existence, and twice the number of No. 2 on the list, Portage Northern.

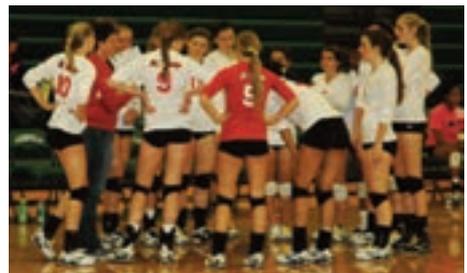


For many schools, transitions from coach to coach can be tough. Not so at this Class D power in lower Michigan, where the current coach is the daughter and a former player of the one who began to build the dynasty.

Sheila Guerra (left), an educator at St. Philip for more than 30 years, began coaching in 1976 as the junior varsity and junior high school coach. The rest is history. After Coach Becky Emrich got things rolling with the school's first crown in 1979, Guerra mentored the Tigers to nine championships from 1983-1997.

Guerra's daughter **Vicky (Guerra) Groat** (below, in red at left) played for her mother's first three title teams from 1983-1985, and took the reins of the program in 1998 and immediately led the Tigers to runner-up finishes that year and again in 2002, 2003 and 2004. For a program used to titles rather than second place, things would change.

Groat guided the Tigers to the winner's circle in 2005, then after another runner-up in 2006, her squads won nine in a row before having the streak snapped at the hands of Leland in November 2015. Groat's 10th championship in 2014 might have eclipsed her mother's total of nine, but the St. Phil program has always been about family.

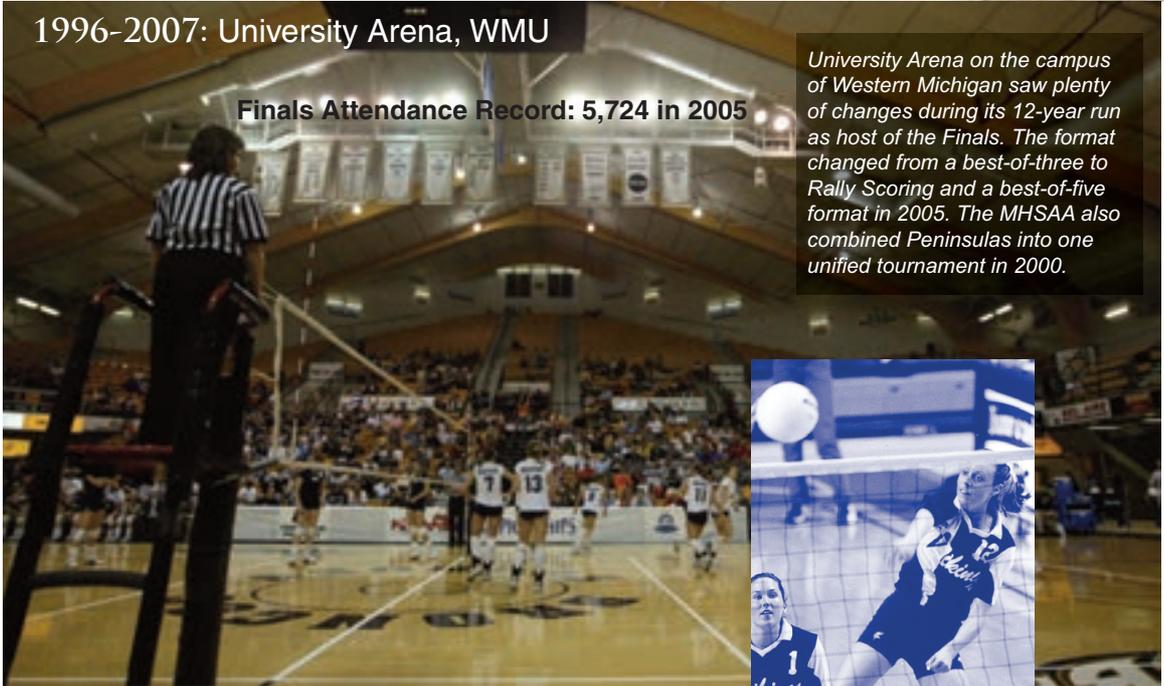


GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 1976-2015

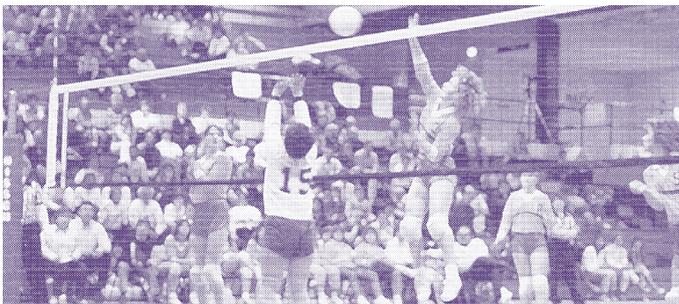
1996-2007: University Arena, WMU

Finals Attendance Record: 5,724 in 2005

University Arena on the campus of Western Michigan saw plenty of changes during its 12-year run as host of the Finals. The format changed from a best-of-three to Rally Scoring and a best-of-five format in 2005. The MHSAA also combined Peninsulas into one unified tournament in 2000.



WMU: HOME OF THE VIKINGS? In the 12 years WMU hosted the MHSAA Finals, no school felt more at home than Marysville. The Vikings won all nine of their Class B crowns at the venue, including eight straight from 1997-2004. At right, Randi Kettlewell drives home that point in 1999, when Marysville finished a third straight undefeated season. →



ON THE MOVE

Following the inaugural Finals played at Delta College, Schoolcraft College and WMU in 1976, the championships filled high schools around the state from 1980-95. The 1986 Finals at East Kentwood saw Kathy Snow (spiking, left) and Concord pound out the first of two Class D titles, this one over Leland.

KEEPING OPPONENTS AT BAY

The Brimley Bays dominated MHSAA Upper Peninsula Volleyball in the 1980s, when they won seven of the school's eight championships, and five in a row from 1981-85 under Coach Charles Compo. Even more impressive was the fact that the UP was not split into classes at that time; all sizes of schools large and small competed for supremacy north of the bridge.

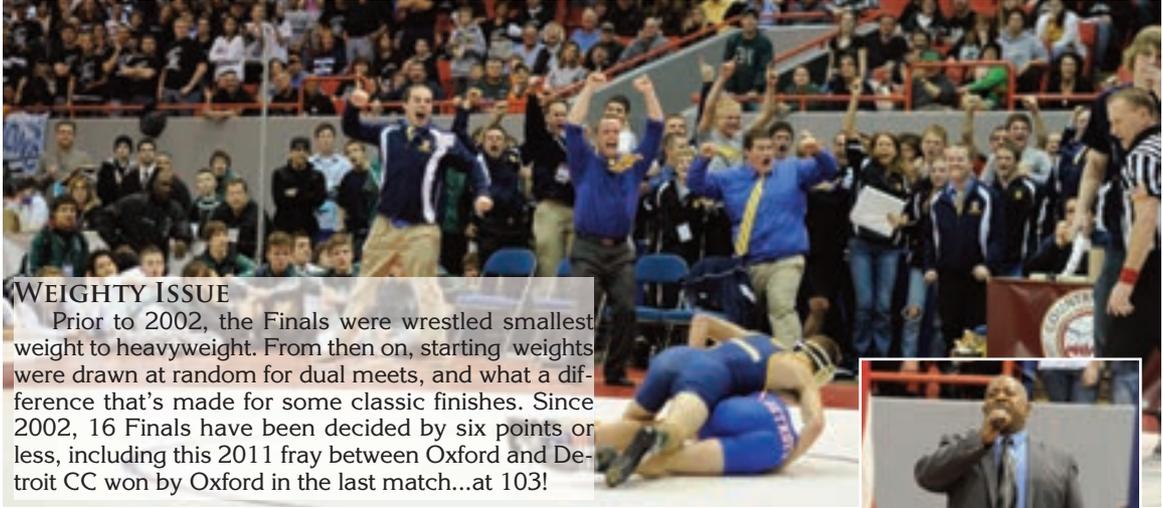
The little town located off Whitefish Bay had not made noise on the statewide level with its school's sports success since back-to-back Class D Boys Basketball crowns in 1950 and 1951.

It was 1978, and the growth of girls sports saw the birth of a volleyball team at Brimley. Compo took on the coaching reins with very little experience in the sport, but with an eagerness to learn and to teach. It was the start of something big.

Just two years later, the first UP Tournament took place and over the next decade Brimley established itself as the first volleyball dynasty in the Upper Peninsula, and in fact, raised its game to where it was occasionally the top-ranked team statewide in Class D in the coaches polls.



TEAM WRESTLING 1948-2016



WEIGHTY ISSUE

Prior to 2002, the Finals were wrestled smallest weight to heavyweight. From then on, starting weights were drawn at random for dual meets, and what a difference that's made for some classic finishes. Since 2002, 16 Finals have been decided by six points or less, including this 2011 fray between Oxford and Detroit CC won by Oxford in the last match...at 103!



HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2016-Present: Mt. Pleasant (McGuirk Arena CMU)

1988-2015: Battle Creek (Kellogg Arena)

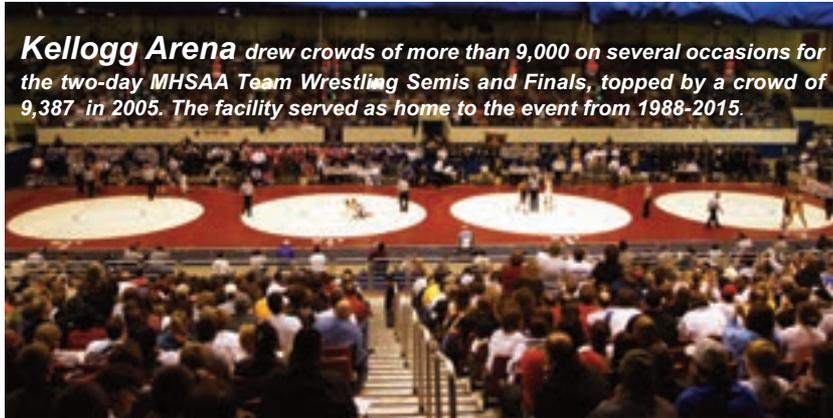
The first year at CMU saw 4,253 pack the arena for the Final Session



TEAM EFFORT

Concurrent with the move to Battle Creek in 1998, the MHSAA Team champions were determined via the dual meet format. Prior to that, team titles were awarded based on individual meet points.

Kellogg Arena drew crowds of more than 9,000 on several occasions for the two-day MHSAA Team Wrestling Semis and Finals, topped by a crowd of 9,387 in 2005. The facility served as home to the event from 1988-2015.



THE VOICE

Wrestling fans have come to know Queen's *We Will Rock You* as the unofficial Team Wrestling Grand March anthem, but the place truly doesn't rock until Battle Creek's **Jeff McGinnis** belts out his stirring rendition of the *Star-Spangled Banner* at the Finals each year.



NO. 1 The first team title in MHSAA Wrestling history went to Coach Iggy Konrad's 1948 Lansing Sexton squad. His teams would win again in 1953, 1959 and 1960.

TITLE TOTALS

Class/Division	Years	Titles
Open Class	1948-1960	13
Class A, B	1961-1995	70
Class C-D	1967-1973	7
Class C	1974-1991	18
Class D	1974-1991	18
Class C-D	1992-1995	4
Division 1, 2, 3, 4	1996-2016	84
UP Only	1967-1987	21

Note: Champs determined by Individual Format from 1948-87; determined by Team Dual Format from 1988 to present, and in Class D only from 1974-76

DUAL KINGS MHSAA titles under team dual format: Dundee 9 | New Lothrop 8 | Richmond 7 | Davison 6 | Lowell 6

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING 1948-2016

HOME GAMES -- FINALS HOSTS

2002-Present: Auburn Hills (The Palace of Auburn Hills)
 1999-2001: Detroit (Joe Louis Arena)
 1996-1998: Battle Creek (Kellogg Arena) and Kalamazoo (University Arena)
 1992-1995: Battle Creek (Kellogg Arena) and Battle Creek Central HS
 1990-1991: Battle Creek (Kellogg Arena), Battle Creek Central HS,
 Battle Creek Harper Creek HS
 1988-1989: Battle Creek (Kellogg Arena), Battle Creek Lakeview HS,
 Battle Creek Central HS, Battle Creek Harper Creek HS
 Prior to 1988 - Various sites around the state

Note: 1981: First time Event was held at one site: Ann Arbor (Crisler Arena UM)

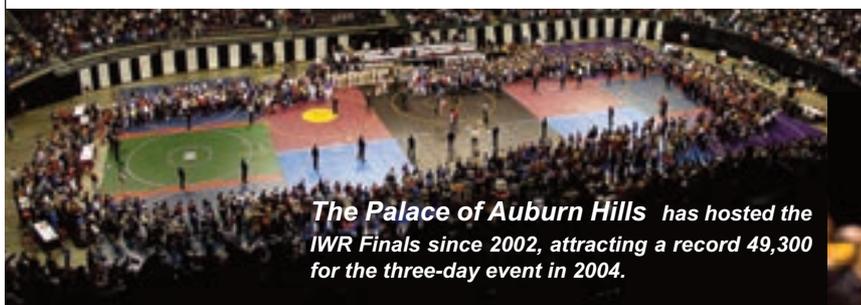
1948-1960: Open Class typically rotated between Ann Arbor (Univ. of Michigan) and East Lansing (Michigan State Univ.)

Upper Peninsula

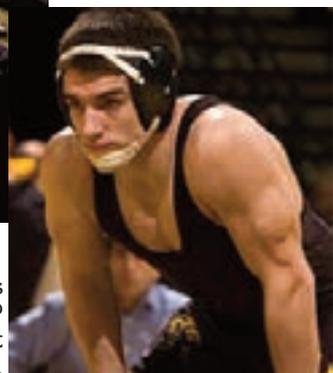
Escanaba HS, Marquette HS and Northern Michigan University hosted from 1967-1996



Above, the 1972 Grand March at Alma High School.



The Palace of Auburn Hills has hosted the IWR Finals since 2002, attracting a record 49,300 for the three-day event in 2004.



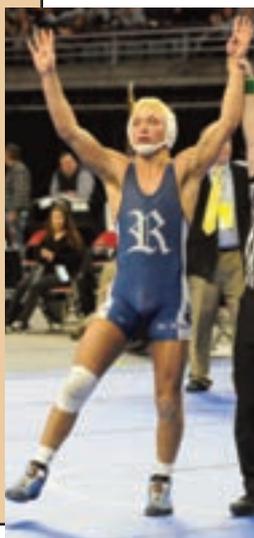
THE UNTOUCHABLES

Winning four MHSAA titles is tough enough, but how about 8? That's what Davison's **Brent Metcalf** (right) did in his career, with four Team and four Individual triumphs from 2002-2005. Oh, and he's also just one of five in history to go undefeated for his prep career. Hesperia's **Justin Zeerip** (left) tops the list at 260-0 from 2003-07, followed by Metcalf (228-0), St. Johns' Taylor Massa (221-0, 2008-12), and Williamston's Andy (219-0, 1999-02) and Nick (211, 1998-01) Simmons.

Four-Time MHSAA Champions

Mike Mills, Mt. Pleasant—98-112-132-138 (1976-79)
 Gregory Elie, Escanaba—98-105-112-119 (1980-83)
 Robert Mariucci, Iron Mountain—112-126-145-155 (1981-84)
 Michael Murdoch, Montrose—119-132-145-145 (1983-86)
 Larry Raether, Iron Mountain — 112-119-132-132 (1984-87)
 Brandon Cheshier, Adrian 112-125-134-145 (1993-96)
 Jeremiah Tobias, Manchester — 125-130-135-145 (1997-00)
 Dan Maloney, Escanaba — 125-135-140-145 (1998-01)
 Nick Simmons, Williamston — 103-103-119-119 (1998-01)
 Andy Simmons, Williamston — 112-130-135-140 (1999-02)
 Roger Kish, Lapeer West — 160-171-189-189 (2000-03)
 Joe Mendez, Lowell —103-112-130-135 (2002-05)
 Brent Metcalf, Davison —130-140-145-145 (2002-05)
 Justin Zeerip, Hesperia —125-145-152-160 (2004-05-06-07)
 Mark Weber, Goodrich - 103-112-125-135 (2005-08)
 Kyle Waldo, Rockford – 103-103-112-119 (2006-07-08-09)
 Taylor Massa, St. Johns - 145-152-160-171 (2009-10-11-12)
 Adam Coon, Fowlerville — 215-215-285-285 (2010-13)
 Zac Hall, St. Johns — 103-112-125-140 (2011-14)
 Lincoln Olson, Davison — 103-112-125-135 (2012-15)
 Devin Skatzka, Richmond — 135-145-152-160 (2012-15)

FOUR-TIME CHAMPS REFLECT MHSAA WRESTLING GROWTH



From the crowning of Mt. Pleasant's Mike Mills in 1979 as the MHSAA's first four-time champion to Richmond's **Devin Skatzka** (left) as the 21st, high school wrestling in Michigan has enjoyed steady growth and improvement.

Of the 21 individuals in the exclusive club, 15 have come since 2000, including at least one person per Finals from 2012-2015.

Davison, Williamston, St. Johns and Iron Mountain (I.P. only) all have two grapplers on the ledger.

This issue's trip to the "vault" chronicles the passing of the MHSAA archives baton, a first-person account from current historian Ron Pesch.

"If They Have It, I Probably Wrote It"

I'm a firm believer that we don't pick our hobbies; rather they pick us. As a college student at Western Michigan University, I made a phone to the athletic department at Kalamazoo Central High School to ask what they knew about the history of their high school football team. I wanted to cross-reference their scores of past football games versus Muskegon High School against a list I had created. It was late 1984.

"Yes, we have that," stated the person at the other end, "but you should really speak with Dick Kishpaugh. He's the guy that compiled that information. Here's his number."

I thanked them for the information and made the call from my dorm. Indeed, Kishpaugh had compiled the collections of scores I sought and would happily share it. The call could have ended there. Yet, for some reason, I asked another question.

"One more thing," I blurted out. "There's this building in East Lansing that I drive past when I'm visiting friends at Michigan State. It's the Michigan High School Athletic Association. I'm wondering if they might have anything in their files about the history of sports."

"Well," stated Kishpaugh. The pause that I hear in my head when I recall this memory gets longer and more dramatic each time I press the replay button. "If they have it, I probably wrote it."

Just like that, I had found the state's historian for high school sports. It was the beginning of a lifelong friendship.

After a few visits to his home in Parchment, just outside Kalamazoo, Dick invited me to join him in the press box at the Pontiac Silverdome for the 1985 MHSAA Football Finals. Of course I accepted. As a kid growing up in Muskegon, I had wanted to attend this event, but had never found the chance.

In March, I joined him for the Boys Basketball finals in Ann Arbor. I had found a mentor, and he, a protégé. Along the way I learned his father would hand him the sports section from

the newspaper, allow him the chance to study the college football scores, retrieve the pages, and then quiz him on the results of the games. For each score he got right, Dick was rewarded with a nickel.

"I got pretty good at recalling numbers," he said, laughing.

I learned that he had attended his first MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals in 1944 with a friend, Nick Vista, during their high school days at Battle Creek Central. He told me that after seeing the tournament at Jenison Field House, they wondered about the records from past tourney games. When told by then-

MHSAA Executive Director Charles Forsythe that nothing existed, the two of them began researching. A year later, the beginnings of what would become a lifelong passion was unveiled. (Vista would later serve as Sports Information Director at Michigan State University).

Admitting he didn't exactly apply himself to his studies, Dick told the story of how his high school principal, recognizing his interest in sports, had worked a deal with the sports editor at the *Battle Creek Enquirer* for Kishpaugh to work as a stringer for the paper. The single contingent was that his grades had to improve drastically. Immediately, they did.

Kishpaugh now had a press pass.

Like me, Kishpaugh had attended WMU, back in the day when the school was much smaller, and was a major training ground for future teachers. He served as sports editor for the yearbook and campus newspaper. It was also where he met his bride-to-be, Shirley.

Because of this background, he met many students that would go on to coach at high schools across the state. These friendships would pay dividends for years to come as he assembled varsity game results and record performances. For 20 years, he also served as publicist for the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) enhancing his reputation and expanding his circle of friends.



Gary Shook, Otsego

MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts thanks Kishpaugh for his years of service at the 1993 Boys Basketball Finals



Gary Shook, Otsego

Kishpaugh (left) and Pesch take notes at the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at Crisler Arena in 1989.

On the high school side, he dug out details from scrapbooks, yearbooks, newspaper clippings and microfilm. It was a hobby, but he always approached it as though it were his livelihood. He wrote – and this is no exaggeration – thousands of cards and letters over the years, asking former coaches and athletes for long-lost details.

His focus was football and basketball. He compiled those details into what we now commonly refer to as the MHSAA Record Book. And, although few readers probably realized it, he would supply interested sports writers with facts, figures and the little item that would spice up their article with details few would know.

Eventually, his talents were recognized with an honorary title. Dick became known as Michigan's high school sports historian. He was the go-to guy for reporters, old and new, when a performance needed historical perspective.

When Title IX came to fruition and helped to increase opportunity for girls, he applauded the change. Immediately, he started a girls basketball record book. He wrote about the girls game, researching its origins, and shared his findings with readers of the MHSAA game programs.

I arrived in his 40th year of service. For the next decade, I tagged along, meeting an amazing array of sportswriters, broadcasters, coaches, and former players from high schools and colleges across the state and beyond. Thanks to his connections, we watched Big Ten, Mid-American Conference and MIAA college contests from press boxes and sidelines. Together, we were treated like dignitaries at the opening of the new College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind. I visited Dick and Shirley's summer cottage, a landmark and slice of heaven located in Hickory Cor-

ners. He attended my wedding. We discussed an amazing array of subjects, including travel, history, and family.

In the spring of 1993, after 10 years of friendship and education, he told me it was my turn.

"I'm going to go concentrate on the College game," he said, smiling. "You take over as high school historian."

Dick was 67. Just prior to attending the high school basketball tournament, his 50th consecutive, he shared the news with his long-time friend, Joe Falls of *The Detroit News*. Shortly after the games, he headed off to the British Isles with his bride Shirley, to indulge in their favorite pastime: travel.

In 1998, Dick attended his 55th straight state basketball finals. The streak ended a year later, as Dick and Shirley chose to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Austria, Switzerland, Germany and the British Isles during tournament time.

"I always knew I was going to miss the finals sooner or later," Kishpaugh told a *Detroit Free Press* reporter. "Our 50th wedding anniversary takes precedence."

The streak was restarted in 2000, but it wouldn't last. In April, while returning from a planned meeting at the College Football Hall of Fame, where he served on a committee designed to identify athletes and coaches from small colleges for possible induction into the Hall, Kishpaugh was killed in a traffic accident.

He passed away while doing what he loved. Still, the sports world lost an incredible resource and pioneer, dedicated to honoring the incredible accomplishments of Michigan's high school student athletes. I lost a friend and a huge influence. It is an honor to occupy his shoes.

Casting Lines for the Future of Tournaments

The MHSAA is best known to the public for the tournaments it conducts to conclude the fall, winter and spring seasons each school year.

These tournaments, the first and largest program of the MHSAA, have survived the Vietnam War, the Korean conflict and two World Wars. They have survived the technology bubble, the housing collapse, the energy crisis and the Great Depression.

MHSAA tournaments existed at the dawn of aviation and at the time of our nation's lunar landing. Popes, presidents and governors have changed and changed again and again, and MHSAA tournaments roll on year after year.

But the sense of tradition and permanence and inevitability of MHSAA tournaments doesn't dissuade us from asking questions about our tournaments, even some of the most basic questions. Here are two.

Question #1

I have long been and will always be an advocate for a Ryder Cup format for the MHSAA Golf Finals, and a team tennis approach to the MHSAA Tennis Finals; but 90 years of tradition is hard to overcome. Might this be a more exciting format? Could it be coed? Could it reverse the decline in boys tennis participation, and increase girls golf participation? Wouldn't it be fun to try?

Periodically, the International Olympic Committee requires each of the designated Olympic sports



Driving Force

If participation is driving tournaments, could revised formats such as coed golf or tennis increase trends currently in decline?

to defend its status, to state its case why the sport should remain a part of the Olympic program. Then, after a series of votes that retain one sport at a time, the IOC drops the sport that makes the weakest case. It does so to make room for one of the previously unlisted sports that makes the best case for inclusion.

This would appear to keep the existing Olympic sports on their toes, and to keep the Olympic move-

ment fresh and reflective of modern trends in sports.

While I would not enjoy the controversy, I can see the potential for some positive results if the MHSAA were to invoke the same policy for determining the 14 tournaments it will provide for girls and the 14 for boys.

This might cause us to consider more deeply what a high school sport should look like, or at least what an MHSAA tournament sport should stand for.

On the one hand, we might be inclined to drop tournaments for those sports that involve mostly nonfaculty coaches and non-school venues, or require cooperative programs to generate enough participants to support a team, or resort almost entirely to non-school funding, or cater to individuals more than teams.

Or perhaps this process would cause policy-makers to forget traditional thinking and ask: "In this day and age, should we shake off traditional notions of sport and consider more where modern kids are coming from?" That might mean fewer team sports and more individual sports, more "extreme" sports like snowboarding and skateboarding, and more lifetime sports, meaning not just golf and tennis and running sports, but also fishing and even shooting sports.

Currently, MHSAA policy states that the MHSAA will consider sponsorship of a tournament series for any sport which 64 member schools conduct on an interscholastic basis as a result of action by the governing boards of those schools.

Should the only question be how many schools sponsor a sport, or must an activity also have certain qualities and/or avoid certain "defects?" **What should an MHSAA tournament sport look like and stand for?**

Question #2

Bristling from criticism that his association is a money-grabbing exploiter of children, my counterpart in another state said, "If we were running our programs just to make money, we would do very many things very differently." I knew exactly what he meant.

Because we care about the health and welfare of students, because we mean what we say that the athletic program needs to maximize the ways it enhances the school experience while minimizing academic conflicts, and because we try to model our claim that no sport is a minor sport when it comes to its potential to teach young people life lessons, we operate our programs in ways that make promoters, marketers and business entrepreneurs laugh, cry or cringe.

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If money were the only object, we would seed and select sites to assure the teams that attracted the most spectators had the best chance to advance in our tournaments, regardless of the travel for any team or its fan base. If money were the only object, we would never schedule two tournaments to overlap and compete for public attention, much less tolerate three or four overlapping events. If money were the only object, we would allow signage like NASCAR events and promotions like minor league baseball games.

Those approaches to event sponsorship may not be all wrong; they’re just not all right for us. And we will live with the consequences of our belief system.

During a typical school year, more than 20 percent of the MHSAA’s 2,097 District, Regional and Final tournaments **lose** money. Not a single site in golf, skiing or tennis makes a single penny. In **no** sport did **every** District, Regional and Final site have revenue in excess of direct expenses.



Tournaments with a Hook

When considering the future of MHSAA tournaments, is it time to cast ideas into all waters to reflect the interests and safety of students throughout the state? At what cost?

In fact, in only three sports – boys and girls basketball and football – is revenue so much greater than direct expenses overall that it helps to pay for all the other tournaments in which the MHSAA invests.

That’s right: invests. When we present our budget to our board, we talk about the MHSAA’s investment in providing tournament opportunities in all those sports and all those places that cannot sustain the cost of those events on their own. **How much is this investment worth to students, schools and society?**

These two are core questions that require our focus far in advance of talk about scheduling, site selection, seeding and the myriad matters that too often hijack our time and attention.

Schedule Membership Resolution for Board of Education Meetings

When the Representative Council meets each May, the rules are finalized for the coming school year, and meeting minutes are mailed to each member school. Every member school Board of Education or governing body of a nonpublic school wishing to join the MHSAA for the coming school year must vote to do so and adopt the rules as its own.

The MHSAA Membership Resolution must be signed by the Board of Education and returned to the MHSAA. Please complete both sides of the form: on the reverse side, list schools in your district that will be MHSAA members and include the current enrollment number for 6th, 7th and 8th grades. When membership lapses, insurance coverage, among other matters, is jeopardized.

Administrators: Please be sure to schedule the MHSAA Membership Resolution for your upcoming Board of Education Meeting – Membership Resolution Forms are mailed to superintendents and athletic directors each May and are due back to the MHSAA by July 31.



Hice, Mazzolini Named 2016 Forsythe Winners

Longtime Petoskey athletic director Gary Hice and retiring MHSAA assistant director Gina Mazzolini each have served Michigan high school student-athletes for more than 30 years in ways that will continue to impact schools and athletes for years to come. In recognition of their efforts, they have been named the 2016 recipients of the MHSAA Charles E. Forsythe Award.

The annual award is in its 39th year and named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe, the Association's first full-time and longest-serving chief executive. Forsythe Award recipients are selected each year by the MHSAA Representative Council, based on outstanding contribution to interscholastic athletics.

Hice retired in 2014 after 30 years as Petoskey's athletic director overseeing one of the most successful programs in northern Michigan that regularly produced contenders for championships statewide. Under his leadership, Petoskey added five sports, revamped its facilities and became a founding member of the Big North Conference after Hice contributed to its creation.



Gary Hice

Mazzolini has served the MHSAA since 1993 and is the administrator for girls volleyball, swimming and diving, alpine skiing and tennis. She also handles the sanctioning of out-of-state competitions and serves as the MHSAA's point person on foreign exchange and international student issues. Mazzolini will receive a Citation from the National Federation of State High School Associations this summer and was the 2010 recipient of the MHSAA's Women in Sports Leadership Award.

"Gary Hice and Gina Mazzolini have contributed to Michigan high school athletics on a variety of levels providing vision, leadership and dedication," MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said. "Gary Hice served as a leader of leaders in northern Michigan and provided an example to be followed statewide, while Gina Mazzolini has shaped rules and policies that have impacted programs not only in our state, but nationally as well. We're proud to honor Gary Hice and Gina Mazzolini with Forsythe Awards."

During his tenure, Petoskey added girls golf, girls soccer, girls bowling, boys bowling and ice hockey programs. Petoskey teams won MHSAA Finals championships in boys skiing, girls skiing, wrestling, boys soccer and boys tennis, and the girls cross country and track and field teams were among those that earned runner-up finishes. Hice also led the construction in 2000 of a \$6-million gymnasium, weight room, wrestling practice area and indoor track at Petoskey High School, and initiated the school's athletic Hall of Fame.

Hice is a member of both the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. He was named state Athletic Director of the Year by the MIAAA in 2011 after receiving its

George Lovich Award of Merit in 2008. He also was honored with the MHSAA's Bush Award in 2002.

After standout basketball and volleyball careers at St. Johns High School and Central Michigan University, Mazzolini taught and coached multiple sports during the 1979-80 school year at Ovid-Elsie High School. She then spent two years teaching and serving as an assistant volleyball coach at Michigan State University, where she also earned her master's degree in physical education. Mazzolini then left to teach and serve as assistant volleyball coach at the University of Texas.



Gina Mazzolini

In 1982, Mazzolini became an activities director with the University Interscholastic League, the service organization to high school activities in Texas. She became an assistant athletic director at the UIL in 1988, and five years later she returned to Michigan as a member of the MHSAA staff.

In addition to her work at the MHSAA, Mazzolini has provided a long list of contributions at the national level. She has served as the NFHS representative on the board for the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, which identifies, promotes and supports international youth exchange programs.

Past recipients of the Charles E. Forsythe Award

- 1978 - Brick Fowler, Port Huron; Paul Smarks, Warren
- 1979 - Earl Messner, Reed City; Howard Beatty, Saginaw
- 1980 - Max Carey, Freesoil
- 1981 - Steven Sluka, Grand Haven; Samuel Madden, Detroit
- 1982 - Ernest Buckholz, Mt. Clemens; T. Arthur Treloar, Petoskey
- 1983 - Leroy Dues, Detroit; Richard Maher, Sturgis
- 1984 - William Hart, Marquette; Donald Stamats, Caro
- 1985 - John Cotton, Farmington; Robert James, Warren
- 1986 - William Robinson, Detroit; Irving Soderland, Norway
- 1987 - Jack Streidl, Plainwell; Wayne Hellenga, Decatur
- 1988 - Jack Johnson, Dearborn; Alan Williams, North Adams
- 1989 - Walter Bazylewicz, Berkley; Dennis Kiley, Jackson
- 1990 - Webster Morrison, Pickford; Herbert Quade, Benton Harbor
- 1991 - Clifford Buckmaster, Petoskey; Donald Domke, Northville
- 1992 - William Maskill, Kalamazoo;
Thomas G. McShannock, Muskegon
- 1993 - Roy A. Allen Jr., Detroit; John Duncan, Cedarville
- 1994 - Kermit Ambrose, Royal Oak
- 1995 - Bob Perry, Lowell
- 1996 - Charles H. Jones, Royal Oak
- 1997 - Michael A. Foster, Richland;
Robert G. Grimes, Battle Creek
- 1998 - Lofton C. Greene, River Rouge; Joseph J. Today, Essexville
- 1999 - Bernie Larson, Battle Creek
- 2000 - Blake Hagman, Kalamazoo; Jerry Cvengros, Escanaba
- 2001 - Norm Johnson, Bangor; George Lovich, Canton
- 2002 - John Fundukian, Novi
- 2003 - Ken Semelsberger, Port Huron
- 2004 - Marco Marcet, Frankenmuth
- 2005 - Jim Feldkamp, Troy
- 2006 - Dan McShannock, Midland; Dail Prucka, Monroe
- 2007 - Keith Eldred, Williamston; Tom Hickman, Spring Lake
- 2008 - Jamie Gent, Haslett; William Newkirk, Sanford-Meridian
- 2009 - Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan
- 2010 - Rudy Godefroidt, Hemlock; Mike Boyd, Waterford
- 2011 - Eric C. Federico, Trenton
- 2012 - Bill Mick, Midland
- 2013 - Jim Gilmore, Tecumseh; Dave Hutton, Grandville
- 2014 - Dan Flynn, Escanaba
- 2015 - Hugh Matson, Saginaw

Make Plans to Attend the 2016 AD In-Service/Update Meeting Series

Athletic directors should plan now to attend an AD In-Service and Update Meeting in the fall. While attendance is strong, some ADs have not attended as their duties have increased. We suggest the opposite approach and urge those who have not attended recently to make it a point of emphasis. Attending these efficient “2-in-1” programs improves leadership and service skills and can make your work less of a burden.

The Update meetings begin at noon and present current issues, rules, regulations, future plans, and pertinent Representative Council matters. SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS and SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS should attend Update Meetings each year. Lunch is served at Update Meetings only. The Athletic Director In-Services runs from 8:30-11:45 a.m. and will focus on new actions, describing and defining regulations, MHSAA procedures, group discussions and more.



Scan to download registration form to mobile device

2016 AD In-Service/Update Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 21	Kalamazoo, Four Points Sheraton
Monday, Sept. 26	Warren, DeCarlo's Banquet/Convention
Monday, Oct. 3	Comstock Park, English Hills Country Club
Wednesday, Oct. 5	Frankenmuth, Zehnder's
Thursday, Oct. 6	Lansing, Causeway Bay
Monday, Oct. 10	Gaylord, Otsego Club & Resort (Annual Business Meeting)
Friday, Oct. 28	Marquette, Superior Dome (no fee, no meal)

Go to MHSAA.com to register for a session near you!

Inform Students, Coaches and Parents of Summer Dead Period

Each school sets its own Summer Dead Period – a seven-consecutive day “zero player and coach contact period” for all sports and all coaches – no functions, fundraisers, parades, etc.

Non-school baseball and softball teams may continue their schedule during the dead period.

Set the period between a school's last day of participation in any MHSAA tournament and Aug. 1. It is recommended that the dead period include the 4th of July.

There is no requirement to report, but there is a requirement to designate and observe a dead period.

Please include ALL sports, especially tennis and swimming in the discussions. Be sure to publicize your Summer Dead Period to all parties and the community at large.



Efficiency is Effective...

The MHSAA is always willing to assist with issues concerning Association regulations. Please remember, however, the most efficient method of communication with the MHSAA on eligibility questions is through the athletic director or principal. Athletic directors should gather all information necessary on a question and then call or write the MHSAA. Coaches or parents calling the MHSAA on eligibility matters can create confusion and delay. ADs or principals are encouraged to contact the MHSAA office directly. Please follow this efficient path of communication.

Scholar-Athlete Class of 2016 Honored

The Michigan High School Athletic Association/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award has been recognizing the top student-athletes for 27 years. Applicants for the Scholar-Athlete Award must meet the following criteria: A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale; and must have previously won a varsity letter. Applicants also show involvement in other school and community activities; submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.



Recipients of the 2015-16 Scholar-Athlete Award receive a \$1,000 college scholarship to be used at the college, university, or trade school of their choice during the 2016-17 school year. This year, 1,425 applicants from 374 schools were received for the 32 scholarships. Class A students were guaranteed 12 winners, Class B eight winners, Class C six winners and Class D four winners. Two at-large winners were also selected.

All scholarship recipients will be honored in ceremonies at halftime of the Class C Boys Basketball Final at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 26.



32 student-athletes from around the state are honored during the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals each year for academic excellence.

2016 Scholar-Athlete Award Winners

Drew Blakely, Richland Gull Lake, Class A
 Kobe Burse, Muskegon Mona Shores, Class A
 Lindsey Carlson, Charlotte, Class B
 Riley Costen, Hudsonville, Class A
 Zaven Dadian, Birmingham Seaholm, Class A
 Kayla Dobies, Macomb Dakota, Class A
 Kelsey Emmanuel, Lowell, Class A
 Daniel Good, Owendale-Gagetown, Class D
 Lars Hornburg, Traverse City Central, Class A
 Nathaniel Jones, Muskegon Catholic Central, Class D
 Spencer Keoleian, Bloomfield Hills
 Cranbrook Kingswood, Class B
 Michael Klettner, Traverse City St. Francis, Class C
 Spencer Graham Knizacky, Mason County Central,
 Class C
 Marie Lachance, East Grand Rapids, Class A
 Anna Laffrey, East Grand Rapids, Class A

Allia Marie McDowell, Farmington Hills Mercy, Class A
 Daniel R. McMichael, Bronson, Class C
 Elizabeth Munoz, Leland, Class D
 Averi Rachelle Munro, Morrice, Class D
 Josef Philipp, Hillsdale, Class B
 Paiton Plutchak, Menominee, Class B
 Alexa Ratkowski, Bronson, Class C
 Mallory Raven, Morley-Stanwood, Class C
 Jason Ren, Canton, Class A
 Easton Schultz, East Grand Rapids, Class A
 Genevieve Soltesz, Mattawan, Class A
 Hannah Steffke, Beal City, Class C
 Mallak Taleb, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Class A
 Austin Robert Thompson, Onsted, Class B
 Kate Tobin, Grosse Ile, Class B
 Trevor Trierweiler, Portland, Class B
 Katherine Williams, Grosse Ile, Class B

Student Advisory Council in Place for 2016-17

Eight student-athletes who will be juniors at their schools during the 2016-17 academic year have been selected to serve a two-year term on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council.

The Student Advisory Council is a 16-member group which provides feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective, and also is involved in the operation of Association championship events and other programming. Members of the Student Advisory Council serve for two years, beginning as juniors. Eight new members are selected annually to serve on the SAC, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools. The incoming juniors will join the group of eight seniors-to-be appointed a year ago.

Selected to begin serving on the Student Advisory Council in 2016-17 are: **Sydney Hanson**, Alma; **Jordan Tirico**, Ann Arbor Skyline; **Danny deForest**, Holland West Ottawa; **Darby Dean**, Lowell; **Rachel Cummings**, Mayville; **Grace Reetz**, Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart; **Aaron Fahrner**, Owendale-Gagetown; and **Hunter Gandee**, Temperance Bedford.

The first Student Advisory Council was formed for the 2006-07 school year. With the addition of this class beginning this summer, members will have represented 87 schools from 45 leagues plus independent schools that do not play in a league. Combined, the new appointees have participated in 13 MHSAA sports, and all eight will be the first SAC members from their respective schools.

The Student Advisory Council meets seven times each school year, and once more for a 24-hour leadership camp. In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the council discusses issues dealing with the 4 S's of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition) and the sensible scope of athletic programs. There also is a fifth S discussed by the group – student leadership.

This school year, the Council judged the fifth "Battle of the Fans" after creating the contest during 2011-12 as a way to promote positive sportsmanship. The Council also presented sportsmanship curriculum at four different Sportsmanship Summits in the fall. In addition it began updating the "Captains 101" leadership guide that was published in 2009 and has been distributed throughout Michigan and also, by request, to other states and internationally.

The new additions to the SAC will join the Class of 2017 members who were selected a year ago: **Alex Janosi**, Dexter; **Lindsay Duca**, East Grand Rapids; **Meghan Boyd**, Kent City; **Marissa Immel**, Munising; **Jordan Walker**, Muskegon Mona Shores; **Jack Donnelly**, Ottawa Lake Whiteford; **Van Nguyen**, Plymouth; and **Cade Smeznik**, Yale.

Student Advisory Council Belief Statement

Adopted Nov. 2007

As the voice of Michigan's student-athletes, the Student Advisory Council's role is to convey the message of how high school sports are supposed to be played. We are responsible for helping the MHSAA maintain a positive and healthy atmosphere in which interscholastic athletes can thrive.

We believe **athletes** should be competitive, sportsmanlike and excel academically. We believe **students** in the stands should have fun, but not take the focus away from the game. We believe **coaches** should act as teachers, helping student-athletes develop while still keeping high school sports in perspective. We believe that **parents** should always be positive role models and be supportive of their child's decisions. We believe **officials** commit their own time to high school sports and respect should always be shown and given to them.

The most important goal for student-athletes is to enjoy high school sports while keeping a high level of respect between all those involved in the games.

– Written by the Student Advisory Council, adopted by MHSAA Representative Council in Nov. 2007

Rules of the Games

Sharpen your skills with the following rules questions. Answers appear at the bottom of the next page.

Baseball

- A batter enters the batter's box with a non-wood bat with the old BESR certification mark. As the pitcher begins his wind-up, the umpire sees the old certification mark and stops play immediately before the pitcher has released the ball. What is the correct ruling on this play?
 - Since the pitch was not delivered, the batter may get a legal BBCOR bat without penalty and the illegal bat is removed for the duration of the game.
 - Since the hitter entered the box with the illegal bat, he is declared out.
 - Since the hitter entered the box with the illegal bat, he is declared out and the head coach is automatically ejected from the game.
- R3 on third, R2 on second base with 1 out. The batter hits a deep fly ball to left-center field that is caught by the centerfielder for the second out. R3 legally tags up and scores without a throw. R2, however, thought there were 2 outs and takes off immediately on contact, scoring just after R3 touches home plate. At no time did R2 pass R3. The defense then relays the ball into 2nd base, and umpire properly calls R2 out for leaving early just after both R3 and R2 have touched home plate. How many runs score on this play?
 - None
 - One
 - Two
- How many "free" defensive charged conferences is a team permitted during a 7-inning game to confer with a defensive player or players?
 - One
 - Two
 - Three
 - Four



ball or trap it with his crosse for any length of time so long as both feet on the ground.

- A single-wrap of tape must be applied to the handle of the crosse for any player taking a faceoff. The tape must be of to the head, gloves, and shaft.
 - After a faceoff and before possession has been declared the official calls a non-time serving violation and awards the ball to other team laterally out of bounds in its offensive half of the field.
- In which of the cases below does the goal count. Check all that apply.
 - A1, with his feet grounded prior to, during and after the shot, shoots and the ball enters the goal and during the play, he is legally pushed into the crease with the ball entering the goal before A1 lands in the crease.
 - Same scenario as a), but the push is illegal and the ball enters the goal before A 1 lands in the crease.
 - A1 drives toward the goal and jumps or dives into the crease. The ball goes into the goal.
 - A1 dives or jumps toward the crease and, while in the air, is illegally checked into the crease and the ball goes into the goal
 - Which of the following statements are correct with respect to fields and equipment?
 - Beginning in 2017 double zero, 01, 02, 03 etc. are illegal numbers
 - Beginning in 2018 stick specifications change to resemble the NCAA stick specifications.
 - Electronic equipment including cameras may be used by players on the field, so long as they do not use an extension cord while playing.
 - Not having a clearly marked center line that runs the entire width of the field results in the game beginning with the ball being awarded to the visiting team.



Girls Lacrosse

- The officials have carded the green team a number of times for excessively rough fouls (check to the head, cross-check, etc.). A player who has not previously been issued a yellow card then commits a slash. The official calls time out and issues a red card to the offending player.
 - Incorrect, the official did not give this player a yellow card prior to the red card.
 - Correct, the officials are not required to issue a verbal caution before issuing a yellow card or before issuing a red card. Issuance of a card is considered a warning to all players.
- Dangerous contact includes any action that thrusts or shoves any player with or without the ball who is in a defenseless position. This includes:
 - Head down from out of the visual field.
 - In the air or out of balance.
 - Especially in the kidneys, ribs, lower back, shoulder blades or aimed at the neck or head.
 - Includes everything listed.
- This year, the winner of the coin toss at the beginning of the game shall have choice of ends or having the initial alternate possession that occurs in the game.
 - True
 - False



Soccer

- Is it possible to score a goal directly from a goal kick?
 - No.
 - Yes, in both goals.
 - Yes, in the opponent's goal only.
- For the taking of a corner kick, the ball may be:
 - Placed totally within the quarter circle, not touching any of the lines
 - Placed on the touchline, but within the quarter circle.
 - Placed directly on the quarter circle line.
 - All of the above

- In which of the following situations shall the official award a direct free kick for handling foul?
 - The ball strikes the hand of a player standing in a wall defending a free kick. Her arms are protecting her chest prior to the free kick.
 - The ball strikes the hand of a player who has her back to the play while running down the field. The player makes no attempt to play the ball.
 - The goalkeeper makes an effort to stop a low pass. In the process she handles the ball outside the penalty area.
 - All of the above



Softball

- Three-foot lane interference can occur on which of the following?
 - A throw to the plate.
 - A throw to first base.
 - A play when the fielder does not make a throw because she withholds her attempt.
- With no outs, R2 from second base attempts to steal third, but the batter (B1) hinders the catcher's ability to make a play on the runner. Which of the following apply?
 - The ball is dead.
 - B1 is out.
 - R3 is out.



- B1 hits safely to right field. F4 receives a throw from F9 while in a crouched position about ten feet before second base. B1 leaps over F4 to avoid the tag and advances to second base without being tagged. Which of the following is correct?
 - The play stands.
 - B1 is declared out.
 - B1 is ejected from the game.
 - B1 is restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game.
 - B1 is issued a warning.

Softball Answers: 1-b (8-2-6); 2-a, b (7-4-4); 3-b (8-6-10)

Soccer Answers: 1-c (16-1-1); 2-d (17-1-3); 3-c (12-2)

Girls Lacrosse Answers: 1-a (Rule 7, Section 31); 2-d (Rule 6b.); 3-a (Rule 5, Section 20)

Boys Lacrosse Answers: 1-a, c (-3-3; i, j, n and 7-3 Situation D); 2-a, b (4.19 Situations A & E); 3-a,

Baseball Answers: 1-b (7-4-1 a); 2-b (8-2-5, 8-2-6, 9-1-1); 3-c (3-4-1)

Linda Hoover Earns 2016 Norris Award

Marshall's Linda Hoover is considered among the elite softball umpires internationally and admired as a pioneer in officiating, especially by women who have followed in taking up the avocation. She also continues to serve Michigan at the high school level as an umpire, clinician and mentor, and has been selected to receive the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Vern L. Norris Award for 2016.

The Norris Award is presented annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials, and has been involved in officials' education. It is named for Vern L. Norris, who served as executive director of the MHSAA from 1978-86 and was respected by officials on the state and national levels.



Hoover is in her 36th year as an MHSAA-registered official, working softball and volleyball in addition to softball at the collegiate, national and international levels.

A teacher at Marshall from fall 1982 until her retirement at the end of the 2013-14 school year, Hoover initially hoped to remain involved in athletics as a coach after finishing a four-sport career at Olivet College. But at the suggestion of one of her college advisors, Hoover took a class on officiating in addition to her courses on coaching – and ended up working her first volleyball match while still a college student.

Nearly four decades later, Hoover has officiated eight MHSAA Volleyball Finals and seven Softball Finals – in addition to serving as an umpire at four NCAA Division I College World Series, nine Amateur Softball Association Nationals and four softball World Cups. She also has officiated at the Olympic Trials and China's Republican National Games, and is scheduled to work the USA Junior Olympic Cup this summer in Georgia.

Hoover has served as a clinician for numerous softball and volleyball officiating clinics and as a clinician and officials evaluator during the MHSAA Softball Finals. She has contributed on various MHSAA committees and assisted at the MHSAA Volleyball Finals, and served as a facilitator and speaker at the Women in Sports Leadership Conference.

"Linda Hoover is considered by her peers as one of the elite softball umpires in this country, and she continues to share her gifts with athletes and coaches at our level while serving as an inspiration for many aspiring officials," MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts said.

Hoover graduated from Constantine High School in 1977 and Olivet College in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and minors in communications and psychology. She lettered in field hockey, basketball, softball and volleyball during her collegiate career, and is a Hall of Fame member for both her high school and college.

Hoover earned her master's degree in athletic administration and an endorsement in health education from Western Michigan University. At Marshall, she taught primarily freshman health education and also classes in physical education and child psychology.

She also did get that opportunity to coach, first middle school volleyball at the former Wattles Park (now Battle Creek Harper Creek), then junior varsity softball and middle school basketball at Marshall. But she found she enjoyed officiating more than coaching – and also found the avocation to be her "niche" and a place where she could make an impression on female athletes in particular.

"I'll never forget when I was still a rookie official, and I was going to a high school softball game. A couple of girls were like, 'Oh my gosh, we have a female official,'" Hoover recalled. "They'd never seen a female umpire. I want to present a positive role model, a positive experience for those who might want to get into (officiating)."

Hoover is in the Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame and has received recognition as an "Elite Umpire" by ASA/USA, and attained the gold level of the ASA Umpire Medals Program. She was awarded membership in the ASA's National Indicator Fraternity and certification by the International Softball Federation.

About half of the games she currently officiates are at the high school level; she also continues to officiate in the Mid-American Conference and has worked in the Big Ten, Big East and Missouri Valley conferences among others as well.



Past recipients of the Vern L. Norris Award

- 1992 – Ted Wilson, East Detroit
- 1993 – Fred Briggs, Burton
- 1994 – Joe Brodie, Flat Rock
- 1995 – Jim Massar, Flint
- 1996 – Jim Lamoreaux, St. Ignace
- 1997 – Ken Myllyla, Escanaba
- 1998 – Blake Hagman, Kalamazoo
- 1999 – Richard Kalahar, Jackson
- 2000 – Barb Beckett, Traverse City; Karl Newingham, Bay City
- 2001 – Herb Lipschultz, Kalamazoo
- 2002 – Robert Scholie, Hancock
- 2003 – Ron Nagy, Hazel Park
- 2004 – Carl Van Heck, Grand Rapids
- 2005 – Bruce Moss, Alma
- 2006 – Jeanne Skinner, Grand Rapids
- 2007 – Terry Wakeley, Grandling
- 2008 – Will Lynch, Honor
- 2009 – James Danhoff, Richland
- 2010 – John Juday, Sr., Petoskey
- 2011 – Robert Williams, Redford
- 2012 – Lyle Berry, Rockford
- 2013 – Tom Minter, Okemos
- 2014 – Hugh R. Jewell, West Bloomfield
- 2015 – Sam Davis, Lansing

Middle School Matters Put at the Top for 2016-17

Beginning in August 2016, schools which have joined the MHSAA at the 6th-grade level not only may sponsor teams for 6th-graders with MHSAA services (e.g., insurance), they may also allow 6th-graders to participate with 7th- and/or 8th-graders in individual sports (bowling, cross country, track, swim, tennis and wrestling) and with league approval in team sports. (MHSAA Executive Committee approval is not required in either case). Be sure to bring this to the attention of your superintendent and principal and conduct discussions at league meetings.

MHSAA Membership Resolutions which require action by the Board of Education should be returned to the MHSAA by Aug. 1, 2016. Membership Resolutions are sent via U.S. Mail to each school in late May with any rule changes for the next school year. Be sure your league and Board of Education are prepared to take action on 6th-grade participation in consultation with the plans of your middle school league.

Because there are no MHSAA tournaments for junior high/middle schools, many do not provide to the MHSAA the actual sports they sponsor or grade level of teams or the correct contact information for principals and ADs. The MHSAA is seeking information to help update our records. In early February 2016 a form was mailed to middle school principals requesting a return as soon as possible. If your middle school has not received and returned the form requesting this information, contact Camala Kinder of the MHSAA staff at camala@MHSAA.com.

MHSAA.com School Year Start-Up

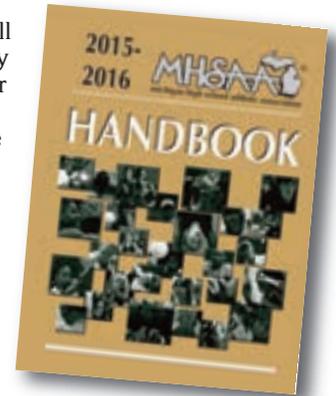
Beginning in mid-July, all athletic directors must log into MHSAA.com and update school contact information for administrators and coaches and double-check the sports the MHSAA shows your school as sponsoring. Adding or dropping a sport must be done in writing on school letterhead. ADs are urged to submit their mobile phone numbers which are kept private and used for necessary contact by MHSAA staff. Accurate coach information allows for rules meeting completion by head coaches.

Coaches Advancement Requirements

As announced several years in advance, the fall of 2016-17 begins the requirement that varsity head coaches, hired for the first time as an MHSAA member school varsity head coach, and must have completed Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) Level 1 or 2 to be allowed to coach in the MHSAA tournament. This is the third year that assistant and subvarsity coaches must also complete a sport rules meeting or one of the designated online courses. This is the second year that all head varsity coaches must have a valid CPR

Certification. Many will be covered as generally CPR certification is for two years.

Coaches who have not met these two requirements (rules meeting or CPR Certification) are not allowed to be present at that school's MHSAA tournament in the sport they coach. These requirements are tracked by the AD who, by Sept. 15, 2016 must confirm while logged into MHSAA.com that all their fall coaches have met MHSAA coaching requirements



New AD Orientation

MHSAA Regulation II, Section 15 (I) requires that as a condition of participation in MHSAA Tournaments, a school designates a high school athletic director. In addition, that person must attend an Athletic Director's Orientation Program prior to Dec. 1 of that school year. Schools which fail to have their first-year Athletic Director attend shall be placed on probation and prohibited from hosting or receiving reimbursement for MHSAA tournaments.

While the requirement and penalty sound quite ominous, hundreds of administrators who have attended over the years will vouch for the meeting's value. These one-time, six-hour sessions are held in the MHSAA Office in East Lansing in August or September. Dozens of novice ADs come back for a voluntary second session held in November.

Voluntary Directors hired this spring or summer or late this past school year (after Dec. 1, 2015) are to attend a 2016-17 AD Orientation Program on either Thursday, July 28, Tuesday, Aug. 9 or Tues., Sept. 13, for later hires. All meetings are in the MHSAA Office from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. A registration form may be downloaded from MHSAA.com. Direct questions to Tom Rashid (tomr@mhsaa.com) or Camala Kinder (camala@mhsaa.com).

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The MHSAA Office Summer Hours are 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday from June 20-July 29, 2016. Normal Monday-Friday hours resume Aug.

The Only Official Interpretations are Those Received in Writing

Candidates Set for September 2016 Election

BALLOTS TO BE MAILED TO SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2016

Ballots for Representative Council elections will be mailed to principals of member schools from the MHSAA office Sept. 2, 2016. The ballots will be due back in the MHSAA office Sept. 23, 2016.

Five positions for membership on the Representative Council will be up for election this fall. Vacancies for two-year terms beginning December 2016 will occur as follows: Class A-B Northern Section L.P.; Southwestern Section L.P. and Southeastern Section L.P.; Class C-D Northern Section L.P. and Upper Peninsula; Statewide At-Large; Junior High/Middle School, elected on a statewide basis; and Private and Parochial High Schools.

In addition to the above named Representative Council positions, there are two Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee positions to be voted on in September. A representative of the Class D schools and an Athletic Coach position will be elected by Upper Peninsula schools.

Look for the ballots and return them in time to be counted by the Board of Canvassers. Be sure you mark your ballot correctly and signatures are affixed in the proper places. Ballots must have two (2) signatures to be considered valid.

Details of the Representative Council composition may be found near the beginning of the *MHSAA Handbook*.

Following the due date of Sept. 23, 2016, the Board of Canvassers as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, will meet on Sept. 27, 2016 and declare the winners for the various vacancies.

In accordance with the approved nomination and election procedures, listed candidates have submitted their desire to run for a position by March 15, 2016. They have included an approval to serve from their respective superintendent or principal and have certified their qualifications to run for the office which they seek. No write-ins will be possible because each candidate must be approved by March 15 in order to run for a position on the Representative Council.

Following are the declared candidates and the vacancies which will occur in December 2016:

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 ELECTION

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula -- Class A and B Schools

- Peter Ryan, CMAA, Athletic Director, Saginaw Township Community Schools

Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula -- Class A and B Schools

- Fredrick J. Smith, CMAA, Athletic Director, Benton Harbor Area Schools

Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula -- Class A and B Schools

- John Thompson, CMAA, Athletic Director, Brighton Area Schools

Upper Peninsula -- Class C and D Schools

- Sean Jacques, Athletic Director, Calumet High School

Northern Section, Lower Peninsula -- Class C and D Schools

- Dave Derocher, CMAA, Athletic Director, Reese Public Schools
- Adam Stefanski, CAA, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Mackinaw City Public Schools

Statewide At-Large

- Scott C. Grimes, Assistant Superintendent, Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Junior High/Middle Schools

- Steve Newkirk, Principal, Clare Middle School

Private and Parochial High Schools

- Vic Michaels, Director of Physical Education & Athletics, Archdiocese of Detroit

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Athletic Coach

- Mike Berutti, Principal/Athletic Director/Football Coach, Iron River-West Iron County High School

Class D Schools

- Jeff Markham, Athletic Director, Baraga Area Schools

MHSAA Representative Council

Dave Derocher**

Athletic Director
Reese High School
Class C-D — Northern Lower Peninsula

Scott Grimes**, President

Assistant Superintendent of Human Services
Grand Haven Public Schools
Statewide At-Large

Kyle Guerrant (ex-officio)

Director, Coordinated School Health & Safety
Programs Unit, Michigan Dept. of Education, Lansing
Designee

Don Gustafson*

Superintendent
St. Ignace Area Schools
Junior High/Middle Schools

Courtney Hawkins*

Athletic Director
Flint Beecher High School
Appointee

Kris Isom*

Athletic Director
Adrian Madison High School
Class C-D — Southeastern Michigan

Sean Jacques**

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Calumet High School
Class C-D — Upper Peninsula

Karen Leinaar*

Athletic Director
Bear Lake High School
Statewide At-Large

Orlando Medina**

Athletic Director
L'Anse Creuse High School
Appointee

Cheri Meier*

Principal
Ionia Middle School
Appointee

Vic Michaels**, Secretary-Treasurer

Director of Physical Education & Athletics
Archdiocese of Detroit
Private and Parochial Schools

Chris Miller*

Athletic Director
Gobles High School
Class C-D — Southwestern Michigan

Steve Newkirk**

Principal
Clare Middle School
Junior High/Middle Schools

Peter C. Ryan**

Athletic Director
Saginaw Township Community Schools
Class A-B — Northern Lower Peninsula

Fred Smith**, Vice President

Athletic Director
Benton Harbor High School
Class A-B — Southwestern Michigan

John Thompson**

Athletic Director
Brighton High School
Class A-B — Southeastern Michigan

Al Unger*

Athletic Director
Kingsford High School
Class A-B — Upper Peninsula

Alvin Ward*

Administrator of Athletics
Detroit Public Schools
Detroit Public Schools Position

Pat Watson**

Principal
West Bloomfield High School
Appointee

*Term Expires December 2017

**Term Expires December 2016

ANALYSIS OF MHSAA MEMBERSHIP

April 21, 2016

754 Total High Schools

Total Public Schools	645	86%
Charter (Public School Academies)	57	8%
Traditional Schools	588	78%
Total Non Public Schools	109	14%
Religious	99	13%
Secular (Non-Public)	10	1%

704 Total Junior High/Middle Schools

Total Public Schools	630	89%
Charter (Public School Academies)	29	4%
Traditional Schools	601	85%
Total Nonpublic Schools	74	11%
Religious	68	10%
Secular (Non-Public)	6	0.9%

Basketball Experience Aims to Reach Higher in 2016

Now in its eighth year, BCAM and the MHSAA have united to bring the perfect venue for underclass basketball players to “showcase” their talents and maybe reach a higher level after high school.



The Reaching Higher Experience is the “Advanced Placement Course” in high school basketball. This **NCAA-approved** event will provide each student-athlete an understanding of what it takes to succeed academically, athletically and socially at the college level.

Player invitations for the 2016 events have now been sent to schools. The Boys event is slated for July 13, 2016, and the Girls event takes place July 25, both at Highland-Milford High School.

Visit MHSAA.com and BCAM.org for updated information.

Important Fall 2016 Administrative Dates

June 6	Four Player Rules ends; Summer Rules begin
July 4-8	MHSAA Office Closed
June 1-July 31	Summer competition except during dead week (set by each school)
Mid-July	School Year Start-Up on MHSAA.com
July 28 & Aug. 9	New AD Orientation at MHSAA
July 25/Aug. 8	Fall Online Rules Meetings Begin
Aug. 1	MHSAA Membership Resolution Due
Aug. 1 to Start of Fall Sports	Pre-Season Down Time for High Schools
Aug. 8	Four Player Rule Resumes
Aug. 8	Football Practice Begins for High Schools
Aug. 10	All other Fall Sports Begins for High Schools
Aug. 22	Junior High/Middle School Fall Sports May Begin
Sept. 13	New AD Orientation at MHSAA (later hires)
Sept. 14	Administrative Assistant In-Service MHSAA
Sept. 17	Fall Rules Meetings End
Sept. 21	ADs Confirm/Attest Deadline: Head varsity coaches CPR and subvarsity & assistant coach completion of fall rules meetings or approved online course
Sept. 26	Kalamazoo Update & AD In-Service (new location this fall)
Oct. 3	Warren Update & Detroit Public Charter School AD In-Service
Oct. 5	Comstock Park Update & In-Service
Oct. 6	Frankenmuth Update & In-Service
Oct. 6	Lansing Update & AD In-Service
Oct. 10	Gaylord Update & AD In-Service
Oct. 28	Marquette Update Meeting

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