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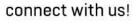
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2021 8-PLAYER FOOTBALL FINALS

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Welcome

Welcome to the MHSAA Championships! This is a classroom like no other, and now is the time for the final exam. Like the academic classroom, some have had good fortune and smooth sailing along the way in getting here while others



have overcome adversity during the season. Even today, a good bounce or a bad bounce will occur.

Your athletic skills are put to the test, but more importantly, your discipline will be challenged, as well. The knack for making the right move at the right moment is often the difference between winning and coming up just short.

Discipline also means testing your self-control and people skills. To embrace our diverse opponents as equals, and to employ common decency – every – single – moment. Win or lose.

That's the beauty of educational athletics. The takeaways today are not the trophies and medals, but the life lessons learned and applied over years of sports.

Congratulations for reaching the end of the tournament road. Good luck to all!

> — Mark Uyl MHSAA Executive Director

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Jets Soar to Record High



Winning the MHSAA 8-Player Footall Final was nothing new to the Jets of Powers North Central, as the 2020 title marked the school's third straight. Scoring 70 points *was* something new, as the Jets set a record for points in the victory.

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2020 IN REVIEW

JETS SOAR TO RECORD

t's not often when a pair of defensive plays are key in a 70-48 decision. But that's the way it went for Powers North Central, which beat Portland St. Patrick by that score in the 2020 8-Player Division 2.

The North Central Jets (11-0), who won their third MHSAA Finals championship, sacked St. Patrick quarterback Connor Cross seven times. But he completed 25 of 38 passes for 374 yards and six touch-downs.

"My hat's off to Portland St. Patrick," North Central coach Leo Gorzinski said. "They tested our kids like no one has this season."

The Jets were led by Luke Gorzinski, who rushed for 299 yards and four touchdowns and threw for 156 yards and three more scores.

"I was on the team last year, when we lost in the Final," he said. "It was a heartbreaking loss, but this is the top of the world."

Wyatt Raab rushed for a pair of touchdowns and caught two passes for scores. He also sacked Cross in the end zone for a safety that gave the Jets a 10-0 lead after the first quarter.

But the Shamrocks (10-1) answered, scoring 22 points in the second quarter, only to see the Jets add 24 to take a 34-22 halftime lead.

While the game would go on to set multiple 8-Player Finals scoring records, including for most points scored by both teams combined, the aforementioned pair of defensive plays helped North Central pull away during the third quarter.

The Jets thwarted the Shamrocks on the first drive of the second half, when Luke Klieman intercepted a pass at the Jets' 40. After the teams exchanged touchdowns, North Central forced St. Patrick to turn the ball over on downs. Raab then scored two plays later from 28 yards out to effectively put the game out of reach.

The Jets' defense, which allowed St. Patrick 404 yards in total offense, allowed only 31 on the ground, most of them after the game was out of reach, and stopped the Shamrocks on four attempted two-point conversions.

Both teams were without starters due to the coronavirus or contact tracing.

"We were missing some key players," Luke Gorzinski said. "But their replacements stepped up. We had freshmen and sophomores out there, and they were awesome."

North Central racked up 579 yards in scoring 70 or more points for the fifth time this season.

The Shamrocks, to their credit, kept after the Jets to the end.

"That's the way we've played all year, through the shutdown and everything" St. Patrick coach Patrick Russman said. "They want to play and have fun. That's their character."

Shane Cook had 13 catches for 179 yards and three touchdowns for the Shamrocks.



Adrian Lenawee Christian celebrated its first title in 8-Player Football last fall.



Powers North Central had plenty of chances to celebate in the Division 2 Final, scoring a recard 70 points in grabbing the school's third straight championship.

DIVISION 1

drian Lenawee Christian coach Bill Wilharms liked his team's chances going into the 2020 8-Player Division 1 Playoffs. When the championship game was switched from outdoors in Midland to indoors at the Legacy Center in Brighton, he liked them a whole lot more.

"We've got power, but speed is what we base ourselves on," he said. "And the whole thought of basketball-on-grass when we're on offense helps."

The Cougars (11-0) took advantage, overwhelming Suttons Bay from the start in a 47-0 win.

Lenawee Christian put that speed to good use early, getting its first touchdown after a blocked punt by Jameson Chesser, and picking up its second with a 36-yard punt return for a touchdown by Ashur Bryja.

The Cougars never looked back, putting the game out of reach on the arm and legs of quarterback Landon Gallant, who threw two touchdown passes to Chesser, of 57 and 22 yards, and ran one in himself to give Lenawee Christian a 33-0 halftime lead.

Meanwhile, the Cougars' defense was seemingly everywhere.

Suttons Bay had just 52 yards in total offense, and completed only 2 of 14 passes while getting sacked seven times.

"They closed on the ball very well," Norsemen coach Garrett Opie said. "They're fast, they're athletic and they did a great job. We were trying certain mixtures in plays and feeling things out at the beginning of the game, and they did so well against many of our looks."

The Cougars, meanwhile, piled up 400 yards in total offense, 289 of that through the air. Gallant completed 14 of 21 passes for 267 yards, while Bryja was 4-for-4 for 22 yards.

Chesser finished with four catches for 127 yards while also rushing for 52 yards. Elliott Addleman had four catches for 116 yards.

In fact, Suttons Bay's biggest play came late in the game via its defense, when Michael Wittman picked up a fumble and returned it 37 yards before Bryja knocked him out of bounds, preventing a touch-down.

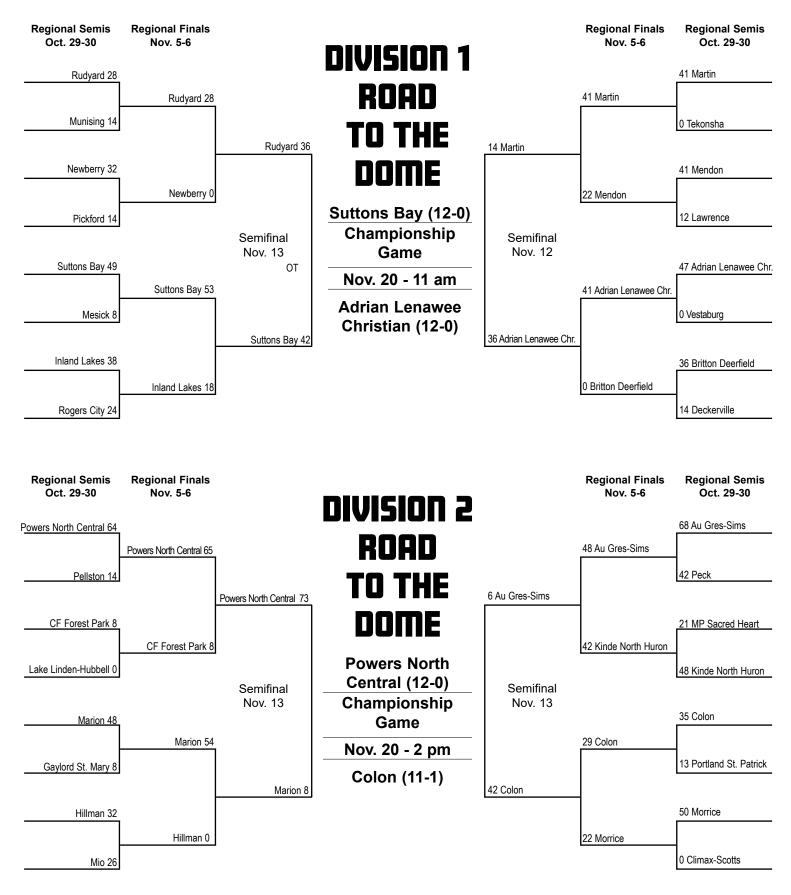
It was the first title for Lenawee Christian, which completed its first season of the 8-player format.

"it feels great," said linebacker Brandon Scott, who led the Cougars with 10 tackles. "To do it with this team makes it a lot better. All the things we went through, all the pauses, who'd have thought we'd be finishing high school football in January? And indoors?"

Opie, an Adrian High School graduate who went to school with Wilharms' wife and sister-in-law, saw his team lose in the Division 1 Final for the second year in a row, but took the loss philosophically.

"They're a phenomenal team," he said. "But, I'm very proud of our team for our 10-0 season. We don't want to go out this way, but it's a privilege to be here, so we'll take it with us and be very happy."

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETS



DIVISION 1 FINALS ROSTERS

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SUTTONS BAY

No. Name Pos. Ht. Wt. Class 1 Hugh Periard RB/DB 6-1 175 Sr. 2 Lleyton Krumlauf RB/DB 5-8 165 Sr. 4 Dylan Barnowski QB/DB 6-0 155 Jr. 11 Ben Murphy QB/LB 5-11 155 Sr. 12 Matthew Kohler TE/DE 6-1 190 Sr. 13 Jack Glynn RB/DB 5-7 130 Jr. 20 August Schaub RB/DB 6-0 175 Sr. 22 Colby Shorter RB/DB 5-10 140 So. 25 Shawn Bramer RB/DB 6-2 200 Jr. 30 Jesse Kohler OL/DL 5-10 200 Jr. 33 Grayson Opie QB/DB 5-9 140 Fr. 41 Jackson Loucks WR/DB 5-8 140 Fr. 44
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45 Luke Gallagher TE/DE 5-11 155 So
50 Jabin Aguilar OL/DL 5-9 140 So.
54 Eli Kelenske OL/LB 5-9 155 So.
56 Gannon Mitchell OL/LB 5-10 175 Fr.
57 Cameron Alberts OL/DL 6-1 290 Sr.
62 Anders McKillip OL/DL 6-0 250 Fr.
64 Jerry Schaub OL/LB 6-0 175 So.
66 Dennis Anderson OL/DL 6-0 195 So.
81 Tyler Porter TE/WR 6-2 150 So.
84 Brayden Schichtel RB/LB 5-10 225 Sr.
85 Brayden Opie TE/DE 6-3 180 Sr.
88 Nick Dashner OL/DL 5-10 210 Jr.
89 Corbin Alberts C/DL 6-1 225 Jr.
99 Eric Konsdorf OL/DL 6-0 245 Sr.

Head Coach: Garrick Opie

Assistant Coaches: Stan Pasch, Layton Korson, Steve Loucks, Doug Periard, Pat Lamb, Dan Wiesen Captains: Hugh Periard, Brayden Opie, Cameron Alberts

Trainers: Dr. Thomas Lammy, Dr. Chris Moran Manager: Lucas Gordon

	Name	Pos.	Ht.	VVť.	Class
	Clay Ayers	RB/LB/K/P	5-10	170	Sr.
	Sam Kauranen	TE/LB	6-0	175	Sr.
	Tyler VanEtten	RB/CB	6-1	170	Sr.
	Elliott Addleman	WR/LB	6-5	195	Sr.
	Tristin Beagle	WR/CB/P	6-2	180	Jr.
	Ashur Bryja	QB/CB	5-8	150	Sr.
	Brenner Powers	QB/LB	5-10	150	Fr.
	Paul Towler	E/DE	6-1	170	So.
	Sam Lutz	QB/CB	5-6	150	So.
	Nick Stuart	TE/DT	5-9	207	Jr.
	Blake Drogowski	RB/CB	5-11	165	So.
	Easton Boggs	WR/LB	6-4	190	So.
	Carmelo LeBron	RB/S	5-8	155	So.
	Jesse Miller	WR/CB	5-9	145	So.
	Zane Cherfan	WR/CB	5-8	110	Fr.
	Brady McKelvey	K	5-10	165	Jr.
	Jacob McKelvey	K	5-10	165	Sr.
	David-Wesley Fulks	WR/DE	5-10	150	Sr.
	Paul Navarre	G/DT	5-10	200	So.
	Jacob Morton	C/LB	5-8	175	Jr.
	Tyler Salenbien	C/DT	5-11	225	So.
	Gage Hammang	G/DT	5-9	185	Fr.
	Isaac Yape	G/DE	6-5	230	Sr.
	Jacobus Kegerreis	G/LB/DE/DT	5-9	185	Sr.
	Daniel Kuiper	C/DT	5-8	270	Sr.
	Josiah Henley	G/DT	6-0	265	Jr.
	Joe Barr	G/DT	5-8	250	Sr.
	Collin Davis	WR/LB	6-2	180	Jr.
	Seth Davis	TE/S	6-0	150	Fr.
	Levi Beach	G/LB	5-11	185	So.
	Nathan Perryman	G/DT	6-7	305	Sr.
he	Coach: Bill Wilharms				

88 99 Head Coach: Bill Wilharms

Name

Kaleb Johnson

Kaleb Thaxton

Simon Vinson

Assistant Coaches: Josh Powers, Eric Roback, Jon Willett, Kirk Brackelman, Gered Burns, Keith Covey, Casey Noce, Casey Opsal, Tony Aiken, John Schuler, Justin Vance Captains: Clay Ayers, Jacobus Kegerreis, Nick Stuart, Ashur Bryja

Class

Sr.

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Trainer: Heather Strong Managers: Julius Robichaud, Parker Pizana-Gardner, Cameron Brackelman, Karoline Wilharms

DIVISION 2 FINALS ROSTERS

No.

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POWERS NORTH CENTRAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
1	Dylan Plunger	WR DB	6-2	170	Jr.
3 7	Adrian Mercier	WR	5-6	140	So.
	Drew Allgeyer	LB RB	6-0	195	Jr.
9	Jaden Walters	K	5-8	200	Jr.
10	Jordan Walters	WR	5-5	140	Fr.
11	Luke Gorzinski	QB LB	5-9	175	Jr.
12	Brent LaBonte	QB LB	5-8	140	Sr.
14	Owen Eichmeier	TE DE	6-0	170	Jr.
16	Jordan Messenger	DE WR	6-3	175	Jr.
17	Wyatt Raab	RBDT	5-7	170	Sr.
18	Jake Gorzinski	DE	5-7	140	So.
20	Lane Gorzinski	RB	5-10	165	Fr.
21	Drew Webber	TE DE	6-0	180	Jr.
23	Dillon Raab	RBLB	5-7	150	Jr.
26	Austin Farley	DB	5-5	125	Fr.
27	Elijah Gorzinski	WRDB	5-9	160	Jr.
28 32	Aiden Burton Carter Tietz	WR WR DB	5-5 5-10	115 160	Fr. Sr.
32 34		DE	6-0	145	Sr.
34 42	Sebastian Deno Carter Lafave	DE	6-1	330	Sr.
42	Caden Tietz	LB WR	5-9	160	Sr.
49	Collin Cordy	OT	6-1	205	Jr.
5 7	Spencer Willa	DE	6-0	175	Fr.
58	Hunter Robinson	DE	6-1	200	So.
60	Mason Kruhmin	DEC	5-9	180	Sr.
71	Lane Nehring	OT DE	6-0	280	Sr.
77	Max Nason	C	5-10	200	So.
80	Ashton Fleetwood	LB	5-10	160	Jr.
81	Evan Hanchek	DT	5-10	165	So.
88	Alex Naser	RB LB	5-8	155	Sr.

Head Coach: Leo Gorzinski

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Nason, Jon Gorzinski, Chris Gorzinski, Brady Eichmeier, Jason Mercier

Captains: Luke Gorzinski, Lane Nehring, Wyatt Raab, Mason Kruhmin Trainer: Amber Dombrowski

Managers: Brody Mercier, Trevan McLeod

COLON Pos. RB/LB RB/LB QB/DB

5	Kodey Dovey	WR/LB	 	Sr.
7	Tucker Lafler	OL/DL	 	Jr.
10	Maverick Downs	QB/LB	 	So.
11	Connor Hetman	WR/DB	 	Jr.
12	Alex Stoll	WR/LB	 	Sr.
20	Cristiano Toni	RB/DL	 	Sr.
22	Raul Fuentes- Garriga	K	 	Sr.
25	Owen Wilson	WR/DL	 	Fr.
28	Blake Vanderstraaten	RB/DB	 	Fr.
34	Justin Wickey	WR/DB	 	Jr.
36	Kyle Muntian	WR/DB	 	So.
40	Jonathan Greenwald	OL/LB	 	Fr.
44	Emily Pridgeon	OL/DL	 	Fr.
58	Alexzander Menery	OL/DL	 	So.
60	Zak Gibson	OL/LB	 	Jr.
62	Josh Hirschy	K	 	Sr.
65	Wyatt Downs	OL/DL	 	Fr.
77	Hunter Jones	OL/DL	 	So.
80	Jose Cubillo Mora	K	 	Jr.
84	Chuck Wagner	WR/DL	 	So.
88	Josh Jones	WR/LB	 	So.

Head Coach: Robbie Hattan

Assistant Coaches: Steve VanDam, Rocky Alva, Will Jones, Joe Standish, Mike Langhann, Mason Paliga, Corey Butts, Joe Sweeter, Tadd Davis, Don Preston

Captains: Kaleb Johnson, Simon Vinson, Kodey Dovey, Alex Stoll Managers: Tucker Davis, Luis Sanchez-Cross, Jeremiah West, Jonathan Wickey, Davis Lafler, Parker Nystrom, Isaac Hattan

SUTTONS BAY (12-0)

School Colors: Red & White Superintendent: Casey Petz Principal: Andy Melius

Athletic Director: Andy Melius Conference: Independent





NIVISION 1



TEAM STATS

SB		OPP
514	Points Scored	112
127	First Downs	111
364	Rushing Att	425
3157	Rushing Yards	1490
49	Rushing TDs	11
1426	Passing Yards	907
118	Passes Att	146
74	Passes Comp	62
21	Passing TDs	5
1	Intercepted	12
_	Punting Avg	_
_	Penalties	_
_	Penalty Yards	_
13-3	Fumbles- Lost	27-10
_	Third Down%	_
Stats T	hrough Semifinal Ga	me

First Row: Brayden Schichtel, Ben Murphy, Eric Konsdorf, Matthew Kohler, Cameron Alberts, Brayden Opie, Hugh Periard, Lleyton Krumlauf, August Schaub. Second Row: Jackson Loucks, Colby Shorter, Gannon Mitchell, Jesse Kohler, Nick Dashner, Dylan Barnowski, Shawn Bramer, Jack Glynn. Third Row: Luke Bramer, Grayson Opie, Luke Gallagher, Tyler Porter, Jabin Aguilar, Dennis Anderson, Jerry Schaub. Fourth Row: Coach Periard, Coach Lamb, Coach Korson, Coach Opie, Coach Pasch, Coach Wiesen, Coach Loucks. Not Pictured: Corbin Alberts, Eli Kelenske, Anders McKillip.

PROBABLE STARTERS Offense

84 Brayden Schichtel LG

- С 89 Corbin Alberts
- RG 57 Cameron Alberts
- 85 Brayden Opie TE

Defense

RB

FB

- DF 85 Brayden Opie
- NG 12 Matthew Kohler
- DE 2 Lleyton Krumlauf
- LB 57 Cameron Alberts
- 25 Shawn Bramer LB

SE 20 August Schaub

QB 4 Dylan Barnowski

1 Hugh Periard

25 Shawn Bramer

- DB 1 Hugh Periard
 - DB 20 August Schaub
 - DB 11 Ben Murphy

Specialists

Punt Returns: 1 Hugh Periard Kickoff Returns: 1 Hugh Periard, 25 Shawn Bramer Punters: 25 Shawn Bramer, 81 Tyler Porter PAT-FG Kickers: 13 Jack Glynn, 81 Tyler Porter Holder: 2 Lleyton Krumlauf Long Snapper: 20 August Schaub

Head Coach: Garrick Opie (43-4/4 years)

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SB			

SB		OPP
30	GR NorthPointe Christian	12
32	Fife Lake Forest Area	6
52	Merrill	12
50	Brethren	16
46	Munising	0
56	Central Lake	6
45	Marion	0
51	Wyoming Lee	16
48	Mesick	18
	MHSAA REGIONALS	
49	Mesick	8
53	Indian River Inland Lakes	s 18
	MHSAA SEMIFINAL	
42	Rudyard (OT)	36

Adrian Lenawee Christian (12-0)

GARS

School Colors: Royal Blue, White & Red Superintendent: Tom Durbin Principal: Ben Bempong

Athletic Director: Craig Anderson **Conference: Southern Central Athletic** Association (6-0, 1st)



First Row: Gage Hammang, Zane Cherfan, Brenner Powers, Seth Davis. Second Row: Ashur Bryja, Tyler Salenbien, Paul Towler, Jesse Miller, Blake Drogowski, Levi Beach, Paul Navarre, Daniel Kuiper, Sam Lutz. Third Row: Tristin Beacle, Jacob Morton, Nick Stuart, Brady McKelvey. Fourth Row: Jacob McKelvey, Jacobus Kegerreis Clay Ayers, David-Wesley Fulks, Joe Barr, Collin Davis, Josiah Henley, Elliott Addleman, Isaac Yape, Tyler VanEtten, Sam Kauranen, Easton Boggs. Fifth Row: Assistant Coach Gered Burns, Assistant Coach, Casey Noce, Assistant Coach Keith Covey, Assistant Coach Josh Powers, Head Coach Bill Wilharms, Assistant Coach Casey Opsal, Assistant Coach Eric Roback, Athletic Trainer Heather Strong, Assistant Coach Jon Willett.

PROBABLE STARTERS

Offense

LG 72 Isaac Yape 64 Jacob Morton С

- RG 77 Josiah Henlev
- TE 22 Nick Davis

Defense

FL

DE	74 Jacobus Kegerreis	LB	3 Sam Kauranen
NG	22 Nick Stuart	LB	10 Elliott Addlema
DE	77 Josiah Henley	DB	15 Ashur Bryja
IR	80 Collin Davis	DB	2 Clay Avers

80 Collin Davis

Elliott Addleman Ashur Bryja

2 Clay Ayers

SE 80 Collin Davis

QB 15 Ashur Bryja

10 Elliott Addleman

RB 2 Clay Ayers

Specialists

Punt Returns: 15 Ashur Bryja and 33 Jesse Miller Kickoff Returns: 2 Clay Ayers, 15 Ashur Bryja, 7 Tyler VanEtten, 33 Jesse Miller

Punters: 2 Clay Ayers, 12 Tristan Beagle

- PAT-FG Kickers: 43 Jacob McKelvey, 44 Brady McKelvey, 2 Clay Ayers
- Holders: 15 Ashur Bryja, 33 Jesse Miller, 32 Carmelo Lebron Long Snappers: 80 Collin Davis, 2 Clay Ayers, 67 Tyler Salenbien, 87 Seth Davis

Head Coach: Bill Wilharms (74-19/9 years)

R	ESU	LTS
С		

C		OPP
56	Toledo Christian	12
63	Fulton	6
70	North Adams	8
56	Athens	0
47	Colon	21
28	Climax-Scotts	12
48	Camden Frontier	0
75	Bellevue	0
41	Britton-Deerfield	20
	MHSAA REGIONALS	;
47	Vestaburg	0
41	Britton-Deerfield	0
	MHSAA SEMIFINAL	
36	Martin	14



DIVISION 1



Adrian



ALC		OPP		
572	Points Scored	79		
186	First Downs	91		
252	Rushing Att	352		
2144	Rushing Yards	931		
44	Rushing TDs	5		
1926	Passing Yards	671		
170	Passes Att	144		
116	Passes Comp	45		
31	Passing TDs	6		
3	Intercepted	5		
40	Punting Avg	23.1		
49	Penalties	44		
400	Penalty Yards	335		
4-3	Fumbles- Lost	23-19		
45.2	Third Down%	22.8		
Stats Through Semifinal Game				

POWERS NORTH CENTRAL (12-0)

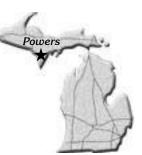
School Colors: Red, Black & White Superintendent: Jennifer Eichmeier Principal: Dave Florenski

Athletic Director: Randall McLeod Conference: Great Lakes 8 Conference - West (8-0, 1st)





DIVISION 2



First Row: Team Manager Brody Mercier, Adrian Mercier, Jake Gorzinski, Hunter Robinson, Austin Farley, Spencer Willa, Aiden Burton, Jordan Walters, Lane Gorzinski, Team Manager Trevan McLeod. Second Row: Elijah Gorzinski, Dillon Raab, Ashton Fleetwood, Wyatt Raab, Jaden Walters, Max Nason. Brent LaBonte. Mason Kruhmin, Caden Tietz, Alex Naser, Third Row: Coach Leo Gorzinski, Evan Hanchek, Carter Tietz, Drew Webber. Collin Cordy, Jordan Messenger, Dylan Plunger, Owen Eichmeier, Lane Nehring, Carter Lafave, Drew Allgeyer, Luke Gorzinski, Assistant Coach Jeff Nason, Assistant Coach Jason Mercier.

Luke Gorzinski

Elijah Gorzinski

Alex Naser

Wyatt Raab

PROBABLE STARTERS

Offense

LG	49	Collin Cordy	QB	11	
С	77	Max Nason	RB	88	
RG	71	Lane Nehring	FB	17	
TE	16	Jordan Messenger	WR	27	

Defense

DE	71	Lane Nehring	LB	44	Caden Tietz
DT	14	Owen Eichmeier	LB	88	Alex Naser
NG	17	Wyatt Raab	DB	32	Carter Tietz
DT	60	Mason Kruhmin	DB	11	Luke Gorzinski

Specialists

Punt Returns: 88 Alex Naser, 18 Jake Gorzinski Kickoff Returns: 88 Alex Naser, 27 Elijah Gorzinski Punter: 17 Wyatt Raab PAT-FG Kicker: 9 Jaden Walters Holder: 23 Dillon Raab Long Snapper: 60 Mason Kruhmin

Head Coach: Leo Gorzinski (41-3/4 years)

RESULTS

PN	C	OPP
46	Stephenson	0
44	Norway	0
71	Carney-Nadeau	7
65	Lake Linden-Hubbell	0
72	Rapid River	0
67	Felch North Dickinson	0
71	Ontonagon	6
1	Bessemer (Forf.)	0
42	Crystal Falls Forest Park	0
	MHSAA REGIONALS	
64	Pellston	14
65	Crystal Falls Forest Park	8
	MHSAA SEMIFINAL	
73	Marion	8

TE/	AM STATS)
PNC		OPP
608	Points Scored	35
184	First Downs	67
235	Rushing Att	272
2893	Rushing Yards	90
55	Rushing TDs	2
1185	Passing Yards	690
105	Passes Att	158
78	Passes Comp	51
20	Passing TDs	3
0	Intercepted	8
36.5	Punting Avg	26.7
58	Penalties	32

- 565 230 Penalty Yards
- 11-9 Fumbles- Lost 13-13

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COLON (11-1)

School Colors: Red & White Superintendent: Penny Brockway Principal: Joseph Werkema

Athletic Director: Paige Smolarz South Central Athletic Association (4-1, 2nd)



First Row: Davis Lafler, Parker Nystrom, Jeremiah West, Kaleb Johnson, Kaleb Thaxton, Simon Vinson, Kodey Dovey, Tucker Lafler, Maverick Downs, Connor Hetman. Second Row: Luis Sanchez, Jonathan Wickey, Tucker Davis, Alex Stoll, Cristiano Toni, Raul Fuentes-Garriga, Owen Wilson, Blake Vanderstraaten, Justin Wickey, Jonathan Greenwald, Isaac Hattan. Third Row: Mike Langhann, Corey Butts, Emily Pridgeon, Zak Gibson, Josh Hirschy, Wyatt Downs, Hunter Jones, Jose Cubillo-Mora, Chuck Wagner, Josh Jones, Rocky Alva, Robbie Hattan. Fourth Row: Steve VanDam, Joe Sweeter, Joe Standish, Mason Paliga, Brice Harvey.

PROBABLE STARTERS

Offense

LG	77	Hunter Jones	SL	5	Kodey Dovey
С	40	Jonathan Greenwald	QB	4	Simon Vinson
RG	65	Wyatt Downs	RB	2	Kaleb Johnson
R	34	Justin Wickey	R	12	Alex Stoll

Defense

DE	7	Tucker Lafler
DE	25	Owen Wilson
LB	2	Kaleb Johnson
IB	5	Kodey Dovey

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LB	5	Kodey Dovey

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Alex Stoll

Justin Wickey

Simon Vinson

Connor Hetman

Specialists

Punt Returns: 34 Justin Wickey Kickoff Returns: 34 Justin Wickey Punter: 34 Justin Wickey PAT-FG Kicker: 22 Raul Fuentes-Garriga Holder: 34 Justin Wickey Long Snapper: 11 Connor Hetman

Head Coach: Robbie Hattan (48-17/6 years)

R	ESU	LTS

С	(OPP
34	Fulton-Middleton	8
61	Vermontville Maple Valley	20
62	Burr Oak	0
54	Bellevue	0
21	Lenawee Christian	47
56	Camden-Frontier	0
55	Athens	0
44	Climax-Scotts	24
59	Twin City	0
	MHSAA REGIONALS	
35	Portland St. Patrick	13
29	Morrice	22
	MHSAA SEMIFINAL	
42	AuGres-Sims	6

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Colon

TEAM STATS

с		OPP
510	Points Scored	134
153	First Downs	85
229	Rushing Att	330
1814	Rushing Yards	1197
35	Rushing TDs	8
2573	Passing Yards	587
223	Passes Att	133
137	Passes Comp	44
34	Passing TDs	6
3	Intercepted	14
30.6	Punting Avg	33.1
34	Penalties	47
315	Penalty Yards	412
11-4	Fumbles- Lost	19-11
47	Third Down%	19
Stats T	hrough Semifinal Ga	me

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8-PLAYER FINALS RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Rushing Yards

352 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville (17 attempts), 2016 299 - Luke Gorzinski, Powers North Central vs. Portland St. Patrick (32 attempts), 2020 Division 2

Rushing Touchdowns

6 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville, 2016

5 - Bobby Kleiman, Powers North Central vs. Battle Creek St. Philip, 2015

Passing Yards

379 - Tristen Haener, Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013 (12 of 16, 7 TDs, 0 interceptions)
 374 - Connor Cross, Portland St. Patrick vs. Powers North Central (25 of 38, 6 TDs, 1 interception), 2020 Division 2

Passing Touchdowns

7 - Tristen Haener, Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013 6 - Connor Cross, Portland St. Patrick vs. Powers North Central, 2020 Division 2

Receiving Yards

236 - Kyle Abrego, Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013 (6 receptions) 170 - Jacob Berglund, Rapid River vs. Carsonville-Port Sanilac, 2011 (4 receptions)

Total Offense Yards

455 - Luke Gorzinski, Powers North Central vs. Portland St. Patrick (299 rushing, 156 passing), 2020 Division 2 454 - Hayden Adams, Carsonville-Port Sanilac vs. Rapid River (130 rushing, 324 passing), 2011 452 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville (352 rushing, 100 passing), 2016

Touchdown Receptions

4 - Kyle Abrego, Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013 3 - Trevor Adams, Carsonville-Port Sanilac vs. Rapid River, 2011

Touchdowns

6 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville (6 rushing), 2016

6 - Bobby Kleiman, Powers North Central vs. Battle Creek St. Philip (5 rushing/1 receiving), 2015

Points Scored

46 - Bobby Kleiman, Powers North Central vs. Battle Creek St. Philip (6 touchdowns/5 2-point conversions), 2015 40 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville (6 touchdowns, 2 2-point conversions), 2016

Points After Touchdown - Kicking

5 - Tristen Haener, Peck vs. Rapids River, 2013 (5 of 6)

TEAM RECORDS -

Rushing Offense 481 - Crystal Falls Forest Park vs. Portland St. Patrick (52 attempts), 2017 Division 2

Rushing Touchdowns

8 - Crystal Falls Forest Park vs. Portland St. Patrick, 2017 Division 2

Passing Offense

379 - Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013 (12 of 16, 7 TDs, 0 interceptions)

Passing Touchdowns

7 - Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013

Total Offense

597 - Lawrence vs. Cedarville, 2014 (341 rushing, 256 passing) 584 - Carsonville-Port Sanilac vs. Rapid River, 2011 (260 rushing, 324 passing)

Total Offense - Two Teams

971 - Powers North Central (569) vs. Deckerville (402), 2016

First Downs

23 - Lawrence vs. Cedarville, 2014

Most Points Scored - Team

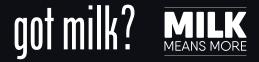
70 - Powers North Central vs. Portland St. Patrick, 2020 Division 2 67 - Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013

Most Points Scored - Two Teams

118 - Powers North Central (70) vs. Portland St. Patrick (48), 2020 Division 2 99 - Peck (67) vs. Rapid River (32), 2013

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Division 1 Yearly Champions

Year	Champion	(Coach)
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- 2020 Adrian Lenawee Christian (Bill Wilharms)
- 2019 Colon (Robbie Hattan)
- 2018 Morrice (Kendall Crockett)
- 2017 Central Lake (Robert Heeke)

Runner-Up	Score
Suttons Bay	47-0
Suttons Bay	26-14
Pickford	44-16
Deckerville	32-30

POWERS NORTH CENTRAL — 2020 Division 2 Champion



Division 2 Yearly Champions

Year	Champion	(Coach)

- 2020 Powers North Central (Leo Gorzinski)
- 2019 Pickford (Joshua Rader)
- 2018 Rapid River (Steve Ostrenga)
- 2017 Crystal Falls Forest Park (Dave Graff)

Single-Division Yearly Champions

Champion (Coach)	R
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edarville	

Runner-Up		
Portland St. Patrick		
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Portland St. Patrick		

Score	Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
58-22	2013	Peck (Rob McDaniel)	Rapid River	67-32
58-33	2012	Deckerville (Bill Brown)	Bellaire	14-12
56-12	2011	Carsonville-Port Sanilac (Tim Brabant)	Rapid River	49-13

Score

70-48

48-15

30-18

54-12

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FINALS NOTES

WELCOME TO THE SUPERIOR DOME

The Superior Dome on the campus of Northern Michigan University in Marquette is the perfect host for the MHSAA 8-Player Football Finals.

The Superior Dome has been a favorite spot on the MHSAA Football Playoff trail for years, from Semifinal weekends of the 11-player game, to the inaugural 8-Player title game in 2011, and the two inaugural divisional title games in 2017. Today, the 8-Player game again takes center stage beneath the roof, with a pair of championship tilts.

The Superior Dome has been home to the Wildcat football team since its construction in 1991 and is now also home to the Wildcat soccer teams, lacrosse teams and track teams. The Dome stands 14 stories high and encompasses 5.1 acres under its roof. Constructed of 781 Douglas Fir beams and 108.5 miles of fir decking, the Dome has a permanent seating capacity of 8,000, although the building can hold as many as 16,000 people.



In the Book of World Records-2010, the Superior Dome is listed as the fifth-largest dome structure in the world (largest being measured by diameter). The four other structures that are larger are made of steel, making it the largest wooden dome structure. The facility has a diameter of 536 feet. It has the ability to withstand 60 pounds per square foot of snow and 80 mile per hour winds.

The Superior Dome is also home of the NMU Olympic Training Site offices, as well as special training areas for the NMU-OTS boxing, weightlifting and wrestling teams.

Your Officials Today

Just as the participants on the teams at this year's Finals are realizing a dream of vying for top honors, another group of individuals are also reaching a goal for the hard work they have put in by being assigned to officiate the action.

Officials for MHSAA Finals are selected based on the recommendations and ratings by schools, as well as from input from local officials associations.

These officials believe that interscholastic athletics are truly educational in nature, and work to uphold that standard. Like the athletes in the Finals, officials come from all corners of Michigan.

Selected to work the Finals are: John Sandlin, Owosso; Dana Higgins, Olivet; David Eubank, Battle Creek; Jan Veliquette, Kewadin; Mark Lennemann, Petoskey; Dean Lefebvre, Iron Mountain; John Burke, Ishpeming; Christopher Barron, Rock; Greg Hendricks, Kingsford; Mario Marana, Negaunee.

Congratulations to this year's Finals officials. If you are interested in becoming a registered game official in any sport, contact the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823, or register online at **mhsaa.com**.

Behind The Scenes

The hallmark of a strong association is its ability to work together for the common good. Every year, over 8,000 game offi-cials and 50,000-plus administrators and coaches at over 1,300 middle, junior and senior high schools voluntarily pool their efforts daily for the operations of the MHSAA's competitive extracurricu-lar interscholastic athletic program.

An important responsibility of membership in the Association is the operation of the hundreds of District, Regional and Final level tournaments by school administrators who serve as the site managers for these games. The behindthe-scenes work of these individuals ensures a memorable experience for the participants.

The MHSAA would like to thank the tournament managers for the 2021 8-Player Football Finals, Northern Michigan University Director of Partnerships and Events **Jeff Korpi** and Events Manager**Joanna Emigh**. Coordinating the Finals from the MHSAA office are Assistant Director **Cody Inglis**; Director of Brand Management **Andy Frushour**, and Communications Director **Geoff Kimmerly**.

The MHSAA would like to recognize the efforts of these individuals and others who have donated their time and talents to make the Finals a success.

Thank You

The MHSAA would like to thank **Wilson Sporting Goods** for providing the teams participating in today's Finals with commemorative autographable footballs.

Awards Presentors

At the completion of each championship game, trophies and medals will be awarded to the competing teams. Making the awards presentations will be MHSAA Representative Council Members **Don Gustafson**, St. Ignace, and **Alex Tiseo**, Marquette.

Finals on the Air

The Finals will be televised on a delayed basis by **Bally Sports Detroit**. Playback dates and times are: Division 1 -Thursday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.; Division 2 - Thursday, Nov. 25, 10 p.m. Archived video can be found following the event on **MHSAA.tv**. Live and archived audio of the Final can be heard at **MHSAANetwork.com**. Consult **MHSAA.com** for further details and playback schedules.

Results on the Web

Statistical summaries of the Finals may be found on MHSAA Website, **MHSAA.com**.

Motor City for the Holiday

Today's MHSAA 8-Player Football Final kicks off the holiday season and a feast of football. Make plans to travel to Detroit for the 11-Player extravaganza next weekend, Nov. 26-27, for eight games in two days at Ford Field. Tickets are \$20 per day, good for all four games each day!





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Title IX Turns 50, and Results Speak Volumes

To say that American female athletes dominated the recent Olympics in Tokyo would be an understatement. Among the 66 medals earned by American female Olympians – most by any country in the history of the Games – were gold-medal performances by the U.S. basketball, volleyball, water polo and beach volleyball teams. Eighteen medals were earned by the U.S. women swimmers, female track and field athletes claimed 15 medals, and the U.S. women's softball and soccer teams won silver and bronze medals, respectively.

In the past 30 years of the Olympic Games, the United States has dominated the women's team sports of basketball (nine golds), soccer (four golds, one silver, one bronze) and softball (three golds, two silvers) — not to mention the untold number of medals in track and field. And this past summer, the U.S. women's volleyball team claimed its first gold medal.

These performances by some of our nation's most skilled female athletes never would have been possible without the passage of Title IX and the offerings of these sports through our nation's schools. With the chance to play afforded by the landmark Title IX legislation in 1972, girls participation in several high school sports skyrocketed in the years that followed.

When the NFHS conducted its first participation survey in 1971, basketball and outdoor track and field were the primary girls sports, comprising about two-thirds of the 294,000 total. However, with the opportunity to play additional sports, girls flocked to volleyball and softball first, along with cross country and eventually soccer.

Soccer, in fact, has had the most remarkable growth. In 1971, only 700 girls were playing high school soccer. Twenty-five years later, that number had climbed to almost 210,000; and as the 50th anniversary of Title IX approaches, there are now almost 400,000 girls playing high school soccer – a staggering 56,200 percentage increase in 50 years. Soccer now ranks fourth in popularity among girls high school sports – all because of that opportunity in 1972.

There are many other success stories, however. The pre-Title IX survey in 1971 indicated that 1,719 girls were participating in cross country. With increases every year until 2015, today, there are 219,345 girls competing in high school programs and the sport ranks sixth in popularity.

Although participation numbers have leveled a bit the past 10 years, fast-pitch softball is another sport that flourished after the passage of Title IX. With fewer than 10,000 participants in 1971, the numbers quickly rose to 220,000 by 1985 and 343,000 by 2000, and softball is currently fifth among girls sports with 362,038 participants.

Since track and field and basketball were the primary sports in the early days of girls sports programs, increases in those sports have not been as dramatic; however, they remain the first and third most-popular sports, respectively,



In the 50 years since the landmark Title IX legislation, girls around the nation have had plenty to celebrate.

today. Volleyball, however, much like soccer, continues its upward climb.

Without a doubt, volleyball has seen the steadiest increases among girls high school sports the past 50 years. After starting with 17,952 participants in 1971, the numbers jumped to 300,810 by 1990 and 409,332 by 2010 and 452,808 by 2018. During its climb, volleyball surpassed basketball as the No. 2 girls sport.

And among the top six girls sports from 2010 to 2018 (numbers are not available the past two years due to the pandemic), volleyball has gained the most participants (43,476), followed by soccer (32,549). And all of this has occurred thanks to legislation passed in 1972 that was not fundamentally meant to address opportunities for girls to participate in high school sports.

The NFHS is leading a yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of Title IX, which officially occurs on June 23, 2022. "Title IX at 50 – Celebrating and Growing Opportunities" is highlighting the law's impact by celebrating the inspirational individuals and landmark moments in the history of Title IX, and continuing to grow the educational and competitive opportunities for the future.

The MHSAA is joining in the celebration with regular installments on its feature website, MHSAA SecondHalf. Join us in recognizing the key people who helped build and promote opportunities for female student-athletes in Michigan.

— Dr. Karissa Niehoff NFHS Executive Director

Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff is in her fourth year as executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in Indianapolis. She is the first female to head the national leadership organization for high school athletics and performing arts activities and the sixth fulltime executive director of the NFHS. She previously was executive director of the Connecticut Association of Schools-Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

Scholar-Athlete Award in 33rd Year Awarding Scholarships to Students

Thousands of students voluntarily extend their classroom day by taking part in extracurricular activities, often improving their academic achievements in the process. The value that such programs play in the total education of a high school student is highlighted through the MHSAA/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award, which will award \$2,000 scholar-ships to 32 top student-athletes and recognize over 2,000 other outstanding individuals in 2021-22.

Underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance, the Scholar-Athlete Award is now in its 33rd year, and presents scholarships to students in every MHSAA enrollment classification. The scholarships may be used at any institution of higher learning.

"It is amazing to see the number of young people who are proven achievers in academics and activities," said Mark Uyl, executive director of the MHSAA. "At a time when our educational system is coming under fire, the Scholar-Athlete Award is something that proves how important athletics are to the development of a well-rounded person."

Students applying for the Scholar-Athlete Award must be graduating during the 2021-22 school year, carry a 3.5 grade-point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport that the MHSAA sponsors postseason competition.



Applicants will also be required to show involvement in other school- community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Application materials can be found on MHSAA.com. Scan the code below to access the page. Each MHSAA member school is allowed to nominate a number of student-athletes based on the size of the school. Class A schools can nominate six boys and six girls, Class B four boys and four girls, Class C three boys and three girls and Class D two boys and two girls. The first 30 scholarships will be awarded based on this graduated scale, with two additional scholarships intended for minority applicants.

A committee composed of school administrators from across the state will select regional and statewide winners.

Farm Bureau Insurance, a long-time supporter of MHSAA activities, also sponsors other educationally oriented programs.

The 32 scholarship recipients will be recognized at the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing in March 2022.



The annual scholar-athlete ceremony is one of the highlights of the winter season. More information about the awards may be obtained by contacting your local school principal, athletic director or guidance counselor. The online application form can be found at MHSAA.com/scholarship.



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Student Advisory Council Aids MHSAA

ight student-athletes who are juniors at their schools during the 2021-22 academic year have been selected to serve two-year terms on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council.

The Student Advisory Council is a 16member 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 2021-22 are: Sam Gibson, Plainwell; Brady Leistra, East Grand Rapids; Caroline Li, Okemos; Sam Matias, Lansing Catholic; Zar'ria Mitchell, Saginaw Heritage; Carney Salo, Escanaba; Brandon Thompson, Petersburg Summerfield; and Keira Tolmie, Clarkston.

Those eight new members were selected from 114 applicants. That applicant total was 40 percent more than the total number of applicants who generally apply for SAC positions every year.

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 122 schools from 46 leagues plus independent schools that do not play in a league. Combined, the new appointees have participated in 12 MHSAA sports, and five will be the first SAC members from their respective schools.

The Student Advisory Council generally meets seven times each school year, and once more for a 24-hour leadership camp. Last school year, due to COVID-19, the Council met nearly twice as many times, but virtually all but once when members met for an outdoor, sociallydistanced session.

In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic



2021-22 Student Advisory Council

First Row: Brandon Thompson, Petersburg Summerfield; Carney Salo, Escanaba; Sam Matias, Lansing Catholic; Keira Tolmie, Clarkston; Sam Gibson, Plainwell; and Caroline Li, Okemos. **Second Row:** Faith Breinager, Frankenmuth; Amina Ferris, Dearborn; Ashton McNabb, Three Oaks River Valley; Brock Porter, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Melik Williams, Ypsilanti Lincoln; Nico Johnson, Britton Deerfield; Brinlee Barry, Caledonia; and Brenna Kosal, Peck. **Not Pictured:** Brady Leistra, East Grand Rapids; and Zar'ria Mitchell, Saginaw Heritage.

Student Advisory Council Belief Statement

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.

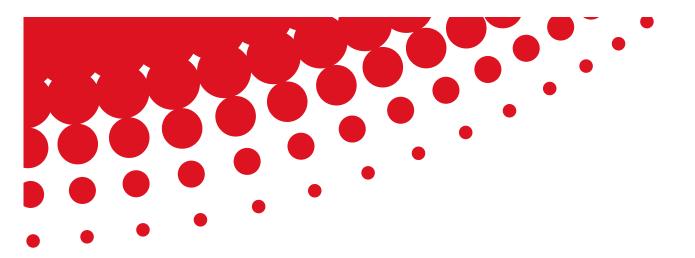
We believe **athletes** should be competitive, sportsmanlike and excel academically. We believe **students** in the stands should have fun, but not take the focus away from the game. We believe **coaches** should act as teachers, helping student-athletes develop while still keeping high school sports 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.

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.

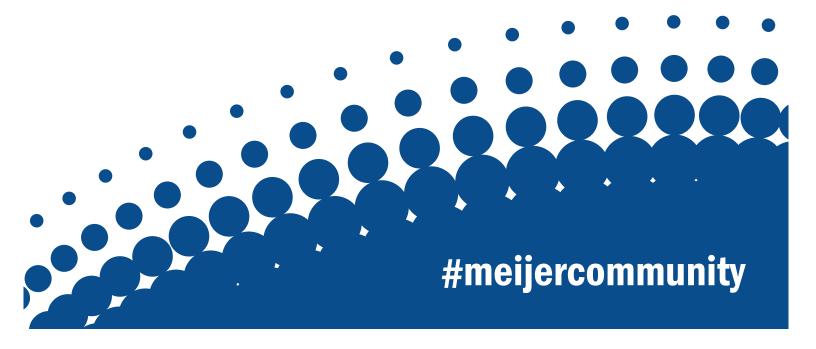
The new additions to the SAC will join the Class of 2022 members who were

selected a year ago: Brinlee Barry, Caledonia; Faith Breinager, Frankenmuth; Amina Ferris, Dearborn; Nico Johnson, Britton Deerfield; Brenna Kosal, Peck; Ashton McNabb, Three Oaks River Valley; Brock Porter, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; and Melik Williams, Ypsilanti Lincoln.



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The MHSAA Representative Council

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is the body assembled to carry out the wishes of member schools. The Council meets several times annually to discuss and pass legislation concerning interscholastic athletics in Michigan.

The Representative Council is made up of 19 members, with all but five elected by a vote of MHSAA-member schools to represent different geographic regions, different sizes of schools, nonpublic schools, and junior and middle schools. Two members are elected to statewide at-large positions. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his/her designee.

The officers and two other representatives form the MHSAA's Executive Committee, which meets on a monthly basis during the school year to review eligibility appeals and other current business.



Representative Council Members

Eric Albright** Athletic Director Midland High School Class A-B — Northern Lower Peninsula

Jay Alexander*

Executive Director of Athletics Detroit Public Schools Detroit Public Schools Position

Nicole Carter**

Principal Novi High School Appointee

Judy Cox** Principal Auburn-Bay City Western High School Appointee

Scott Grimes**, President Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Grand Haven Public Schools Statewide At-Large

Kyle Guerrant (ex-officio) Deputy Superintendent, Finance Operations Michigan Dept. of Education, Lansing Designee

Don Gustafson* Superintendent St. Ignace Area Schools Junior High/Middle Schools **Kris Isom*** Athletic Director Adrian Madison High School Appointee

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

Mark Mattson** Athletic Director Maple City Glen Lake High School Class C-D — Northern Lower Peninsula

Jason Mensing* Athletic Director Ottawa Lake Whiteford High School Class C-D — Southeastern Michigan

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Steve Newkirk, Vice President** Principal Clare Middle School Junior High/Middle Schools

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