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2024 COMPETITIVE CHEER FINALS

March 1-2

Welcome

elcome 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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Cros-Lex Gets First Title



The MHSAA 2023 Girls Competitive Cheer Finals welcomed a first-time champion to the podium as Croswell-Lexington ascended to the Division 3 throne with a phenomenal performance.

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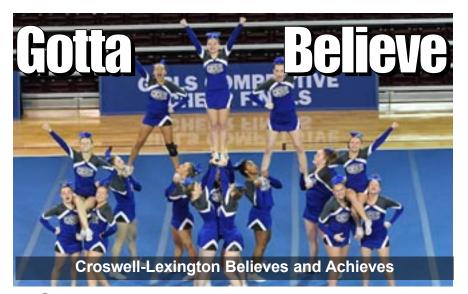
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Croswell-Lexington senior Noelle Golda said her team pushed itself to overcome a different challenge every day in practice during 2023, which gave it the confidence to shock the state at the Finals.

That new-found belief allowed the Pioneers to move past two perennial powers and win the Division 3 MHSAA Competitive Cheer championship at McGuirk Arena in Mount Pleasant.

It was the first time Croswell-Lexington finished better than fourth at the Finals, and it was the first time since 2011 that a school other than Richmond or Pontiac Notre Dame Prep won the D3 title.

"Every day we gave ourselves a different type of challenge so that we could feel what it's like to break through," explained Golda, one of eight seniors on the 28-athlete roster, as she wiped away happy tears.

Croswell-Lexington won with a score of 776.72, followed by Notre Dame Prep (776.02) and then Richmond (774.96). Grosse IIe, which turned in the best Round 3 score, was fourth (774.92) and Paw Paw fifth (768.22).

Cros-Lex, as the Sanilac County school located in Michigan's Thumb is popularly known, finished second in the Blue Water Area Conference, second in Districts and third in Regionals. But on the sport's biggest stage, nobody handled the pressure better than the Pioneers.

"It was really a matter of finally believing in ourselves – not just that we were a good team, but that we were a state championship team," said eighth-year Pioneers coach Katie Tomlinson. "We have struggled with that for so long, and today we broke through it."

Richmond and Notre Dame Prep both struggled uncharacteristically in Round 3 under extreme pressure, while Croswell-Lexington, perhaps a little under the radar in third place, was nearly flawless in the final round.

Division 1

The joyful outpouring and high-pitched shrieks that rocked McGuirk Arena in Mount Pleasant at the 2023 MHSAA Division 1 Competitive Cheer Finals were six years in the making.

That was the scene when the final scores were read and Rochester realized it had edged its archrival from down the road, three-time reigning champion Rochester Adams, by less than a single point to win its first title since

2017. [°]

There were screams, leaps, smiles and hugs – the kind of pure emotion that is rare, but happens in high-level sporting competition.

"It doesn't feel real," Rochester senior Ava Grabke said amongst the chaos. "All the hard work we've put in this season, really all of these years, finally did pay off."

Rochester won with a three-round total of 790.62, with Adams less than a point behind at 789.72.

Rochester has the most cheer titles in state history (now 15), but in recent years, rival Adams has had the upper hand – winning the previous three Division 1 championships and edging the Falcons at the season's District and Regional.

But, it was Rochester, under the direction of first-year coach Samantha Koehler, which got off to a great start in Round 1 and held off a fierce challenge from Adams.

Division 3

It was Gibraltar Carlson's turn to triumph in what has become one of the state's most intense high school rivalries.

The Marauders seized control of the MHSAA Division 2 Competitive Cheer Final from the start, then held off a valiant push from archival Allen Park to win the 12th cheer state championship in school history.

"We came in with the mindset of winning," said Carlson senior Kaitlynn Demers. "We do these things in practice until they are perfect, so that we can bring them out here on the mat."



Carlson and Allen Park were both more than eight points ahead of the field after two rounds, then distanced themselves even further by nailing their challenging Round 3 routines.

Carlson won the meet at 789.54, a little over a half-point better than Allen Park (788.86). Dearborn Divine Child (774.96) took third, followed by Bay City Western (767.94) and Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg (762.28).

"Both teams are truly incredible," said second-year Carlson coach Alyssa Tocco, who, ironically, is a 2016 graduate and former cheerleader at Allen Park. "When you beat Allen Park, you've done something special."

Division 4

Hudson High School is going to need a bigger trophy case, and soon, the way its winter sports teams are piling up championships.

Hudson's competitive cheer team won its fourth-straight MHSAA Division 4 title in 2023, and the Tigers now have finished either first or second in the state seven years in a row.



"Do you want me to cry?" said 26th-year Hudson coach Kelly Bailey when asked about her emotions shortly after her team's dominant 771.04-point performance, more than 25 points ahead of the field. "We gave them some tough stuff each round and that added to the pressure, but they wanted the challenge and they wanted to do it. They pulled it off."

Hudson's cheer program is engaged in a healthy competition with the school's wrestling program, which five days earlier won its 10th Division 4 team title over the past 14 years.

Hudson produced the highest score in all three rounds, never allowing the other seven teams to gain momentum in an upset bid.

FINALS SCORESHEET

SCHOOL	Round 1	Round 2	Sub-Total	Round 3	Total	Place

2024 ROTATION SCHEDULE

DIVISION '	1
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1st Round 1. Rochester 2. L'anse Creuse North 3. Rochester Adams 4. Brighton 5. Hartland 6. Grandville

7. Stoney Creek 8. South Lyon East

2nd Round

- 1. L'Anse Creuse North 2. Rochester
- 3. Rochester Adams
- 4. Stoney Creek
- 5. Grandville
- 6. South Lyon East
- 7. Brighton 8. Hartland

3rd Round

- 1. Grandville
- 2. Stoney Creek
- 3. Rochester Adams
- 4. Rochester
- 5. South Lyon East
- 6. Hartland
- 7. L'Anse Creuse North
- 8. Brighton

DIVISION 3

1st Round

- 3. Armada
- 4. Tri-County
- 6. Portland
- 7. Notre Dame Prep
- 8. Paw Paw

- 1. Tri-County
- 2. Lake Odessa
- 3. Armada
- 4. Notre Dame Prep
- 5. Paw Paw
- 6. Portland
- 7. Grosse Ile
- 8. Croswell-Lexington

3rd Round

- 1. Lake Odessa
- 2. Paw Paw
- 3. Armada
- 4. Tri-County
- 5. Notre Dame Pre
- 6. Grosse Ile
- 7. Croswell-Lexington
- 8. Portland

DIVISION 2

- 1. Allen Park
- 2. Gibraltar Carlson 3. Dearborn Divine Child
- 4. Plainwell

1st Round

- 5. Reeths Puffer
- 6. Thornapple Kellogg
- 7. Cedar Springs
- 8. Carleton Airport

2nd Round

- 1. Plainwell
- 2. Thornapple Kellogg
- 3. Reeths Puffer
- 4. Dearborn Divine Child
- 5. Carleton Airport
- 6. Allen Park
- 7. Cedar Springs
- 8. Gibraltar Carlson

3rd Round

- 1. Carleton Airport
- 2. Dearborn Divine Child
- 3. Reeths Puffer
- 4. Thornapple Kellogg
- 5. Allen Park
- 6. Gibraltar Carlson
- 7. Plainwell
- 8. Cedar Springs

- 2nd Round
- 1. Grosse lle
- 2. Croswell-Lexington

- 5. Lake Odessa

DIVISION 4

1st Round

- 1. Hudson
- 2. Hanover-Horton
- 3. Sanford Meridian
- 4. Michigan Center
- 5. Lawton
- 6. Pewamo-Westphalia
- 7. Merrill
- 8. North Muskegon

2nd Round

- 1. Hanover-Horton
- 2. Pewamo-Westphalia
- 3. Merrill
- 4. Lawton
- 5. Sanford Meridian
- 6. North Muskegon
- 7. Hudson 8. Michigan Center

3rd Round

- 1. Merrill
- 2. Sanford Meridian
- 3. Hanover-Horton
- 4. Hudson
- 5. Michigan Center
- 6. North Muskegon
- 7. Pewamo-Westphalia
- 8. Lawton



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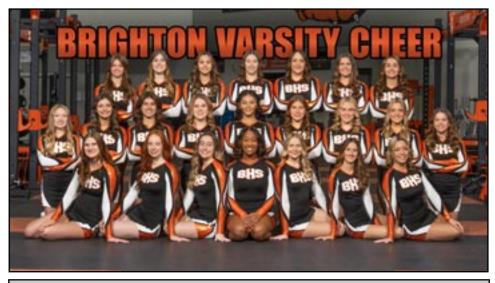
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BRIGHTON

BULLDOGS

HEAD COACH: CHRISTINA WILSON-PEACOCK (12TH YEAR)



School Colors: Black & Orange Superintendent: Matt Outlaw Principal: Matt Evans

Athletic Director: John Thompson

Conference: Kensington Lakes Activities Assoc.

Assistant Coaches: Wendy Lemons, Kristen Austin, Kelly Glbson, and Hope Fryer Captains: Stella Marchesotti, Autumn Miller, Brooke Lampkins, Jordynn Carrington

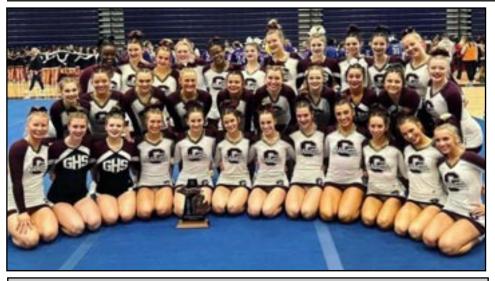
Athletic Trainer: Drew Cavey Regional Score: 701.20

Yr. Name Devyn Buchholz Sr. Jordynn Carrington Sr. Taylor Dennis So. Ashlyn Frenznick So. Avery Frenznick So. Harmony Gilde Sr. Gabrielle Henderson Jr. Ellie-Rose Knight Fr. Callie Kyser So. Gabryelle LaHaie So. Brooke Lampkins Sr. Estella Marchesotti Sr. Addison Markell So. Autumn Miller Sr. Hannah Molter Jr. Hannah Nelson Sr. Olivia Niner Jr. Adrianna Pembroke Jr. Ava Perdue So. Elly Racey Jr. Millie Ritsema Fr. Kadyn Robertson Jr. Aubrie Sutton-Gates So. Sofia Tepper So. Ava Was Fr.

GRANDVILLE

BULLDOGS

HEAD COACH: JULIE SMITH-BOYD (43RD YEAR)



School Colors: Maroon & White Superintendent: Roger Bearup Principal: Adam Lancto Athletic Director: Brian Parsons Conference: OK Conference - Red (1st) Assistant Coaches: Jenny Klein, Mackenzie Brower, Laura Kastler, Josh Kraft Athletic Trainer: Michael Segar

Regional Score: 789.32

Name Kayla Chemior Lilly Cooper Claire Crame Skylar DeHuff Maddy Denman Lauren Elder Addison Eparvier Hannah Granger Molly Gregorski Scarlet Gritter Ozzlyn Hagen Dilyn Hines Mackenzie Hoffman Katelyn Hopkins Avery Johnson Adriana Larwin Katharine Lawrence Emma Leonard Jaelynn Lopez Jayla Matecki Jodi O'Dell Lexsee Pawloski Avery Polinskey Brian Reehl Lauren Reid Emma Schuessler **Emily Sneller** Oliviá Talsma Karis Thomas Vienna Willoughby Ava Wohlfert **Brie Vanderplow** Kelcey Hunt

HARTLAND

EAGLES

HEAD COACH: CANDACE FAHR (7TH YEAR)



School Colors: Navy & Gold Superintendent: Chuck Hughes Principal: James Fitzgerald Athletic Director: Brian Hassler Conference: Kensington Lakes Activities Association (2nd) Assistant Coaches: Christina Swansey, Erica Webb, Cassie Campbell, Rachel Smith, Ashley Pederson, Stefany Lange, Danielle Jokela, Marissa Gainer

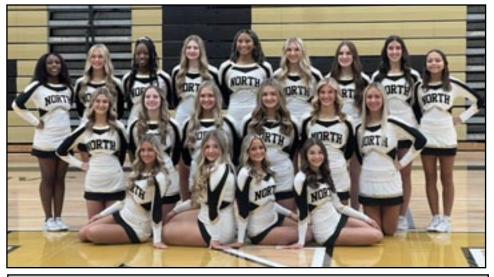
Athletic Trainer: Abigail Goodroe Regional Score: 791.96

Name Yr. Kaylee Balagna Sr. Addie Burns So. Grace DeYoung Sr. Hazel Flores Jr. Cierra Kilano So. Ava Krause So. Alexa Lockridge Jr. Alyssa Marinelli So. Mia Marra Fr. Faith Mikula Sr. Samantha Mollard Sr. Avery Payment Jr. Makayla Papalexis So. Makayla Prevo Jr. Madelyn Ray Jr. Siena Reyes Jr. Charleigh Ross Jr. Abby Russell Sr. Chloe Setlock So. Aspen Smith Sr. Jade Tomblin Jr. Kaitlyn Turney Sr. Molly Woolf Sr.

MACOMB L'ANSE CREUSE NORTH

CRUSADERS

HEAD COACH: LAUREN TURNER (3RD YEAR)



School Colors: Black, Vegas Gold & White

Superintendent: Erik Edoff Principal: Meredith Beard Athletic Director: Britt Paige

Conference: Macomb Area Conference (1st)

Assistant Coach: Brooke Nemens Athletic Trainer: Morgan Michaux

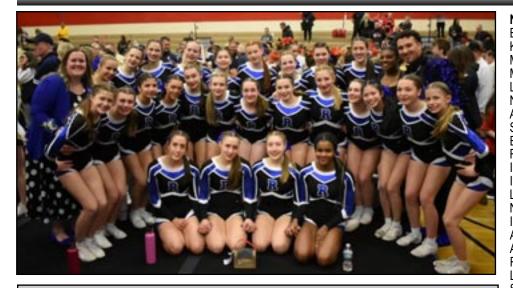
Regional Score: 788.26

Yr. Name Kailyn Abood Sr. Iyanna Brooks Jr. Ava Dezinski Sr. Breanne Glambin So. Ina Harding Sr. DeAnna Harper So. Kara Konath Jr. Aubrey Krzeminski Sr. Reese Kuretich Sr. Alorha Lighten Jr. Alena Miller Fr. Lily Nahas Sr. Hailey Owens Jr. Gabrielle Prieskorn So. McKayla Prieskorn Sr. Isis Qualls Jr. Zoe Rau Sr. Lilly Verstraete Jr. Addison Waters So. Hannah Waters Sr. Abby Whitsitt So. Eliza Wisniewski Sr.

ROCHESTER

FALCONS

HEAD COACH: SAMANTHA KOEHLER (2ND YEAR)



School Colors: Royal Blue & White Superintendent: John Silveri Principal: Joshua Wrinkle Athletic Director: Dean Allen

Conference: Oakland Activities Assoc - Red (1st)

Assistant Coaches: Judah Washington, Devon Gilbert, Amanda Buyers, Sara Kempton Captains: Madison Carpenter, Lena Cleveland,

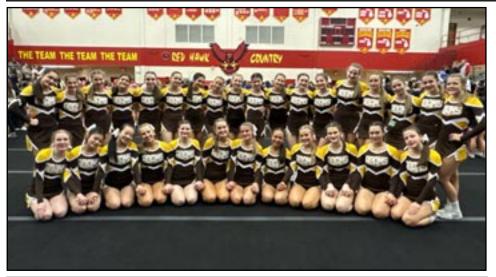
Natalia Grabovac, Sarah Newport Athletic Trainer: Mikayla Wilke Regional Score: 789.64

Yr. Name Ellianna Bohannon Fr. Sr. Kelly Burdick Morgan Calcagno Jr. Madison Carpenter Sr. Lena Cleveland Sr. Natalie Cote So. Aubrey Dettloff So. Samantha Dick Jr. Elizabeth Faglie Jr. Raegan Farley Jr. Ivy Ğalens So. Ivana Ghafari Jr. Lina Gianzante So. Natalia Grabovac Jr. Isabella Gungab Jr. Audrey Henckel So. Aubrey Hillard Jr. Riley Hubbard Jr. Lily **İ**mlay So. Sienna Lee Fr. Sarah Newport Sr. Kassandra Nicholas Fr. Elizabeth Orris Jr. Claire O'Neill So. Momoko Paris Jr. Fr. Kara Sawicki

ROCHESTER ADAMS

HIGHLANDERS

HEAD COACH: BROOKE MILLER (10TH YEAR)



School Colors: Brown & Gold Superintendent: John Silveri Principal: Pasquale Cusumano Athletic Director: Shane Holler

Conference: Oakland Activities Association - Red (3rd)

Assistant Coaches: Jocelyn Welsh, Quin

Gonzalez, Courtney McLocklin

Captains: Trisha Bartolome, Lily Hittle, Lindsay

Kesman, Reese Patyi, Savannah Rambow

Athletic Trainer: Morgan St. Henry

Regional Score: 790.62

Trisha Bartolome Sr. Sr. Lily Hittle Lindsay Kesman Reese Patyi Savannah Rambow Sr. Šr. Sr. Hope Antonelli Jr. Maria Caradonna Jr. Mei Enokida Jr. Ibuki Furusato Cara Gould Jr. Elle Powers Jr. Lia Sukkar Jr. So. So. Queralt Abaurrea Liv Carline Nikala Hall Kennedy Hartley Natalie Hopkins So. So. Lauren Kantzer So. So. So. Ava Mac Donald Valeria Martinez Serna Madison Michalkow So. So. Lauren Redmond Libby Schultz Kylie Smyth Mia VanHulle Alyssa Walker Gábriella Montgomery Delaney Simms Fr. Paige Ádragna Adriana Palazzolo

ROCHESTER HILLS STONEY CREEK

COUGARS

HEAD COACH: TRICIA WILLIAMS (21ST YEAR)



School Colors: Navy Blue & Vegas Gold

Superintendent: John Silveri Principal: Brian Shleson Athletic Director: Brian Anderson

Conference: Oakland Activities Assoc - Red (2nd)

Assistant Coaches: Andrea Cairns, Kayla Kenan,

Jessica Ma, Susan Wood Athletic Trainer: Sydney Holland

Regional Score: 791.38

Name Yr. Sarah Adams Jr. Šo. Mia Badalucco Kacey Bauer Laila Biondo Sr. Fr. Ava Boland Jr. Elle Brandimarte So. **Taylor Brandimarte** So. Jr. Sr. Sophia Brusseau Charlotte Cahill Briana Cairns Avery Chmielewski So. Sr. Sr. So. Sr. So. Sr. Gracie Darling Abigail DeGraw Allee Depp Sofia Finazzo Mary Guitron Ortiz Audrey Harvath Alison Kalaj Kendall Keller So. Sr. So. So. Sr. So. Jr. Lily Leone Laura Machak Natalie Marco Julia McDermott Helena Merritt Cassidy Niester Grace Pererra Ariana Phelps Ariana Rabaut Ally Schamanek Jane Stabnick Isabel Williams Sienna Wills

SOUTH LYON ERST

COUGARS

HEAD COACH: JULIA TILT (5TH YEAR)



School Colors: Silver & Black Superintendent: Steven Archibald

Principal: Karen Fisher Athletic Director: Greg Michaels

Conference: Lakes Valley Conference (3rd)

Assistant Coach: Mackenzie Rapp Athletic Trainer: Ken Smoot

Regional Score: 777.98

Name Yr. Olivia Allen Sr Jocelyn Anderson Jr. Gianna Coppola Fr. Sydney Crenshaw Sr. Jacey Czajkowski Sr. **Audrey Jones** Jr. Lucy Kligman Jr. Morgan Lear Jr. Ava Matteucci Jr. Claire Medendorp Fr. Isabelle Mezzomo Fr. Audrey Raby So. Avery Stimmel Sr. Alexa Stovel So. Venna Stuckey So. Isabela Servin Jr. Alli Tilt Jr. Natalie Tilt Sr. Sami Tilt Jr. Jayla Wright So.



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ALLEN PARK

JAGUARS

HEAD COACH: JULIE GOODWIN (20TH YEAR)



School Colors: Green & White Superintendent: Michael Darga Principal: Jason Skiba Athletic Director: James Victor Conference: Downriver League (2nd) **Assistant Coaches:** Tina Johnson, Meghan Megill, Carolyn Morris, Tera Waddell, Faith Ridolfi,

Jessica Tremonti

Athletic Trainer: Meaghan Rourke

Regional Score: 791.68

Name Yr. Ella Anselmi Sr. Daryn Bailey Fr. Baylee Benedetti Sr. Ella Brown Fr. **Emmery Cole** Sr. **Delilah Cotton** So. Allison Gombos Sr. Hazyl Hall Sr. Leslie Hernandez Jr. Peyton Keys Fr. Ava Matelic Sr. Khalen Mulligan Sr. Kate O'Riley Jr. Abigail Obrycki Jr. Ashten Omodio Sr. Ella Peschke Jr. Sophia Ramey So. Ava Rice Fr. Kennedy Shiveley Sr. Gabrielle Simpson Sr. Makenna Truran Fr. Samantha Unger So. Peyton Will Jr.

CARLETON AIRPORT

JETS

HEAD COACH: EMILY DUSIK (2ND YEAR)



School Colors: Navy Blue & Athletic Gold Superintendent: Ryan Duvall Principal: Chris Lukosavich

Athletic Director: Matt Beaudry Conference: Huron League (2nd)

Assistant Coaches: Carlie Szajko, Katelynn Pincheff, Lindsey Preadmore, Danielle Jokela,

Marissa Gainer

Athletic Trainer: Megan Schilbe

Regional Score: 781.00

Yr. Name Kasidy Adams Sr. Rylie Armstrong Sr. Ashleigh Bentley Jr. Lena Bogedain Fr. Lilyann Books So. Daisy Branham Fr. Ryleigh Dicks Fr. Jacquelyn Gibson Fr. Peyton Hayley Fr. Alexis Heinze Fr. Ayva Hunger Fr. Janiah Joiner-Diehl Fr. Delanie Joseph Sr. Jocelyn Kleman So. Reese Kopsi So. Sydney Linn Jr. Kadence McDonald So. Breanna Mulvin Sr. Isabella Mulvin Fr. Frankie Rice So. Ryeleigh Smith Jr. Faith Wieckowski Sr.

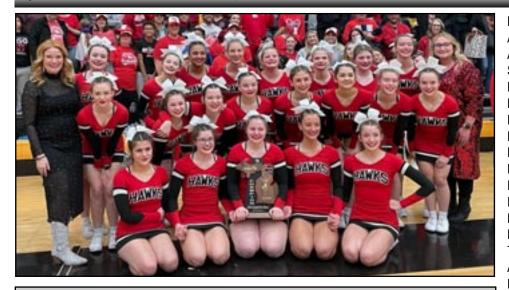
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DIVISION 2

CEDAR SPRINGS

RED HAWKS

HEAD COACH: KATY HRADSKY (3RD YEAR)



School Colors: Red, White & Black Superintendent: Scott Smith Principal: Todd Simmons Athletic Director: Matt Moffett Conference: O-K Conference - Gold (1st) **Assistant Coach:** Kendra Hawley **Athletic Trainer:** Mark Garnaat

Regional Score: 759.78

Name Yr. Aaliyah Bergman Fr. Ashley Buckley Jr. Sarah Buckley Jr. Kennedy Klocko Sr. Lily Maddox Fr. Haidyn Miller Fr. Brvnn Nesbitt So. Makenna Nichols Sr. Marisol Ramos Sr. Ella Roth Fr. Ella Rozek Fr. Kadee Rypma Jr. Marley Salisbury So. **Taylor Shadley** Sr. Alanna Smith So. Harmony Taylor Fr. Adja Traore So. Taylor VerDuin So. Zoe Ward Fr. Hannah Wright Sr. Karis Wright So.

DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD

FALCONS

HEAD COACH: AMBER GENEVICH (16TH YEAR) /MICHELLE MCCLOREY (6TH YEAR)



School Colors: Red & Gray Principal: Anthony Trudell Athletic Director: Richard Jakacki Conference: Catholic HS League (1st) **Assistant Coaches:** Alex Kelley, Anna Tweedy, Erin Robb

Captains: Fiona Judd, Amanda Shumaker, Noemi Villarruel

Athletic Trainer: Abe Alihasan Regional Score: 778.56

Yr. Name So. Jovie Abernethy Kate Bardellli Fr. Ava Cascardo Sr. Jayla Djurasaj So. Adrianna Fredericks Fr. Mia Freeman Jr. Isabelle Fronczak Jr. Fiona Judd Sr. Natalie Kavanaugh So. Reese Martin So. Isabella Mick Jr. Megan Moore Sr. Reese Mosier Fr. Julia Rzepka Sr. Sophia Santeiu Jr. Amanda Shumaker Sr. Lilly Sulak So. Sarah Valinski Sr. Noemi Villarruel Sr. Anna Watson Sr. Vivien Wright Jr. Adriana Yost Jr.

GIBRALTAR CARLSON

MARAUDERS

HEAD COACH: ALYSSA TOCCO (3RD YEAR)



School Colors: Blue & White Superintendent: Amy Conway Principal: Jessica Schultz Athletic Director: Dan Kalbfleisch Conference: Downriver League (1st) **Assistant Coach:** NaKhari Barkley **Athletic Trainer:** Carly Mason

Regional Score: 789.40

Yr. Name Lauren Autry Jr. Calli Baker Fr. Brooklyn Brewer Fr. Alaina Bucala Jr. Jaidyn Cox So. Naveh Davis Jr. Brooklynn Deltor Fr. Josi Farago Fr. Kennedy Hardy So. Kenley Knitz So. Sofia Lanzini Jr. Audrey Lemus Jr. Aubree McGowen Sr. Kendra Ochab So. Danielle Paultanis Fr. Haley Sanchez Jr. Ava Schulde Fr. Kaitlyn Skinner Fr. Maranda Steinmetz Jr. Brelynn Terry Fr. Summer Wackerle Sr. Kaylee Weimer So.

MIDDLEVILLE THORNAPPLE-KELLOGG

TROJANS

HEAD COACH: MADELYNN LULA (15T YEAR)



School Colors: Orange & Black Superintendent: Craig McCarthy Principal: Tony Petersen Athletic Director: Brian Hammer Conference: OK Conference - Gold (1st)

Assistant Coach: Katelyn Baumgartner **Athletic Trainer:** Aaron Gerwig

Regional Score: 759.52

Name Yr. Madita Boppel Sr. Olivia Bouchard Jr. Sr. Martine Christensen Kavlee Clarke So. Nina Durikova Sr. Payton Gater So. Mia Hilton So. Ava Jahnke Sr. Claira Kovich So. **Emilie Landry** Sr. Kella LeClaire So. Chloe Lomakoski Fr. Lilly McKeown Jr. Keirvn Merril So. Sienna Schalk So. Aurora Sisto Sr. Anna Smith Sr. Kenady Smith Sr.

MUSKEGON REETHS-PUFFER

ROCKETS

HEAD COACH: LISABETH SMITH (3RD YEAR)



School Colors: Green & White Superintendent: Steve Edwards Principal: Jennifer Anderson Athletic Director: Cliff Sandee

Conference: OK Conference - Green (2nd)

Assistant Coach: Emily Bouchard Athletic Trainer: Olivia Schroeder Manager: Deon Saucedo

Regional Score: 729.18

Name Yr. Alyssa Alexander So. Madilyn Alvarado So. Gabriella Borgeson Jr. Allison Clemens Fr. Addison Eek So. Kendall Eek Sr. Elaina Farber Fr. Macy Fisher Sr. Alexandra Franklin So. Lorena Garcia Jr. Taryn Gill Fr. Korynn Griffin Fr. Ella Hardy So. Alayna Keur Fr. Jeva Lee Sr. Malia McGuffey Fr. Shaileighana Nelson Jr. Kara Plouhar Fr. Adisyn Rowe Fr. Macy Rudholm So. Addyson Smith Jr. Madilynn Smith So. Launa Tangney So. Lydia Tufts So. Carly Weinrick Sr. Sydney Williams Sr.

PLAINWELL

TROJANS

HEAD COACH: KYLIE COOK (5TH YEAR)



School Colors: Royal Blue & White Superintendent: Matthew Montange Principal: Dr. Jeremy Wright Athletic Director: Melissa Preston Conference: Wolverine Conference (2nd)

Assistant Coach: Cheyenne Stephenson,

Nicole Murphy

Captains: Larissa Meyers, Jillian Comer **Athletic Trainer:** Jessica Bakhuyzen

Regional Score: 755.32

Name	Yr.
Zoey Bennett	Sr.
Dakota Berneis-Goodyke	Jr.
Jillian Comer	Sr.
Norah Gregersen	Sr.
Brynn Huberty	Jr.
Emma Jepsen	Sr.
Zoe Korreck	Sr.
Ella LaPenna	So.
Mackenzie Meert	So.
Kailynn Mejeur	Sr.
Alivia Meninga	So.
Raya Mergen Henry	Sr.
Larissa Meyers	Sr.
Brooke Pazderka	So.
Emerson Rentfrow	So.
Danika Sayles-Devine	Jr.
Abigail Stewart	Jr.
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School Spirit is Defining Difference in HS Sports

s Education-based sports in our nation's schools are Adifferent than any other level of competition.

Youth leagues and club sports often require significant entry fees, and in many cases, the focus is on competitive success with little concern for skill development, team building or sportsmanship.

High-profile college sports have been disrupted by issues concerning media contracts, NIL and the transfer portal, with the environment a bit like the "Wild West" on campuses throughout the country.

Professional sports, of course, are about the most elite performance, entertainment and winning championships.

Sports in our nation's 19,800-plus high schools instead are much more focused on education, relationships, team unity, having fun and school spirit.

School spirit is perhaps the defining difference between interscholastic and other levels of sports - having pride in one's school, maintaining a connection to the school and coaches for life, supporting all school teams and programs whether a participant or a fan, and contributing to the bond between school and community.

On an individual basis, pride is a key component of school spirit. Students who become involved in sports take pride in their teams and school and tend to carry that pride to their future careers after high school.

High school sports have the potential to boost the spirit of communities as well. There are countless examples every year but one such community was the small town of Fertile, Minnesota, located about 270 miles northwest of Minneapolis. In 2021, Jude Olson, a junior on the Fertile-Beltrami High School nine-player football team, was killed in an accident, which shook the approximately 1,000 residents of Fertile.

Last year, however, the Fertile-Beltrami football team provided a positive boost to the town with an undefeated regular season and a first-ever trip to the Minnesota State High School League Nine-player State Football Championship at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

According to an article in the Grand Forks (North Dakota) Herald, many of the town's residents did not have the means to make the five-hour trek to the game. As a result, local businesses and farmers donated \$25,000 for five charter buses to make sure every fan who wanted to make the trip had a free ride to the game.

"It means a lot to the whole town," said Jodie Strem, the co-owner of Fertile Oil Company. "We want (the players) to look in the stands and see us and know we are there for them. We are coming down full force."

While the Fertile-Beltrami Falcons lost to LeRoy-Ostrander in the MSHSL Nine-player Championship, the players and the 274 fans who made the journey will remember much more than the outcome of the game.

This is school spirit at its core and why high school sports are different.

High school activity programs boost the spirit of individuals, teams and communities. Research indicated that in 2020 when these programs were shut down because of the pandemic, the mental health of students was drastically compromised.

In the post-pandemic world, there are fewer face-to-face meetings. High school activities have played a major role in bringing people back together. We know that when schools have strong school spirit, communities respond with support and increased attendance.

School spirit and sportsmanship go hand in hand. If school spirit is channeled in a positive way, and expectations for good sportsmanship are communicated

and enforced by school administrators, positive fan experiences will occur.

A survey several years ago by Varsity Brands concluded that high school students with school spirit performed better academically, were more engaged in social and civic matters, and were happier in general than their less-spirited peers.

The survey indicated that the benefits of school spirit are not just confined to the school years. The study suggested that school spirit can have lasting effects, including higher aspirations for continuing education and greater success in later life.

We are pleased to report that Varsity has commissioned a new research study, which will examine the post-pandemic educational landscape and attempt to understand how the return to in-person schooling has influenced school spirit and its profound impact on student learning, leadership and personal growth. We look forward to sharing the results of this survey down the road.

As the calendar turns to 2024, it is a great opportunity to renew commitments to these programs that involve more than 12 million participants in sports and performing arts programs that foster and celebrate school spirit.

- Karissa Niehoff, NFHS Executive Director



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Scholar-Athlete Class of 2024

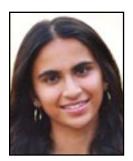
he Michigan High School Athletic Association/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award has been recognizing the top student-athletes for 35 years. Applicants for the Scholar-Athlete Award must meet the following criteria: A minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale; and must have 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 2023-24 Scholar-Athlete Award receive a \$2,000 college scholarship to be used at the college, university, or trade school of their choice during the 2024-25 school year. This year, a total of 1,607 applications from 445 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 during the MHSAA Boys Baksetball Finals at the Breslin Center in East Lansing this March.



Bella Adams Battle Creek Lakeview Class A



Navya Ashok **Ann Arbor** Greenhills Class B

Gwenyth L. Geiger

Caro

Class B



Ollie Brown Williamston Class B



Sara Dammann **New Lothrop** Class C



Willem DeGood **Traverse City West** Class A



Jackson Dell Chelsea



Class B



Elaine Gordon Adrian Class B



Tristan B Harbaugh **Gobles** Class C

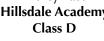


Class B

Austin Hinkley Big Rapids Class B



Ridley Fast Hillsdale Academy







Abrar Hossen Portage Central Class A



Anirudh Krishnan Plymouth Class A



Mallory Lowe Leland Class D



Ben March St Louis Class C



A.J. Martel Mason Class A



Ben McCaw Lawrence Class D



Aya Moughni Dearborn Class A



Lucas Nor Ann Arbor Greenhills Class B



Kylie Ott Bridgman Class C



Arianna Pate Gibraltar Carlson Class A



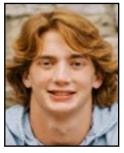
Cecilia Postma Manistee Class B



Jaden Reji Livonia Churchill Class A



Cecilia Ruchti St Joseph Class A



Ryin Ruddy Ottawa Lake Whiteford Class C



Lily Sackrider St Johns Class A



Alivia Salenbien Britton Deerfield Class D



Charlie Seufert East Grand Rapids Class A



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Student Advisory Council Aids MHSAA

■ight student-athletes who **♦** will be juniors at their schools during the 2023-24 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 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-tobe appointed a year ago.

Selected to begin serving on the Student Advisory Council in 2023-24 were: Cale Bell, Sault Ste. Marie; **Drew Cady**, Oxford; **Macy** Jenkins, Milford; Isaiah Kabban, Harbor Beach; Ella Knudsen, Leland; **Kaylee Kranz**, Clinton; Joey Spada, Kalamazoo Central; and Anna Zoet, Grandville Calvin Christian.

Those eight new members were selected from 105 applicants. That number of applicants was the fourth-most ever, with the last four years featuring the four highest totals.

The first Student Advisory Council was formed for the 2006-07 school year. With the addition of this class, members will have represented 137 schools from 50 leagues plus independent schools that do not play in a league. Combined, the new appointees have participated in 16 MHSAA sports, and all eight 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. In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the Council disthe MHSAA Representative Council



2023-24 Student Advisory Council

First Row: Macy Jenkins, Milford; Ella Knudsen, Leland; M'Khi Guy, Muskegon; Isaiah Kabban, Harbor Beach; DaNia Womack, Dearborn Advanced Tech Academy. Second Row: Madie Werner, Bay City All Saints; Anna Zoet, Grandville Calvin Christian; Christian Sanders, Detroit Renaissance; Kaylee Kranz, Clinton; Cale Bell, Sault Ste Marie; Drew Cady, Oxford; Dawsen Lehew, Marcellus; Ben Sytsma, Grand Rapids Christian; Kannon Duffing, Manchester; Claire Gorno, Gaylord; Joey Spada, Kalamazoo Central.

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.

cusses issues dealing with the 4 S's on proposed rule changes. of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition) who were selected a year ago: and the sensible scope of athletic **Kannon Duffing**, Manchester; programs. There also is a fifth S discussed by the group - student Muskegon; Dawsen Lehew, leadership.

about sportsmanship during Summits, and provide feedback to Advanced Tech Academy.

The new additions to the SAC joined the Class of 2024 members Claire Gorno, Gaylord; M'Khi Guy, Marcellus; Christian Sanders, This school year, the Council will Detroit Renaissance; **Ben Sytsma**, hand out championship trophies at Grand Rapids Christian; Madie Finals events, deliver a message Werner, Bay City All Saints; and DaNia Womack, Dearborn





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MHSAA Representative Council

he 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, non-public 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.



First Row (L to R): First Row: Mark Uyl, Vic Michaels, John Thompson, Scott Grimes. **Second Row:** Chris Miller, Meg Seng, Kris Isom, Alex Tiseo. **Third Row:** Fred Smith, Chris Adams, Judy Cox, Jeff Kline, Anna Rigby. **Fourth Row:** Adam Stefanski, Jason Malloy, Jay Alexander, Eric Albright, Sean Jacques. **Not Pictured:** Chris Riker, Ross Fort. *Photo taken May 2023*

Representative Council Members

Chris Adams*

Superintendent Camden-Frontier High School Class C-D — Southeastern Michigan

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

Judy Cox**

Principal Auburn-Bay City Western High School Appointee

Ross Fort (ex-officio)

Special Assistant to Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations Michigan Dept. of Education, Lansing Designee

Scott Grimes**, President

Superintendent, Grand Haven Public Schools Statewide At-Large

Sean Jacques**

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

Jeff Kline*

Athletic Director Mt. Morris High School Statewide At-Large

Jason Malloy**

Athletic Director Westland John Glenn High School Appointee

Vic Michaels**, Secretary-Treasurer

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

Chris Miller*

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

Anna Rigby**

Athletic Director Harbor Springs High School Class C-D — Northern Michigan

Chris Riker**

Athletic Director Portage Northern High School Class A-B — Southwestern Michigan

Fred Smith**

Athletic Director
Bangor Middle School
Junior High/Middle Schools

Adam Stefanski*

Athletic Director Boyne City High School Junior High/Middle Schools

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John Thompson**, Vice President

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

Jennifer Thunberg*

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Alex Tiseo*

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

*Term Expires December 2025
**Term Expires December 2024





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ARMADA

TIGERS

HEAD COACH: DEANNA MISIAK (8TH YEAR)



School Colors: Orange & Black Superintendent: Michael Musary Principal: Andrew Kastl Athletic Director: Tyler Phillips Conference: Blue Water Area Conferen

Conference: Blue Water Area Conference (1st)
Assistant Coaches: Beth Lockhart, Heather

Carrigan, Jessica Kanaan, Kristen Ackerman, Mikayla Stuart

Captains: Katelyn Carrigan, Katelyn Vernarsky & Kailey Homan

Athletic Trainer: Alissa Gallagher

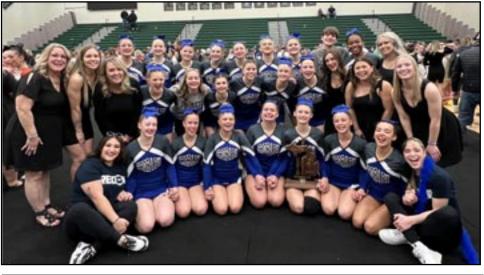
Regional Score: 773.12

Yr. Name Liliana Accardo Sr. Tessa Aiello Sr. Katelyn Carrigan Sr. Jennah Long Sr. Maddison Maniscalco Sr. Katelyn Vernarsky Sr. Isabella Walsh Sr. Kendyl Watson Sr. Emma Farley Jr. Kailey Homan Jr. Alice Rhadigan Jr. Taylor Wakeham Jr. Kennedy Waskin Jr. **Brooklyn Cattaneo** So. Abigail Groen So. Kendelle King So. Danielle Kook So. Madison Porter So. Kathleen Conely Fr. Isabelle Gooch Fr. Arianna Silamianos Fr.

CROSWELL-LEXINGTON

PIONEERS

HEAD COACH: KATIE TOMLINSON (9TH YEAR)



School Colors: Royal Blue & White Superintendent: Colette Moody Principal: Lisa Burns

Athletic Director: Jeff Kosal

Conference: Blue Water Area Conference (2nd)

Assistant Coaches: Christi Whitican, Avery Falter, Brynn Davis, Jennifer Robertson, Emma Six

Athletic Trainer: Victoria Burns

Managers: Addyson Sharpe, Nolan Laprarie, Cole Wilkinson

Regional Score: 787.14

Name Yr. Alexis Bales Sr. Kyree Bruehan Jr. Cassandra Espinoza Jr. Victoria Ganley So. Addison Gardner Jr. Madison Greenaway Jr. **Grace Hodges** Sr. Cora Katulski Sr. Kaleigh Kelch Jr. Larkin Krohn Jr. Niah Krohn Jr. Tessa Merrell Sr. Chelsea Miller So. Shelby Oliver Sr. Reese Rankin So. Tatiana Repp Jr. Makayla Rice Sr. Eliza Thompson Fr. Maggie Wallace Jr. Lilly Woodruff Sr.

GROSSE ILE

RED DEVILS

HEAD COACH: ANGELA RAITHEL (8TH YEAR)



School Colors: Scarlet & Gray Superintendent: Valerie Orr Principal: Dr. Alan Carter Athletic Director: James Okler Conference: Huron League (1st) Assistant Coaches: Madeline Merrolla, Brittany Walton, Olivia Lemerand, Isabella Rista Athletic Trainer: Ally Drewyour

Regional Score: 786.18

Yr. Name Elizabeth Adamczyk Sr. Arianna Bianchi Jr. Halle Brower Sr. Cassidy Claxon So. **Delaney Davis** Fr. Isabella Esposito Sr. Avelinn Flynn Jr. Madelyn Frendo So. Laynie Gratz Fr. Rylie Gratz Fr. Sophia Hladchuk Jr. Kelsey Jamnick Jr. Lakely Luton So. Alison Niehoff Sr. Sienna Ross Sr. Savanna Snider Fr. Marissa Trombley Jr. Penelope Valascho Jr. Virginia West Jr. Madilyn Zajas Fr. Lillyonna Zulewski Sr.

HOWARD CITY TRI COUNTY

VIKINGS

HEAD COACH: JENNIFER LASKEY (20TH YEAR)



School Colors: Black & Gold Superintendent: Ryan Biller Principal: Tim Goheen Athletic Director: Phil Butler

Conference: Central States Activities Assoc (1st)

Assistant Coaches: Rachel Stevenson, Meghan Bartoszek, Keshia Aho, Felicia Free

Athletic Trainer: Jami Karhoff

Regional Score: 743.48

Yr. Name Ryann Leyko Sr. Alexis Chilcote Sr. Tatvana Gomez Sr. Isabella Johns Sr. Bia Vilar Sr. Chloe Coar Jr. Aeriel Sabisch Jr. Tamya Johnson Jr. Sophie Woodard Jr. Abigail Baker Jr. **Taylor Tompkins** Jr. Cadence Holtzlander Jr. Julhia Piovesan Lima Jr. Samantha Fisk Jr. Jocelynn Olds So. Violet Bellamy So. Cannelle Rynders So. Briana Cheatham So. Genesis Gonzalez So. Courtney Fisk Fr. Trinity Hurley Fr. Ellyanna Johnson Fr. Brooke McCauley Fr.

LAKE ODESSA LAKEWOOD

VIKINGS

HEAD COACH: KIM MARTIN (30TH YEAR)



School Colors: Navy Blue, Red & White

Superintendent: Jodie Duits Principal: Steve Williams Athletic Director: Mike Quinn

Conference: Capital Area Activities Conference -

White (1st)

Assistant Coaches: Renee Carigon, Elizabeth Ford, Melissa Sandborn, Sarah McGarry

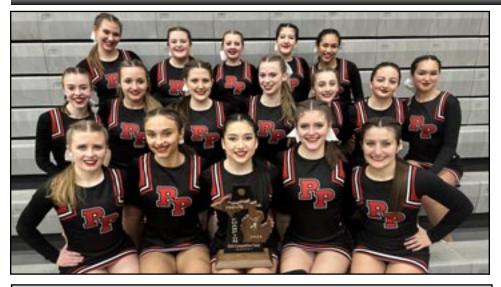
Regional Score: 753.40

Name	Yr.
Skylarr Anderson	Fr.
Emmerson Bellin	Fr.
Lilly Burgess	Sr.
Riley Burgess	Fr.
Taylor Carpenter	So.
Kara Fedewa	Jr.
Karli Hyatt	Sr.
Nadia Martin	Sr.
Makayla McGarry	Sr.
Addison Mesecar	Fr.
Lillie Minard	Fr.
Brook Mudry	Jr.
Nevaeh Newton	Sr.
Emily Pilar	Sr.
Elena Sanchez	Sr.
Hallie Schantz	Jr.
Kassandra Schlottman	Sr.
Jaidyn Seese	Jr.
Kylie Walkington	Sr.
Adriane Weber	Jr.

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RED WOLVES

HEAD COACH: STEFANIE MILLER (15TH YEAR)



School Colors: Red & White Superintendent: Rick Reo Principal: Tammy Southworth Athletic Director: Alan Farnquist Conference: Wolverine Conference (1st)

Assistant Coaches: Kaleigh Serbenski, Brianna

Eick, Paskell Miller Athletic Trainer: Malorie Most

Atmetic Trainer. Maiorie Mos

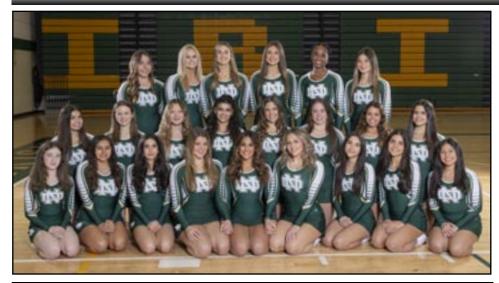
Regional Score: 740.30

Yr. Name Naveh Davenport Sr. Molly Goodwin Sr. Madison Lasinski Sr. Maya Leonard Sr. Gabriela Vasquez Sr. Ashley Olsen Jr. Taya Southworth Jr. Olivia Billings So. Ava Klett So. Vanessa Leonard So. Sofia Martinez So. Isabella McReynolds So. So. Madison Osborne Samantha Tapper So. Mariah Galaviz Fr. Olivia Johnson Fr. Holland Miller Fr.

THE FINALISTS

PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP

HEAD COACH: JOCELYN WELSH (1ST YEAR)



School Colors: Forest Green, Vegas Gold & White Head of School: Andrew Guest

Corporate President: Rev. Father Leon Olszamowski

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S.III., PILD.
Principal: Kimberly Anderson
Athletic Director: Betty A. Wroubel CAA
Conference: Independent
Assistant Coaches: Kimberly Edwards, Brooke Miller,

Aleena Markowicz, Anita Honingford, Lori Walker, Kellie Sutherland

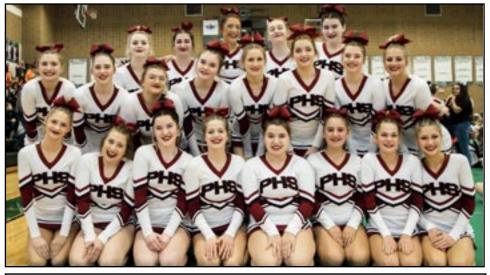
Captains: Alaina Byrne, Katie Leuchtmann, Ava . Quasarano

Athletic Trainer: Chris Polsinelli, AT, ATC
Strength & Conditioning: Christian Polega, RSCC,
CSCS, USAW-1

Regional Score: 784.92

Name Yr. Alaina Byrne Sr. Katie Leuchtmann Sr. Ava Quasarano Sr. Ava Aiello Jr. Catalina Ballesty Jr. Mikayla Bidawid Jr. Grace Kinkade Jr. Leila Mains Jr. Paige Marlinga Jr. Gabrielle Phillips Jr. Gianna Bahri So. Nicole Betancourt So. Jillian Gartin So. Madeline Rennwald So. Jenna Robin So. Adriana Soave So. Ruby Cambray-Diaz Fr. Reese Charlton Fr. Neena Endres Fr. Sadie Shook Fr. Eva Thomas Fr. Zara Tiberia Fr. Reese Vanhecke Fr.

HEAD COACH: MINDY BLASCHKA (11TH YEAR)



School Colors: Cardinal Red & White Superintendent: William Heath Principal: Jamie DeWitt Athletic Director: Kevin Veale

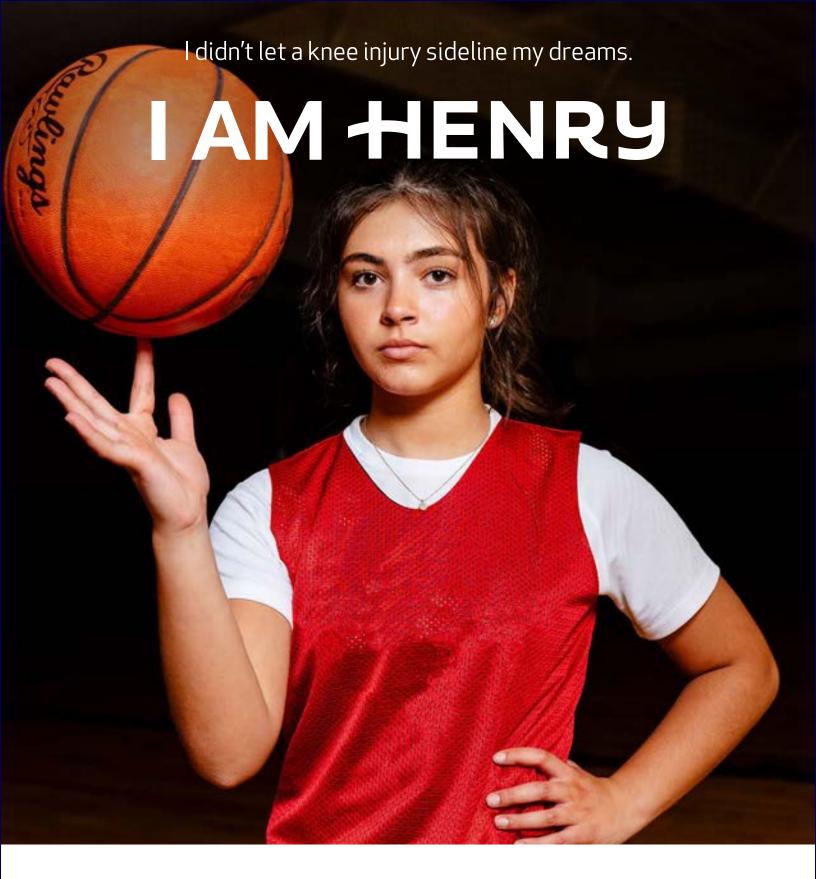
Conference: Capital Area Activities Conference -White (1st)

Assistant Coach: Jennessa Hengesbach, Talia Blaschka, Samantha Taylor

Athletic Trainer: Roger Doak

Regional Score: 747.66

Yr. Name Ava Adcock Sr. Lilyana Bowers Sr. Skyler Edwards Sr. Briena Hoppes Sr. Lynette Jensen Sr. Abigail Rice Sr. Autumn Schafer Sr. Avary Weller Sr. Katherine Wiggins Sr. Karter Edwards Jr. Sora Schneider Jr. Emma Ward Jr. Hailey Wolf Jr. Zoe Beard So. Madi Crowley So. Miya Feldpausch So. **Bridget Newsome** So. Allison Saint Amour So. Reese Balderson Fr. Ella Hassett Fr. Fr. Maria Weber



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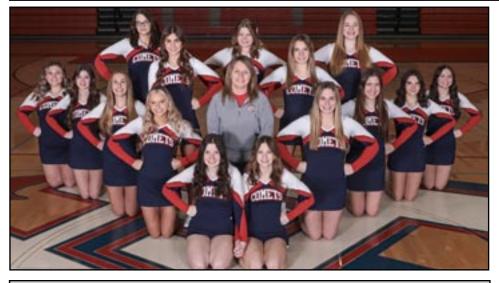
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HEAD COACH:SARAH DUBOIS (3RD YEAR)



School Colors: Red & White Superintendent: John Denney Principal: Isaac Cottrell Athletic Director: Jeff Waltz Conference: Cascades Conference (2nd) Captains: Alexyn DuBois, Maddy Sauber, Delainey Cottrell, Trinity Jones Athletic Trainer: Kevin Fleming Manager: Leah Denney

Regional Score: 735.00

Name Yr. Alexyn DuBois Jr. Maddy Sauber Jr. **Delainey Cottrell** Jr. Lexy VanGelder Jr. Reyna Collins Jr. **Trinity Jones** Jr. Daisy Bowman So. Sydney Waffle So. Aley Ketcham So. Jara Ruiz Bravo So. Brynlee Swihart Fr. Kiyah Newell Fr. Maya Mason Fr. Vivian Foote Fr. Elaine Roedema Fr.

HUDSON

TIGERS

HEAD COACH: KELLY BAILEY (28TH YEAR)



School Colors: Orange & Black Superintendent: Dr. Michael Osborne

Principal: Michael Beard Athletic Director: Jeremy Beal

Conference: Lenawee County Athletic Association

(1st)

Assistant Coaches: Lyndsi Hall, Jacque Marry **Athletic Trainer:** Lorie Robinette

Regional Score: 766.28

Yr. Name Rylie Bloomer Sr. Paige Clark Sr. Callia Cooper Sr. Victoria Hawkins Sr. Eliza Pack Sr. Kayden Rogers Sr. Jayla Bright Jr. Kristtany Higgins Jr. Courtney Rodifer Jr. **Brooke Clark** So. Alexa Gilbert So. Darcie Marry So. Naika Rath So. **Emerson Sholl** So. Paige Butts Fr. Scarlett James Fr. **Emmalin Rodifer** Fr. **Bailey Shaffer** Fr. **Trinity Smalt** Fr. **Brooke Worrell** Fr.

LAWTON

BLUE DEVILS

HEAD COACH: HOLLY JAMES (11TH YEAR)



Name Yr. Kiera Banks Sr. Naomi Barkalow Sr. Jenna Flory Sr. Ava Ritchie Sr. Chloe Sirrine Jr. Layla Greenwell So. Claire Pursley So. Tessa Skinner So. Kennedy Wells So. Madelynn Yakim So. Hayli Jordan Fr. Morgan Swalec Fr. Fr. Amira Whipple

School Colors: Blue & Gold Superintendent: Ben Bandfield Principal: Jonathan Waldron Athletic Director: Chris Richter

Conference: Southwestern Athletic Conference

(1st)

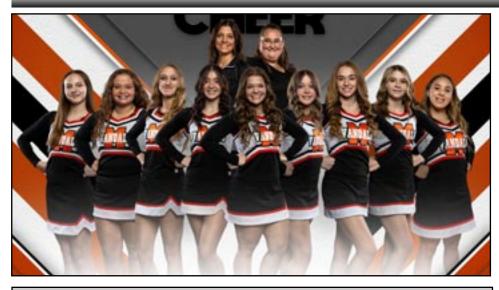
Assistant Coaches: Jenny Strand, Brenda Craig

Regional Score: 705.50

MERRILL

VANDALS

HEAD COACH: JENA GLAZIER (4TH YEAR)



Yr. Name Carli Breasbois So. Hope Fiting Sr. Veda Gagne Sr. Samatha Grubaugh Sr. Maddi Hill Fr. Shealynn McCormick Sr. Nevaeh Post Jr. **Taylor Post** Fr. Shelby Sylla Sr.

School Colors: Orange & Black Superintendent: Gwen Glazier Principal: Christian Wiley Athletic Director: Jason Buckley

Conference: Mid State Activities Conference (1st)

Assistant Coach: Tiffany Fiting

Regional Score: 729.88

MICHIGAN CENTER

CARDINALS

HEAD COACH: JESSICA TREFRY & BRIANNA CASH (23RD YEAR)



Yr. Name Joylin Acklin Sr. AnnaLynn Dahn So. Nora Fleming So. Miya Garcia So. Alyvia Keyes Fr. Emma McIntyre Jr. Kiah Nichols So. Kate Paterson Sr. Lillian Peck Fr. Breslyn Petty So. Gabi Ruhl Jr. Grayce Sarna Sr. **Grace Stephens** Sr.

School Colors: Red & Silver Superintendent: Brady Cook Principal: Zach Kanaan Athletic Director: Chad Patrick Conference: Cascades Conference (1st) Assistant Coaches: Sahara Pond, Chuck Walters Athletic Trainer: Sarah Zaszczurynski

Regional Score: 745.98

NORTH MUSKEGON

NORSEMEN

HEAD COACH: MELODY ZZIWAMBAZZA (2ND YEAR)



School Colors: Navy, Gold & White Superintendent: Curt Babcock Principal: Jennifer Schultz Athletic Director: Jeff Cooke

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Conference: West Michigan Conference – Rivers (4th)

Assistant Coaches: Alexa Wolffis, Markaya McBean

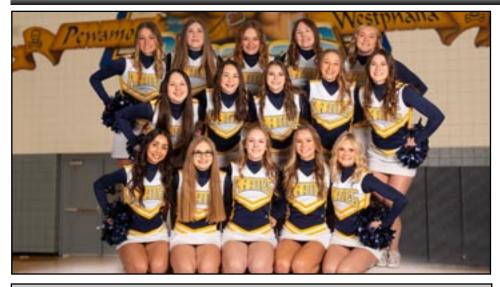
Regional Score: 697.46

Yr. Name Gabrielle Benedict So. Maya Corbin Sr. Sophia Corbin So. Ella Caradonna Jr. Katie Crawford Sr. Maizylin Hasty Jr. Layla Hurst Sr. Maura McRae Fr. Olivia Midora Sr. Keira Staley Sr. Dori Szekeres Sr. Charlotte Winter So. Miriam Wilke-Jones Sr. Naomi Zziwambazza So. Sophia Zziwambazza Sr.

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA

PIRATES

HEAD COACH: STACI MYERS (17TH YEAR)



School Colors: Blue &Gold Superintendent: Jennifer Goodman Principal: Ryan Portenga Athletic Director: Troy Forton Conference: Independent **Assistant Coach:** Olivia Nurenberg, Amber Martin, Amber Weber, Ramon Beaulieu

Regional Score: 747.14

Name Yr. Sophia Simon Sr. Miriam Downes Jr. Jayde Ferguson Jr. Addison Hengesbach Jr. Caidence Nyhus Jr. Maiya Patrick Jr. Lilliana Hopkins Jr. Taryn Schafer So. Ava Simon So. Karsyn Simmon So. Karly Bierstetel So. Leslie Bernal-Ponce So. Brianna Feldpausch So. Brynn Feldpausch Fr. Madison Huber Fr.

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MUSTANGS

HEAD COACH: VAL MACKENZIE (34TH YEAR)



School Colors: Columbia Blue & White Superintendent: Sarah Glann Principal: Scott LaFever

Athletic Director: Mtich Bohn Conference: Jack Pine Conference (1st) **Assistant Coaches:** Stacie Crawford, Dalaynie O'Hare

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Regional Score: 726.62

Name Yr. Ellie Beach Fr. Amaiah Brandt Fr. So. Makenzie Cowell Lexiy Cryderman Jr. Kailee Charrette Sr. Marlee Kelly Fr. Payton Mathe Fr. Alyza Molski Fr. Angela Nichols Jr. Danica Poston Jr. Harlee Quezada Jr. Gabrielle Streeter So. Lylian Stout Jr. Julie Teachworth Jr.





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Rochester 2023 Division 1



Gibraltar Carlson 2023 Division 2



DIVISION 1

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up
2023	Rochester (Samantha Koehler)	Rochester Adams
2022	Rochester Adams (Brooke Miller)	Rochester Hills Stoney Creek
2021	Rochester Adams (Brooke Miller)	Grandville
2020	Rochester Adams (Brooke Miller)	Plymouth
2019	Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (Tricia Williams)	Rochester Adams
2018	Sterling Heights Stevenson (Brianna Verdoodt)	Rochester Adams
2017	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Sterling Heights Stevenson
2016	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Grandville
2015	Grandville (Julie Smith-Boyd)	Rochester
2014	Southgate Anderson (Colette Norscia)	Grandville
2013	Southgate Anderson (Colette Norscia)	Hartland
2012	Southgate Anderson (Colette Norscia)	Hudsonville
2011	Grandville (Julie Smith-Boyd)	Sterling Heights Stevenson
2010	Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (Tricia Williams)	East Kentwood
2009	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Grandville
2008	Grandville (Julie Smith-Boyd)	Rochester
2007	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Grandville

CLASS A

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Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up
2006	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Grandville
2005	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Holland West Ottawa
2004	Grandville (Julie Smith-Boyd)	East Kentwood
2003	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Grandville
2002	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Grandville
2001	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Holland West Ottawa
2000	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Grandville
1999	Rochester (Susan Wood)	Brighton
1998	Grandville (Julie Smith-Boyd)	Rochester
1997	Grandville (Julie Smith-Boyd)	Rochester
1996	Rochester (Susan McVeigh)	Rochester Adams
1995	Rochester (Susan McVeigh)	Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
1994	Rochester (Susan McVeigh)	Grandville

DIVISION 2

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up
2023	Gibraltar Carlson (Alyssa Tocco)	Allen Park
2022	Allen Park (Julie Goodwin)	Gibraltar Carlson
2021	Allen Park (Julie Goodwin)	DeWitt
2020	Allen Park (Julie Goodwin)	Gibraltar Carlson
2019	Gibraltar Carlson (Ann Hajec)	Allen Park
2018	Gibraltar Carlson (Aryn Ziesmer)	Allen Park
2017	Allen Park (Julie Goodwin)	Gibraltar Carlson
2016	Gibraltar Carlson (Ayrn Ziesmer)	Allen Park
2015	Gibraltar Carlson (Ayrn Ziesmer)	DeWitt
2014	Gibraltar Carlson (Danielle Jokela)	Dearborn Divine Child
2013	Gibraltar Carlson (Danielle Jokela)	Dearborn Divine Child
2012	Gibraltar Carlson (Christina Wilson)	Dearborn Divine Child
2011	Gibraltar Carlson (Christina Wilson)	Dearborn Divine Child
2010	Allen Park (Julie Goodwin)	Gibraltar Carlson
2009	Gibraltar Carlson (Christina Wilson)	Mt. Pleasant
2008	Gibraltar Carlson (Christina Wilson)	Allen Park
2007	Holland Christian (Elisabeth Cunningham)	DeWitt

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up
2006	Remus Chippewa Hills(Jennifer Ruddell)	Chesaning
2005	Ovid-Elsie (Soni Latz)	Holland Christian
2004	Ovid-Elsie (Soni Latz)	Allegan
2003	Chesaning (Lisa Maike)	Carleton Airport
2002	Grosse Ile (Liz Kazik)	Chesaning
2001	Chesaning (Lisa Maike)	Plainwell
2000	Plainwell (Stacy Smith)	Madison Heights Bishop Foley
1999	Grand Rapids Catholic Central (Jim Ross)	Madison Heights Bishop Foley
1998	Chesaning (Lisa Maike)	Gibraltar Carlson
1997	Chesaning (Lisa Maike)	Gibraltar Carlson
1996	Madison Heights Bishop Foley	Gibraltar Carlson
	(Jill Lutz & Rhonda Norgrove)	
1995	Gibraltar Carlson (Pat Christiansen)	Fowlerville
1994	Gaylord (Gloria Packer-Berger)	Fowlerville

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Croswell-Lexington 2023 Division 3



Hudson 2023 Division 4



DIVISION 3

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Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up
2023	Croswell-Lexington (Katie Tomlinson)	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
2022	Richmond (Kelli Matthes)	Paw Paw
2021	Richmond (Kelli Matthes)	Paw Paw
2020	Richmond (Kelli Matthes)	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
2019	Richmond (Kelli Matthes)	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
2018	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (Beth Campbell)	Richmond
2017	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (Beth Campbell)	Richmond
2016	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (Beth Campbell)	Richmond
2015	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (Beth Campbell)	Richmond
2014	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (Beth Campbell)	Comstock Park
2013	Richmond (Kelli Matthes)	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
2012	Richmond (Kelli Matthes)	Comstock Park
2011	Comstock Park (Kathy Felty)	Richmond
2010	Grosse Ile (Liz Kazik)	Comstock Park
2009	Comstock Park (Kathy Felty)	Grosse lle
2008	Remus Chippewa Hills (Jennifer Ruddell)	Comstock Park
2007	Chesaning (Lisa Maike)	Remus Chippewa Hills

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2006	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)
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2004	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)
2003	Pewamo-Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)
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1999	Pewamo-Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)
1998	Flat Rock (Jann Stahr)

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St. Joseph Lake Michigan
Catholic

DIVISION 4

CLASS D

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up
2023	Hudson (Kelly Bailey)	Michigan Center
2022	Hudson (Kelly Bailey)	Adrian Madison
2021	Hudson (Kelly Bailey)	Pewamo-Westphalia
2020	Hudson (Kelly Bailey)	Pewamo-Westphalia
2019	Pewamo-Westphalia (Staci Myers)	Hudson
2018	Hudson (Kelly Bailey)	Sanford Meridian
2017	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Hudson
2016	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Michigan Center
2015	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Pewamo Westphalia
2014	Michigan Center (Jessica Trefry)	Merrill
2013	MIchigan Center (Jessica Trefry)	Pewamo-Westphalia
2012	MIchigan Center (Jessica Trefry)	Pewamo-Westphalia
2011	Michigan Center (Jessica Trefry)	Pewamo-Westphalia
2010	Pewamo-Westphalia (Staci Myers)	Hudson
2009	Michigan Center (Jessica Trefry)	Hudson
2008	Pewamo-Westphalia (Staci Myers)	Hudson
2007	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Pewamo-Westphalia

Runner-Up

St. Joseph Lake Michigan

CLASS C-D

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up
2006	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Hudson	1997	North Muskegon (Debbie Karaba)	St. Joseph Lake M
2005	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Pewamo-Westphalia			Catholic
2004	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Pewamo-Westphalia	1996	St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic (Randy Orr)	Webberville
2003	Pewamo-Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)	Breckenridge	1995	St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic (Randy Orr)	North Muskegon
2002	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Pewamo-Westphalia	1994	Webberville (Jennifer Dziatczak)	North Muskegon
2001	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Pewamo-Westphalia			
2000	Breckenridge (Deb Gaines)	Pewamo-Westphalia			
1999	Pewamo-Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)	Flat Rock			
1998	Flat Rock (Jann Stahr)	St. Joseph Lake Michigan			

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CLASS C			
Year	Champion (Coach)		
1997	Pewamo-Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)		
1996	Pewamo-Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)		
1995	Pewamo-Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)		
1994	Pewamo-Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)		

Runner-Up

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FINALS NOTES

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.

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 this year's Girls Competitive Cheer Finals are: Karla Koviak, Paw Paw; Mary Kay Gavitt, Grand Ledge; Michelle Turpin, Shepherd; Cheri VanConant, Rochester; KC Gimmey, St Johns; April Davenport, Mattawan; Amy Gardner, Houghton Lake; Terri Richards, Comstock Park; Cindy Tyzo, West Bloomfield; Jane Plaisted, Grand Rapids; Noelle Cole, Metamora; Ryan Collins, Romeo; Monte' Keen, Swartz Creek; Stephanie Unger, Royal Oak; Candy Cox, Quincy; Tara Jones, Kentwood; Barbara Gemellaro, Rochester; Jann Stahr, Flat Rock; Pamela Ingles, Greenville; Mary Post, Walker; Jaime Loch, Rochester; Paula Carroll-McAllister, Fenton; Kelli Polinskey, Grandville; Melanie Briggs, Flint; Juli Brown, Fenton; Amanda Hartledge, Clarkston; April Hooker, Battle Creek; Diana Dildine, Grand Rapids; Melissa Harrison-Hodges, Bridgman; Amy Braun, South Lyon; Jennifer Allen, Harrison Township; Dee Hammond, Lansing.

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 10,000 game officials 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 extracurricular 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 events.

The behind the scenes work of these individuals and their staff make the tournament competition a memorable experience for the participants.

The MHSAA would like to thank the tournament managers for the 2024 Girls Competitive Cheer Finals — Cole Andrews, Kassy Clark, Kevin O'Rourke, Danielle Stulp and Vic Villarreal from Rockford High School.

Coordinating the Finals from the MHSAA office is Senior Assistant Director **Kathy Vruggink Westdorp**. Assisting with operations are **Laura Roberts**, **Jon Ross** and **Paige Winne** of the MHSAA Staff.

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