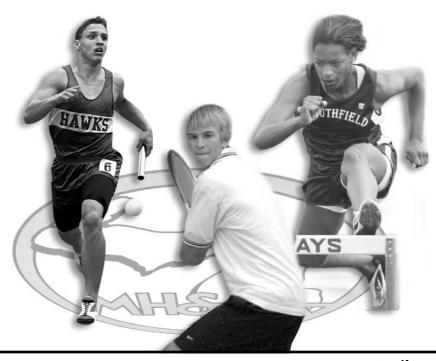


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Not all the facts presented to the Executive Committee and Representative Council as part of requests to waive eligibility regulations are included in the reports of those meetings, either because of the volume of material reviewed or the confidentiality requested by schools for their students, parents or faculty.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 20, 2003

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan Keith Eldred, Williamston Tom Rashid, Detroit Dan Flynn, Escanaba Jim Derocher, Negaunee

Staff Members Present:

Jack Roberts (Recorder)

Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility - The Executive Committee was reminded of its authority under Article VII of the MHSAA Constitution and specifically its responsibility to consider each application for waiver of an eligibility requirement on its individual merits, determining if the regulation serves the purpose for which it was intended in each case or if the regulation works an undue hardship on any student who is the subject of a request for waiver. (These underlying criteria may not be restated for every subject of these minutes.)

The Executive Committee was reminded that it was the responsibility of each member school involved to provide sufficient factual information about the specific request for the Executive Committee to reach a decision without further investigation. If information is incomplete, contradictory or otherwise unclear or has been received too late to be studied completely, the Executive Committee may deny the request for waiver or delay action. Such requests may be resubmitted to the Executive Committee with additional information at a subsequent meeting or appealed to the full Representative Council.

It is possible that some of the information presented as facts to the Executive Committee by school personnel and others may be inaccurate. However, to avoid constant repetition in these minutes of phrases such as "it was alleged" or "it was reported," no attempt is made in the introduction of each waiver request to distinguish between truth,

allegation, hearsay, opinion, summary or conclusion.

A determination of undue hardship is a matter addressed to the discretion of the Executive Committee within the educational philosophy and secondary role of voluntary extracurricular competitive athletics in the academic environment. The Executive Committee was cautioned to avoid making exceptions that would create precedent that effectively changes a rule without Representative Council action or local board of education adoption, which would exceed Executive Committee authority.

Students for whom waiver of a particular regulation is granted must be eligible in all respects under all other sections and interpretations of the regulations prior to their participation. Adoption of these regulations is a choice schools make locally when they consider their option of MHSAA membership. Consistent with rulings of the Attorney General and Michigan Supreme Court. schools are not bound by the decisions of the Executive Committee, but the association may limit participation in the postseason tournaments it sponsors to those schools which choose to apply rules and penalties as promulgated by the MHSAA and adopted by each member school's board of education. The MHSAA exercises no independent authority over schools or students during regular season.

Harbor Beach and Port Hope High Schools (Regulation I, Section 1[E]) - Pending approval by the Greater Thumb League, the Executive Committee tabled the application for a cooperative program in football between these schools. Harbor Beach sponsored the sport previously and will be the primary school. The combined enrollment for the 2002-03 school year is 392 students.

Livonia-Stevenson High School (**Regulation I, Sections 1 & 9**) - Request was made to waive applicable regulations on

behalf of a student who will be a 12th-grader in 2003-04. After one semester at Stevenson, the student was educated in the Redford Union Oral Program for the Hearing Impaired and he played ice hockey at Redford Union High School for two years. He quit the team Dec. 14, 2002. The student has completed the program and will reenroll at Stevenson next fall.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Hudson High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request was made to waive the maximum semesters sections of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a student who was enrolled for the start of 9th grade last fall but was unable to attend school because of allergic reactions. Homebound services commenced Oct. 2. The student was withdrawn Nov. 14. No grades or credits have been given to the student, who hopes to be enrolled as a first-time 9th-grader in the fall of 2003.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver, provided the student is eligible under the age section of the regulation.

Midland-Bullock Creek High School (Regulation I, Sections 4 & 5) - Request was made to waive the maximum semesters sections of the eligibility regulation on behalf of a student who attended Bullock Creek Schools through 4th grade. He then was enrolled in the 6th grade at Shield of Faith Christian Academy where he attended through the 9th grade in 1999-00. He was enrolled as a 9th-grader at Midland Public School Academy in the fall of 2000. He was enrolled as a 10th-grader at Bullock Creek in the fall of 2001. The 2003-04 school year would be the 9th and 10th semesters since the student first enrolled in 9th grade. Principal Charles Schwedler met with the committee.

The Executive Committee found that the academic records for the student show grades earned in six semesters at the 9th grade or higher prior to the 2002-03 school year and that the request for waiver must be denied.

Ravenna High School (Regulation I, Section 7) - Request to waive the previous semester record regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who because of illnesses was unable to meet the minimum attendance requirement to earn credit by the end of the semester. The student made up some work but still failed to meet the mini-

mum of passing grades in four courses.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver, noting that the student was given a generous amount of time to make up work and if more time were appropriate, the school could have provided it.

Athens High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a foreign exchange student from Brazil who was first placed by a CSIET-listed exchange program in a New York high school. Because the host family was involved with substance abuse, the student was placed with a host family in the Colon School District, but the student was enrolled at Athens High School because her host mother is an employee at Athens.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Athens High School.

Bangor High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of an 11th-grade student who has attended Bangor Schools for several years but began the second semester of this school year at Bloomingdale High School. She returned to Bangor after five days at Bloomingdale.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver.

Clinton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level for a 9th-grade student who enrolled March 6, 2003. She previously attended school in Indiana where she did not participate in any interscholastic athletics. She has moved to live with an aunt and uncle because her parents have been incarcerated.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Dearborn Heights-Annapolis High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 9th-grade student who previously attended Dearborn-Divine Child where he played football.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Grand Rapids Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 9th-grade boy and his 10th-grade sister, both of whom played on sports teams of their previous school, Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist, from which they are transferring over disagreements with that school regarding its actions affecting another student.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hesperia High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 17-year-old student who began the 2002-03 school year at Hesperia while living with his father. On Jan. 10, 2003, he relocated to his mother's residence in Texas and enrolled in school there. On Feb. 24, 2003, he reenrolled at Hesperia High School but he has not returned to live with his father.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Houghton High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days since reenrollment at Houghton High School on behalf of a 12th-grade student who attended Houghton Sept. 27 to Oct. 15, 2002 while he was living with his parents in Dollar Bay. He moved by himself to Utah to play hockey and attend the North Ridge Learning Center. He returned to live with his parents in Dollar Bay and reenrolled Dec. 16, 2002 at Houghton High School.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - Request to waive the transfer regulation was made on behalf of a 10th-grade student who enrolled March 3, 2003 after transferring from Zeeland where she had been enrolled since 9th grade after being home-schooled through 8th grade. She engaged in self-destructive behavior during 10th grade.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Manistee Catholic Central High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Manistee Catholic Central on behalf

of a 10th-grade student who previously attended Freesoil High School and enrolled at Manistee Catholic Central on March 10, 2003.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver effective with the student's 91st school day of enrollment at Manistee Catholic Central.

Pellston High School (Regulation I, Section 9[B]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility only at the subvarsity level on behalf of a 9th-grade student who moved from Ohio where she lived with both parents to Pellston where she lives with her mother who has become principal at Pellston High School. The student's father will complete the move in June when his employment with a school in Ohio is finished. The student did play high school sports in Ohio. She enrolled March 4 at Pellston.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver at the subvarsity level only until the start of the second semester of the 2003-04 school year.

Tawas Area High School (Regulation I, Section 9[D]) - Request was made to waive the transfer regulation to permit eligibility after 90 school days of enrollment at Tawas Area High school on behalf of an 11th-grade student who enrolled there Nov. 20, 2002. She previously attended Millington High School. She has moved from the residence of her mother to the residence of grandparents.

The Executive Committee denied the request for waiver.

Wyoming-Tri-unity Christian High School (Regulation I, Section 9) - In August of 2002, an 11th-grade student was asked not to return to Hudsonville-Freedom Baptist High School. She was home schooled for the first semester of the 2002-03 school year; and when she sought to return to Freedom Baptist, she was denied. She enrolled at Tri-unity Christian as a second-semester 11th-grader.

The Executive Committee tabled the request for waiver pending receipt of additional information which staff is to request.

Mackinac Island Public School (Regulation III, Section 1) - Request was made to waive the enrollment regulation and specifically Interpretation No. 225 to allow 6th-grade girls to participate in the 7th- and 8th-grade girls volleyball program this spring.

The Executive Committee granted the request for waiver for the 2002-03 school year only.

Grand Rapids-North Hills Classical Academy - The school submitted an Enrollment Declaration Form in February that indicated an enrollment of 14 students in grades 9-12. This would make the school ineligible for membership. The school was asked for and did provide a projection for 2003-04 and rationale to support any projection that would meet or exceed the 15-student minimum for MHSAA membership.

The Executive Committee granted conditional membership to the school for 2003-04, provided its 2003-04 Membership Resolution is received on a timely basis and the school's actual enrollment in grades 9-12 on Sept. 2, 2003 is at least 15 students.

Linden High School - The school requested reversal of the Executive Committee decision Jan. 22, 2003 to waive the transfer regulation for two students enrolled at Swartz Creek and/or a finding by the MHSAA that these were athletically-motivated transfers subject to two semesters of ineligibility and/or a finding by the MHSAA that undue influence occurred subjecting both the students and coaches involved to suspensions.

The Executive Committee reaffirmed its decision of Jan. 22, 2003.

With respect to the allegation that the students' transfers were primarily for athletic reasons subject to *Handbook* Regulation I, Section 9(E), the Executive Committee noted that the school district had released the students to the other district; and the Executive Committee confirmed its policy that staff should not engage in an investigation into athletic-motivated transfers when the school from which the students have transferred has not exercised its authority to not approve the transfer.

With respect to the allegation that the students were subject to undue influence by personnel at Swartz Creek High School, the Executive Committee confirmed the staff's finding to date that there is insufficient evidence to support a violation of *Handbook* Regulation I, Section 10.

Oakland Activities Association (Regulation II, Section 8) - The OAA requested approval to modify National Federation baseball rules to permit 3-ball, 2-strike contests among league members at the subvarsity level in 2003 and at the varsity level in 2004.

Pursuant to *Handbook* Interpretation No. 174, the Executive Committee approved 3-ball, 2-strike contests at the OAA subvarsity level in 2003 only. MHSAA staff will continue to urge more flexibility on the part of the National Federation for subvarsity and regular-season varsity events in all sports.

Basketball Tournament District No. 12 Format - The Executive Committee discussed current policies, developed by mutual consent of the teams involved, for determining host sites and byes.

The Executive Committee developed a proposal to clarify the District No. 12 format, which is to be presented to the schools involved.

Representative Council - The Executive Committee reviewed the schedule and agenda for the March 21 meeting.

Next Meetings - The next meetings of the Executive Committee are scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in East Lansing (Finance Committee to follow); Saturday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in Gaylord (Representative Council Sunday-Tuesday); and Wednesday, June 18, at 1 p.m. in East Lansing.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

East Lansing, March 21, 2003

Members Present:

Paul Ellinger, Cheboygan Keith Eldred, Williamston Tom Rashid, Detroit Dan Flynn, Escanaba Melvin Atkins, Grand Rapids Jim Derocher, Negaunee Ken Dietz, Hartford Eric Federico, Gibraltar Margra Grillo, Gladwin Scott Grimes, Grand Haven Karen Leinaar, Benzonia Kathy McGee, Flint Eunice Moore, Detroit William Newkirk, Meridian Fred Procter, Beverly Hills Pete Ryan, Saginaw Randy Salisbury, Britton Michael Shibler, Rockford

Donald Weatherspoon, Lansing

President Paul Ellinger began the meeting by welcoming Fred Procter to his first meeting as a Representative Council member, and the President also welcomed the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee, whose members are invited to attend this meeting on an annual basis.

Accounts of Meetings - Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Randy Salisbury, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council Meeting of Dec. 6, 2002; the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings of Dec. 6, 2002 and Jan. 22 and Feb. 19, 2003; and the minutes of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee Meeting of Jan. 17, 2003. Adopted.

REPORTS

Administration - The executive director recognized that Council member Tom Rashid had just received the Athletic Director of the Year Award from the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and that Council member Dan Flynn will be inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association at ceremonies March

Also Present:

Don Edens, Kingsford Dee Jay Paquette, Munising Paul Polfus, Carney Joe Reddinger, Felch Ed Sikorski, Ann Arbor Mike Hawks, Lansing Brett Henderson, Lansing

Staff Members Present:

Randy Allen
Bill Bupp
Nate Hampton
John Johnson
Gina Mazzolini
Tom Minter
Karen Yonkers
Jack Roberts (Recorder)

The executive director shared information regarding the progress to notify schools of classifications and divisions for MHSAA tournaments in 2003-04, and he reported the efforts of Communications Director John Johnson to address and assist schools in addressing the increased interest in participation fees for extracurricular athletics and activities.

Legislation - Mike Hawks and Brett Henderson of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. reported on activity of the Michigan Legislature which might directly or indirectly affect interscholastic athletics.

Litigation - Attorney Edmund Sikorski provided the Representative Council with an oral report regarding the status of litigation in which the MHSAA has been involved. This included a positive report regarding a decision of the Michigan Court of Appeals that the MHSAA is not subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act and the usefulness of law of this decision for future litigation. The briefing schedule for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in the sports seasons litigation was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

Cooperative Programs - In May of 2002, the Representative Council capped the enrollment of cooperative programs at 3,500 students (except for three years for cooperative programs in sports not previously sponsored by the schools involved), and it requested a study of the options for eliminating, phasing out or otherwise processing existing cooperative programs which have enrollments in excess of 3,500 students. Subsequently, MHSAA staff invited input from all of the schools involved in cooperative programs whose combined enrollment would exceed the 3,500-student cap. At the invitation of the MHSAA, on Sept. 19, representatives of all of these cooperative programs convened in the MHSAA office to discuss the 3,500-student limit and how it might be applied in the future and applied to those programs that currently exceed the 3,500-student cap. At its Dec. 6, 2002 meeting, there was no sentiment expressed by Council members that the 3,500-student cap should be rescinded. There were some suggestions for evaluative criteria for the grandfathering or phasing out of those programs that exceed the 3.500-student cap.

In January, all programs involved were notified that the Representative Council intended to make its decision at its March meeting and that those schools should provide any more input that they might have well in advance of the Council's March meeting. The Representative Council reviewed all of the input that was received, some committee minutes and a recommendation from staff.

Motion by Eunice Moore, supported by Eric Federico, to approve the staff recommendation. Motion by Tom Rashid, supported by Karen Leinaar, to amend the staff recommendation to include the following statement: "The Executive Committee will require that the school district demonstrate what efforts it made to increase participation and to establish an additional team or teams." Adopted. Then the original motion, as amended, was adopted. The complete procedure is as follows:

 Approve no new cooperative programs with combined enrollment in excess of 3,500 students, except as allowed under Regulation I, Section 1(F).

- Allow cooperative programs with combined enrollment in excess of 3,500 students which existed prior to Aug. 1, 2002 to continue through the 2005-06 school year, subject to current policies and procedures for renewing cooperative programs involving Class A and B schools at their regular two-year renewal.
- Require cooperative programs with combined enrollment in excess of 3,500 students which existed prior to Aug. 1, 2002 and which wish to operate beyond the 2005-06 school year to request and receive waiver from the MHSAA Executive Committee by April 15, 2006.
- 4. The following criteria will be included in the Executive Committee's consideration of the waiver request:
 - The availability of facilities for a second team.
 - The availability of coaches for a second team.
 - The availability of students for a second team.
 - In this respect, the Executive Committee will require . . .
 - (1) Team rosters for the past four school years.
 - (2) Names and grades of students "cut."
 - (3) Evidence of efforts made to recruit participants.
 - (4) Information regarding out-ofseason and summer programs.
 - d. The record of the team over the past four school years with respect to . . .
 - (1) Win-Loss percentage.
 - (2) League and conference finishes
 - (3) MHSAA District, Regional and Final Tournament results.
 - e. Endorsements . . .
 - (1) League or conference in which the program participates.
 - (2) Non-conference opponents.

The Executive Committee will require that the school district demonstrate what efforts it made to increase participation and to establish an additional team or teams.

Prior to making a final determination on any request, the Executive Committee may direct staff to obtain additional information from MHSAA registered officials, coaches and representatives of member schools and media.

Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Margra Grillo, to subject any cooperative program with three or more high schools to the same review currently required for cooperative programs involving Class A and/or B high schools, effective immediately. Adopted.

Bowling - The Representative Council reviewed results of the Bowling Commitments Survey, as well as the very positive correspondence received and publicity generated over the Council's decision in December to sponsor MHSAA Girls and Boys Bowling Tournaments during the 2003-04 school year.

Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Karen Leinaar, to approve the Bowling Committee recommendations for season dates and limits of competition. Adopted. The policies are as follows:

Season Dates

- First practice date shall be the Thursday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 20 in 2003).
- First contest date shall be Monday the week of Dec. 1 (Dec. 1 in 2003).
- Regional Tournament dates will be Feb. 27-28, 2004 and corresponding dates thereafter.
- Final Tournament dates will be March 5-6, 2004 and corresponding dates thereafter.

Limitations of Competition

- a. Teams and individuals will be limited to 20 days of competition during the season.
- b. Teams and individuals may participate in a maximum of 3 meets Monday through Sunday, but only 2 of the 3 meets may occur on a day or night before a school day; and teams and individuals shall be limited to 5 meets in any 14-day period Monday through Sunday and observe the season maximum of 20 days of competition.
- c. A student may participate in no more than 18 games per day and no more than 8 games on a day which precedes a day of school. (Five "Baker" format games

will be the equivalent of 1 game for purposes of this rule.)

Additional Tournaments - Results of the most recent Future Tournament Commitments Survey were reviewed by the Council. No recommendations were made by staff except that investigations continue and that the Council focus on the possibility of making a decision at its May 2003 meeting for the 2004-05 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

Baseball/Softball - Motion by Scott Grimes, supported by Kathy McGee, to approve the Baseball/Softball Committee recommendation to allow a limited number of schools to experiment with the designated player rule in select regular season games, with prior approval by the MHSAA office and advance notification to the schools and officials involved, in order to provide input to the National Federation as the designated player rule is considered for national adoption in 2004. Adopted.

Soccer Officials Uniform - Motion by Margra Grillo, supported by Randy Salisbury, to accept the unanimous recommendation of the Officials Review Committee and Soccer Committee for immediate implementation that the gold shirt with black pinstripes be the primary MHSAA soccer officials shirt, that the black with white pinstripes and red with black pinstriped shirts be allowed alternates, and that the black or fuchsia shirt may continue to be used; however, all officials in a contest must wear the same uniform and it must contrast with both teams and goalkeepers. Adopted.

Vern L. Norris Award - The Representative Council was presented with the six finalists for the Vern L. Norris Award who had been screened by the MHSAA Awards Committee from all nominees. The Council selected the recipient of the award, which will be presented at the Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet on May 10, 2003

Women in Sports Leadership Conference - Motion by William Newkirk, supported by Keith Eldred, to approve the Executive Committee recommendation that the MHSAA Women in Sports Leadership Conference be conducted in alternating school years with the Statewide Sportsmanship Summit and, as with the

Sportsmanship Summit, mini-grants be provided to support local efforts in girls/women in sports leadership in parts of the state which find it difficult to attend the statewide meeting in the Lansing area. Adopted.

Meetings - The Representative Council approved expenses for the March Council Meeting and the schedule for the May Council Meeting, May 3-6, 2003.

The Council approved expenses for the National Federation Meeting June 27 - July 2 in Chicago at the convention hotel room rate for up to six days, the specified meeting registration fee set by the National Federation, the IRS limit on per diem for up to six days, and a transportation limit not to exceed 30¢ per mile round-trip plus six nights' parking.

The Council also discussed what might be done at the Chicago meeting to counter the movement toward national competition.

Finance Committee Report - Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Jim Derocher, to approve the change from \$600 to \$300 as the minimum reimbursement for MHSAA Tennis Tournament hosts. Adopted.

Motion by Michael Shibler, supported by Eunice Moore, to approve the Finance Committee recommendations for the executive director's compensation for 2003-04 and for the overall salary adjustments for other executive staff and support staff for 2003-04 as determined by the executive director. Adopted.

LOOKING AHEAD

2003-04 Fall and Winter Quick Calendar

(full calendar on MHSAA Web site)

	FIRST	FIRST	DAYS	ENTRY	DUE		MHSAA TO	URNAMEN	T DATES	
SPORT	PRACTICE DATE	CONTEST DATE	OR CONTESTS	DUE DATE	DATE OF RATINGS	DISTRICTS	REGIONALS	QUARTER FINALS	SEMI FINALS	FINALS
				F	ALL					
Basketball - Girls	Aug 11	Aug 25	20C	Oct 15	Dec 5	Nov 17-22	Nov 24-26	Dec 2	Dec 4-5	Dec 6
Cross Country - LP	Aug 11	Aug 11	15D	Oct 15			Oct 25			Nov 1
Cross Country - UP	Aug 11	Aug 11	15D	Oct 10						Oct 18
Football	Aug 11	Aug 28	9C	N/A	Dec 5	Oct 31 or Nov 1 & Nov 7 or 8	Nov 14 or 15		Nov 22	Nov 28-29
Golf - LP Boys	Aug 7	Aug 11	16D	Sep 26			Oct 9 or 10 or 11			Oct 17-18
Soccer - Boys	Aug 11	Aug 22	18C	Oct 3	Dec 5	Oct 20-25	Oct 28-Nov 1		Nov 5	Nov 8
Swimming - LP Girls	Aug 11	Aug 23	16C	Nov 18			Dive: Nov 18			Nov 21-2
Tennis - LP Girls	Aug 11	Aug 11	16C	Oct 3	71		Oct 9 or 10			Oct 17-18
Tennis - UP Girls	Aug 11	Aug 11	16C	Sep 26						Oct 3
				WI	NTE	R				
Basketball - Boys	Nov 17	Dec 8	20C	Feb 11	Mar 26	Mar 8-13	Mar 16-20	Mar 23	Mar 25-26	Mar 27
Bowling	Nov. 20	Dec. 1	20D	Feb 11			Feb 27-28			Mar 5-6
Competitive Cheer	Nov 10	Nov 24	12D	Feb 13			Feb 28			Mar 6
Gymnastics - LP	Oct 27	Nov 15	15D	Feb 27			Mar 6			Mar 12-13
Gymnastics - UP	Oct 27	Nov 15	15D	Feb 27						Mar 6
Ice Hockey	Oct 27	Nov 17	24C	Feb 11	Mar 26		Mar 1-6	Mar 9-10	Mar 11-12	Mar 13
Skiing - Boys & Girls	Nov 17	Dec 13	15C	Feb 5			Feb 12 or 13			Feb 23
Swimming - LP Boys	Nov 24	Dec 6	16C	Mar 9			Dive: Mar 9			Mar 12-13
Swimming - UP Boys & Girls	Nov 10	Nov 22	16C	Feb 17						Feb 21
Volleyball	Nov 20	Dec 13	18D	Feb 18	Mar 26	Mar 5 or 6	Mar 12 or 13	Mar 16	Mar 18-19	Mar 20
Wrestling - LP Indiv	Nov 17	Dec 4	16D	Feb 11	Mar 26	Feb 21	Feb 28	ALF	НА	Mar 11-13
Wrestling - UP Indiv	Nov 17	Dec 4	16D	Feb 11	Mar 26			WEIG	H-IN	Feb 20-2
Wrestling - Team	Nov 17	Dec 4	16D	Feb 11	Mar 26	Feb 18 or 19	Feb 25	10/27/03	- 1/26/04	Mar 5-6

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Following is the closing message of Executive Director John E. Roberts at the 2003 Mid-Winter Conference of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

The headlines atop the front page of the *Detroit News and Free Press* on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, read: "Wanted: A Leader who will Say 'Enough is Enough'." The topic was children, and specifically lead poisoning in our children; but nevertheless, that headline began to inspire my closing message for today.

In our school districts, in our state associations, and in our national organizations, we need leaders who will say, "Enough is enough."

Enough is enough. We play often enough, early enough, late enough. We travel far enough. We commercialize enough, we promote enough, we pamper the athletes enough, we pressure the kids to specialize enough, and we permit bad conduct by coaches and spectators quite enough.

Enough is enough. Intersectional travel is too much. Nationwide telecasts of local high school games is too much. The circus that surrounded LeBron James is too much. And National Federation-endorsed national competition is way too much.

Enough **is** enough. These things have never been right for educational athletics philosophically. These things are now (again) not right for educational athletics practically.

This message is not anti-change. The list of changes that have occurred in the MHSAA over the past decade and a half is staggeringly long. We are not afraid of change. In fact, I advocate a lot more change, especially with respect to training of coaches and officials and higher standards of health and safety for our athletes.

But not all change is good. Some of our changes have been very good; some of our changes have been very bad; and most of our changes have fallen somewhere along the continuum in between. The point is, not all "progress" really is progress.

We are being bombarded by our National Federation of State High School Associations that change is inevitable. For example, that we can't enforce certain rules anymore, that we can't avoid specialization anymore, that we can't ignore national competition anymore. The recitation is so frequent that this prophecy could be fulfilled, and the rebuttal is so ridiculed by our national leadership that many of my colleagues across the country are buying into it. Our National Federation exalts those who embrace its changes, and condescends to those who carefully measure it or dare to criticize it.

The book, <u>Built to Last</u>, subtitled "Successful Habits of Visionary Companies," lists 12 shattered myths in a chapter entitled "The Best of the Best" in which the authors attempt to identify what makes the best companies the best. One of the myths that they identify, Myth No. 5, is this: "The only constant is change." That's a myth, say the authors, who also say this:

"A visionary company almost religiously preserves its core ideology – changing it seldom, if ever. Core values in a visionary company form a rock-solid foundation and do not drift with the trends and fashions of the day; in some cases, the core values have remained intact for well over 100 years. And the basic purpose of a visionary company – its reason for being – can serve as a guiding beacon for centuries, like an enduring star on the horizon."

This is **us**, educational athletics, a visionary enterprise where core values form a rocksolid foundation and do not drift with the trends and fashions of the day.

And in Michigan, **this** is us: A guiding beacon, and enduring star on the horizon of school sports.

I urge you all to stand up, speak out and write. To those who think rules are made to be broken or rules are made to be changed ... stand up, speak out and write.

To those who think that spectators may behave any way they please ... stand up, speak out and write.

To those who think that students should

play year-round, that coaches must coach year-round, and that teams must travel the nation or world-round . . . stand up, speak out and write.

To those who think the National Federation does anything but make matters worse with national high school championships in cheerleading now or anything else later . . . stand up, speak out and write.

There is no secret formula for success in this struggle. No formula except consistency of message and the courage to deliver it. No formula except cooperation with and encouragement from the people in this room. This is the winning team. What we are doing in Michigan is a guiding beacon, an enduring star on the horizon of school sports.

The leaders we need are people who do not embrace all change and do not condescend to those who oppose change, but critically consider if change violates our core values, and who have the vision to see which do, and the courage to say so. Real leaders will look trends and fashions in the eye and say, "Enough is enough."

We need to spend 10 times or 20 times or 50 times more time and energy on the preservation of core values as we do on the consideration of change in our programs. Only that kind of time and attention and focus will assure that educational athletics remains a tool for schools to reach and motivate students. Only that kind of time and attention and focus will assure a niche for sports in schools, and a place for school sports in society.

There is not a non-school volleyball program anywhere in America that has the atmosphere and excitement and spirit of what I saw yesterday at the MHSAA Finals in Kalamazoo. We need not fear non-school programs if we emphasize what is special about school sports.

We do not have to be like every other program. We do not have to be like the AAU to keep up with the AAU; we don't have to be like youth soccer to keep up with youth soccer; we don't have to be like youth hockey to keep up with youth hockey. We do not need to commercialize, professionalize or nationalize school sports. In fact, if we do these things, we will lose our place.

Ironically, the National Federation in its quest for a national presence, is losing its place altogether. It has abandoned the traditional values of school sports. When it regains its identity as the champion of local educational athletics, it will have faith again that we can retain certain rules, we can refute specialization, and we can refuse national competition.

Forgive me this Bible analogy, but it is a Sunday, and it's Lent, so seldom would it be more permissible than today. When the apostle Paul learned that the Christian church at Galatia was wandering from its roots and basic tenets, Paul wrote them a letter. He admonished them to regain their identity and said only then would they restore their faith. If our national organization regains its identity it will regain its faith in sports' core values.

Recently I was asked what it is I do at the MHSAA. I responded with a few details of my job description, for example litigation, legislation, finance, staff supervision, eligibility rules and tournaments. But I don't see those details as my principal function anymore.

I think my most important role in these days may be to increase your faith in school sports, and to confirm your hope for school sports.

Paul's subject in his letter to the Galatians is not our subject today – his was a much more important subject – but Paul's words seem to apply. Listen: "You were running a good race . . . Who cut in on you? . . . Do not be deceived . . . Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Remembering who we are and what we do in school sports will increase our faith and restore our hope in school sports, and we will reap the harvest for our young people and America if we do not give up.

In the lives of students and in the life of school sports in America, we are the guiding beacon, we are the enduring star on the horizon.

My colleagues in Michigan and our guests from our neighboring states, go back to your schools and communities and organizations and tell the coaches and administrators and board members what it is we do and what it is we stand for.

Do not be deceived. Do not be deceived by non-school organizations or our own national organizations. Do not be deceived. And do not tire of doing good work.

AWARDS PROGRAMS, CLINICS ADD TO MHSAA WINTER TOURNAMENT FESTIVITIES

In addition to 14 championship tournaments – boys and girls, Upper and Lower Peninsula - during Febraury and March, the winter is also a busy time for MHSAA Awards Programs and Clinics. The 14th class of Scholar-Athlete Award winners was recognized during the Boys Basketball Tournament, as was this year's Forsythe Award winner. During the Volleyball Finals, the MHSAA honored its sixth "Legends of the Games" school, and encouraged youth participation through the fifth CHAMPS Clinic. The following pages offer a closer look at the programs.

Girls Volleyball CHAMPS Clinic Draws a Crowd

To enhance the atmosphere of selected tournament finals, the Michigan High School Athletic Association is in its fifth year of conducting CHAMPS youth clin-

CHAMPS (Cooperation, Hard Work, Attitude, Motivation, Participation, Sportsmanship) Clinics target local female junior high/middle school-aged students and their parents in a morning-long workshop designed to provide game skills and life skills information. This year, 60 junior high/middle school girls volleyball players and their parents took part in the clinic on March 15 in Kalamazoo.



John Johnson, Okemos



CHAMPS participants practice their serves during the clinic above. Later, they were recognized in on the court between games of the Class D Final between Battle Creek St. Philip and Adrian Lenawee Christian.

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Semelsberger Receives Forsythe Award

Ken Semelsberger of Port Huron received the MHSAA's Charles E. Forsythe Award on March 22 at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing at halftime of the Boys Basketball Class A Final. He is shown here (left in photo) with MHSAA Representative Council President Paul Ellinger.

Semelsberger serves Port Huron High School as its athletic director and assistant principal, a dual role he has enjoyed for the last 16 years. He has been the school's A.D. for 20 years, and was a teacher and coach at the school for five years before that.

The annual award is in its 26th year of existence and is named after former MHSAA Executive Director Charles E. Forsythe, the Association's first full time and longest-serving chief executive. One or two recipients are

ing contribution to the interscholastic athletics community.



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selected each year by the MHSAA Representative Council, based on an individual's outstand-

2002-03 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE RECIPIENTS HONORED

In ceremonies at halftime of the 2003 MHSAA Boys Basketball Tournament Class C Final on March 22 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, 24 students were honored as the 2002-03 recipients of the Association's Scholar-Athlete Award, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. Following the game, the group enjoyed a reception with their families, friends and MHSAA staff in recognition of their achievement.

MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts spends time with the 2003 Class of Scholar-Athlete Award winners as they share their experiences and the values gained from interscholastic athletic participation.

Below the 2003 Class is pictured.



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Front Row (L to R): Candace Knight, Otsego, girls basketball; Jason Trzcinski, Midland, boys cross country; Lauren Nicole Laethem, Caro, girls cross country; David. J. Loney, Garden City, football; Kirk Ryan Pentecost, East Lansing, boys golf; Benjamin James Anderson, Waterford Kettering, boys soccer; Erin Jolie Thompson, Trenton, girls swimming & diving. Second Row: Brian Joseph Burton, Garden City, boys basketball; Kristen Dazy, Trenton, girls competitive cheer; Amy Schmidt, Grand Ledge, girls gymnastics; Andrew Francis Eggert, Detroit Catholic Central, ice hockey; Chad Michael Wozniak, Okemos, boys skiing; Andrea Boes, Okemos, girls skiing; Matthew K. Storey, Okemos, boys swimming & diving; Allison Elizabeth Rogers, Mason, girls volleyball; Jonathan Michael Lindsey, Bronson, wrestling. Third Row: Michael Joseph Morosi, Essexville-Garber, baseball; Holly Sneller, Hamilton, girls golf; Elise Jury, Houghton Lake, girls soccer; Lucy Frye, Midland Dow, softball; Sean Jesse, Buchanan, boys tennis; Kyle Walsh, Ubly, boys track & field; Julie Elizabeth Brusie, North Branch, girls track & field. Missing: Emily Everingham, Grosse Ile, girls tennis.

BATTLE CREEK ST. PHILIP HONORED AS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL "LEGENDS"

The 10 Lower Peninsula Class D Girls Volleyball championship teams from Battle Creek St. Philip High School were honored through the Michigan High School Athletic Association's "Legends Of The Games" program at ceremonies prior to the Class A championship match of the 2003 Girls Volleyball Finals at University Arena in Kalamazoo on March 15.

In its sixth year, the Legends program promotes educational athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of past years. Members of the St. Philip teams in attendance received commemorative plaques and a banner to display at the school during the ceremony.

The story that follows is a compilation of memories from various accounts, recalling St. Philip's claim to excellence in volleyball that prior to this year's tournament has produced 1202 wins, 299 losses and 91 ties, 10 L.P. Class D championships, six runners-up finishes, and six other Semifinal appearances.

Many a team has claimed, "We're rebuilding" going into a season, but Battle Creek St. Philip volleyball teams never uttered those words. Instead, the Tigers – sometimes referred to around the Battle Creek area as the Big Red Machine – just reloaded. A net result has been 21 Semifinal appearances in 27 years of Michigan High School Athletic Association-sponosred girls' volleyball tournaments.

While volleyball officially became a sport at St. Philip in 1974, its origins could actually be traced to three years earlier, when Kellogg Community College men's and women's coach Mick Haley had three young St. Philip students on his Junior Komets team. When the three students – Patti Guerra, Sue Haan and Mary Jo Smith – entered their freshman years of high school in 1974, they were seasoned volleyball players who were able to jump start the program under head coach Linda Anderson Ratti, who would stay on in 1975 as an assistant.

Becky Emrich became the coach in 1975, bringing a wealth of volleyball knowledge, the experience of playing for two national junior college championship teams and instilling an overwhelming desire to strive for championships. Sheila Guerra, an educator at St. Philip for more than 30 years, began coaching in 1976 as the junior varsity and junior high school coach. The rest is history.

Emrich's 1976, 1977 and 1978 teams all reached the MHSAA Semifinals, advancing to the Finals in 1977 before losing to Flint Holy Rosary. In 1979, the Tigers broke through for their first of 10 MHSAA championships, defeating Leland. Emrich retired from coaching after her brief stint at St. Philip, yielding to Guerra.

What a ride awaited St. Philip. Guerra produced a 862-183-46 record and nine MHSAA titles from 1982-97.

"I think of all the girls over the years and we've been blessed with many fine coaches, great fans, an abundance of talent, great determination and a few lucky breaks," said Guerra. "The right people, in the right place, at just the right time, all combined to produce a winning formula."

An often heard slogan of Big Red teams has been, "Anything is possible to those who believe, help us to believe in ourselves and each other."

Here's a look at the 10 St. Philip MHSAA championship teams:

1979 - After four years of hard work, coach Emrich's team broke the ice, defeating Leland, 12-15, 15-9, 15-13. Seniors Julie Flees and Cathie Petrucco were the dominating forces.

1983 - Mindful of losses to Leland in the 1980 and 1982 Semifinals, the Tigers were hungry, eventually reaching the MHSAA Finals against Dryden. St. Philip lost the first game, 15-9, and was down 14-8 in the second game before roaring back to win, 16-14, and cruised in the third game, 15-5. Emerging from the roster was coach Guerra's daughter, Vicky, Kelly Adams, Kathy Bond, Jenny Campbell, Kelly Daum, sisters Mary and Therese Martin, Katie Schulte and Sue Sokolowski.

1984 - That returning group began the year as it had ended in 1983, providing the ingredients necessary to wear another MHSAA crown. The Tigers won 64 matches and lost just six, including a 15-1, 15-10 romp over Dryden in the Final.

1985 - The first volleyball team in the Lower Peninsula to earn three MHSAA titles, all-state

seniors Bond, Guerra and Therese Martin led the way to a 15-1, 15-10 thrashing of Ottawa Lake-Whiteford. "It was a fitting way to end a career," recalled Vicky Guerra, her full legacy at St. Philip yet to unfold.

- 1989 Reaching the Semifinals in 1987 and Finals in 1988 kept St. Philip's program on the prowl. They would match the 1984 team's win total of 64, and Carrie Adams, lefty hitter Eileen Crane, Beth Crawford, Cathy Culp, Kim Dalimonte, Rachel LewAllen, Shannon Lucas, Amy Nelson and Sarah Parker encouraged each other with a team approach. That attitude produced 15-10, 15-6 wins over Potterville in the Final, avenging the title-match loss to the Vikings one year earlier.
- 1992 Which St. Philip team was the best? Arguably, this one was. Its 66-7-4 record was mostly accumulated against larger, top-ranked schools. St. Philip had to overcome adversity, also, losing setter Courtney Smith to a knee injury four weeks prior to the MHSAA Final. Senior captains Kim Dalimonte and Beth Crawford, and junior middle Megan Reetz, more than made up for the void, as the Tigers downed Dryden in the Final, 16-14, 15-2.
- 1993 Reetz led St. Philip over Dryden again, 16-14, 15-12 in another classic Final matchup. Dull provided the balance for an attack that included Jodie Brasseur and Madeline Chadwick, Emily Lindow, and Jessica Neve; blended with super sophomores Jennifer Heisler and Mary Ann Staib. The ball was really rolling for St. Philip, youth was stepping up and the run was not over.
- 1994 Three freshmen made the varsity Megan Markovich, Sarah Reetz and Brooke Formsma, a precise hitter who would be a first team all-state selection four straight years. While Formsma carried much of the St. Philip's attack, seniors Dull and Liz Geiger were complimented nicely by juniors Breea Formsma, Kara Markovich, Heisler and Staib. St. Philip defeated Rochester Lutheran West in the Final, 15-6, 15-9.
- 1995 Brooke Formsma, Megan Markovich, Sarah Reetz and sophomore Mary Chadwick joined the battle-tested seniors Heisler, Staib and Kara Markovich to beat Maple City-Glen Lake, 15-8, 15-1 and become the first Lower Peninsula volleyball team to serve up four straight championships (Portage Northern would share the honor hours later, winning Class A, while Brimley with five Open Class titles from 1981-85 had already turned the trick in the Upper Peninsula).
- 1997 In a fitting conclusion to Guerra's coaching career, the Tigers earned a 15-6, 15-9 Final victory over Center Line St. Clement. "I felt like I was on top of the world during the championship game," said Kelly Fitzgerald, a sophomore middle amid seniors Brooke Formsma, Chadwick, Megan Markovich and Sarah Reetz; juniors Teresa Bess and Katie Staib, and sophomore Whitney Starring.

In addition to the 10 MHSAA championships, St. Philip has finished as the runner-up six times and was ousted after reaching the Semifinals six times.

Vicky (Guerra) Groat, Sheila's daughter who played from 1983-85, now coaches St. Philip, recently completing her fifth year. The Tigers turned in runner-up efforts under Groat in 1998, 2002 and 2003, still looking to become the only high school program to wear the crown in every decade of volleyball's MHSAA sponsorship as a tournament sport.



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2003 Girls Volleyball Legends of the Games

RASHID IS MIAAA A.D. OF THE YEAR

Michigan's professional organization of school athletic directors, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA), selected Tom Rashid of the Detroit Catholic High School League to receive its prestigious Athletic Director of the Year Award. Rashid was presented with the award on March 17 at the MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference in Traverse City, where over 500 athletic directors attended.

A product of Catholic education, Rashid graduated from St. Alphonsus High School in Dearborn in 1973. He obtained his baccalaureate degree in History from Eastern Michigan University, and his Master's degree in Urban Education from the University of Michigan - Dearborn. In his current position as the Director of the Catholic Schools Office of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, Tom coordinates athletic schedules and tournaments for the 37 schools participating in the Catholic High School League.

The Dearborn native has served the Archdiocese of Detroit as an Educator and Athletic Administrator for 25 years. In that time, Rashid has helped solidified the funding base of the CHSL through corporate sponsorships with Adidas, Coca-Cola, Buddy's Pizza, Wilson Sporting Goods, and Nationwide Insurance. He has also worked diligently to help league schools connect their Catholic faith to their athletic programs, and establishing the practice for all schools to pray the "Our Father" before games, and placing an emphasis on Christian Values.

Rashid, who is actively involved in both the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA), has received numerous awards for his contributions to interscholastic athletics. He received national recognition in 1999 when he was presented with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's State Award of Merit

In 2001, Rashid was honored with the MHSAA's Allen W. Bush Award, which recognizes noteworthy support and the promise of continuing commitment to the MHSAA and interscholastic athletics. Vic Michaels, Associate Director of the Detroit Catholic High School League says, "Tom Rashid has helped our member schools connect their Catholic faith to their athletic programs. He has done this by placing the ideals of sportsmanship before competitiveness, and without question, the schools in our league have benefited greatly from his leadership."

Rashid served as MIAAA President in 1998, and sat on the organization's Board of Directors from 1988-2000. Rashid is currently a member of the MHSAA's Representative Council, and is Secretary Treasurer of the MHSAA's Executive Committee. George Lovich, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the MIAAA says, "Rashid's leadership as President of our organization could serve as a blueprint for future presidents to follow. He is a strong, efficient, dedicated leader, who continues to look for ways to improve athletic participation opportunities for our state's high school students."

The MIAAA is a 44-year old association with nearly 700 members serving as athletic administrators in numerous high schools and junior high/middle schools in Michigan. As partners with the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the MIAAA works to promote the educational value of interscholastic athletics and the role and profession of the athletic director. The MIAAA is very proud to spotlight the work of Tom Rashid – a man whose work and values best mirror those of the association

ULMER IS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Michigan's professional organization of school athletic directors, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA), selected Dr. Larry Ulmer as the "Jack Johnson" Distinguished Service Award winner for 2002-03. Ulmer was presented the award in Traverse City on March 17 at the annual MIAAA Mid Winter Conference in which over 500 athletic directors attended.

Dr. Larry Ulmer is in his 15th year of continuous service as the team physician to the school district and athletic programs at Loy Norrix High School. Ulmer1s professional, personal, and community service is extraordinary. Ulmer has been a part of Pro Med Family Physicians since 1981. He also works at Kalamazoo Emergency Medical Associates. He was a 1973 Western Michigan University graduate and graduated from Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine medical school in 1978. Besides being a team doctor, Ulmer organized the Cougar Kagers Drill Team for KVCC in the late1990's, coaches AYSO Soccer and YBA and Bantam basketball, volunteers to treat children who come to the United States for medical care through a program called

"Healing the Children", and is a Sunday School teacher.

Ulmer was formerly the Family Practice Chief of Staff at Borgess hospital in Kalamazoo. Typical of Ulmer¹s giving ways is the thousands of dollars that are annually donated to the school without recognition. Blake Hagman, Executive Secretary of the Southwestern Michigan High School Athletic Conference, said, "He not only gives their team physicals, and turns back to the school the money collected for doing these physicals, he covers their athletic contests. He is a very giving individual who is interested in the student athlete."

Kalamazoo Loy Norrix High School Principal Terry Urquhart said, "Dr. Ulmer has not only committed his time and expertise to the athletic program, he has become a friend and role model for our students. He always has the time to talk with and advise our athletes. He is never too busy. Student success and development are obviously very important to him. In fact, when I ask student/athletes how they feel about Dr. Ulmer, they tell me with great pride that what he stands for is student success."

GET YOUR RECORDS IN

Did one of your student-athletes, coaches or teams record an achievement that may rank among the best in your area last year? If so, the MHSAA wants to hear from you.

For an achievement to be published in the record book, member schools are required to submit the information, with appropriate documentation, to MHSAA historian Ron Pesch. Documentation could include the official stat sheet or scorebook from the event, as well as newspaper clippings indicating the feat.

You may use the *National Federation High School Sports Record Book* application which appears in the back of the *MHSAA Book of Champions*, or you may download the form from the "Forms & Graphics" page of the MHSAA Web site. If you have any questions, feel free to contact John Johnson at the MHSAA office, or Ron Pesch in Muskegon. Send all record applications to: Ron Pesch, 1317 Lakeshore Dr., Muskegon, MI 49441.

HAGMAN RECEIVES AWARD OF MERIT

Michigan's professional organization of school athletic directors, the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) selected Blake Hagman of Kalamazoo to receive its prestigious State Award of Merit. The award was presented to Hagman in Traverse City on March 17 at the annual MIAAA Mid-Winter Conference during which over 500 athletic directors participated.

Hagman, who retired from active service as an athletic administrator in 1994, spent the next few years working on special projects for the Kalamazoo Public Schools, and continues to serve as the Executive Director of the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference (Big 16). In fact, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of the league. Hagman, a Western Michigan University graduate with a Masters Degree from the same school, began his career in 1964 as a business teacher, cross country coach, and track coach at Homer High School.

Hagman served the Kalamazoo Public Schools with distinction for 37 years as a teacher, coach and athletic administrator. For the past 30 years he has been the executive director of the Greater Kalamazoo County Athletic Administrators and has been an instructor with the MHSAA PACE program

for the past 10 years. Blake has managed the MHSAA State Volleyball Tournament since 1985, and has officiated over 20 MHSAA State Track meets and 12 MHSAA State Cross Country meets. He is currently teaching a class in the Officiating of Track & Field at WMU, and has been a registered official in track & field and cross country for 42 years.

Respected throughout the entire region and state, Blake has been honored within the interscholastic educational community in numerous ways. He is currently the only person to receive all three of the following awards: Allen Bush Award, Vern Norris Award and Charles Forysthe Award. In addition, his late wife Judy was recognized by the MIAAA in 1997. She received the Distinguished Service Award for her involvement in athletics from the elementary to the high school level.

Larry Edlund, Athletic Director at Portage Central High School, places Blake Hagman among our state's great athletic directors. Edlund states "he has done an outstanding job in organizing and reorganizing many facets of the Southwest Michigan Athletic Conference. Blake has the ability to put into place all the intricacies that are needed to make this new and expanded league work well."

Protective Gym Floor Coverings

Dunlap Industries has protective gym floor covers and football sideline covers available to schools for the cost of the hem on the outer edge. Protective covers are used to prevent scuffing and damage to gym floors and mud buildup on football playing fields.

All shipping costs are free.

For more information, call Gene Stephan at:

530-274-0685

2002-03 WINTER COACH EJECTION LISTING

City	School	Coach	Sport
Almont	Almont HS	Jeremy Ferman	Boys Basketball
Birch Run	Birch Run HS	James Stricker	Wrestling
Birch Run	Birch Run HS	Nick Stricker (2)	Wrestling
Brighton	Brighton HS	Bob Phifer	Wrestling
Carrollton	Carrollton Middle School	Bill Redmond	Boys Basketball
Charlotte	Charlotte HS	Steve Belknap	Wrestling
Decatur	Decatur HS	Brian Southworth	Wrestling
Detroit	Martin Luther King HS	Arnette Gordan	Boys Basketball
Dryden	Dryden HS	John Hignite	Boys Basketball
Farmington Hills	Harrison HS	Clayton Burch	Boys Basketball
Flint	Powers Catholic HS	Aiden O'Donnell	Ice Hockey
Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge HS	Dave Fortino	Ice Hockey
Grand Rapids	Forest Hills Northern HS	Bill Springer	Boys Basketball
Grosse Ile	Grosse Ile HS	Bill Mascaro	Ice Hockey
Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe North HS	Joe Pantaleo	Wrestling
Harper Woods	Notre Dame HS	Daniel Fooks	Wrestling
Iron River	West Iron County HS	Joe Serbentas	Boys Basketball
Jenison	Jenison HS	Frank Sculubrino	Wrestling
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Central HS	Grant Slezak	Ice Hockey
Lincoln Park	Lincoln Park HS	Mike Suchy	Wrestling
Macomb	L'Anse Creuse North HS	Jay Seletsky	Boys Basketball
Manistique	Manistique HS	Gary Matelski	Boys Basketball
Mendon	Mendon HS	Charles Frisbie	Boys Basketball
North Branch	North Branch HS	Steve Sippell	Boys Basketball
Onekama	Onekama HS	Micky Finan	Boys Basketball
Pontiac	Northern HS	Anthony Jackson	Boys Basketball
Portage	First Assembly Christian HS	James Horn	Boys Basketball
Portland	Portland HS	Ray Kimball	Boys Basketball
Reese	Reese HS	Jeff Casler	Boys Basketball
Rochester Hills	Lutheran Northwest HS	Bruce Putman	Wrestling
Springport	Springport Middle School	Scott Fausz	Boys Basketball
St Joseph	Lake Michigan Catholic HS	Vicki Holt	Volleyball
Stanton	Central Montcalm HS	Rob Belt	Boys Basketball
Swartz Creek	Swartz Creek HS	Eric Senter	Boys Basketball
Wayland	Wayland Union HS	Curt DeVries	Ice Hockey
Williamston	Williamston HS	Jermel Montgomery	Wrestling

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SCHOOLS WITH THREE OR MORE OFFICIALS REPORTS — Winter 2002-03

City	School	No. of Reports
Brighton HS	Brighton	4
Anchor Bay HS	New Baltimore	4
Adams HS	Rochester	4
Adrian HS	Adrian	3
Allegan HS	Allegan	3
Alpena HS	Alpena	3
Bangor HS	Bangor	3
Berkley HS	Berkley	3
Montabella HS	Blanchard	3
Harrison HS	Farmington Hills	3
L'Anse Creuse HS	Harrison Township	3
Jackson HS	Jackson	3
JW Sexton HS	Lansing	3
Waverly HS	Lansing	3
Lincoln Park HS	Lincoln Park	3
Muskegon HS	Muskegon	3
Okemos HS	Okemos	3
Saline HS	Saline	3
Southfield HS	Southfield	3
Utica Ford II HS	Sterling Heights	3
John F Kennedy HS	Taylor	3
Bedford HS	Temperance	3
Waterford Mott HS	Waterford	3
Willow Run HS	Ypsilanti	3

OFFICIALS REPORTS SUMMARY FOR WINTER 2002-03

_			Player	Coach	Other	
Sport	Concern	Praise	Ejection	Ejection	Ejection	Taunting
Boys Basketball	74	4	50	19	3	0
Boys Swimming	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ice Hockey	103	1	121	5	0	0
Volleyball	3	8	0	1	0	0
Wrestling	88	3	45	12	18	0
Total	269	16	216	37	21	0

Distribution of Reports

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Reports of	# of	Reports of	# of					
Concern	Schools	Praise	Schools					
1	153	1	16					
2	34							
3	11							
4	2							
7	1							

FAILURE TO RATE OFFICIALS

Member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association have agreed through Regulation II, Section 7(B) to rate officials in several of the sports for which the MHSAA conducts a postseason tournament and to be subject to penalties when a school fails to rate any officials in a sport that requires it.

Recent surveys indicate schools value the opportunity to rate officials and do not want that opportunity eliminated.

Most officials would prefer an evaluation process over ratings by participating schools; but under our current system, officials need schools to rate them so they can amass the number of ratings necessary to be considered for advancement and tournament assignments.

On March 23, 2001, the MHSAA Representative Council adopted the policy of publishing in the MHSAA Bulletin the names of schools which fail to rate any officials in a sport and to do so as soon as possible following the season.

For the Fall season of 2002-03, the following schools have failed to rate any officials:

Girls Basketball

Bangor

Battle Creek-Lakeview

Birch Run

Brown City Buckley

Canton

Carleton-Airport

Cass City

Commerce-Walled Lake

Northern

Dearborn-Edsel Ford

Dearborn Heights-Academy for

Business & Tech

Deerfield

Detroit-Cooley

Detroit-East Catholic

Detroit-Finney

Detroit-Northwestern

Dundee Flint-Central

Freesoil

Galien Grosse Pointe South

Hamtramck

Harper Woods-Lutheran East Inkster-Academy of Inkster

Kentwood-East Kentwood

Lansing-Walter French

Academy

Marcellus-Howardsville

Christian

Martin-Eat Martin Christian

Redford-Bishop Borgess

Romeo

Saginaw-Buena Vista

Saginaw Arts & Sciences

Academy

Sanford-Meridian

Southfield

Southgate Anderson

Sterling Heights-Utica

Stevenson

Traverse City-St. Francis

Waterford-Our Lady of the

Lakes

Waterford Mott

Wayne Memorial

Football

Algonac

Bad Axe

Bloomingdale Bridgman

Brimley

Canton-Plymouth

Carsonville-Port Sanilac

Detroit-Crockett Technical

Detroit-Lovola

Detroit-Renaissance

East Grand Rapids Harper Woods-Notre Dame

Highland Park

Lakeview

Livonia-Clarenceville

Lowell

New Boston-Huron

Niles

North Muskegon

Norton Shores-Mona Shores

Sault Ste. Marie-Sault Area

Warren-Lincoln

Boys Soccer

Alma

Big Rapids-Crossroads Charter

Academy

Birmingham-Seaholm

Bloomfield Hills-Andover

Brooklyn-Columbia Central

Buckley

Burton-Faith

Canton-Plymouth Cass City

Commerce-Walled Lake

Northern

Elsie-Ovid-Elsie

Ferndale

Fife Lake-Forest Area

Flint Southwestern Academy

Flint-Michigan School for Deaf

Freeland

Gibraltar-O. A. Carlson

Grand Rapids-Northview

Harbor Springs-Harbor Light Christian

Ironwood-L. L. Wright

Lansing-Walter French Academy

Lansing-Waverly

Lapeer West

Madison Heights-Madison

Maple City-Glen Lake

Millington

Niles-Brandywine

Norton Shores-Mona Shores

Redford-Detroit Catholic

Central

Richmond

Rochester Hills-Rochester

Sault St. Marie-Sault Area

St. Clair Shores-Lakeview

Vermontville-Maple Valley

Warren Woods-Tower

PRESEASON TENNIS REMINDERS

- 1. **Uniform**. Shirt and shorts are required. The minimum requirement for a team shirt is an unaltered shirt with sleeves, preferably in school colors or with school identification. Each individual must wear such shirts throughout the match. If a player changes shirts, he/she must have another tennis team shirt to wear. *Team shorts are required. The team short must be the same color for all individuals and an appropriate style for tennis*.
 - **Penalty:** Match shall not start unless individual or doubles team has a team uniform on. The USTA Point Penalty System for lateness will be used. (More than 15 minutes and the match is defaulted).
- 2. **Format.** There are four divisions. All Divisions will play a fourth doubles flight. Each division will have eight regionals and two teams will qualify from each regional with the additional qualifier option still intact.
- 3. **Placement of Players.** The best player on the team *must* play number one singles. The remaining players whom are designated as singles players must be in ranked order, i.e. No. 2 better than No. 3, No. 3 better than No. 4. The doubles team must be ranked according to the ability of the two players as a team, not as individuals. The best doubles team must play No. 1 doubles, the next best must play No. 2, etc.
- 4. The tennis coaches manual as well as the USTA Rules are the rules publications to be used at all high school matches.
- 5. The **Continuous Play Rule** is in effect (see manual for specifics).
- 6. Point Penalty System
 - 1. First Offense Warning
 - 2. Second Offense Point
 - 3. Third Offense Match

For Dual Matches the home team coach shall serve as the Match Manager/Referee and is in charge of all rule disputes, administrative responsibilities, crowd control, etc. However, each coach shall have the power to enforce the rules and have the USTA Rules to settle point of law questions.

7. Penalty for misconduct after match (at regional or final)

Penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct after match – For flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct after a match is completed, the offending player will be defaulted and removed from the site as soon as authorized school personnel become available. This removal will be for the duration of the event (Regionals and Finals are considered one event). In addition, one point will be deducted from the player's team score. This rule will be in effect for all MHSAA Tennis Tournaments.

2003 Boys L.P. Final Tennis Sites – May 30-31

Division 1 – Midland Community Tennis Center, Wendy Franz, Mgr.
Division 2 – Holland, Tiger Teusink, Mgr.
Division 3 – Kalamazoo College, Tim Corwin, Mgr.
Division 4 – Grand Rapids Area, Jim Cummins, Mgr.

2003 Boys U.P. Final Tennis Sites – May 30

Division 1 – Marquette, Scott Koski, Mgr. Division 2 – Ishpeming, John Croze, Mgr.

BOWLING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 18, 2003

Members Present:

Scott Bennett, BCAM Ron Tomasoni, MHSBC Gary Boyce, Grand Ledge Sal Malek, Livonia Kevin Veale, Portland Mel Atkins, Grand Rapids Pat Lamb, Rogers City Rick Radulski, Sterling Heights

Advisory Members Present:

Harry Burkey, MHSBC Greg Gumtow, MHSBC Vicki Kowalski, Farmington

Staff Member Present:

Randy Allen (Recorder)

The MHSAA Bowling Committee met to determine season dates, tournament dates and limits of competition for the 2003-2004 season, and to continue its work on developing formats and regulations for regular-season and tournament competition.

Several advisory members were welcomed to the committee, and a review of the 2003 Michigan High School Bowling Conference State Finals was given. Recent meetings with bowling proprietors and athletic directors were reviewed.

The following recommendations reflect a consensus of policies and procedures of the high school bowling programs in existence prior to MHSAA involvement.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

 First practice date shall be the Thursday before Thanksgiving (November 20 in 2003). First contest date shall be Monday of the week of Dec. 1 (Dec. 1 in 2003). Regional tournament dates will be Feb. 27-28, 2004 and corresponding dates thereafter. Finals tournament dates will

- be March 5-6, 2004 and corresponding dates thereafter (8-0 in favor).
- 2. Teams and individuals will be limited to 20 days of competition during the season (8-0 in favor).
- 3. Teams and individuals may participate in a maximum of three meets Monday through Sunday, but only two of the three meets may occur on a day or night before a school day; and teams and individuals shall be limited to five meets in any 14-day period Monday through Sunday and observe the season maximum of 20 days of competition (8-0 in favor).
- 4. A student may participate in no more than 18 games per day and no more than eight games on a day which precedes a day of school. (Five "Baker" format games will be the equivalent of one game for purposes of this rule) (7-0 in favor).

The committee will next meet on April 16, 2003 to further develop regulations and tournament format for MHSAA bowling competition.■

Jim Brandstatter is MHSAA Officials Banquet Speaker

Jim Brandstatter will be the featured speaker at the MHSAA Officials Awards and Alumni Banquet on Saturday, May 10, 2003. The Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, corner of I-496 and Creyts Road, Lansing, beginning at 7 p.m.

After a career on the Michigan playing field, where he played on 1970 and 1972 Rose Bowl teams, Brandstatter now finds himself behind the microphone at Michigan Stadium, broadcasting games for WJR. In addition, he hosts WXYZ-TV's "Michigan Replay" and is on the team that broadcasts Detroit Lions football. Currently, Brandstatter is enjoying the popularity of his recent book "Tales from Michigan Stadium" which has been bringing smiles to readers since its release during the fall of 2002. "Tales" is a collection of football stories about the players, coaches and members of Michigan's football family.

Tickets are \$15 per person. An order form can be found on page 382 of the *March Bulletin*, which is online at mhsaa.com

SWIMMING & DIVING COMMITTEE MEETING

East Lansing, March 18, 2003

Members Present:

Mike Brady, Grand Rapids

Bob Crosby, West Bloomfield (MISCA)

John Dudley, EMU (Advisory)

Sarah Eubanks, Tecumseh

Jerry Fouch, East Grand Rapids

Scott Hedges, Bloomfield Hills

Liz Hill, Ann Arbor

George Jones, East Lansing

Linda Jones, Detroit

Ray Martin, Sturgis Pat Oakes, Grand Blanc

Greg Palmer, Oakland Univ. (Advisory)

Ellen Pugh, West Branch

Teri Reyburn, DeWitt Sandra Richards, Detroit Linda Siebold, Grand Ledge Jon Teal, Oakland Univ. (Advisory) Hooker Wellman, Ludington Jim wood, Lake Orion

Members Absent:

Patrick Low, Jonesville (MASSP) Holly Watson, Essexville

Staff Member Present:

Gina Mazzolini (Recorder)

The 2002-2003 Swimming and Diving Committee met in the MHSAA office on March 18, 2003. The committee was reminded of the responsibility and subsequent process for their actions.

STARTING PISTOLS

A proposal to ban starting pistols for regular season meets and the Final Meet was discussed. The committee voted to leave the decision to the local school or the venue. If a school chooses to ban starting pistols, the officials shall be notified and the school must provide an alternate audio signal (17-0 opposed).

ELECTRONIC ENTRIES

Mandate electronic entries at the Final Meets for the 2003-2004 school year. In preparation for the new requirement, develop a handout to be distributed at the Rules Meetings which describes the procedure for making entry in the Final Meet. In addition, have a presentation at the fall MISCA Clinic to demonstrate the computer process. The MHSAA administrator will work with a subcommittee or a programmer to select the specific software; create an automatic responder to state that the entry was received and create one set of "codes" so all entries will provide the same information (17-1 in favor).

THREE EQUAL DIVISIONS

A proposal to divide Lower Peninsula boys and girls swimming and diving into three equal divisions was made. The committee recognized that one division would be held in a high school facility on a rotation basis (9-3 in favor).

REGIONAL DIVING SITES

The committee selected Regional Diving

sites for Girls and Boys Regional Diving. Each site listed will host both genders for 2003-2004 school year: 1. Ann Arbor-Pioneer; 2. Lake Orion; 3. Grand Rapids Area; 4. Bloomfield Hills-Andover; 5. DeWitt; 6. East Grand Rapids

FINAL SITES FOR 2003-2004

Division 1 - Girls - EMU

Division 1 - Boys - U-M

Division 2 - Girls - Oakland

Division 2 - Boys - EMU

DISCUSSION ITEMS - NO ACTION

- Request National Federation change foot placement on backstroke start
- Official evaluation at the Final Meet
- Maintain Class A & BCD Final records if they are faster than current Division 1 and Division 2 times
- In regular-season swim meets, mandate that schools find an alternate site for diving when their facility does not have a board/diving well

DIVING

Define excessive oscillation by number. Place interpretation in Points of Emphasis.

QUALIFYING TIMES

Finals qualifying times for 2003-04 were established. See the MHSAA Web site for listing

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

- 1. Divide Lower Peninsula Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving into three equal Divisions (9-3 in favor).
- 2. Require electronic entries at Final Meets (17-1 in favor). ■

2003 Golf Final Dates and Sites

LP GIRLS FINALS, MAY 30-31

Division 1	Forest Akers East, MSU	Bob Lober, Mgr.
Division 2	Forest Akers West, MSU	Larry Judson, Mgr.

Division 3 Forest Akers East, MSU GaryNewcomb, Mgr.

UP FINALS, MAY 30

Division 1 Boys & Girls	Escanaba	Justin Gluesing
Division 2 Boys & Girls	Norway	Dwight Castelar
Division 3 Boys	Bark River-Harris	Bill Bower
Division 3 Girls	Rock Mid-Peninsula	Garv Bravak

2003 MHSAA BASEBALL/SOFTBALL MASTER SCHEDULES

2003 MHSAA BASEBALL SEMIFINAL MASTER SCHEDULE

DIAMOND

NICHOLS		BRO	WN	MORRISON		
Time	Division	Time	Division	Time	Division	
10:30 a.m.	X(2)	10:30 a.m.	Y(4)	10:30 a.m.	X(2)	
2 p.m.	Z(1)	2 p.m.	Z(1)			
5:30 p.m.	Q(3)	5:30 p.m.	Y(4)	5:30 p.m.	Q(3)	

2003 MHSAA BASEBALL FINAL MASTER SCHEDULE

DIAMOND

NICH	OLS	BROWN		
Time	Div.	Time	Div.	
		10:30 a.m.	X(2)	
3:30 p.m.	Y(4)	2 p.m.	Z(1)	
		5:30 p.m.	Q(3)	

MHSAA SOFTBALL SEMIFINAL/FINAL MASTER SCHEDULE

TIME	10:30/11 a.m.	1/1:30 p.m.	3:30/4 p.m.	6/6:30 p.m.
CLASS	Z(1)	X(2)	Q(3)	Y(4)

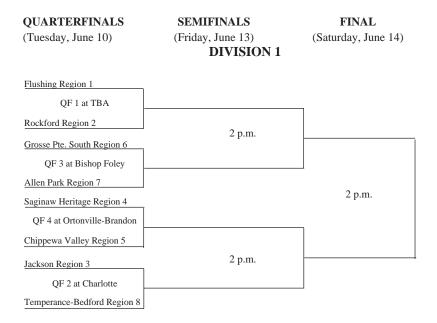
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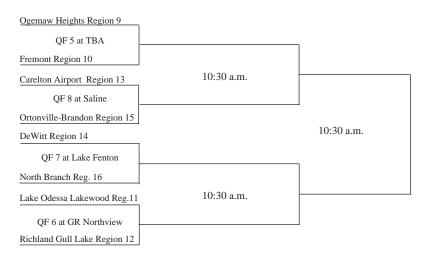
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\mathbf{X}	2	3	1	4
Y	4	2	3	1
\mathbf{Z}	1	4	2	3

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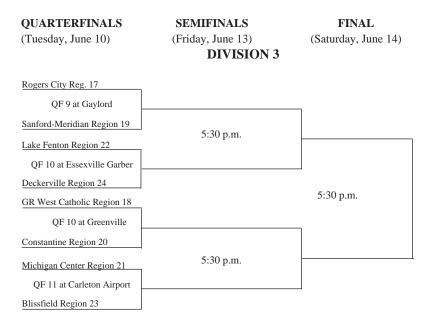
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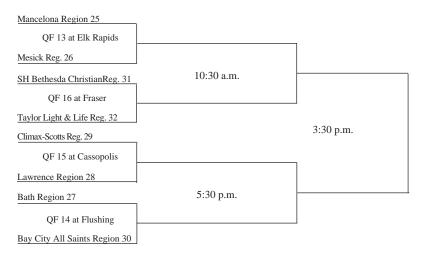




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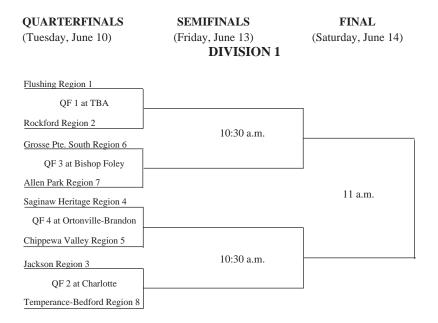
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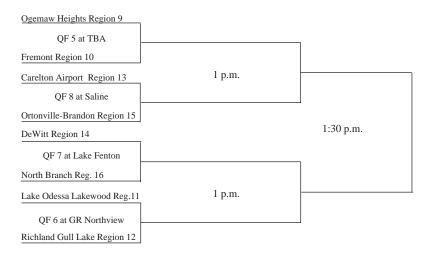




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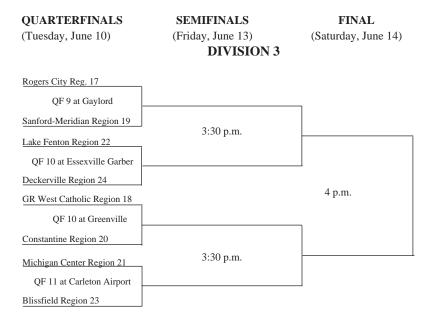
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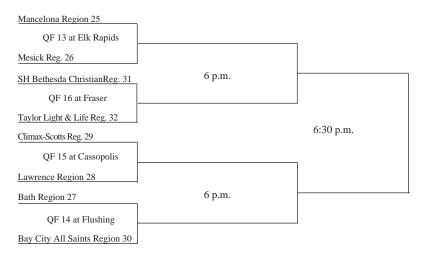


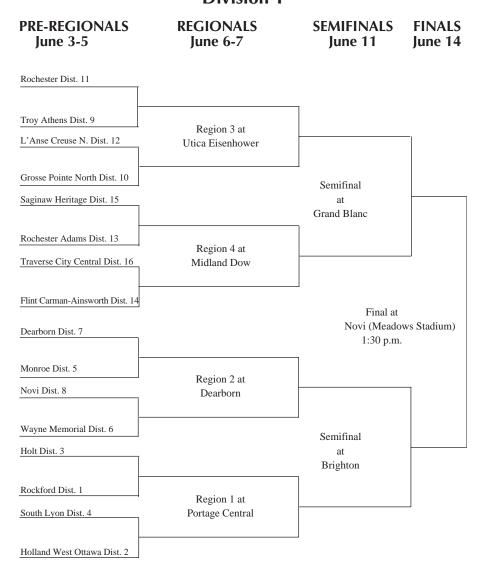


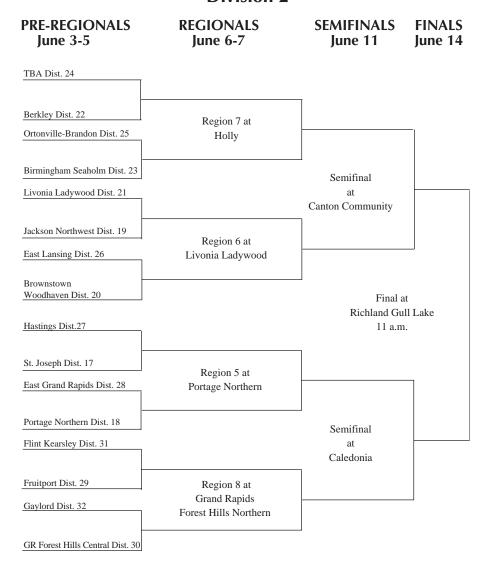
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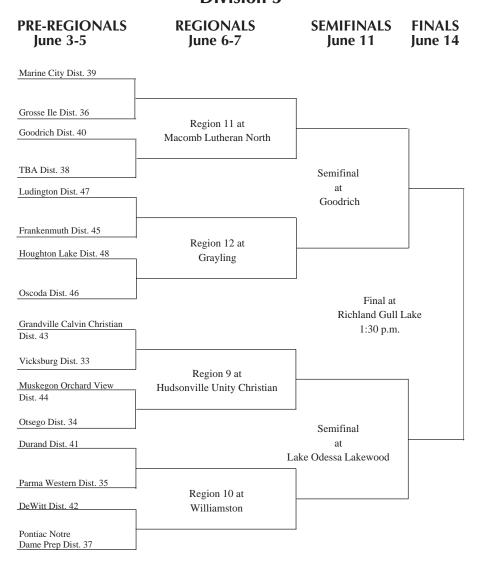








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