

Michigan High School Coaches Association

2011 Awards



2011 MHSCA Hall of Fame Honorees



front row: **Gary Chapp, Roger Fuller, Kent Overbey, Gary Meehan, Charles Olson, Mike Torrey**
back row: **Dusty Fairfield, Dennis Starkey, Steve Bender, Robert Schroer, Mike Rado, Harry "Joe" Albaugh**
missing: **Dan Homan, Robert McAnary (deceased) & Larry Rueger (deceased)**

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Harry "Joe" Albaugh

Coleman High School

- BS Education Central Michigan University 1977, Spec. Education Cert.-1979, Driver's Education Certification 1986
- Teacher and *asst. football coach* Montabella High School-1979-80
- Teacher Harrison Comm. Schools-1980-81
- Teacher Clare Adult Education-1982-84
- *JV Football Coach* Mt. Pleasant HS 1983-5
- Special Education Teacher Coleman Community Schools 1984-2010(retired), Driver's Ed. Instructor 1987-present
- *Varsity Baseball Coach* 1985-1993(256-54), 5 conf. titles, 4 district championships, 2 reg. titles, 1987 State Runners-up and 1993 State Champs
- *Varsity Softball Coach* 2000-2010(318-91) 8 conference titles, 7 district championships, 5 regional championships, 2005 State Champs
- *Football Coach* 1986-92 (first winning season since 1967 in '86) and 2000-2010: 2 conference championships, 1992 reg. championship, 1 quarterfinal championship
- Michigan High School Baseball Coaches' Assoc. (MHSBCA) District Coach of the Year (COY) 3 times, Regional COY 2 times, and State COY 1993
- Michigan High School Softball Coaches' Assoc. (MHSSCA) District COY 7 times, Reg. COY 6 times
- Michigan High School Football Coaches' Assoc.(MHSFCA) District COY 2003, 2 times Regional COY
- Only coach in history of State of Michigan to coach both softball and baseball state championship team
- Twice inducted into Midland Co. Hall of Fame (once as coach of all 3 sports & once as coach of Coleman's 1993 Baseball State Champs)
- Mt. Pleasant Public School Board member 1994-8, Long time Mt. Pleasant Summer Baseball League Coach, Member MHSSCA, MHSBCA, & MHSFCA
- Wife: Diane Children: Joe & Kara

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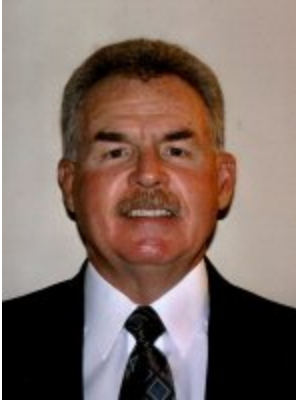


Steve Bender

Buchanan High School

- BA Albion College
- English teacher Buchanan HS 1989-2010
- *Boys Tennis Coach* 1989-2011(219-18-8), 17 conference championships, 14 reg. titles, 14 top ten state meet finishes, state champs in 2003
- 10 undefeated seasons 66 & 59 match winning streaks (3rd & 5th best in state history), 74 tournament titles (6th best in state history)
- *Boys' Basketball Coach* 1979-1995 (157-170) with nine years as *JV or frosh coach*
- *JV Girls' Basketball Coach* 1995-2004 (130-48) Boys Track and Field Coach (60-22-2): 5 conference titles, one reg. championship
- *JV and Asst. Varsity Coach* 1979-1982 & 1987-1994
- Also served as asst. AD for 2 yrs. and asst. volleyball coach for one year.
- Regional tennis COY 16 times, 1995 & 2002 State COY
- Inducted into the Albion College Hall of Fame in 1991
- Follows father Don (1979) into MHSCA Hall of Fame
- Wife: Amy Children: Lauren, Shelley, Ali.

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Gary Chapp

Rochester Community Schools

- BA University of Buffalo-played football 4 yrs
- Physical Education Teacher-1973-present Rochester Community Schools
- *Football Coach* at six different middle schools and high schools 1971-present-(23yrs. at Van Hoosen Middle School-119-30-8), 16 City Championships & 11 undefeated seasons
- *Baseball Coach* at five different middle & high schools-17yrs-(212-79), 1993 League, District, and Regional Champs at St. Clement HS
- *Softball Coach*-six years at five different high schools as frosh, JV, or varsity asst.(103-68), 2 District Championships, 2 Regional titles, 2 League championships
- Also coached *JV Boys basketball* for 3yrs.(45-3)
- 1999 Rochester Teacher of the Year, member Knights of Columbus over 30yrs.
- 1996 MHSFCA Asst. COY, Inducted into MHSFCA Hall of Fame in 2001
- 2 times League Baseball COY, 1993 District, Regional, and State COY
- Director Van Hoosen Jogathon for SCAMP (summer camp for spec. needs children) for 27 years, raising over \$150,000
- wife: Linda children: Bob, Gary, & Cindy

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Dusty Fairfield

Ravenna High School

- Teacher Ravenna High School for 28 years
- *Football Coach*-1987-2009-(163-56), 29-10 playoff record, State Champs-1994, 1995, 1997, & 2003. State runners-up 1996
- *Head Baseball Coach* six years
- Also served as *Head Boys and Girls Track and Field Coach*
- 7 times Regional MHSFCA COY, State COY five times, MHSCA Football COY 2003-4, 1995 AP Coach of the Year
- Served as MHSFCA Reg. Director for 6 yrs.
- Member Ravenna Road Committee, Ravenna School District Curriculum and Building Improvement Committees, Member Ravenna Lions Club
- Wife: Cindy Children: Samantha, Casey, and Alex

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Roger Fuller

Coldwater High School

- Social Studies and Phys. Educ. Teacher (Retired) for 44 years at Coldwater HS
- *Girls Golf Coach* 1984-2009-(2620-1062), 19 League Championships, 11 Regional Titles, 8 top ten State Meet Finishes, 3 State Championships
- *Boys Golf Coach* 1994-2011-(3321-1564), 8 Conference Titles, 8 Regional Championships, 1994 State Champions
- *Girls Basketball Coach* 1976-1985-(157-63), Also served as Boys Basketball Coach for three years
- Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches' Assoc.(MIGCA) and MHSAC State COY 2001, Natl. Federation COY Finalist-2001, 2010 National HS Athletic Coaches' Association(NHSACA) Finalist for COY, 6 times MIGCA Reg. COY
- Rules Official for Power Built Junior Tour, Volunteer for Junior Program at local golf course, Chairman Coldwater HS Hall of Fame Comm., MIGCA Hall of Fame Comm.-2006-present, MIGCA Board-2000-2006

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Dan Homan

Hesperia High School

- Attended Western Michigan University in 1967-8 and played baseball
- BS Ferris State University, MA Central Michigan University
- Science Teacher-Hesperia HS for over 30 years (retired 2004)
- *Wrestling Coach*-1978-1990-(183-18-1)
- *Football Coach*-1971-2003-(198-118)
- *Softball Coach*-1981-present-(320-245)
- *Baseball Coach*-1971-80
- Also served as Athletic Director from 1979-1981
- 4 times MHSWCA Regional COY
- 2007 MHSSCA All-Star Coach
- 4 times MHSFCA Regional Coach of the Year, Member MHSFCA Hall of Fame-1999
- 2007 MHSSCA All-Star Coach
- Varsity Club Advisor, Close-up Advisor, Rocket Football Advisor, Freestyle Wrestling Advisor
- Wife: Eileen Children: Michelle, Julie, Jennifer, and Heather

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Robert McAnary (deceased)

Merrill High School

- Served US Army 1942-45 earning 3 Battle Stars and a Bronze Star for Service above and beyond the call of duty
- BS Ferris State University in Bus. Adm.-1949, played 3 yrs. football and 2 yrs. basketball
- MA University of Michigan-1966
- Taught Owendale-Gagetown Schools-1954-1959, *Football Coach*-(24-10-1), 2 Conference Titles, *Basketball Coach*-(68-21) 3 Conf. titles, 6 District Championships, *Track & Field Coach*-2 Conf. Championships
- Taught Social Studies and Business in Merrill Schools from 1959-1986
- *Football Coach*-1959-1975 & 1979-1981-(93-53-12)
- *Basketball Coach*-1959-1976-(212-94)
- *Track and Field Coach*-1959-1970-three Conference titles
- Member of Merrill and Owendale-Gagetown Elks Clubs, President of Merrill Econ. Development Corp., 6 yrs. on Merrill Village Council, Member Michigan Sports Sages, Life member VFW and American Legion, VFW Chair Voice of Democracy (25 yrs.) and Youth Activities(30 yrs.)
- Honorary Doctorate of Athletics-Central Michigan University
- Inducted into Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame-2010
- Wife: June Children: Denise, Kim, Tamie, Rea Lee (deceased)

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Gary Meehan

Brighton High School

- Attended Highland Park, Henry Ford and Oakland Community Colleges, and earned a BS from CMU
- MA Michigan State University
- Teacher/Coach Brighton Public Schools (1978-2010) Retired.
- *Women's Cross Country Coach*-1978-2010(197-19) Twenty-one League Titles, 112 Invitational Championships, 18 Regional Championships, 30 State qualifying teams,13 top five State Meet Finishes, 3 State Runners-up, and 3 State Titles, 36 All-Staters.
- *Women's Asst. Track and Field Coach*-1977-2010.
- Michigan Interscholastic Track & Cross Country Coaches Assoc.(MITCA) COY 4 times, 2 times MHSCA COY, MITCA Kermit Ambrose Award winner 2005 (earns admission to MITCA Hall of Fame).
- MITCA Track & Field and/or Cross Country Committees 14 yrs., Member Midwest Meet of Champions(Team Michigan) Coaching Staff-1989-2003.
- Host MITCA Team State Championships 1998, 1999, 2000.
- Wife: Ellen Children: Angela

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Charles Olson

Plymouth Salem High School

- BA Central Michigan University-1970, swam on Freshmen swim team and competed 3 years on gymnastics team
- Physical Educ. Teacher/Coach Plymouth Salem HS-1970-2011. (Retired from teaching-2010)
- *Women's Swim Coach*-1974-2010-(418-172)
- *Men's Swim Coach*-1974-2011-(452-152)
- 3 times Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches' Assoc.(MISCA) Reg. COY, 3 times NHSACA COY Finalist
- Men's & Women's MISCA Meet Director 1985-2005, MISCA Exec. Bd.-1985-present, MHSCA Executive Board Member 2010-present
- MISCA President-2008-2010
- MISCA Matt Mann Award(HOF) 1995
- Wife: Linda Children: Lindsay and Erin

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Kent Overbey

Ann Arbor Huron High School

- BS University of Kansas-ran 1 yr. of track and field and swam for two years, placing in Big 8 1500m.
- 1961-64 taught Social Studies and *Coached Cross Country* at Kirkwood HS (Kirkwood,MO), 1963 State Champs, Runners-up in 1962, and 3rd in 1964.
- MA in Education Washington University(St. Louis, MO) 1964
- 1964-66 served in Peace Corps in Iran
- MA in History University of Michigan-1966-68 served as teacher asst. and asst. track coach at Ann Arbor St. Thomas(1966-67)
- 1968-2007 Taught Humanities at Ann Arbor Huron High School-named 1st-ever Non-Student Commencement Speaker-2006.
- *Men's Cross Country Coach*-1985-present-(131-28), 2 Conference titles, 3 Regional Championships, eight top 10 finishes at State meet
- *Men's Track & Field Coach*-1969-2009-(220-33-1), won 63 invitationals, 17 Conference championships, 10 Reg. titles, 13 top ten State meet finishes, 3 times qualified for the MITCA Team State Championships
- *Football Asst. Coach*-1968-1984
- MITCA nominee for Track and Field COY five times-State COY-2002
- MITCA nominee for Cross Country COY three times
- Inaugural member of Ann Arbor Huron Hall of Fame-2001, admitted to MITCA Hall of Fame-2007
- Camp Counselor at Camp Highlands for Boys in Sayers, WI-39 yrs.
- Wife: Debra Children: Kelsey, Shane, Kent

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Michael Rado

Bloomfield Hill Lahser High School

- BS Michigan State University, swam four seasons, inning Big Ten individual title in 1977
- 32 years as *Boy's and Girls's Swimming and Diving Coach* / Science teacher at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School-1979-present (retired from teaching in 2010 after 31 years)
- Coached 82 National Interscholastic Swim Coaches' Assoc. (NISCA) Female All-Americans, 75 Male NISCA All-Americans, and 81 NISCA Academic All-Americans
- Teams have placed in top ten in the State meet 39 times, coached 19 indiv state champs and 4 state championship relay teams, Boys' State Runners-up-2003 & '04
- MISCA Zone Coach of the Year four times, State Coach of the Year in 1984 and 2006
- MHSCA COY-2004 and NHSACA COY nominee 2008
- Awarded MISCA's Matt Mann honor (HOF) in 2005
- MISCA Exec. Board 1990-present, MISCA President 2006-08
- Member MHSCA Executive Board.

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Larry Rueger (deceased)

Fruitport High School

- Attended the University of Evansville
- BA Music Education Murray State University, MA in Education
- Taught vocal music 1967-1996 at Muskegon Heights HS and Muskegon Mona Shores Jr. High.
- *Coached Football* at Muskegon Heights (1967-68), at Muskegon Mona Shores HS from 1969-1987 (84-77-4), and at Muskegon HS-1988.
- *Assistant Football Coach*, Fruitport HS-1988-2010-(141-76).
- MHSFCA Assistant COY-1997, MHSFCA Jim Crowley Award-1995.
- Inducted into MHSFCA Hall of Fame in 1995.
- MHSFCA member and officer for 44 years.
- Founding member MHSFCA All-Star Game (Game Day Director-25yrs.)
- Director of Church Choirs for 35 years, Officer in Blue Lodge-Masons.
- President of Muskegon Shriners, Director of Shrine Chanters for 10 yrs.(8 National Championships), Director of Shrine Circus in Muskegon for 10 yrs.
- Wife: Connie Children: Kim and Tara (deceased)

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Robert Schroer

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

- BS Dr Martin Luther College, participated in basketball, soccer, and track & field
- Math teacher/Coach at Michigan Lutheran Seminary 1973-present---44 years total, including 5 years of teaching elementary (still teaching part-time)
- *Men's Track & Field Coach*-1974-present-(241-57-2), 28 Invitational Wins,16 League Championships, 5 Reg. Titles, 4 top five finishes in State Championship Meet.
- *Boys Basketball Coach*-1975-1981
- *Cross Country Coach*-1973-1975-(14-10-2), Also *coached wrestling* 1 yr.
- Three times nominated for MITCA COY. State COY in 1975.
- Director of the State Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) Boys and Girls Grade School Basketball Tournament for 37 & 20 years, respectively(25-30 teams play each year).
- Board member St. Paul Lutheran School for 3 years and Chairman of Board of Endowment at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Former Chair Julianne Park Neighborhood Association
- Director/Scorekeeper of Saginaw Field & Stream Archery League (1991-98)
- Member Michigan Help Team(assists WELS members in job transition)
- Wife: Cheryl Children: Jennifer, Daniel, Christine, and Amy

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Dennis Starkey

Petoskey High School

- Phys. Ed. Teacher/Coach at Petoskey HS-1986-present, Vanderbilt HS-1984-1986, and Boyne City HS-82-83.
- *Boys Basketball Coach*-Overall Record (434-228), 11 League Titles, 15 District Championships, 4 Regional Titles, 3 Quarterfinals, 2 Semifinalists
- Region 4 Basketball Coaches of Michigan (BCAM) Class B COY 5 times
- State COY in 1997-1998, AP Class A State COY in 2010-11.
- BCAM All-State Selection Comm. and BCAM Reaching Higher Committee.
- Member United Methodist Church Finance Committee.
- Wife: Karen Children: Kevin and Cory

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Mike Torrey

Zeeland Public Schools

- BS Eastern Michigan University-1972, on swimming team 2 yrs., MA-1975
- Taught swimming and phys. ed. for 30 yrs. at Willow Run HS (7 yrs.) and Zeeland HS (23 yrs., retiring in 2002)
- *Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Coach*-1972-present-(overall record: 624-180-2), at Willow Run (72-45) at Zeeland East and West High Schools (Men and Women's Teams combined: 542-135-2), 37 Conference Titles, 6 Women's State Runners-up, 2 Men's Runners-up, 6 Women's State Championships and 3 Men's State Titles
- 57 individual or relay teams have earned NISCA All-American status.
- MISCA State COY many times.
- National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Assoc. COY-1998
- NHSACA COY 2008 and MISCA Matt Mann Award winner-1992.
- Past President of MHSCA and MISCA (1988-90 & '94-'96).
- West Michigan Swim League Pres./Treasurer for 30 years.
- Red Cross Swim Instructor for 30 yrs., Hospitality & Communion Ministry at Church, and Condo Assoc. Board & President for 4 yrs.
- Wife: Kathy Children: Kristin and Sara

For more information about the MHSCA Hall of Fame Honorees go to:
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Past Distinguished Service Awards

This award is presented each year to someone who has done an outstanding job supporting and promoting athletics in general, and has shown consideration and assistance to the high school scene and the Michigan High School Coaches Association. The following are past recipients of the MHSCA Distinguished Service Award.

Ron Finch
Biggie Munn
Don Wattrick
Bingo Brown
Russell LeCronier
Jim Lewis
Bill Odykirk
Bob Calihan
Morley Fraser
Don Lund
Tom McShannock
Roy Allen
Richard Maher
Jack Moss
Lloyd Carr

Win Shuler
George Alderton
Terry McDermott
Bill Kelly
Charles Forsythe
Harold Sponberg
George Maskin
Paul Carey
Helen Geovanes
Walt Bazylewicz
Warren D. McKenzie
Dick Lowry
Jack Johnson
Tiger Teusink
Dan McShannock

Bob Reynolds
Jack Heppenstall
Ray Fisher
Earl Staley
Dale Kennedy
Hal Middlesworth
Sam Madden
Don Canham
Vern Norris
Richard Snyder
Dick Kishpaugh
Robert James
Jerry Cvengros
Herb Deromedi
Mike Jolly

Fritz Crisler
Buck Reed
Francis Staley
Wally Weber
Forster Wilkinson
Clayton Kowalk
Brother George
Jim Campbell
Russ Thomas
Marykaye Murphy
Kermit Ambrose
Tom Hursey
Suzanne Martin
Don Lessner

2011 Distinguished Service Award recipient



Blake Hagman

Kalamazoo Central High School

- Married to Connie
- Attended Mt. Vernon HS in Washington for two yrs. Then Kalamazoo Central where he served as manager of football & wrestling teams and ran track and field-also worked for athletic director.
- Attended Western Michigan University for BS and MA degrees. Worked in athletic equipment room 4 yrs. as undergrad
- Business Education Teacher-Homer HS 1964-66-coached track and field and cross country.
- Bus. Ed. Teacher Kalamazoo Central HS 1966-2003. Asst. coach cross country and track & field-8yrs., Asst. Athletic Director 2 yrs., AD-19 years, League Administrator-Greater Kalamazoo Athletic Events-35 years, Executive Secretary-Southwest Michigan Athletic Conference-15 yrs.
- Athletic official for Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) cross country and track and field for 50 yrs., working 31 state finals track & field meets and 21 state finals in cross country.
- Meet manager for MHSAA State Volleyball tournament for 19 years.
- Michigan Sports Sages Secretary for 13 years.
- Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association Regional AD of Year and recipient of State Award of Merit.
- Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches' Assoc. Distinguished Service Award.
- Association of Track Officials of Michigan: 2nd President of organization. Awarded Bob Bloomer Award, Distinguished Service Award, and President's Leadership Award.
- Michigan Sports Sages winner of Sage of Year Award and Humanitarian/Service Award.
- Winner of MHSAA Allen Bush Award, Vern Norris Award, and Charles Forsythe Award (Only person in state to receive all three awards).

For more information about the MHSCA Distinguished Service Honorees go to:

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2011 National Coach of the Year Award recipient

Mike Jolly --- Warren DeLaSalle Collegiate School

Mike has been coaching for over 50 years and many of those were as a head lacrosse coach. He has been the assistant for the past 11 years, but his role was one of partnership with the head coach. The head coach is heavily involved in engineering management with General Motors so Mike does many of the administrative things that a head coach normally does. Mike served as the point person for the lacrosse program in the school in addition to running the JV program. Mike has been very involved with the MHSCA having served as their president in 1998. His organization membership is extensive with not only the MHSCA, but the Michigan HS Lacrosse Coaches Association, US Lacrosse Association, FCA, and several others. He is a member of the MHSCA Hall of Fame, and the US Lacrosse Hall of Fame.



Mike Jolly

2011 National Coach of the Year Award recipient

Arthur Link --- *West Bloomfield High School*

Art was the head boys' golf coach at West Bloomfield for 40 years compiling 3265 wins and 1637 losses with 5 regional titles, one state runner-up finish and two state championships. He has received Service Awards from the Optimist Club of West Bloomfield, Michigan Golf Coaches, and the Oakland County Athletic Directors. He was twice named State COTY by the Golf Coaches and once by the MHSCA. He was one of the founders and 1st President of the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association. He was inducted into their HOF in 1993 and the MHSCA HOF in 2008. He was a NHSACA Finalist previously in 2004. Art served as the National Chairman for Golf with NHSACA for several years in the early 80's and served as Golf director for the Oakland County Meet many times and the MHSAA regional and/or district meets. He was the developer of the Junior Golf Tour and National Tour for same as well as serving on the Jr. Golf committee of the Golf Association of Michigan.

2011 State Coach of the Year Award recipients

Baseball-	Bill McElreath	<i>St. Clair</i>
Boys Basketball-	George Ward	<i>Detroit Southeastern</i>
Girls Basketball-	Dorene/Doug Ingalls	<i>St. Ignace</i>
Boys Bowling-	Tom Stockton	<i>Sterling Hts. Stevenson</i>
Girls Bowling-	Ann Roznowski	<i>Bay City John Glenn</i>
Competitive Cheer-	Nancy de Avila	<i>Lake Orion</i>
Boys Cross Country-	Tony Magni	<i>Detroit Catholic Central</i>
Girls Cross Country-	Mike Smith	<i>Saline</i>
Football-	Mike Holmes	<i>Muskegon Catholic Central</i>
Boys Golf-	Dave Koenigsknecht	<i>DeWitt</i>
Girls Golf-	Leon Braisted III	<i>Birmingham Seaholm</i>
Gymnastics-	Courtney Law	<i>Grosse Pointe United</i>
Boys Lacrosse-	Dave Wilson	<i>Detroit Country Day</i>
Skiing-	John Lambert	<i>Grand Blanc</i>
Softball-	Al Roberts	<i>Clinton</i>
Boys Swimming & Diving-	Michael McHugh	<i>Dexter</i>
Girls Swimming & Diving-	Todd Brunley	<i>Saline</i>
Boys Tennis-	Jim Niebling	<i>Portland</i>
Girls Tennis-	Margaret Ruemenapp	<i>Petoskey</i>
Boys Track & Field-	Mike Jurasek	<i>Albion</i>
Girls Track & Field-	Tony Mifsud	<i>Dearborn Divine Child</i>
Volleyball-	Diane Tuller	<i>Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central</i>
Wrestling-	George Hamblin/Brandon Day	<i>Richmond</i>

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