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2020 8-PLAYER FOOTBALL FINALS

JANUARY 16, 2021

Welcome

Welcome to the MHSAA Finals! This is a classroom like no other, and now is the time for the final exam. Like the academic classroom, some have had good fortune along the way getting here; others have overcome adversity. Even today, a good bounce or a bad bounce will occur.



Your athletic skills are put to the test, but more importantly, your discipline will be challenged as well. To wait for the exact moment, use the right touch, make the right cut.

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

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

Good luck to all!

— **Mark Uyl**
MHSAA Executive Director

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Reaching the Goal



Colon and Pickford reached the ultimate goal in 2019 by taking their first-ever MHSAA 8-Player Football championships at the Superior Dome in Marquette.

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FIRST TITLES FOR TWO

COLON AND PICKFORD NABBED MHSAA 8-PLAYER FOOTBALL TITLES IN 2019

Colon made the long trip to NMU's Superior Dome for the 2019 MHSAA 8-Player Finals worthwhile in claiming its first title, while Pickford's relatively shorter trip was much more enjoyable than a year earlier, leaving with its first championship as well.

DIVISION 1

It was a long trip for the Colon football team, driving all the way from near the Ohio border to the Upper Peninsula for the 2019 MHSAA Division 1 8-Player Final

But the Magi made the journey worthwhile.

Behind solid defensive play and the running of fullback Brandon Crawford – who finished with 205 rushing yards – Colon defeated Suttons Bay 26-14 to win its first Finals championship.

Colon head coach Robbie Hattan credited his defense and some thorough conditioning for pushing the Magi over the top. They intercepted four passes and returned one pick for a touchdown.

"In the regular season, our first team defense didn't give up a point," he said. "So we get to the playoffs and obviously, when you get to the playoffs, you play at a different level. Our defense has been the strength of our team."

Trying to maintain a slim one-point lead at the start of the third quarter, the Magi (13-0) made a huge play defensively. With the ball deep in Suttons Bay territory, Crawford intercepted a screen pass from his defensive lineman spot and ran it into the end zone. After the extra point, the Magi led 14-6.

The Northmen answered on their third possession of the quarter. Quarterback Bryce Opie scrambled away from pressure and hit Hugh Periard with a 47-yard pass to the Colon 37. Later, Opie scored on a 4-yard run. He also picked up the 2-point conversion, and the game was tied 14-14.

Before the end of the quarter, Colon used its rushing attack to march down the field. Crawford plowed his way from the Suttons Bay 43 to the 15, and three plays later quarterback Phillip Alva punched the ball into the end zone from the 1. A bad snap on the extra point forced the Magi to pass, and the throw was intercepted in the end zone.

Suttons Bay (12-1) wasn't shaken though, moving to the Colon 6. But on fourth down, Opie's pass fell incomplete. Just two plays later, Crawford rumbled down the Magi sideline for a 94-yard touchdown. The conversion failed and Colon led by 12 with 7:36 left.



Colon's Brandon Crawford ran for 205 yards – including a 94-yard TD run – to pace the Magi to its first MHSAA gridiron crown.



Cara Kamps, Marquette

Pickford's Matt Bush put the first of 48 points on the board in the Panthers' Division 2 championship victory.

DIVISION 2

In 2018, the Pickford football team was left heartbroken at the Superior Dome as it fell in the 8-player Division 1 championship game.

A year later, the Panthers exited the stadium in jubilation as they finished the job this time, downing Portland St. Patrick 48-15 in the Division 2 Final.

Pickford used its large offensive line and talented rushing game to take over in the second quarter. From then on, the Panthers never looked back as they outgained the Shamrocks 285-18 on the ground and 437-143 in total yards on the way to their first title in the sport.

"Our staple for the whole year has been our offensive line, and we knew if we stuck with it and do what we did best, we'd force them to do what they didn't want to do," Pickford head coach Josh Rader said. "We controlled the line of scrimmage, I think, on both sides of the ball. And when you're able to do that, you're going to win the majority."

While Pickford (12-1) looked sharp from start to finish on Dome's turf, the stadium continues to be an unlucky place for the Shamrocks as two years ago they were defeated by Crystal Falls Forest Park. This time against the Panthers, the Shamrocks were hit hard early and struggled to get anything going offensively after the first quarter.

The first quarter started off pretty even. After forcing a St. Patrick punt, Pickford scored on its opening possession. A couple of first-down runs by Pickford quarterback Jimmy Storey got the ball up to the Shamrocks' 31-yard line before Matt Bush busted up the middle for a touchdown. Storey ran in the conversion, and the Panthers led 8-0.

St. Patrick (12-1) answered. A long kickoff return from John Schneider brought the ball to the Pickford 7, and a couple of plays later Ned Smith plunged into the end zone on a 1-yard run. The Shamrocks got the conversion on a pass from Connor Cross to Tyler Coyne, and the game was tied at 8-8 going into the second quarter.

From that point on, it was almost all Panthers. On the ensuing possession, Pickford quickly marched downfield. On 4th down on the St. Patrick 25, Nick Edington made a nice overhead catch in the end zone. Stephen Lamothe got the conversion for the Panthers to give them a 16-8 lead.

The Panthers scored again on their next offensive chance, first using their running game to get into St. Patrick territory. Storey capped off the drive with his first rushing touchdown, a 2-yard run, and he then hooked up with Micah Bailey for the conversion. Pickford now held a 24-8 advantage with 5:09 left in the second quarter.

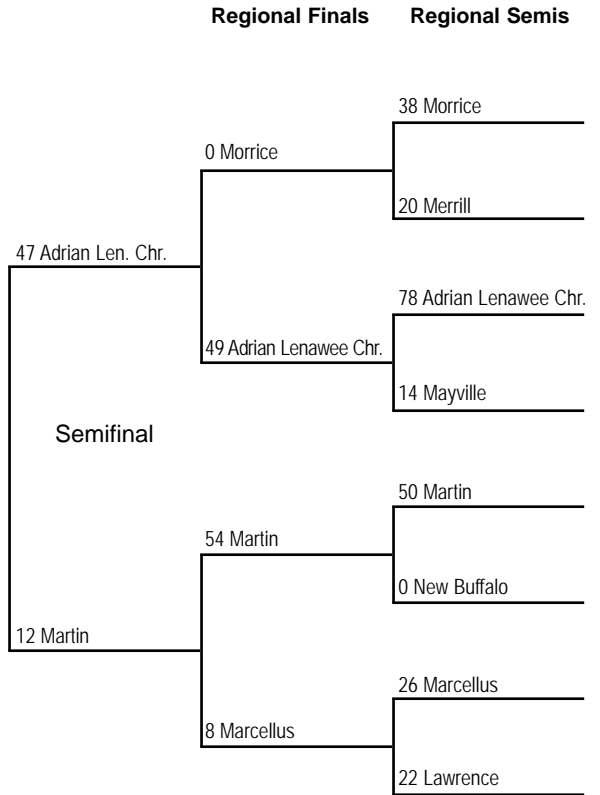
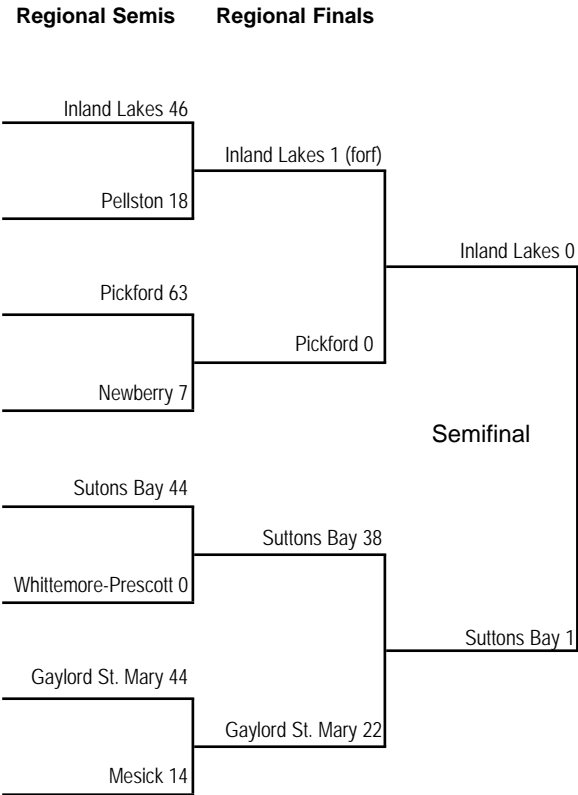
Pickford added one more touchdown before the half, another 2-yard run from Storey, and picked up the conversion to make it 32-8 at the intermission.

CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKETS

DIVISION 1 ROAD TO THE FINALS

**Suttons Bay (10-0)
Championship
Game**

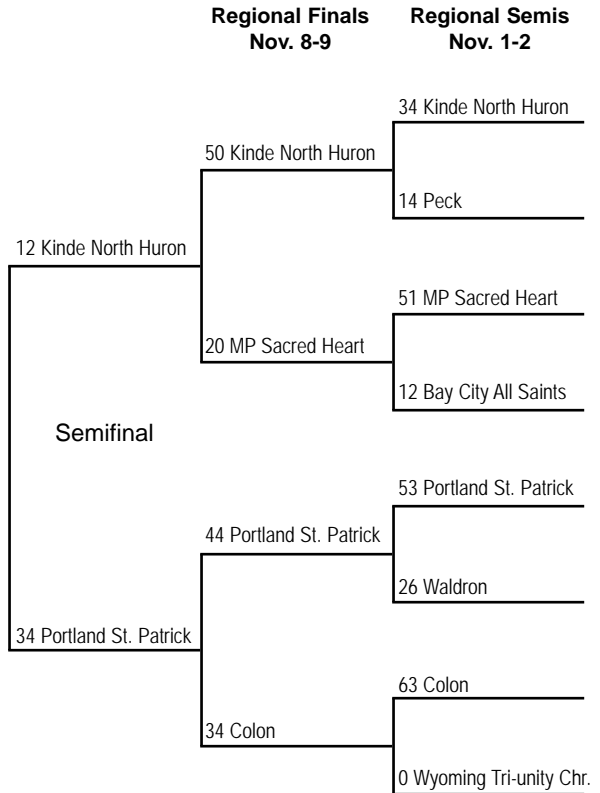
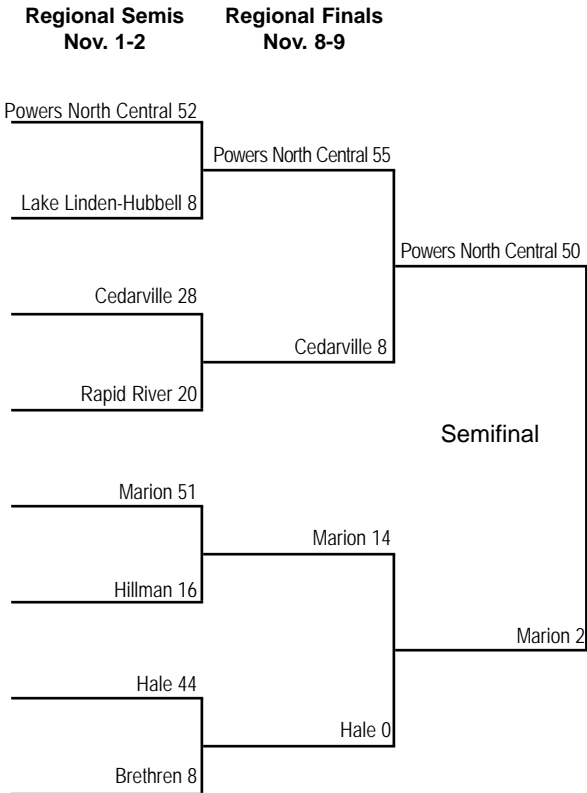
**Adrian Lenawee
Christian (10-0)**



DIVISION 2 ROAD TO THE FINALS

**Powers North
Central (10-0)
Championship
Game**

**Portland St. Patrick
(10-0)**



SUTTONS BAY (10-0)

NORSEMEN

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

Athletic Director: Doug Periard
 Conference: Independent



First Row: Nate Devol, Sean Wilson, Josh VanThomme, Steven Bolger, Jake Murphy, Michael Wittman. **Second Row:** Brayden Opie, Hugh Periard, Cameron Alberts, Brayden Schichtel, Lleyton Krumlauf. **Third Row:** Dylan Barnowski, Matthew Kohler, Ben Murphy, Shawn Bramer, August Schaub. **Fourth Row:** Lucas Gordon, Corbin Alberts, Jack Glynn, Dominic Burkholder, Luke Gallagher, Tyler Porter. **Fifth Row:** Coaches Doug Periard, Dan Wiesen, Stan Pasch, Garrick Opie, Steve Loucks, Layton Korson Mike Gordon. Not Pictured: Kaden May, Sean Shananaquet, Jesse Kohler, Kendrick Defoe, M.J. Romo.

TEAM STATS

SB		OPP
384	Points Scored	68
108	First Downs	56
354	Rushing Att	323
2506	Rushing Yards	712
38	Rushing TDs	4
939	Passing Yards	633
89	Passes Att	111
50	Passes Comp	44
15	Passing TDs	3
3	Intercepted	12
330	Punting Avg	306
55	Penalties	43
525	Penaltv Yards	338
27-11	Fumbles- Lost	39-17
N/A	Third Down%	N/A

Stats Through Semifinal Game

PROBABLE STARTERS

Offense

LG 57 Cam Alberts QB 4 Nate Devol
 C 60 Josh VanThomme RB 1 Hugh Periard
 RG 83 Sean Wilson RB 42 Steven Bolger
 TE 85 Brayden Opie 25 Shawn Bramer
 21 Jake Murphy

Defense

DE 12 Matthew Kohler LB 25 Shawn Bramer
 NG 60 Josh VanThomme DB 2 Jake Murphy
 DE 85 Brayden Opie DB 1 Hugh Periard
 LB 88 Michael Wittman DB 4 Nate Devol

Specialists

Punt Returns: 1 Hugh Periard, 13 Lleyton Krumlauf
 Kickoff Returns: 1 Hugh Periard, 13 Lleyton Krumlauf
 Punters: 25 Shawn Bramer
 PAT-FG Kicker: 4 Nate Devol
 Holder: 2 Jake Murphy
 Long Snappers: 60 Josh VanThomme, 88 Michael Wittman

Head Coach: Garrick Opie (30-2, 3 years)

RESULTS

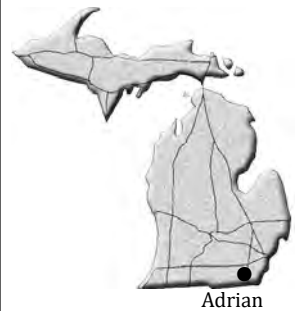
SB		OPP
35	Brethren	0
53	Central Lake	8
46	Bear Lake	0
39	Whittemore-Prescott	20
33	Mesick	0
47	Manistee Catholic Central	12
MHSAA DISTRICTS		
49	Manistee Catholic Central	6
44	Whittemore-Prescott	0
MHSAA REGIONAL		
38	Gaylord St. Mary	22
MHSAA SEMIFINAL		
1	Indian River Inland Lakes (Forf.)	0

ADRIAN LENAWEE CHRISTIAN (10-0)

COUGARS

School Colors: Royal Blue, White & Red
 Superintendent: Tom Durbin
 Principal: Michael Crafts

Athletic Director: Craig Anderson
 Conference: Southern Central Athletic
 Association (5-0, 1st)



First Row: Paul Towler, Clay Ayers, Landon Gallant, Tyler VanEtten, Coby Keggerreis, Jameson Chesser, Joey Breckel, Joe Barr, Nick Stuart, Daniel Kuiper, Assistant Coach Erick Roback. **Second Row:** Jacob Morton, Brandon Summer, Sam Kauranen, Ashur Bryja, Sam Lutz, David Fulks, Jessie Miller, Carmelo LeBron, Assistant Coach Gered Burns, Assistant Coach Jon Willett, Head Coach Bill Wilharms, Assistant Coach, Mark Stroh. **Third Row:** Assistant Coach Casey Opsal, Athletic Trainer Heather Strong, Assistant Coach Kirk Brackelman, Assistant Coach Josh Powers, Assistant Coach Justin Vance, Tyler Salenbien, Brandon Scott, Isaac Yape, Collin Davis, Elliott Addleman, Josiah Henley, Blake Drogowski, Assistant Coach Billy Kidney, Easton Boggs, Assistant Coach Casey Noce.

PROBABLE STARTERS

Offense

LG 52 Brandon Scott	SE 10 Elliot Addleman
C 66 Joey Breckel	QB 12 Landon Gallant
RG 74 Coby Kegerreis	RB 18 Jameson Chesser
TE 80 Collin Davis	FL 2 Clay Ayers

Defense

DE 66 Joey Breckel	LB 52 Brandon Scott
NG 74 Coby Kegerreis	DB 12 Landon Gallant
DE 22 Nick Stuart	DB 15 Ashur Bryja
LB 18 Jameson Chesser	DB 2 Clay Ayers

Specialists

Punt Returns: 15 Ashur Bryja
 Kickoff Returns: 18 Jameson Chesser, 12 Landon Gallant,
 15 Ashur Bryja, 7 Tyler Van Etten
 Punter: 18 Jameson Chesser
 PAT-FG Kickers: 2 Clay Ayers, 18 Jameson Chesser
 Holders: 12 Landon Gallant, 15 Ashur Bryja
 Long Snappers: 80 Collin Davis, 52 Brandon Scott

Head Coach: Bill Wilharms (76-51, 13 years)

RESULTS

LCS	OPP
62 Athens	0
24 Colon	6
55 Climax-Scotts	8
53 Camden-Frontier	0
64 Bellevue	0
57 Gobles	6
MHSAA DISTRICTS	
56 International Academy of Flint	0
78 Mayville	14
MHSAA REGIONAL	
49 Morrice	0
MHSAA SEMIFINAL	
47 Martin	12

TEAM STATS

LCS	OPP
498 Points Scored	34
149 First Downs	59
200 Rushing Att	251
1813 Rushing Yards	590
39 Rushing TDs	4
1518 Passing Yards	354
97 Passes Att	49
152 Passes Comp	138
24 Passing TDs	1
3 Intercepted	10
38.3 Punting Avg	27.3
48 Penalties	31
390 Penalty Yards	225
- Fumbles- Lost	-
39.6 Third Down%	12.9

Stats Through Semifinal Game



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POWERS NORTH CENTRAL (10-0)

JETS

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

Athletic Director: Randall McLeod
 Great Lakes Eight Conference – West (3-0, 1st)



First Row: Jacob Gorzinski, Evan Hanchek, Owen Eichmeier, Gavin Casperson, Wyatt Raab, Fabian Chartier, Carter Eichmeier, Wyatt Riley, Luke Gorzinski, Daniel Dani. **Second Row:** Assistant Coach Chris Gorzinski, Elijah Gorzinski, Dillion Raab, Brent LaBonte, Mason Kruhmin, Caden Tietz, Luke Kleiman, Caden LaBelle, Max Nason, Owen Chartier, Alex Naser, Ian Gorzinski, Head Coach Leo Gorzinski. **Third Row:** Assistant Coach Jon Gorzinski, Carter Lafave, Andrew Webber, Carter Tietz, Drew Allgeyer, Dylan Plunger, Jordan Messenger, Colin Cordy, Assistant Coach Jeff Nason.

TEAM STATS

PNC	OPP
489 Points Scored	64
135 First Downs	56
203 Rushing Att	217
1782 Rushing Yards	530
37 Rushing TDs	6
1269 Passing Yards	423
86 Passes Att	114
63 Passes Comp	35
19 Passing TDs	2
0 Intercepted	13
21.5 Punting Avg	28.8
46 Penalties	18
365 Penalty Yards	150
4-3 Fumbles- Lost	11-11
52 Third Down%	19

Stats Through Semifinal Game

PROBABLE STARTERS

Offense

LG 80 Carter Eichmeier	TE 23 Gavin Casperson
C 77 Max Nason	WR 21 Luke Klieman
RG 27 Fabian Chartier	QB 11 Luke Gorzinski
WR 8 Ian Gorzinski	RB 88 Alex Naser

Defense

DT 27 Fabian Chartier	LB 8 Ian Gorzinski
NG 28 Wyatt Raab	LB 11 Luke Gorzinski
DT 80 Carter Eichmeier	DB 21 Luke Klieman
LB 14 Wyatt Riley	DB 32 Carter Tietz

Specialists

Punt Returns: 88 Alex Naser, 21 Luke Kleiman, 26 Elijah Gorzinski
 Kickoff Returns: 88 Alex Naser, 26 Elijah Gorzinski, 28 Wyatt Raab
 Punters: 23 Gavin Casperson, 11 Luke Gorzinski
 PAT-FG Kicker: 1 Daniel Dani
 Holder: 8 Ian Gorzinski
 Long Snappers: 80 Carter Eichmeier

Head Coach: Leo Gorzinski (28-3, 3 years)

RESULTS

PNC	OPP
84 Ontonagon	6
86 Felch North Dickinson	0
54 Wausaukee (WI)	6
1 Lake Linden-Hubbell	0
34 Lake Linden-Hubbell	22
50 Stephenson	8
MHSAA DISTRICTS	
74 Engadine	6
52 Lake Linden-Hubbell	8
MHSAA REGIONAL	
55 Cedarville	8
MHSAA SEMIFINAL	
50 Marion	2

PORTLAND ST. PATRICK (10-0)

SHAMROCKS

School Colors: Green & White
 Superintendent: Dave Faber
 Principal: Randy Hodge

Athletic Director: Patrick Russman
 Conference: Independent



First Row: Connor Cross, Chase Fitzsimmons, Brian Kwiecinski, Brice Cook, Jacobe Hayes-Dunning, Tristin Huhn.
Second Row: Payton Russman, Seth Frawley, Derec Fedewa, Shane Cook, Braxton Teachworth. **Third Row:** Devin Cook, Lucas Simon, Riley Mosser, Tyler Groothuis, Shawn Frawley.

PROBABLE STARTERS

Offense

QB 14 Connor Cross	RB 30 Lucas Simon
LG 23 Braxton Teachworth	TE 7 Seth Frawley
C 88 Brice Cook	TE 11 Shane Cook
RG 55 Brian Kwiecinski	RB 3 Jacobe Hayes-Dunning

Defense

DL 55 Brian Kwiecinski	DB 7 Seth Frawley
DT 88 Brice Cook	DB 3 Jacobe Hayes-Dunning
NG 24 Payton Russman	DB 11 Shane Cook
LB 14 Connor Cross	LB 23 Braxton Teachworth

Specialists

Punt Returns: 30 Lucas Simon
 Kickoff Returns: 30 Lucas Simon, 03 Jacobe Hayes-Dunning
 Punter: 14 Connor Cross
 PAT-FG Kicker: 55 Brian Kwiecinski
 Holder: 14 Connor Cross
 Long Snapper: 23 Braxton Teachworth

Head Coach: Patrick Russman (97-39, 13 years)

RESULTS

<i>PSP</i>	<i>OPP</i>
40 Webberville	18
46 Vestaburg	18
42 Hillman	6
46 Manistee Catholic Central	28
26 Merrill	22
52 Burr Oak	19
MHSAA DISTRICTS	
52 North Adams-Jerome	0
53 Waldron	26
MHSAA REGIONAL	
44 Colon	34
MHSAA SEMIFINAL	
34 Kinde North Huron	12

TEAM STATS

<i>PSP</i>		<i>OPP</i>
435	Points Scored	183
163	First Downs	103
392	Rushing Att	335
2606	Rushing Yards	1348
40	Rushing TDs	16
1245	Passing Yards	991
95	Passes Att	126
54	Passes Comp	52
21	Passing TDs	12
1	Intercepted	9
38.54	Punting Avg	38.62
64	Penalties	42
596	Penalty Yards	377
11	Fumbles- Lost	19
35.80	Third Down%	18.95

Stats Through Semifinal Game



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DIVISION 1 FINALS ROSTERS

SUTTONS BAY

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
1	Hugh Periard	RB/DB	6-0	175	Jr.
2	Jake Murphy	E/DB	6-0	165	Sr.
4	Nate Devol	QB/DB	6-0	175	Sr.
11	Ben Murphy	E/LB	6-0	155	Jr.
12	Matthew Kohler	EIDE	6-0	180	Jr.
13	Lleyton Krumlauf	RB/DB	5-7	145	Jr.
14	Kaden May	RB/DB	5-10	155	Sr.
20	August Schaub	RB/DB	5-11	175	Jr.
22	Dylan Barnowski	QB/DB	5-11	150	So.
25	Shawn Bramer	RB/LB	6-2	195	Jr.
33	Luke Gallagher	RB/LB	6-0	165	So.
41	Jack Glynn	RB/DB	5-5	130	So.
42	Steven Bolger	RB/DE	5-10	170	Sr.
44	Sean Shananaquet	E/LB	5-10	185	So.
45	Lucas Gordon	RB/DB	6-0	150	Fr.
57	Cameron Alberts	OL/DL	6-1	250	Jr.
60	Josh VanThomme	C/DL	5-11	185	Sr.
62	Corbin Alberts	OL/DL	6-0	240	So.
64	Jesse Kohler	OL/DL	5-7	190	So.
81	Tyler Porter	E/DB	6-2	140	Fr.
83	Sean Wilson	OL/DL	6-1	205	Sr.
84	Brayden Schichtel	RB/LB	5-10	225	Jr.
85	Brayden Opie	EIDE	6-2	175	Jr.
88	Michael Wittman	OL/LB	6-4	230	Sr.
89	Kendrick DeFoe	E/DB	6-0	190	Sr.
99	M.J. Romo	OL	--	--	Sr.

Head Coach: Garrick Opie
Assistant Coaches: Steve Loucks, Stan Pasch, Layton Korson, Dan Wiesen, Doug Periard, Mike Gordon
Captains: Michael Wittman, Nate Devol, Jake Murphy
Team Doctors: Thomas Lammy, Chris Moran
Statisticians: Al Waisanen, Todd Morton

ADRIAN LENAWEE CHRISTIAN

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
2	Clay Ayers	S/WR/K/P	5-10	155	Jr.
3	Sam Kauranen	S/WR	5-11	160	Jr.
7	Tyler Van Etten	CB/WR	6-0	155	Jr.
10	Elliott Addleman	DE/WR	6-4	195	Jr.
12	Landon Gallant	CB/QB	5-10	155	Sr.
15	Ashur Bryja	CB/QB/WR	5-7	155	Jr.
18	Jameson Chesser	LB/CB/RB/WR/QB/P/K	5-10	170	Sr.
19	Paul Towler	DE/WR	6-0	160	Fr.
20	Sam Lutz	S/RB	5-5	140	Fr.
22	Nick Stuart	DE/TE/QB/K	5-8	195	So.
24	Blake Drogowski	CB/RB	5-9	140	Fr.
30	Easton Boggs	LB/TE	6-2	190	Fr.
32	Carmelo LeBron	CB/WR	5-9	135	Fr.
33	Jesse Miller	CB/WR/QB	5-6	130	Fr.
34	Nathan Bowen	DE/WR	6-3	155	Fr.
51	David Fulks	DE/WR	5-8	155	Jr.
52	Brandon Scott	OG/LB	6-0	185	Sr.
64	Jacob Morton	C/LB	5-7	165	So.
66	Joey Breckel	C/DE	6-1	240	Sr.
67	Tyler Salenbien	C/LB	5-9	180	Fr.
72	Isaac Yape	DE/OG	6-4	230	Jr.
74	Coby Kegerreis	NG/LB/OG/RB	5-8	185	Jr.
75	Daniel Kuiper	NG/OG	5-7	280	Jr.
77	Josiah Henley	NG/OG	5-10	220	So.
78	Joe Barr	NG/OG	5-7	250	Jr.
80	Collin Davis	CB/TE	6-3	180	So.
88	Levi Beach	LB/OG	6-0	180	Fr.

Head Coach: Bill Wilharms
Assistant Coaches: Jon Willett, Eric Roback, Josh Powers, Casey Noce, Casey Opsal, Justin Vance, Jacob Baker, Gered Burns, Billy Kidney, Mike Watson, Kirk Brackelman, Adam Baker, Mark Stroh,
Captains: Joey Breckel, Jameson Chesser, Landon Gallant, Brandon Scott,
Trainer: Heather Strong
Ball Boys: Cameron Brackelman, Seth Davis, Brenner Powers, Julius Robichaud

DIVISION 2 FINALS ROSTERS

POWERS NORTH CENTRAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
1	Daniel Dani	WR/K	5-7	160	Sr.
3	Drew Allgeyer	LB/RB	5-10	175	So.
8	Ian Gorzinski	WR/LB	5-11	165	Sr.
9	Evan Hancheck	OL/DL	5-9	190	Fr.
11	Luke Gorzinski	QB/LB	5-9	170	So.
12	Brent LaBonte	QB/DB	5-8	140	Jr.
14	Wyatt Riley	WR/DB	5-9	160	Sr.
16	Jordan Messenger	END	6-3	180	So.
20	Dylan Plunger	RB/DB	6-3	170	So.
21	Luke Klieman	WR/DB	5-10	170	Sr.
23	Gavin Casperson	WR/S	5-11	175	Sr.
26	Elijah Gorzinski	RB/DB	5-9	140	So.
27	Fabian Chartier	OL/DL	5-8	220	Sr.
28	Wyatt Raab	DL/RB	5-8	180	Jr.
32	Carter Tietz	WR/LB	5-10	170	Jr.
40	Andrew Webber	RB/LB	6-10	170	So.
44	Caden Tietz	WR/LB	5-9	165	Jr.
49	Colin Cordy	OL/DL	6-2	210	So.
56	Owen Chartier	OL/DL	5-11	260	So.
57	Dillon Raab	RB/DB	5-7	140	So.
58	Cayden LaBelle	OL/DL	5-11	205	Sr.
60	Mason Kruhmin	OL/DL	5-10	195	Jr.
64	Jacob Gorzinski	WR/DB	5-6	130	Fr.
71	Carter LaFave	OL/DL	5-10	265	So.
77	Max Nason	OL/DL	5-10	210	Fr.
80	Carter Eichmeier	OL/DL	6-2	190	Sr.
81	Owen Eichmeier	WR/LB	6-2	180	So.
88	Alex Naser	RB/DB	5-8	165	Jr.

Head Coach: Leo Gorzinski
Assistant Coaches: Jeff Nason, Jon Gorzinski, Chris Gorzinski, Brady Eichmeier
Captains: Wyatt Riley, Carter Eichmeier
Trainer: Jake Gorzinski
Managers: Leo Gorzinski IV, Noah Gorzinski

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
3	Jacobe Hayes-Dunning	WR/DB	5-6	140	Sr.
4	Tyler Groothuis	WR/DB	5-10	140	Fr.
6	Devin Cook	OL/LB	5-9	145	Fr.
7	Seth Frawley	WR/DB	5-11	150	So.
11	Shane Cook	WR/DB	6-3	180	Jr.
14	Connor Cross	QB/DB	6-3	190	Sr.
20	Riley Mosser	OL/DL	5-10	150	Fr.
22	Tristin Huhn	QB/DB	5-11	150	Sr.
23	Braxton Teachworth	WR/LB	6-3	190	Jr.
24	Payton Russman	RB/DB	5-10	185	So.
30	Lucas Simon	RB/DB	5-10	150	Fr.
34	Derec Fedewa	RB/LB	5-10	185	Jr.
40	Shawn Frawley	OL/DL	5-11	160	Fr.
55	Brian Kwiecinski	OL/DL	6-3	190	Sr.
79	Chase Fitzsimmons	OL/DL	6-3	240	Sr.
88	Brice Cook	OL/DL	6-3	210	Sr.

Head Coach: Patrick Russman
Assistant Coaches: Ben Cross, Aaron Thelen, Todd Davlin, Jeff Davlin, Ross Schneider, Mike Coyne, Tyler Coyne, Colin Pline
Captains: Seniors
Managers: Auggie Teachworth, Brady Leonard, Brody Beckhold, Jerryd Scheurer

Back to School: How We Got Here

Since March 12, our world has been anything but normal. These times have tested most everything in life, and as summer turned toward fall, we found ourselves still with far more questions than answers. It has been said that an abnormal reaction to an abnormal situation is normal behavior.

Let me start with these abnormal times. I had many conversations with administrators over the months leading to the start of school and school sports. The one constant theme was that these are anything but normal times. Many of these conversations moved to the issue of schools starting the academic year virtually while considering whether or not to offer school sports opportunities this fall. Let me share the things that have been part of almost all conversations on this topic.

The loudest message I heard was that kids were going to be playing sports this fall someplace. Period. Since May, that belief was proven consistently as athletic activity took place in the club, travel, AAU and non-school space nearly every day. From first-hand experience, many of these events implemented ZERO of the safety standards and protocols that businesses and schools had adopted for their plans of return. The non-school world generally plowed ahead this past summer with few-to-no rules, regulations, enforcement, oversight and accountability to anyone. If kids were to be playing sports, our member schools told us that activity needs to be in the safest environment possible – which is with professional educators and trained coaches in our school sports world.

Schools were quick to point out that kids had been conditioning and training with school coaches in school-sponsored workouts most of the summer. We believed that the absence of virus outbreaks among our 749 high schools' summer activities, involving thousands of kids, was because schools were following the return-to-activity plans. Districts told us they can continue doing what they've been doing safely since June by following all COVID guidance and regulations that the MHSAA put in place with government's leadership and partnership.

Schools starting the year virtually have told us they used the lessons learned from the start of sports for when students eventually returned, or will return, later this year. School administrators have shared this view privately as this has become a highly-charged topic among various groups within our school communities. Sports allow schools to bring students back to campus in small, consistent and defined groups with the same adults working with those students each day. In school sports, there is little mixing of students from one sport with those students in another – making it much easier to monitor, track and trace kids when needed than if all students were in the buildings, hallways and classrooms all day. We heard from administrators that valuable lessons learned with athletics in August and September could lead to a more successful school start-up with students back on campus later in the year.



All of us share the fundamental belief that we must protect the health and safety of individuals first. This doesn't include only COVID prevention measures, but also the mental health of teenage students and adults as well. In districts starting the school year online, they viewed athletics being the one shred of normalcy students, and staff members who choose to coach, would have during the fall. It's a chance to safely interact with peers and get needed physical activity that hasn't been happening for some kids since March. Health and safety has to include all facets of the individual, and more research is being shared each day about how mental health is becoming a critical issue during these times. For many at-risk kids, sports is the one motivating factor to keep them in school and progressing toward graduation. Given the challenges of all online education for these at-risk kids, sports and the daily routine they bring perhaps are more important for this group of students than ever before.

With no school sports, the affluent communities and families can navigate online learning during the day and then afford the non-school athletic opportunities that kids and families in less-affluent areas simply cannot. In many communities, school sports can provide opportunities and open doors that would not appear if kids become priced-out from participating and competing.

The past several months have been the most abnormal in a century. School sports being the one pathway back to school for students in our state – the one norm for this year – run by professional educators who put kids first, can be an incredible boost to the physical and mental health of all of us. We believe that school sports can be done safely and smartly, and the MHSAA continues to develop plans that do just that. We believe we must react to these abnormal times by thinking differently and looking at these unique times through a unique lens.

Trying to find one normal for our kids in these abnormal school days might just be the best thing we can do.

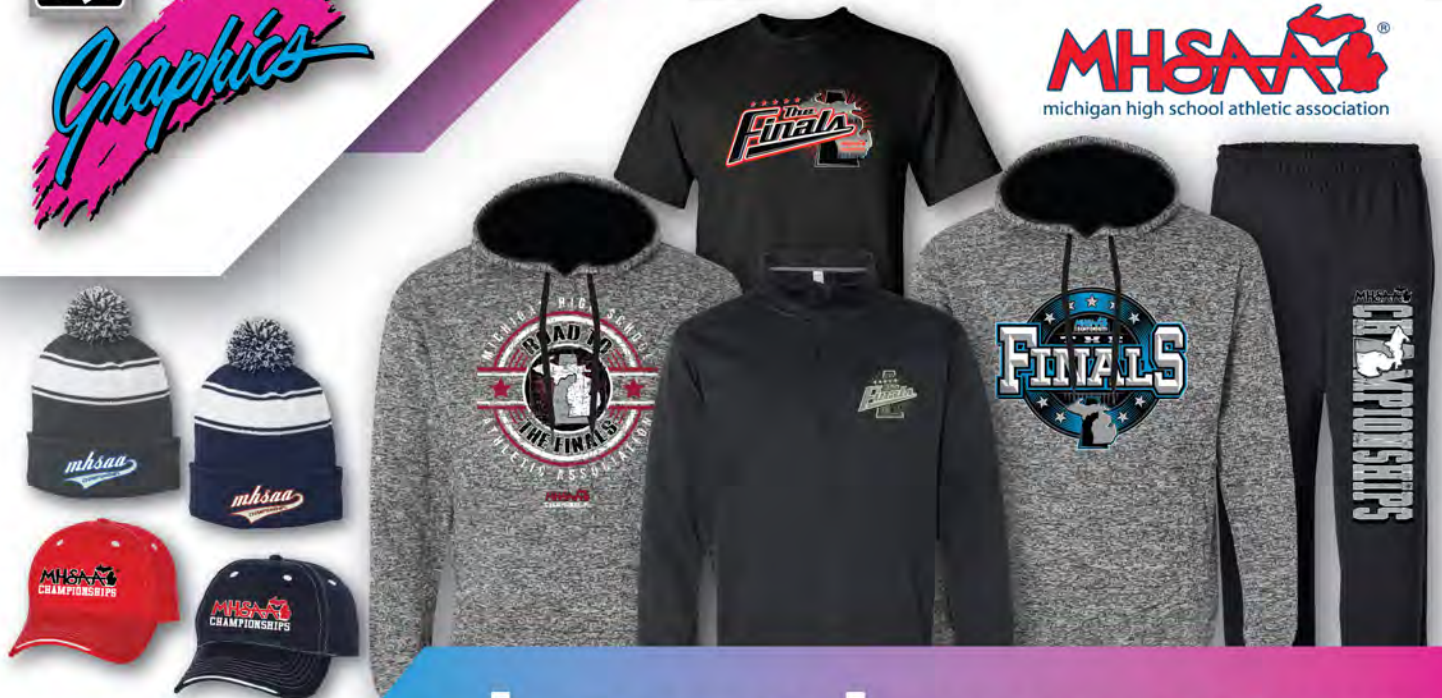
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Thousands of students voluntarily extend their classroom day by taking part in extracurricular activities, often improving their academic achievements in the process. The value that such programs play in the total education of a high school student is highlighted through the MHSAA/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award, which will award \$1,000 scholarships to 32 top student-athletes and recognize over 2,000 other outstanding individuals in 2020-21.

Underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance, the Scholar-Athlete Award is now in its 32nd year, and presents scholarships to students in every MHSAA enrollment classification. The scholarships may be used at any institution of higher learning.

“It is amazing to see the number of young people who are proven achievers in academics and activities,” said Mark Uyl, executive director of the MHSAA. “At a time when our educational system is coming under fire, the Scholar-Athlete

Award is something that proves how important athletics are to the development of a well-rounded person.”

Students applying for the Scholar-Athlete Award must be graduating during the 2020-21 school year, carry a 3.5



grade-point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport that the MHSAA sponsors postseason competition.

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

Application materials can be found on MHSAA.com. Scan the code below to access the page.

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

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

Farm Bureau Insurance, a long-time supporter of MHSAA activities, also sponsors other educationally oriented programs. Chief Executive Officer Don Simon notes the company's pleasure with the awards program.

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



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



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Student Advisory Council Aids MHSAA

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

Selected to begin serving on the Student Advisory Council in 2020-21 are: **Brinlee Barry**, Caledonia; **Faith Breinager**, Frankenmuth; **Amina Ferris**, Dearborn; **Nico Johnson**, Britton Deerfield; **Brenna Kosal**, Peck; **Ashton McNabb**, Three Oaks River Valley; **Brock Porter**, Orchard Lake St. Mary's; and **Melik Williams**, Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Those eight new members were selected from a record-high 179 applicants, twice as many as generally apply for SAC positions every year.

The first Student Advisory Council was formed for the 2006-07 school year. With the addition of this class beginning this summer, members will have represented 117 schools from 45 leagues plus independent schools that do not play in a league. Combined, the new appointees have participated in nine MHSAA sports, and seven will be the first SAC members from their respective schools.

The new additions to the SAC join the Class of 2021 members who were selected in 2019: **Pierre Brooks II**, Detroit Douglass; **Macy Brown**, Cadillac; **Lydia Davenport**, Ithaca; **Freddy Kopplow**, Traverse City St. Francis; **Colin McAuliffe**, Salem; **Avery Peters**, Mason; **Abbey Pheiffer**, Novi; and **Landen Thompson**, Stevensville Lakeshore.



Brinlee Barry



Pierre Brooks II



Faith Breinager



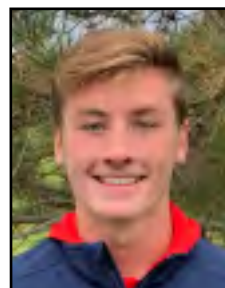
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Student Advisory Council Belief Statement

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

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

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

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The MHSAA Representative Council

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

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

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



Representative Council Members

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

Jay Alexander*
Executive Director of Athletics
Detroit Public Schools
Detroit Public Schools Position

Nicole Carter**
Principal
Novi High School
Appointee

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

Vicky Groat**
Principal/Athletic Director
Battle Creek St. Philip High School
Appointee

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

Don Gustafson*
Superintendent
St. Ignace Area Schools
Junior High/Middle Schools

Kris Isom*
Athletic Director
Adrian Madison High School
Appointee

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

Karen Leinaar*
Athletic Director
Bear Lake High School
Statewide At-Large

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

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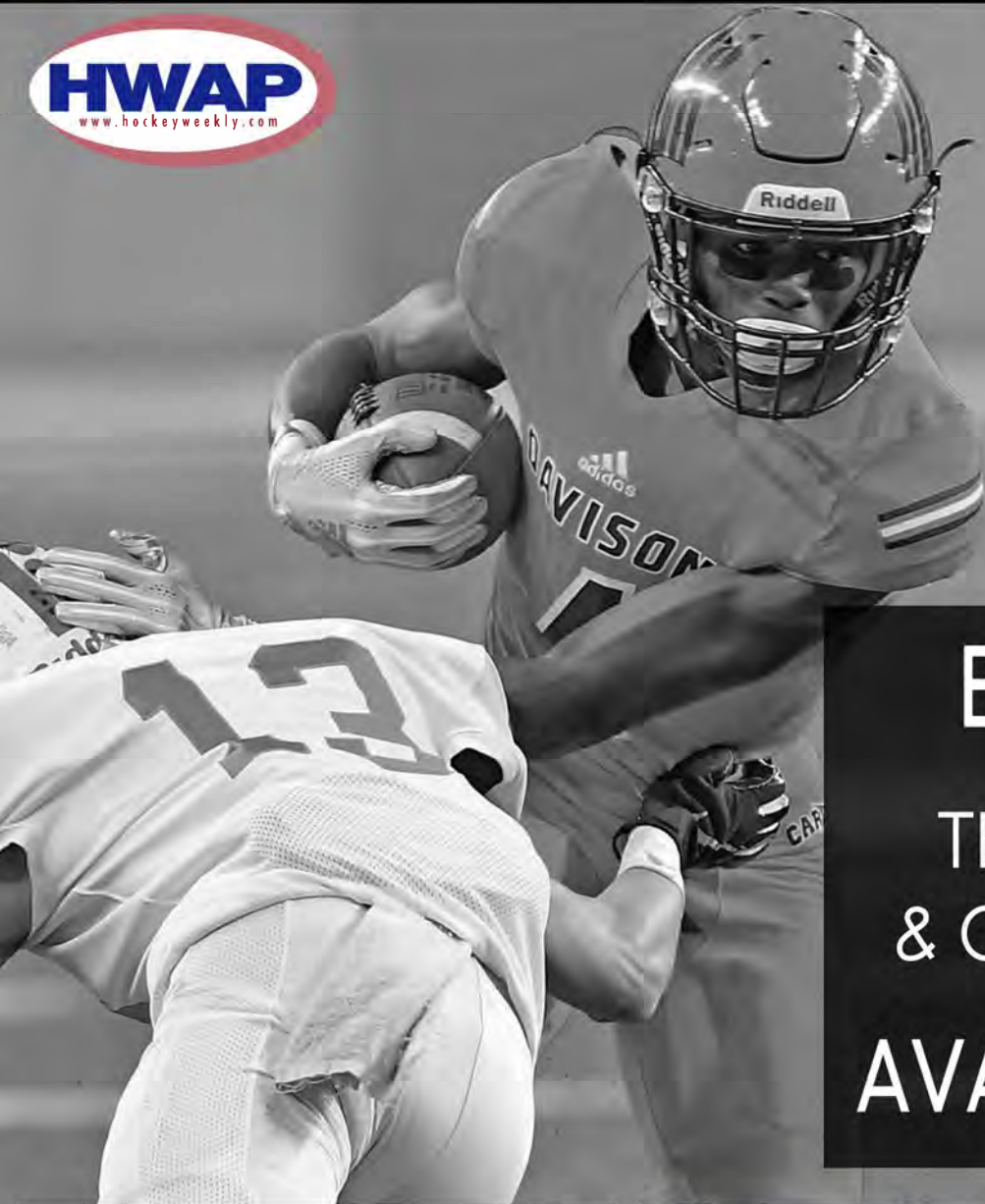
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COLON — 2019 Division 1 Champion



Division 1 Yearly Champions

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
2019	Colon (Robbie Hattan)	Suttons Bay	26-14
2018	Morrice (Kendall Crockett)	Pickford	44-16
2017	Central Lake (Robert Heeke)	Deckerville	32-30

PICKFORD — 2019 Division 2 Champion



Division 2 Yearly Champions

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
2019	Pickford (Joshua Rader)	Portland St. Patrick	48-15
2018	Rapid River (Steve Ostrenga)	Onokama	30-18
2017	Crystal Falls Forest Park (Dave Graff)	Portland St. Patrick	54-12

Single-Division Yearly Champions

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
2016	Powers North Central (Kevin Bellefeuille)	Deckerville	58-22
2015	Powers North Central (Kevin Bellefeuille)	Battle Creek St. Philip	58-33
2014	Lawrence (Cody Caswell)	Cedarville	56-12
2013	Peck (Rob McDaniel)	Rapid River	67-32
2012	Deckerville (Bill Brown)	Bellaire	14-12
2011	Carsonville-Port Sanilac (Tim Brabant)	Rapid River	49-13

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8-PLAYER FINALS RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Rushing Yards

352 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville (17 attempts), 2016
275 - Peter Ropiak, Crystal Falls Forest Park vs. Portland St. Patrick (16 attempts), 2017 Division 2
205 - Brandon Crawford, Colon vs. Suttons Bay (22 attempts), 2019 Division 1

Rushing Touchdowns

6 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville, 2016
5 - Bobby Kleiman, Powers North Central vs. Battle Creek St. Philip, 2015

Passing Yards

379 - Tristen Haener, Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013 (12 of 16, 7 TDs, 0 interceptions)
324 - Hayden Adams, Carsonville-Port Sanilac vs. Rapid River, 2011 (12 of 17, 5 TDs, 1 interception)

Passing Touchdowns

7 - Tristen Haener, Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013
5 - Hayden Adams, Carsonville-Port Sanilac vs. Rapid River, 2011

Receiving Yards

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

Total Offense Yards

454 - Hayden Adams, Carsonville-Port Sanilac vs. Rapid River (130 rushing, 324 passing), 2011
452 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville (352 rushing, 100 passing), 2016
382 - Tristen Haener, Peck vs. Rapid River (3 rushing, 379 passing), 2013

Touchdown Receptions

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

Touchdowns

6 - Jason Whitens, Powers North Central vs. Deckerville (6 rushing), 2016
6 - Bobby Kleiman, Powers North Central vs. Battle Creek St. Philip (5 rushing/1 receiving), 2015

Points Scored

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

Points After Touchdown - Kicking

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

TEAM RECORDS

Rushing Offense

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

Rushing Touchdowns

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

Passing Offense

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

Passing Touchdowns

7 - Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013

Total Offense

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

Total Offense - Two Teams

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

First Downs

23 - Lawrence vs. Cedarville, 2014

Most Points Scored - Team

67 - Peck vs. Rapid River, 2013
59 - Carsonville-Port Sanilac vs. Rapid River, 2011

Most Points Scored - Two Teams

99 - Peck (67) vs. Rapid River (32), 2013
91 - Powers North Central (58) vs. Battle Creek St. Philip (33), 2015

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

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

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

Selected to work the Finals are: **Blaine Barabas**, Marquette, **Adam Bergman**, Ishpeming, **Jacquelyn Clark**, North Adams, **Eric Frohriep**, Charlotte, **Greg Hendricks**, Kingsford, **Andrew Lewis**, Iron River, **Brian Mendyk**, Owosso, **Joseph Panijan**, Calumet, **Damian Polack**, Fort Gratiot, **A. Eric Thomas**, Brooklyn.

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

Behind The Scenes

The hallmark of a strong association is its ability to work together for the common good. Every year, over 11,000 game officials and 50,000-plus administrators and coaches at over 1,300 middle, junior and senior high schools voluntarily pool their efforts daily for the operations of the MHSAA's competitive extracurricular interscholastic athletic program.

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

The MHSAA would like to thank the tournament managers for the 2020 8-Player Football Finals: **Justin Cessante**, **Chris Ehman**, **Rodney Goble**, **Cody Porter** and **Kevin Winningham** of the Legacy Center staff.

Coordinating the Finals from the MHSAA office are Assistant Directors **Cody Inglis**, **Dan Hutcheson** and **Brent Rice**; Communications Director **Geoff Kimmerly** and Broadcast & Media Coordinator **Jon Ross**.

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

Anthem Singers

Today's National Anthems will be performed by **Taylor Lethorn** and **Isable Mincy** of Brighton High School.

Finals on the Air

The Finals will be streamed live on the FOX Sports Detroit Facebook channel. Games will be re-aired on FOX Sports Detroit Thursday Jan. 21 at 8 and 11 p.m.

Live and archived audio of the Final can be heard at **MHSAANetwork.com**. Consult **MHSAA.com** for further details and playback schedules.

Results on the Web

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



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