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Scout Completes 25 Years!

In the fall of 1984 the first Scout Newsletter was published, carrying a very familiar look to that of the Scout 25 years later. Remembering that first issue, inside this edition is a look back at some of the stories and the front cover of the 1984 Fall Scout.

In addition, the MPSSAA is looking for your input in regards to the Scout. After 25 years and a completely different world in the way news and information is dispersed, does Scout still hold to its same purpose? Please log on to mpssaa.org and register your opinion in the fan poll.

Fall Practice Start Date Reminder

Member schools are reminded of the 2009 fall sports season will be August 15. Below is a calendar of the upcoming start dates over the next five years.

UPCOMING FALL SPORT START DATES

YEAR	Practice Date	Season Date
2009	August 15, 2009	September 4, 2009
2010	August 14, 2010	September 3, 2010
2011	August 13, 2011	September 2, 2011
2012	August 11, 2012	August 31, 2012
2013	August 17, 2013	September 6, 2013

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MPSSAA Holds Scholar Athlete Luncheon

The 2009 Allstate Foundation Minds in Motion Scholarship Awards luncheon was held on May 26, 2009 at M&T Bank Stadium. The MPSSAA partnered with the Allstate Insurance Company and the Allstate Foundation awarded eight student athletes \$1000 scholarships toward their college education. The eight award winners hailed from all over the state and were recognized for their achievements not only on the athletic field, but in the classroom as well.

All eight winners had grade point averages above 3.9, participated in 12 seasons or more of state-sponsored interscholastic sports, and had attained numerous academic, as well as athletic, achievements. The award winners were Lindsay Chetelat and Erin McGuire of Stephen Decatur High School, Shayna Sweitzer of Southern Garrett High School, Amelia Tenberg of Hereford High School, Kurt Winter and Kyle Fairchild of Chesapeake High School, Ross Twanmoh of Fallston High School and Ross Gothelf of Owings Mills High School

MPSSAA Sending Six to National Student Leadership Conference

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce its inaugural participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. The MPSSAA will be sending six student delegates to participate in the conference from July 16-19. Students will attend workshops, assist in a community service project and develop action plans for the MPSSAA and their respective schools.

The MPSSAA delegates include Courtney Jarvis of Westlake HS, Joshua Yates of North East HS, Alex Eckard of Linganore HS, Martha Jacobs of Baltimore Polytechnic HS, Paige Puller of Kenwood HS and Lyndse Hokanson of South River HS.

2009-10 Seeds Announced

Semifinal pairings for the 2009-10 MPSSAA state tournaments were determined by draw at the April 24, 2009, meeting of the Board of Control. The semifinal pairings in the state tournament are as follows:



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EXECUTIVE'S CORNER

Edward "Ned" Sparks
Executive Director, MPSSAA

When the final out in the final baseball championship game is made I always get a sense of accomplishment. A year's worth of state playoffs has just been completed and that "last day of school feeling" always brings a smile.

The ride home is always a time to reminisce about the just completed school athletic year. It is a time to reflect on circumstances that while critical at the time are now items that prompt laughter and perhaps a little hyperbole when retold years later.

The rewards our business brings are certainly not measured in monetary value. The sense of satisfaction, the joy of working with and for young people and the knowledge that what we do really makes a difference is something that has no price. The opportunity to interact in the formation process of children becoming adults is not only rewarding today but continues to be so year after year. The lessons taught and experiences lived never leave the high school athlete. Think of your own circumstances. The friends, the wonderful stories, and the values you realized as a high school athlete remain with you for a lifetime. To be a part of that process is true validation of our work.

As the year comes to a close, I would be remiss if I did not thank the dedicated MPSSAA staff, state committee chairs and members along with the regional directors. The complexity of any state tournament requires substantial effort that only a dedicated, professional and motivated team can accomplish. Every student that had an opportunity to participate in any MPSSAA contest owes a true debt of gratitude to those who made it happen for them. On their behalf an emphatic two thumbs up to all of you.

Here's wishing everyone A Terrific Summer!

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WRAP-UP

STATE CHAMPIONS Spring 2009

BASEBALL

- 1A Bohemia Manor
- 2A River Hill
- 3A Frederick
- 4A Severna Park

SOFTBALL

- 1A Pocomoke
- 2A McDonough
- 3A Northern (Cal.)
(2nd Consecutive)
- 4A Broadneck

TRACK & FIELD

Boys

- 1A Smithsburg/
Williamsport

Girls

- 1A Williamsport
(2nd Consecutive)

- 2A Clarksburg

- 3A Westlake

- 4A Thomas Johnson

- 2A North Point

- 3A Western

- 4A Eleanor Roosevelt
(3rd Consecutive)

LACROSSE

Boys

- 2A-1A Pikesville

- 3A-2A Hereford

- 4A-3A South River

Girls

- 2A-1A Century

- 3A-2A Fallston
(2nd Consecutive)

- 4A-3A Severna Park

TENNIS

Boy's Singles Timothy Klanke - Walt Whitman

Boy's Doubles Kevin Chu/Abdoalage Camara -
Winston Churchill

Girl's Singles Katelyn Stokes - Eleanor Roosevelt

Girl's Doubles Tiffany Lin/Alysia Rogers
Walter Johnson

Mixed Doubles Sarah Macy/Aaron Hoffman
Walt Whitman

SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

BASEBALL

Fallston

BOY'S LACROSSE

South River

GIRL'S LACROSSE

Fallston

SOFTBALL

North Carroll

25 YEARS OF SCOUT

In the fall of 1984, when the internet and technologies of today were barely fathomed, the MPSSAA published the inaugural Scout Newsletter, providing a more effective way to communicate with the membership on the business of the state association.

Listed in that first Scout were the 1984 Spring State Championships, the announcement of the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting to telecast football, indoor track and softball in the coming year and the softball holiday tournament being approved by the state board of education for two additional games to be played.

Athletic Trainer John Lopez, who recently spent two-days providing coverage for athletes at the state track meet this past spring, provided some trainers tips including this recommen-

ation, "Do not take supplements unless prescribed by your doctor. Eat a well balanced diet and you will get all the vitamins you need."

A listing of ticket prices showed a charge of \$3.00 at state semifinals and \$4.00 at the state finals of all events; making it hard to believe that in 25 years with all the increasing costs, ticket prices have only risen to \$6.00 for semifinals and \$8.00 for state finals in 2008-09.

In addition, gracing the front cover was a reprinted article titled *None But The Best Birds!* by South Central Schools Superintendent John J. Fotheringham. Reprinted in the Scout 25 years later, this article stands as a reminder of just one of the many ways athletic participation can affect students.

None But The Best Birds!

(This is a reprint from "The Washington Interscholastic," May-June 1983 by John J. Fotheringham, Superintendent, South Central Schools)

A nation of tongue-cluckers emerged recently when the media uncovered a Creighton University basketball player who had gone through 12 years of public school education and four years of college without becoming proficient in reading. The advocates of a "C" minimum grade-point average for participating in athletics had a field day ridiculing the system, Creighton University, and the young ball player when his case was publicized. As usual, there is much to the story that did not emerge at first.

David Ross had a severe reading dysfunction all during his life. He should have been doomed to become one of our nation's 700,000 illiterates, but the desire to play basketball and his hard work in the classroom kept him in school for 16 years. He received all his publicity recently because his desire to read, combined with specialized help, was working to overcome his reading handicap. The real message is that David Ross found his motivation and inspiration through people he was associated with in a school setting. Playing basketball never was the cause of the reading dysfunction. Athletic competition, as it so often does, held yet another person in the proper place until personal motivation and the right help come together.

I certainly do not advocate that athletes be allowed to participate without producing academically, and I am opposed to the practice of raising athlete's grad points without raising their achievement level. What concerns me is the notion that a certain level of academic production must come before athletic competition is allowed. It has been experience that the non-participation youngster is the most likely candidate for academic failure and dropout. An academic first-aid program is best stimulated by a desire to do well in something-very often in athletics.

In public education we have a responsibility to include, rather than exclude, the rag-tags in extracurricular activities. I love to see coaches bring along a group of misfits, molding them into a team with standards for schoolwork, social interaction, and sports competition. There is nothing wrong with coaches trying to win by keeping kids eligible through checking their grades, providing academic training tables, or giving personal tutoring and academic counseling. Those of us who were first inspired to achieve in school from a coach, or through desire to participate in athletics, are countless. That inspiration, however, comes during participation, not prior to it. A coach can reach a student in the locker room, on the practice field, or in the gymnasium, but not in the streets.

A "C" grade minimum requirement for initial turnout would have eliminated chances for many successful people who received their start to success through athletics. Personally, I like the underdog, the hungry ghetto kid who is rising above a tragic home life, the reformed bully, the handicapped athlete, the ex-street punk. If they are going to be captured, it will likely be by a ball rather than a book. If they are not on a ball team, they probably will not be in the classroom for very long.

Billy Olson, Sunday-school-teaching world-record pole vaulter, who recently went 19 feet indoors, says, "Before I found this event (pole vaulting) in junior high school, I was a bum." Billy received his inspiration, personal motivation and accomplishment through the opportunity provided a young person without a "C" average. Not all athletes are going to make "C" grades' but certainly no all those making "C" grades would be doing so unless they were athletes.

Perhaps instead of thinking that public school athletes should start out as an academically elite group, we should follow what someone wrote as good advice - "How silent the woods would be if none but the best birds sang."

Coaching Certification

A recommendation of the MPSSAA Strategic Planning Committee called for the Association to, "Revise coaching eligibility and certification of all coaches and the retention of emergency coaches." Upon receipt of input and considerable discussion the following proposed bylaw will be offered at the Board of Control meeting in December. It is presented now for informational purposes and to encourage informed scrutiny and discussion.

MPSSAA Coaching Eligibility Proposal

- (1) Member MPSSAA schools shall employ as coaches:
 - (a) Teachers or certificated professional educator employees of the local Board of Education for a specific coaching assignment.
 - (b) **A person certifiable as a professional educator by the State Department of Education according to 13A.12.01.**
 - (c) **Credentialed Coach who meets the following requirements.**
 - (i) **Is eligible to hold a Maryland certificate under COMAR 13A.12.01.04D;**
 - (ii) **Possess a MPSSAA/MSDE Coaches Certification; and**
 - (iii) **Has completed two years of successful coaching as an emergency coach.**
 - (iv) **Has spent the previous one year as an emergency coach at the school of hire in the position of hire.**
- (2) If no acceptable and qualified coaches are available from the teachers or certifiable professional educators teachers employed by the local board of education, temporary emergency coaches may be employed if the following procedures are followed:
 - (a) The person shall be officially appointed by the local Board of Education on a one-season basis for a specific coaching assignment;
 - (b) The coaching salary of the appointed coach shall be paid exclusively by the local school system;
 - (c) **An emergency coach hired after July 1, 2010 is required to become a Credentialed Coach prior to the start of their fourth year as an emergency coach.**
 - (d) In sports having more than one coach, emergency coaches shall not comprise more than 50 percent of that sport staff.
 - (e) The emergency coach shall be at least 21 years old and possess a high school diploma.
- (3) All coaches shall have completed or be enrolled in a one-credit course in the prevention and care of athletic injuries.
- (4) Member MPSSAA schools may permit volunteer athletic coaches to assist their coaching staff. These volunteer coaches may not serve as head coaches at any level and must work only under the direction of the head coach. The volunteer coach may be utilized if the following procedures are followed:
 - (a) The volunteer coach shall be at least 21 years old and possess a high school diploma.
 - (b) The volunteer coach shall have completed or be enrolled in a one-credit course in the prevention and care of athletic injuries.
 - (c) The volunteer coach shall be formally appointed on a one season basis for a specific coaching assignment.

MPSSAA Fall Rules Interpretation Clinics

Attendance at a rules interpretation clinic is a certification requirement for officials assigned to MPSSAA contests—both regular and post-season play. COACHES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Please check our web site <www.mpssaa.org> or call the MPSSAA office, 410-767-0555 or Bill Burroughs at 410-767-0375 to verify any changes in date, time, or location of clinics. **Highlighted dates below have yet to be confirmed.**

Field Hockey - TBA, Interpreter

Aug 10 ..7:00 pm ..Howard/CarrollGlenelg HS
 Aug 11 ..7:00 pm ..Northern Eastern ShoreEaston HS
 Aug 12 ..6:00 pm ..Anne ArundelAA Board of Ed (Riva Rd.)
 Aug 13 ..7:00 pm ..Lower Eastern ShoreParkside HS
 Aug 17 ..7:00 pm ..FrederickWalkersville HS
 Aug 18 ..6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland.....Patuxent HS
 Aug 19 ..7:00 pm ..BBOWSMilford Mill HS
 Aug 20 ..7:00 pm ..Montgomery Co.CESC BoE Office Cafeteria

Football - Joseph L. Warren, Interpreter

July 28 ..7:00 pm ..BaysideAmerican Legion (Salisbury)
 July 30 ..7:00 pm ..Potomac ValleyAllegany College CE Building
 Aug 47:00 pm ..Washington CoHagerstown JC (ATC 121)
 Aug 57:00 pm ..Northeastern/DelawareHarford TechHS
 Aug 8...10:30 am..Washington District.....Roosevelt HS

Aug 10 ..7:00 pm ..Frederick.....Frederick HS
 Aug 11 ..7:00 pm ..Central MarylandWinters Mill HS
 Aug 12 ..6:00 pm ..COG/Anne Arundel Co ..AA Board of Ed (Riva Rd.)
 Aug 24 ..7:00 pm ..Maryland BoardMilford Mill HS

Soccer - Bill Warren, Interpreter

July 27 ..7:00 pm ..BaysideParkside HS
 July 28 ..7:00 pm ..WMSOA/AppalachianFrederick HS
 July 307:00 pm ..Allegany/GarrettMountain Ridge HS
 Aug 47:00 pm ..Metro Washington Area.....Paint Branch HS
 Aug 10 ..7:00 pm ..Old LineWestminster HS
 Aug 12 ..6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel CoAA Board of Ed (Riva Rd.)
 Aug 13 ..7:00 pm ..Mason-Dixon/BBOWS.....Milford Mill HS
 Aug 18 ..6:00 pm ..Southern Maryland/CASRAPatuxent HS
 Aug 19 ..7:00 pm ..Harford CountyChurchville Rec Complex

Volleyball - Phyllis Coleman, Interpreter

July 27 ..7:30 pm ..Allegany-Garrett/Washington CoHancock H S
 Aug 37:00 pm ..NEMOAHarford Tech HS
 Aug 57:00 pm ..Central Maryland/FrederickCentury HS
 Aug 67:00 pm ..Northern/Lower ShoreNorth Dorchester HS
 Aug 11 ..7:00 pm ..National CapitalBlake HS
 Aug 13 ..7:00 pm ..BBOWSMilford Mill HS
 Aug 18 ..8:00 pm ..Tri-CountyPatuxent HS
 Aug 19 ..6:00 pm ..Anne Arundel Co.....AA Board of Ed (Riva Rd.)

Projected State Tournament Time Lines For 2009-10

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug 15First practice date
 Sep 4First play date
 Oct 16Application deadline for Region Meet entry
 Oct 23Determination of Region Meet qualifiers
 Nov 5Region Meets
 Nov 8Organization meeting for State Meets
 Nov 14State Meets

FIELD HOCKEY

Aug 15First practice date
 Sep 4First play date
 Oct 22Draw for tournament bracket positions
 Oct 26Last play date
 Oct 27Region First Round
 Oct 29Region Quarterfinals
 Oct 30APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIERS*
 Nov 3Region Semifinals
 Nov 5Region Finals
 Nov 9/11State Semifinals
 Nov 14State Finals

FOOTBALL

Aug 15First practice date
 Sep 4First play date
 Nov 7Last play date
 Nov 8Organization meeting for postseason tournament
 Nov 13/14Region Semifinals
 Nov 16APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIERS*
 Nov 20/21Region Finals
 Nov 27/28State Semifinals
 Dec 3/4/5State Finals

GOLF

Aug 15First play/practice date
 Oct 13District Tournament completion date
 Oct 13Tournament entry blank due;
 Oct 14Organization meeting for State Tournament
 Oct 19/20, 21State Tournament

SOCCER

Aug 15First practice date
 Sep 4First play date
 Oct 26Draw for tournament bracket positions
 Oct 28Last play date
 Oct 30Region First round
 Nov 3Region Quarterfinals
 Nov 4APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIERS*
 Nov 6Region Semifinals
 Nov 10Region Finals
 Nov 13/14State Semifinals
 Nov 19/20/21State Finals

VOLLEYBALL

Aug 15First practice date
 Sep 4First play date
 Nov 2Draw for tournament bracket positions
 Nov 5Last play date
 Nov 6Region First round
 Nov 9Region Quarterfinals
 Nov 10APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIERS*
 Nov 11Region Semifinals
 Nov 13/14Region Finals
 Nov 16-19State Semifinals
 Nov 21State Finals

BASKETBALL

Nov 14First practice date
 Dec 4First play date
 Feb 20Last play date for seeding consideration
 Feb 21Draw for tournament bracket positions
 Feb 25Last play date
 Feb 26 (G); Feb 27 (B)Region First Round
 Feb 26Region First Round Doubleheader
 Mar 1 (G); Mar 2 (B)Region Quarterfinals
 Mar 2 (G); Mar 3 (B)APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIERS*
 Mar 3 (G); Mar 4 (B)Region Semifinals
 Mar 5 (G); Mar 6 (B)Region Finals
 Mar 11/12State Semifinals
 Mar 13State Finals

* Application Deadline For Qualifiers -

Winners of region quarterfinal games are to submit the team tournament entry form along with a photo to the MPSSAA office. Check your respective sport bulletin for information regarding this submission.

INDOOR TRACK

Nov 14First practice date
 Dec 4First play date
 10 days prior to Region MeetDeadline for entry into tournament
 4 business days prior to Region MeetScratch & substitution deadline
 Jan 30-Feb 10Region Meets
 Feb 13Seeding of State Meets
 Feb 15/16State Meets

SWIMMING

Nov 14First practice date
 Dec 4First play date
 Feb 20Regional Meets
 Feb 22Organizational Meeting for State Meet
 Feb 27State Meets

WRESTLING DUALS

Nov 14First practice date
 Dec 4First play date
 Feb 1Team entry form due
 Feb 6Last play date
 Feb 10Region Tournament
 Feb 13State Tournament

WRESTLING

Nov 14First practice date
 Dec 4First play date
 Feb 20Last play date
 Feb 26/27Region Tournament
 Feb 28Organization meeting for State Tournament
 Mar 5-6State Tournament

BASEBALL

Mar 1First practice date
 Mar 22First play date
 May 12Draw for tournament bracket positions
 May 13Last play date
 May 14Region First round
 May 17Region Quarterfinals
 May 18APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIERS*
 May 19Region Semifinals
 May 21Region Finals
 May 25State Semifinals
 May 28/29State Finals

LACROSSE

Mar 1First practice date
 Mar 22First play date
 May 10Draw for tournament bracket positions
 May 12Last play date
 May 13Region First round
 May 15Region Quarterfinals
 May 17APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIERS*
 May 17Region Semifinals
 May 19Region Finals
 May 21/22State Semifinals
 May 25/26State Finals

SOFTBALL

Mar 1First practice date
 Mar 22First play date
 May 11Draw for tournament bracket positions
 May 13Last play date
 May 14Region First round
 May 17Region Quarterfinals
 May 18APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR QUALIFIERS*
 May 19Region Semifinals
 May 21Region Finals
 May 25State Semifinals
 May 28/29State Finals

TENNIS

Mar 1First practice date
 Mar 22First play date
 May 22Region tournament completion deadline
 May 24Entry deadline
 May 25Organization meeting for State tournament
 May 28-29State Tournament

TRACK & FIELD

Mar 1First practice date
 Mar 22First play date
 7 days prior to Region MeetDeadline for entry into tournament
 3 business days prior to Region MeetScratch & substitution deadline
 May 19-22Region Meets
 May 23Seeding of State Meets
 May 27-29State Meets

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SUMMER



2009

Dates to Remember

August 15 - 1st practice day for Fall Sports

Sept. 4 - 1st play date for other Fall Sports

August 15 - 1st play date for Golf

Summer Check Off For Coaches

- _____ Equipment collected, repaired, and stored away
- _____ New equipment ordered
- _____ Summer addresses & phone numbers on file
- _____ Statistics & records completed & updated
- _____ Medical forms & parent permission slips for Fall sports distributed
- _____ Fall schedules completed, typed and distributed
- _____ Vacation planned

**Have a great
summer!**