

ALLEGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

2008-2009



EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS
AN EXTENSION OF THE CLASSROOM

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Another year of athletics has come and gone. It seems like it was just yesterday that the fall teams were getting started and excitement about the 2008-09 season was at a high level. It was exciting year. Teams and individuals competed hard and achieved many goals. It was a year of unbelievable plays and results, as well as disappointing outings. The "thrill of victory and agony of defeat" is oh, so true. But when it all ended, lots of memories were made, friendships began or were strengthened and many valuable lessons were learned. All a part of high school athletics. I hope that you were able to be a part of it.

What follows are just the "facts" of the season. Hopefully it will help bring back some of the memories, some of the thrills of Allegan Athletics 2008-09. ENJOY!

*Gary Ellis
Athletic Director*

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EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS

**** More than just the score ****

The National Federation of State High School's "Excellence in Education" report acknowledges the value of co-curricular activities in complementing the programs offered during the school day. Special benefits include: better attendance, better retention rates, higher grade point averages and fewer discipline problems.

WHAT CAN CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS?

(Excerpt from *Fair Play... "Let's Get Back to the Game"*)

Fundamental Motor Skills Skills for Recreation and Leisure Social Competence
Moral Integrity Loyalty to a Common Cause Respect for Others
Respect for the Letter and Spirit of Rules Emotional Stability under Stress
Enjoyment of Competition Accepting of Constructive Criticism
Respect for Authority Positive Self-Concept

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT COACHING STAFF

Coaching is a special opportunity to work closely with young men and women as they strive to achieve goals and acquire life skills and as they deal with the joys and the frustrations of athletics and growing up. Coaches challenge and encourage their athletes; celebrate the victories and help pick up the pieces from disappointments. Thank you, coaches, for your involvement in Allegan Athletics. A special thank you to those volunteer coaches who freely gave of their time and expertise to help provide better opportunities for our athletes.

FALL SPORTS

Head Coaches: Angela Boyett, Paula Chalupa, Tony Danzig, Gary Ellis, Scott Evans, Dawn Hoyer, Andrea Murphy, Tom Smythe

Assistants: Mike Allen, Michele Arthur, Tim Barrone, John Bishop, Jodi Byers, Jon Caron, Chris Childers, Chad Corbett, Chad Dame, Lisa DeKryger, Ryan Dumas, Tony Fales, Dave Haas, Jason Hayes, Jessica Kelly, Lisa Kent, Steve Kent, Liz McPherson, Alva Morgan, Joe Munn, Mike Peters, Loren Pommer, Murray Rose, Codi Shek, Royal Thompson, Deb Thorogood

WINTER SPORTS

Head Coaches: Jim Baird, Corby Callaway, Lisa Kent, Murray Rose, Joey Schwartz, Travis Spaman

Assistants: Erin Brinks, Doug Bunting, Paul Cole, Chad Corbett, Tony Danzig, Keeli DeKoster, Ryan Dumas, Joe Gardiner, Steve Green, Matt Hermann, Lon Hoyer, Roger Lambert, Kyle Lawton, Catherine MacDonald, Dave Nightingale, Craig Pennock, Loren Pommer, Leslie Scane, Bob Sikkema, Joe Simaz, Todd Smith, Gavin Snyder

SPRING SPORTS

Head Coaches: Jen Aldrich, John Bishop, Mike Chalupa, Scott Evans, Libby Hammon, Joe Gardiner

Assistants: Tim Barrone, Mark Birkam, Jon Caron, Jen Conrad, Chad Corbett, Tony Danzig, Mike Davis, Gary Ellis, Jon Mayhew, Alva Morgan, Joe Munn, Craig Pennock, Mike Peters, Cori Shek, Gavin Snyder, Bobbi Jo Steward, Royal Thompson, Bill Woodhams

TRAINER: Danielle Lambert

ATHLETIC SECRETARY: Sarah Bayley

THE REAL SCORE

A coach can never make a great player of a youngster who isn't potentially great.
But a coach can make a great competitor out of any child.
And miraculously, coaches can make adults out of children.
For a coach, the final score doesn't need so many points for my team, so many points for theirs.

Instead it reads:
So many men and women out of so many boys and girls.
And this is a score that is never published.
And this is a score that coaches read themselves, and in which they find real joy...
When the last game is finally over.

- Anonymous

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

In an effort to recognize the academic and athletic efforts of the many outstanding scholar-athletes in the Wolverine Conference, the league principals established the Wolverine Conference All-Academic Team, consisting of twenty of the top student-athletes in the conference. Selection is based on the athlete's grade point average and either ACT or SAT test score. The athlete must have earned two varsity letters in his/her final three years of high school.

Allegan was honored to have two of its athletes selected to this year's team. Congratulations to:

Rebecca Baiers (Soccer) Shelby Schulz (Volleyball & Tennis)
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~ ~ ~ ACADEMIC ALL-STATE ~ ~ ~

Each year the various state coaching organizations recognize the academic achievements of its teams and individuals. Two Allegan teams received accolades for their successes in the classroom. At publication time, one other was pending. One baseball player was also recognized.

Girls Tennis Boys Tennis Steve Sewell - Baseball
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CONGRATULATIONS!

MHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD NOMINEES

The Michigan High School Athletic Association, in conjunction with Farm Bureau Insurance, awards college scholarships to the top male and female student-athletes in the twenty-eight sports sponsored by the MHSAA. Athletes must have a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average and have won a varsity letter in the sport in which they are nominated. They must show involvement in other school and community activities, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics. Allegan's nominees were:

Kathryn Allen	Curtis Jay Drozd
Marisa Cochran	Travis Pennock
Clint Cook	Shelby Schulz

ALLEGAN SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

Each trimester the Allegan All-Sports Booster Club recognizes those athletes who earn at least a 3.2 grade point average for that trimester. Joyce Thompson compiled the lists and worked to get the recipients either a scholar-athlete t-shirt (1st time) or Tiger Bucks, good for use at the concession stand.

Again this year many of our athletes have achieved a great deal of success in the classroom and were recognized throughout the year by the Booster Club. **SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE FIELD OF PLAY DO GO HAND-IN-HAND. GOOD JOB!**

TEAM SUMMARIES

Boys Cross Country

Wolverine: 7th (3-6)
Overall Record: 3-6
MVP: Brian Sousley

Girls Cross Country

Wolverine: 5th (5-4)
Overall Record: 5-4
MVP: Shea VanKlompsonberg

Football

Wolverine: 10th (0-9)
Overall Record: 0-9
MVP: Ryan Shek

Boys Soccer

Wolverine: 6th (3-6)
Overall Record: 6-12
MVP: Hal Truax

Girls Swimming

SCSC: 3rd (2-3)
Overall Record: 4-6
MVP: Emily Hartman

Boys Tennis

Wolverine: Champions (8-0)
Overall Record: 13-3
MVP: Curtis Drozd

Volleyball

Wolverine: 7th (2-7)
Overall Record: 16-25-1
MVP: Shelby Schulz

Boys Basketball

Wolverine: 2nd (13-5)
Overall Record: 15-6
MVP: Matt El

Girls Basketball

Wolverine: 8th (5-13)
Overall Record: 6-16
MVP: Marisa Cochran

Boys Bowling

SW Mich. Bowling League: 4th (154-152)
MVP: James Lamb

Girls Bowling

SW Mich. Bowling League: 4th (172-127)
MVP: Samantha Nickey

Competitive Cheer

Wolverine: 6th
MVP: Samantha Lapinne

Boys Swimming

SCSC: 3rd (2-2)
Overall Record: 3-6
MVP: Chris Miller

Wrestling

Wolverine: Champions (9-0)
Overall Record: 42-4
MVP: Steve Poffenberger

Baseball

Wolverine: 5th (9-9)
Overall Record: 14-16
MVP: Curtis Drozd

Golf

Wolverine: 10th Place
MVP: Jimmy Clawson

Girls Soccer

Wolverine: 6th (3-6)
Overall Record: 9-10-1
MVP: Damenick Bottoms
Kristin Pennock

Softball

Wolverine: 10th
Overall Record: 8-23
MVP: Shelby Smith

Girls Tennis

Wolverine: Champions (9-0)
Overall Record: 11-0-2
MVP: Shelby Schulz

Boys Track

Wolverine: 8th (2-3)
Overall Record: (3-3)
MVP: Kaleb Radke

Girls Track

Wolverine: 5th (3-2)
Overall Record: (4-2)
MVP: Emily Davis

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE & SCSC ALL-CONFERENCE

Athletes earn all-conference recognition in one of two ways:

Team Sports – selected by the conference coaches in that sport based on conference criteria

Individual Sports – based on finish at the conference tournament/meet

FALL SPORTS

Boys Cross Country: Brian Sousley

Girls Cross Country: Jessica Pegg, Shea VanKlompsonberg

Football: 1st Team – Caleb Byers

2nd Team – Anton Jackson, Ryan Shek

Honorable Mention – Clint Cook

Boys Soccer: 1st Team – Hal Truax

2nd Team – Michael Wallace

Honorable Mention – Spencer Vasquez

Girls Swimming: Kathryn Allen, Lauren Crane, Chelsea Dehn, Samantha Ellis, Emily Hartman, Deidre Smtih

Boys Tennis: 1st Team – Seth Arthur, Tom Burghard, Curtis Drozd, Chad Kent, Nate Tibbitts, Travis Pennock, Luke Jeffries

2nd Team – Michael Hileski, Kyle LaGattuta, Taylor Robinson

Honorable Mention – Alex Jeffries, Matt Madden

Volleyball: 2nd Team – Shelby Schulz

Honorable Mention – Lindsay Simonds

WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball: 1st Team – Matt El, Caleb Byers

Honorable Mention – Curtis Drozd

Girls Basketball: Honorable Mention – Marisa Cochran, Jasmine Wright

Competitive Cheer: 1st Team – Kayty Smith

Honorable Mention – Kara Coonfare, Tomi El

Boys Swimming: Austin Davidhizar, Sam Ferraro, Jacob Hammer, Justice Hill, Ryan Kenny, Chris Miller

Wrestling: 1st Team – Robbie Wilson, Taylor Simaz, Steve Poffenberger, Taylan Knobloch, Matt Smith, Jon Rizqallah

2nd Team – Garrett Smith, Steve Krcatovich, Colin Smythe, Jon Christman

Honorable Mention – Andrew Kelley, Brian Sousley, Steve Blank

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball: 2nd Team: Curtis Drozd, CJ Jackson, Sam Goldschmeding

Honorable Mention: Alex Jeffries, Ron Baughman, Clint Cook

Girls Soccer: 1st Team: Jasmine Wright

Honorable Mention: Damenick Bottoms, Brianna McKenney

Softball: 1st Team: Shelby Smith

Honorable Mention: Staci Henrickson

Girls Tennis: 1st Team – Haley Dekkinga, Landria Christman, Shelby Schulz, Katie Haist, Rachel Cook, Hannah Schulz, Jayd Gorby, Jill Waigand, Rachel Brower, Mallory Smith

Honorable Mention: Elayna Burghard

Boys Track: 1st Team – Kaleb Radke

Honorable Mention – Chris Miller, Kaleb Radke

Girls Track: 1st Team – Megan Chrysler, Emily Davis

2nd Team – Shea VanKlompsonburg, Mariah Rininger, Erica Bury, Emily Davis

Honorable Mention – Shea VanKlompsonberg, Tanesha Weems, Sam Lapinne, Mariah Rininger

CHAMPIONS

“Champions arrive early and stay late. They know what they’re there for. They don’t have to be told five times to do something or be given a five-minute lecture on how to do it. You give them the challenge and they get it done.” (Joe Paterno)

2008-09 WOLVERINE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

FALL

Boys Cross Country: Vicksburg
Girls Cross Country: Gull Lake
Football: Paw Paw, Three Rivers
Girls Golf: Gull Lake

Boys Soccer: Gull Lake
Boys Tennis: **Allegan**
Volleyball: Gull Lake, Plainwell

WINTER

Boys Basketball: Gull Lake
Girls Basketball: Gull Lake

Competitive Cheer: Otsego
Wrestling: **Allegan**

SPRING

Baseball: Dowagiac, Vicksburg
Boys Golf: Vicksburg
Girls Soccer: Gull Lake
Softball: Vicksburg

Girls Tennis: **Allegan**
Boys Track: Vicksburg
Girls Track: Vicksburg

Final Conference Standings

Boys Sports: 6th
Gull Lake, Vicksburg

Girls Sports: 8th
Gull Lake

Overall Finish: 6th
Gull Lake

2008-09 COACHING AWARDS

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS

WRESTLING: Murray Rose

BOYS TENNIS: Gary Ellis

STATE HONORS

GIRLS TENNIS:

State Finish: 4th Place

State Champions: Shelby Schulz & Katie Haist (#1 Doubles)

Rachel Cook & Hannah Schulz (#2 Doubles)

All-State: Haley Dekkinga, Landria Christman, Shelby Schulz, Katie Haist, Rachel Cook, Hannah Schulz

WRESTLING:

State Finish: Semifinals (top 4)

All-State: John Rizqallah (2nd), Taylor Simaz (4th), Garrett Smith (5th), Matt Smith (8th)

BOYS TENNIS:

State Finish: 10th Place

All-State: Curtis Drozd & Travis Pennock

ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS ALL-COUNTY

FALL SPORTS

Boys Cross Country: Brian Sousley, Gage Waanders

Girls Cross Country: Shea VanKlombenberg, Jessica Pegg

Football: Caleb Byers

Boys Soccer: Hal Truax, Michael Wallace

Girls Swimming: Kathryn Allen, Chelsea Dehn, Samantha Ellis, Emily Hartman

Boys Tennis: Seth Arthur, Tom Burghard, Curtis Drozd, Alex Jeffries, Matt Madden, Travis Pennock, Nate Tibbitts

Volleyball: Shelby Schulz

WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball: Matt El, Curtis Drozd, Caleb Byers

Girls Basketball: Marissa Cochran

Boys Bowling: James Lamb

Girls Bowling: Samantha Nickey

Competitive Cheer: Kayty Smith, Tomi El, Kara Coonfare

Wrestling: Robbie Wilson, Taylor Simaz, Steve Poffenberger, Taylan Knobloch, Garrett Smith, Matt Smith, Colin Smythe, Jon Christman, John Rizqallah, Brian Sousley

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball: Curtis Drozd, Sam Goldschmeding, C.J. Jackson

Girls Soccer: Damenick Bottoms, Kristin Pennock, Jasmine Wright

Softball: Shelby Smith

Girls Tennis: Haley Dekkinga, Landria Christman, Shelby Schulz, Katie Haist, Hannah Schulz, Rachel Cook, Jill Waigand, Jayd Gorby, Elayna Burghard

Girls Track: Shea VanKlombenberg, Mariah Rininger, Emily Davis, Erica Bury

ALLEGAN TRIPLE THREAT AWARD

Participation is important. Participation in three sports seasons in a year takes not only a good athlete and a good student, but an individual who can make good use of his/her time in order to handle all of the demands this entails from August to June. Fortunately, Allegan has had many individuals who have not only stepped up to the challenge, but have excelled as well. To these individuals, the athletic department offers its congratulations and thanks.

Rachel Bartz, Jayson Brennan, Tom Burghard, Trey Clifford, D.J. Cochran, Rachel Cook, Jesse DeRidder, Tyler Dominowski, Curtis Drozd, Jordan Ealy, Ethan Eichinger, Tomi El, Tyler Gorby, Devyn Hinds, Julian Hornback, Anton Jackson, C.J. Jackson, Andrew Kelley, Ryan Kenny, Sarah Krcatovich, Samantha LaPinne, Steven McKeever, Trey McLaughlin, Chris Miller, Samantha Nickey, Kristin Pennock, Alex Perez, Ryan Pinnell, Ethan Quillen, Steven Rasmussen, Allie Siegler, Taylor Simaz, Brian Sousley, Shane Sousley, Deidre Smith, Shelby Smith, Kyle Teachout, Dylan VanLiere, Molly Wagner, Michael Wallace, Dan Weakland, Jasmine Wright

To have participated in three seasons throughout one's high school career is an even more daunting challenge. A special congratulations to the following who have graced our fields of competition for all twelve seasons:

<p>ALEX JEFFRIES (Tennis, Basketball, Baseball) BRIANNA MCKENNEY (Cheer, Basketball, Soccer) LINDSAY SIMONDS (Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer)</p>

SENIOR AWARDS

Each year the Allegan Athletic Department has the opportunity to recognize several of the top student-athletes involved in our program. This year, there were many who represented Allegan High School well in athletic competition and, as a result, those who were selected to receive our top honors were certainly outstanding young men and women as well as outstanding athletes. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

~ ~ ~ THE VAN MELLE AWARD ~ ~ ~

This award, named in honor of Willam vanMelle and established in 1947, is given to a senior male athlete based on coachability, dependability, athletic ability, leadership, participation and sportsmanship. This year's male "athlete of the year" award recipient was:

CURTIS DROZD

(Football, Baseball, Baseball)

~ ~ ~ ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS AWARD ~ ~ ~

This award, sponsored by the Allegan County News and established in 1973, is given to a senior female athlete based on coachability, dependability, athletic ability, leadership, participation and sportsmanship. This year's female "athlete of the year" award recipient was:

SHELBY SCHULZ

(Volleyball, Tennis)

~ ~ ~ ACKERMAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD ~ ~ ~

This award, named in honor of Bernard "Bernie" Ackerman, is given to a male and a female athlete who has displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout his/her athletic career at Allegan High School. This year's recipients were:

**BRIANNA MCKENNEY
STEVE POFFENBERGER**

MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

United States Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award: Alex Jeffries & Shelby Schulz

Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award: Travis Pennock & Lindsay Simonds

ADDITIONAL SENIOR AWARDS

Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete Award: Allison Kasprzyk

ALLEGAN ALL-SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Misty Angle

VICE-PRESIDENT: Paula Martin

SECRETARY: Vickie Sherwood

TREASURER: Barry Forstner

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PUBLICITY: Kami Fleckenstein

CONCESSIONS: Vickie Sherwood

STUDENT-ATHLETE: Joyce Thompson

HALL OF FAME: Sandy Savage

This year, as in year's past, the Booster Club contributed so much to the athletic program and to our athletes.

- Provided grants to teams that needed items to supplement the athletic budget
- Coordinated and helped provide workers for the concession stands
- Helped coordinate athletic physicals at a low cost to athletes
- Recognized athletes who excelled in the classroom with the Scholar-Athlete Award
- Provided funds for team awards – most valuable, most improved, etc.
- Provided funds for training room supplies
- Provided funds for letters, numerals, pins, etc.
- Sponsored the Allegan Athletic Hall of Fame banquet
- Provided college scholarships for four senior athletes:
- Provided half the cost for patches for athletes on conference, district, regional and state championship teams
- Provided team plaques of conference championships teams for display at the school

PARENT REPS

Each year parents volunteer to serve as Parent Representatives to the Booster Club and to coordinate parent assistance to the various high school teams. The role of the Parent Rep varies from one sport to the next. Some responsibilities taken by parent reps include: attend Booster Club meetings to keep the team abreast of BC activities and to offer input in BC decisions, and assist with parent night activities, end of season events, team pictures, concession sales and workers, record-keeping and other paperwork needs, team fundraisers and much more. Whether you did a lot or did just a little, your willingness to step forward and help is greatly appreciated. Parents DO make a difference.

This year's Parent Reps as reported to the Booster Club by the coaches were:

Sideline Cheer: Patti Dobias

Cross Country: Bridget Waanders (HS)

Football: Vickie Sherwood (Varsity), Julie McKeever (9th)

Boys Soccer: Mary Kasprzyk & Jackie McKeon (Varsity), Lorrie Henrickson & Donna McQuaid (JV)

Boys Tennis: Lori Drozd & Kim Arthur

Girls Swimming: Jenny VanHorn

Volleyball: Kelli Steinman (Varsity), Katrina Burchfield (JV), Mary Kasprzyk (9th)

Boys Basketball: Jay & Lori Drozd (Varsity), Pat & Jodi Byers (Varsity)

Girls Basketball: Melanie Smith (JV)

Boys Swimming: Jen Deaton & Mark Davidhizar

Wrestling: Michelle Kreatovich, & Annette Simaz (Varsity)

Baseball: Vickie Sherwood (Varsity), Penny Blain-Bursma & Lorrie Henrickson (JV)

Boys Golf: Jodi DeBaar

Girls Soccer: Lisa Sheaffer & Katrina Burchfield (Varsity), Amy Pegg & Missy Root (JV)

Softball: Shari Wilson (Varsity)

Girls Tennis: Arnie Cook & Chris Gorby (Varsity), Tim & Lori Green (JV)

MS Coed Tennis: Kathy Coopmans, Lori Drozd, Nikki Thiel

Track: Bridget Waanders (HS)

HOW TRUE! HOW TRUE!

According to research conducted by the Institute for the Study of Youth Sports "The bulk of the parents we have talked with buy into the educational athletics philosophy and want to support their coach and athletes in positive ways. In fact, research shows that parents are absolutely essential for helping young athletes develop.

HALL OF FAME - CLASS OF 2009

The Booster Club inducted its 13th class into the Allegan High School Athletic Hall of Fame on May 16.

TIFFANY BELDEN

Graduated from Allegan High School in 1992 after earning nine varsity letters in basketball, softball and volleyball. She still holds most of Allegan's basketball records. Tiffany took her basketball talents to Grand Valley State University where she was named to the freshman All-American team. She competed professionally in Denmark.

JAY DROZD

Was the 1985 VanMelle Award winner as a result of his athleticism, sportsmanship and leadership. He competed in basketball, tennis and cross country earning eight varsity letters. He was a junior college all-state tennis player at Kalamazoo Valley in both singles and doubles. Jay passed on his love of athletics to Allegan athletes serving coaching stints with varsity girls' tennis and middle school boys' basketball teams and also coaching several summer tennis teams.

CHERYL (LYNN) MAINOR

A 1982 Allegan High School graduate, Cheryl participated on the track, tennis, cross country and cheer teams, earning seven letters. She was all state in track in 1981 and 1982 and still holds school track records. She served two years as one of Allegan's assistant track coaches.

JEFF SCHREUR

Graduated from Allegan High School in 1965 and competed on some of Allegan's most successful teams in football, basketball and track. Jeff earned eight varsity letters and was part of a relay team that still holds the school record. After graduating from Allegan, Jeff took his football talents to Albion College.

BOOSTER CLUB DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The Booster club recognized two individuals with the Bob Terry Distinguished Service Awards for their outstanding effort and contributions to the Booster Club and the athletic department over the years through their willingness to give of their gifts of time, energy and talent.

WAYNE DUNIFIN

JOYCE THOMPSON

One student was also recognized for his service to the Booster Club and athletic department and received the Booster Club Student Distinguished Service Award

CLINT COOK

HONORARY LETTER

Two individuals were selected by the Booster Club to receive an honorary "A" in recognition of their longtime support of Allegan athletics

PHIL STEFFENS

ROB TRUAX

~~~THE LESSONS OF SPORT ~~~

It's being around friends and learning together. It's developing friendships that last a lifetime. It's developing character and leadership skills for use in the "real world."

It's not about winning and losing. It's about what you gain from the experience of going through both.

---Marc Vieau (*Cadillac News*)

TAKING A LEADERSHIP ROLE

The athletic department played an active role in assisting the Wolverine Conference, the SCSC and the MHSAA in hosting league and state-qualifying events. With the cooperation of coaches and volunteers, we put on quality events that allowed the athletes the opportunity to perform at their highest levels. In addition, several of our coaches served on MHSAA state committees.

MHSAA DISTRICT COMPETITION: Boys Basketball

MHSAA REGIONAL COMPETITION: Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Team Wrestling

MHSAA QUARTERFINALS: Volleyball, Girls Basketball

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Boys Tennis

SCSC (SWIM CONFERENCE): Girls Swimming, Boys Swimming

MHSAA RULES MEETINGS: Football

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE SPORT CHAIR: Girls Tennis – Jennifer Aldrich

MHSAA STATE COMMITTEES

Scholar-Athlete Selection – Gary Ellis

Tennis Rules – Gary Ellis

Volleyball Rules – Dawn Hoyer

Boys Tennis State Seed Committee – Gary Ellis

Girls Tennis State Seed Committee – Gary Ellis

Out of Season Committee – Gary Ellis

THANK YOU, CORPORATE SPONSORS

Obviously, without athletes and coaches, high school athletics just wouldn't happen. Without parents, spectators, supporters and the school district, it would truly just be a game. Without the support of our corporate sponsors our athletic offerings and opportunities would be much more limited. With that, we thank the following area businesses who in one way or another contributed to enhance the Allegan Athletic Department in one way or another.

ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS (sponsorship of the all-county teams, county cross country and track meets and coverage of all of our athletic teams)

THE ALLEGAN GROUP (sponsorship of our pocket schedules)

CHESHIRE GOLF COURSE (our "home" course for practices and dual meets)

DR. LOU'S CHIROPRACTIC (sponsorship of the half-time hoop shoot during basketball games)

LIFE EMS of ALLEGAN CO. (provides emergency ambulance services for our athletic events)

LYNX GOLF COURSE (our "home" course for the conference jamboree and practices)

MAXTON MOTORS (provides the use of vans for high school teams for away athletic events)

McDONALDS (provides drink cups for our teams and admission tickets for home contests)

SNOWDEN'S SUNSET LANES (our "home" for bowling contests and practices)

Of course, there is no doubt others who have done things in the background for individual teams which often go unnoticed except to members of that team. We do appreciate all that you have done for them throughout the year.

WELL SAID!

"And last but certainly not least, thank you to all that come and watch and cheer and help to make the great matches and games so exciting. And if you don't have anything to do in the events or on weekends, check out the high school sports schedule and come out and enjoy some of our student athletes in action. Your support only makes it that much better!"

(Wayd and Christina Gorby, in a June 10, 2009 letter to the editor of the *Allegan County News*)