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Michigan Dominates Ice Hockey, Softball, Volleyball, Wrestling Career/Season Categories In 2001 National High School Sports Record Book

EAST LANSING, Mich. – May 11 – Michigan schools are well represented from the front cover to the final pages of the 2001 edition of the National High School Sports Record Book, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The cover of this year's book features one of two Michigan student-athletes to set national records during the 1999-2000 school year, Dathen Reitzenhein of Rockford High School, who set a new record in the 3,200-meter run with an 8:41.1 clocking. The other Michigan at the top of the lists is Phil Milerov of Caro, who finished his wrestling career with 160 pins.

Reitzenhein and Milerov own 2 of 44 individual records set by athletes and coaches from Michigan in this year's book. There are also 15 records set by Michigan teams in the book.

In 4 sports -- ice hockey, softball, girls volleyball and wrestling -- Michigan individuals dominate the career and single-season statistical categories.

Records in 3 of the 4 individual categories in ice hockey are owned by Michigan players. In season assists, the entire top 10 list consists of Michigan players; and in season goals scored, 8 of the 10 players listed are from Michigan.

There are more individuals from Michigan listed in the softball records than from any other state -- 119. Sixteen individual records and 4 team records belong to Michigan. Michigan is also the dominant state in 15 individual and 3 team categories in the book. Diane Laffey, the softball coach at Harper Woods Regina High School, is the nation's winningest coach.

Michigan also sports the nation's winningest girls volleyball coach in Jack Magelssen of Portage Northern, who is 1 of 6 state coaches on the victories list, and Michigan has more coaches among those 32 mentors on that list than any other state.

In the career and season individual statistical categories for volleyball, Michigan has 37 listings, more than any other state; and 3 record holders in those categories, which also tops the nation. Michigan is also the dominant state, in 4 categories -- career and season kills and career and season assists -- with 6 of the top 10 listings featuring Michigan players.

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Michigan also dominates the career and season stats in the wrestling portion of the record book. In single-season victories, Michigan has 13 of the 17 listings, in career victories, Michigan has 8 of 10 slots; and in season and career pins, 7 of 10 lists.

For all of the lists that Michigan student-athletes, coaches and teams appear on, the number could be higher.

"Our presence in the National High School Sports Record Book is great," said MHSAA Communications Director John Johnson, who also serves as chair of the NFHS's National High School Records Committee, "but there are lot performances out there that could be submitted for the Michigan and National High School Sports Record Books. We encourage people to visit these records pages on the Internet, and then contact us if they have information that could help us fill out these lists."

The majority of all listings in the National High School Sports Record Book from Michigan are in girls sports. There are 350 individual listings from Michigan in this year's record book, 187 of them from girls. Of the 111 team listings in the book, 56 are in girls sports

The 2001 edition of the National High School Sports Record Book is available for purchase from the National Federation of State High School Associations at a cost of \$9.95 each, plus postage and handling. For more information, contact the NFHS at P.O. Box 690, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Telephone: 317.972.6900.

The 2001 record book will soon be available for viewing on the Internet at the NFHS's internet partner -- ihigh.com. The 2000 book was currently available for viewing at the time of this release. Michigan high school records can be viewed by clicking on Records on the MHSAA Web Site -- mhsaa.com. The Michigan records list is updated periodically during the school year by MHSAA Historian Ron Pesch of Muskegon.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

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(Note -- A complete list of Michigan's record holders in the 2001 National High School Sports Record Book is included with this release.

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Michigan Record Holders In 2001
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BASEBALL

- Drew Henson, Brighton, 70 home runs-career, 1995-98; 10 grand slams-career; 290 runs batted in-career
- Jeff Bowman, Clinton, 2 consecutive at-bat grand slams v. Napoleon, 4/25/83
- Zac Robertson, Three Oaks-River Valley, 0.00 earned run average-season, 1996
- Ken Beardslee, Vermontville, 2 career perfect games, 1947-49; 18.1 per game strikeouts-career; 19.0 per game strikeouts-season, 1949

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Burr Oak, 31.3 per game free throws attempted-season, 1995
- Livonia Ladywood, 68.9 per game rebounds-season, 1980; 116 rebounds v. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 10/4/79
- Maureen O'Malley, Taylor Light & Life Christian, 15 three-point field goals made v. Detroit East Catholic, 1998
- Do Stevens, Burton Atherton, 22 steals v. Burton Valley Christian, 1997

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

- Valari Ambrose, Riverview Gabriel Richard, 1981-84; Carrie Gould, Burton Bendle 1992-93, Flint Powers 1994-95; Thersa Padilla, Camden-Frontier, 84-87; 4-individual time association meet champions

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

- Ryan Shay, Central Lake, 1993-96; 4-individual time association meet champion

FOOTBALL

- Detroit Central, 4 consecutive overtime games-season
- Detroit Northeastern v. Southeastern, 9-overtime game, 9/23/77, SE 43-36
- Lake Linden-Hubbell, 5 overtime games-season
- Nelson Stuit, Muskegon, 24 point after touchdown kicks-game v. Hastings, 9/28/30 (30 att.); 24 kicking points-game v. Hastings, 9/28/30
- Sean Tefft, Hastings, 2 pass interceptions returned for touchdowns-quarter, v. Albion, 1999

BOYS GOLF

- Escanaba 19 association championships

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

- Katie Aho, Escanaba, 4-time association all-around champion 1990-93

ICE HOCKEY

- Ron Rolston, Flint Powers, 94 goals-season, 1983-84
- Doug Wood, Gross Point Woods University Liggett, 195 assists-career, 1987-90
- Tony Hockin, Burton Bentley, 75 assists-season, 1984-85

SOFTBALL

- Taylor Light & Life, 543 runs scored-season, 1993; 508 base hits-season, 1993
- Fenton, 56 triples-season, 1993
- Detroit King, 40 home runs-season, 1996
- Kelly Kennedy, Taylor Light & Life, 279 runs-career, 1991-94; 48 home runs-career; 304 runs batter in-career; 105 runs batted in-season, 1993
- Melissa Taylor, Petersburg Summerfield, 286 base hits-career, 1994-97
- Nicole Hillman, Fenton, 22 doubles-season, 1996

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- Jodi Every, Lansing Catholic Central, 48 triples-career, 1996-99;
- Stephanie Milkovich, Fenton, 1993; and Marian Bentley, Wyoming Park, 1992, 17 triples-season
- Melissa Sager, Chesaning, 115 stolen bases-season, 1997
- Lynn Hockett, Frankfort, 215 stolen bases-career, 1988-91
- Tracy Carr, Lapeer West, 136 pitching victories-career, 1989-92
- Nicole Williams, Waterford Our Lady, 29 pitching shutouts-season, 1993; 21 no-hitters - season, 1993
- Amanda Fitzgerald, Byron, 596 pitching strikeouts-season, 1999
- Kelly Holmes, Plymouth Canton, 24 pitching strikeouts in a 7-inning game v. Walled Lake Western, 5/5/92
- Diane Laffey, Harper Woods Regina, 720 career coaching victories, 1963-00 (720-256-3 - .737)

GIRLS TENNIS

-Dawn Martin, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, 4-time association No. 1 Singles champion (1985-88)

BOYS TENNIS

- Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, 33 association championships

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

- Laura Matson, Bloomfield Hills Andover, 1,600-meter run, 4:39.4, 1985
- Delisa Walton, Detroit Mackenzie, 880-yard run, 2:07.7, 1978 (Event discontinued)
- Kim Turner, 110-yard low hurdles, :13.6, 1979 (Event discontinued)

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

- Pickford, 27 consecutive association championships, 1952-78
- Dathen Ritzenhein, Rockford, 3,200-meter run, 8:41.1, 2000

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- Carly Miller, Jackson, 2,463 kills-career, 1996-99
- Heather Panches, Fruitport, 1,656 assists-season, 1999
- Jack Magelssen, Portage Northern, 1,348 career coaching victories, 1977-00 (1,348-131 - .911)

WRESTLING

- Flint Kearsley v. Lapeer East, 12/14/88; Pinconning v. Tawas City, 12/10/86; Pinconning v. Standish Sterling 12/19/81, 78 points in a 13 weight class meet
- Pinconning, 337 falls-season, 1986-87
- Matthew Brady, Flint Kearsley, 217 wins-career, 1988-91; 73 wins-season, 1990-91 (73-0); 52 pins-season, 90-91
- Phil Millerov, Caro, 160 pins-career, 1997-00
- Joe Warren, East Kentwood, 487 takedowns-season, 1994-95
- Fastest pins by weight class
 - 119 - :04, Tony Hill, Flint Kearsley, 1989-90
 - 178-Chuck Kraai, Zeeland, 1986-87
- Jeremiah Tobias, Manchester, 1993-96 (125-130-135-145); Brandon Chesher, Adrian, 1993-96 (112-125-134-145); Gregory Elie, Escanaba, 1980-83 (98-105-112-119); Robert Mariucci, Iron Mountain, 1981-84 (112-126-145-155); Mike Mills, Mt. Pleasant, 1976-79 (98-112-132-138); Michael Murdoch, Montrose, 1983-86 (119-132-145-145); 4-time association champions