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Michigan Again Dominates National Softball, Volleyball Records

EAST LANSING, Mich. – June 24 – The number of records owned by Michigan teams and individuals showed a net gain in the 2003 edition of the National High School Sports Record Book, published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

In this year's book, there are 73 individuals from Michigan who own national records outright or share them, up from 70 in the 2002 book. There are 20 team records which Michigan schools own outright or share, up from 18 in the 2002. In addition, Michigan owns 58 second place performances in the record book.

The newest Michigan record holders are not necessarily from the 2001-02 school year, the last season on which the 2003 NFHS book is based. Of the 14 additions, 10 are from seasons dating back to 1948.

"One of the things that record books and their promotion do at the state and national levels is shake out more records," said John Johnson, MHSAA Communications Director and former chair of the National Records Book Committee. "It's not unusual for someone to contact us after looking at one of the lists and tell us they have or know of a performance which belongs there. It's how we build those lists."

Perhaps the most notable additions were four-time tennis No. 1 Singles champions Fred Albert from Ironwood (1945-48), and Francisco Castillo of Hamtramck (1957-60). "That was a list submitted to us by a veteran coach who had kept track of such information himself," Johnson said. "If that hadn't been submitted, we might have never found that information."

There were four new national records turned in by Michigan student-athletes during the 2001-02 school year: Chris Lokkis of Hesperia returned two pass interceptions for touchdowns in a quarter of a football game; Andy Simmons of Williamston set a wrestling record for consecutive victories with 219, and became Michigan's eighth four-time association champion; and Shane Wilson of Tecumseh tied a national wrestling record with a six-second pin in the 215-pound weight class.

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

Records in all four of the 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.

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2-2-2 – Michigan In National High School Sports Record Book

There are more individuals from Michigan listed in the softball records than from any other state – 140, up from 135 last year. Fourteen individual records and five team records belong to Michigan. Michigan is also the dominant state in 10 individual and 2 team categories in the book. Diane Laffey, the softball coach at Harper Woods Regina High School, continues to be the nation's winningest coach.

Michigan also sports the nation's winningest girls volleyball coach in Jack Magelssen of Portage Northern, who is one of seven state coaches on the victories list. Of the top 20 winningest coaches, Michigan has 5.

In the career and season individual statistical categories for volleyball, Michigan has 48 listings, up from 34 a year ago, more than any other state. Michigan is also the dominant state in five categories -- career and season kills and assists and career blocks. In two of those categories, Michigan players make up 7 of the top 10 listings, and in season assists, all 10 listings are Michigan players.

Michigan also dominates the career and season stats in the wrestling portion of the record book. In career victories, Michigan has 9 of the 11 individual listings; in single-season victories and career pins, Michigan has 8 of 10 slots; and in season pins and consecutive pins, 5 of 10 spots.

The majority of all listings in the National High School Sports Record Book from Michigan are in girls sports. There are 387 individual listings from Michigan in this year's record book, 231 of them from girls. Of the 130 team listings in the book, 72 of them are from girls.

The 2003 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 \$12.95 each, plus postage and handling. For more information, contact the NFHS at P.O. Box 690, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Telephone: 317.972.6900.

Michigan high school records can be viewed by clicking on Record Book 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.

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(Note -- A complete list of Michigan's record holders in the 2003 National High School Sports Record Book is included with this release.

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Michigan Record Holders In 2003

National High School Sports Record Book

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(New or updated information is in **bold face**)

BASEBALL

- Drew Henson, Brighton, 10 grand slams-career; 290 runs batted in-career, 1995-98;
- 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
- Jason Lauer, Onsted, 32 doubles-season, 1997
- Stevan Louch, Clare, 6 consecutive at-bat home runs vs. Alma, 4/24/01 (Doubleheader)

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
- Morrice, 118 field goals attempted v. Genesee, 10/25/93
- Maureen O'Malley, Taylor Light & Life Christian, 15 three-point field goals made v. Detroit East Catholic, 1998*

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Jackson Lumen Christi, 4 consecutive overtime games-season, 1998*
- Jesse Campbell, Stockbridge, 25 blocked shots in a game, 1972

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

- Valari Ambrose, Riverview Gabriel Richard, 1981-84; Katie Boyles, Rochester Adams, 1997-00; 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*
- Sean Tefft, Hastings, 2 pass interceptions returned for touchdowns-quarter, v. Albion, 1999*
- **Jason Pavilige, Fremont, 2 pass interceptions returned for touchdowns-quarter, v. Remus-Chippewa Hills, 9/3/99***
- **Chris Lokkis, Hesperia, 2 pass interceptions returned for touchdowns-quarter, v. Newaygo, 10/5/01***
- Josh Tarbox, Menominee, 6 kickoff returns for touchdowns-season, 1998

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, Grosse Point Woods University Liggett, 195 assists-career, 1987-90
- Tony Hockin, Burton Bentley, 75 assists-season, 1984-85
- Jim Johnson, Bloomfield Hills Cranbook-Kingswood, 232 goals-career, 1970-74

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
- Fraser, 89 doubles-season, 1998
- 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

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2-2-2 – Michigan Record Holders In 2003 National High School Sports Record Book

Softball - Continued

- **Jeanne Ann Cole, Mason County Eastern, 27 doubles-season, 2001***
- Jodi Every, Lansing Catholic Central, 48 triples-career, 1996-99;
- Stephanie Milkovich, Fenton, 1993; and Marian Bentley, Wyoming Park, 1992, 17 triples-season*
- **Erin Kauth, Birmingham Seaholm, 3 grand slam home runs – game v. Ferndale, 5/4/87**
- **Jessica Brubaker, Waterford Kettering, 139 pitching victories-career, 1998-01**
- Nicole Williams, Waterford Our Lady, 29 pitching shutouts-season, 1993; 21 no-hitters - season, 1993
- Kelly Holmes, Plymouth Canton, 24 pitching strikeouts in a 7-inning game v. Walled Lake Western, 5/5/92
- **LaTonya Coates, Bangor, 1,999 pitching strikeouts – career, 1998-01**
- Jenny Mackson, Pinconning, 34 pitching shutouts-season, 2000; 643 pitching strikeouts-season, 2000
- Diane Laffey, Harper Woods Regina, **766** career coaching victories, **1963-02 (766-288-3 - .727)**

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, **34** association championships
- **Fred Albert, Ironwood, 1945-48; and Francisco Castillo, Hamtramck, 1957-60, 4-time association No. 1 Singles Champions***

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
- **Kristie Price, Reed City, 934 kills-season, 2000**
- **Kelly Nowak, Temperance Bedford, 665 blocks-career, 1993-96**
- **Lindi Bankowski, Temperance Bedford, 5,760 assists-career, 1998-01**
- Kim Schaper, Kalamazoo Central, 2,351 assists-season, 1996
- Jack Magelssen, Portage Northern, **1,423** career coaching victories, **1977-02 (1,423-181 - .887)**

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);
- Joe Warren, East Kentwood, 487 takedowns-season, 1994-95
- Nick Simmons, Williamston, 178 pins-career, 1998-01; 54 consecutive pins-1998-99; 57 pins-season, 1998-99 & **1999-00**
- **Andy Simmons, Williamston, 219 consecutive victories-career, 1999-02 (219-0)**
- Fastest pins by weight class
 - 119 - :04, Tony Hill, Flint Kearsley, 1989-90*
 - 178 - :04, Chuck Kraai, Zeeland, 1986-87
 - 215 - :06, Joe Yager, Fulton Middleton, 1999*; Shane Wilson, Tecumseh, 2/13/02***
- 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); **Andy Simmons, Williamston, 1999-02 (112-130-135-140)**; Nick Simmons, Williamston, 1998-01 (103-103-119-119); Jeremiah Tobias, Manchester, 1993-96 (125-130-135-145); 4-time association champions*

*Denotes that individual or team shares a national record