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2002-03 Parade of Champions

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- July 1 – A total of 81 different schools were crowned champions, including two for the first time, in Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments during the 2002-03 school year.

The past year saw a total of 113 team champions in 111 classes or divisions (there was one tie in boys tennis and one in girls track and field). There were two schools winning their first MHSAA title in any sport: Detroit Rogers in boys basketball and Hudsonville Freedom Baptist in boys soccer. In addition, there were 30 schools which won tournament titles in a given sport for the first time.

Sixteen of the 81 schools winning in 2002-03 took more than one crown, with five schools – Detroit Catholic Central, Grand Rapids South Christian, Harbor Springs, Marquette and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes – claiming two championships each in unified tournaments. Catholic Central won in football and ice hockey; South Christian won in football and boys basketball; Harbor Springs and Marquette each won in boys and girls skiing; and Our Lady of the Lakes won in football and softball. Marquette won 11 total titles, while Rockford won four championships. Also winning more than two total titles were Ann Arbor Pioneer, East Grand Rapids, Harbor Springs and Ishpeming Westwood. Thirteen of the MHSAA's 24 championship tournaments are unified, involving teams from the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, while separate competition to determine titlists in both Peninsulas is conducted in the other 11 sports.

Twelve schools claimed four or more consecutive championships in a given sport including: Detroit Renaissance in girls track and field (7), Marysville in volleyball (7), Iron Mountain in boys tennis (7), Carney-Nadeau in boys cross country (6), Rochester in competitive cheer (5), Rockford in girls cross country (5), Detroit Catholic Central in ice hockey (5), Marquette in girls skiing (5) and boys skiing (4), Harbor Springs in girls skiing (4), and Rapid River in boys track and field (4).

The following is a sport-by-sport listing of MHSAA champions for 2002-03:

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NOTE: Those tournaments in which competition is conducted in separate Peninsulas will have their class/division designated as UP for Upper Peninsula; LP for Lower Peninsula. Unified tournaments, involving schools from both peninsulas, will only list the letter/numeral of the class/division in which the competition was conducted.

Sport	Class/Division	Winning School (Coach)	Titles Won	
			Overall	Consecutive
BASEBALL	1	Holland West Ottawa (Jim Caserta)	1	--
	2	Orchard Lake St. Mary's (Jeff Willis)	2	--
	3	Blissfield (Larry Tuttle)	7	2
	4	Decatur (Ben Botti)	3	2
BASKETBALL (Boys)	A	Rockford (Steve Majerle)	1	--
	B	Grand Rapids South Christian (Ken Hiskes)	2	--
	C	Detroit St. Martin dePorres (Durand Shepard)	7	--
	D	Detroit Rogers (Steve Hall)*	1	--
BASKETBALL (Girls)	A	Saginaw Heritage (Tim Conley)	1	--
	B	Detroit Country Day (Frank Orlando)	6	--
	C	Inkster (Dave Mann)	1	--
	D	Portland St. Patrick (Al Schrauben)	6	--
COMPETITIVE CHEER (Girls)	A	Rochester (Susan Wood)	8	5
	B	Chesaning (Lisa Maike)	4	--
	C-D	Pewamo Westphalia (Sherry Fedewa)	6	--
CROSS COUNTRY (Boys)	LP 1	Rockford (Mark Nessner)	2	--
	LP 2	Dexter (Jamie Dudash)	1	--
	LP 3	Hemlock (William Agresta)	3	2
	LP 4	Harbor Springs (Mike Kloss)	1	--
	UP 1	Marquette (Dale Phillips)	14	3
	UP 2	Ishpeming Westwood (Steve Pohlman)	3	--
	UP 3	Carney-Nadeau (Pauline Poupore)	6	6
CROSS COUNTRY (Girls)	LP 1	Rockford (David Hodgkinson)	5	5
	LP 2	Battle Creek Lakeview (Becky Turbin)	1	--
	LP 3	Hillsdale (Pat Pastula)	2	--
	LP 4	Ann Arbor Greenhills (Josh Scully)	4	2
	UP 1	Marquette (Dale Phillips)	20	3
	UP 2	Ironwood (Larry Buerger)	3	--
	UP 3	Pickford (John Bennin)	1	--
	FOOTBALL	1	Detroit Catholic Central (Tom Mach)	8
2		Lowell (Noel Dean)	1	--
3		East Grand Rapids (Peter Stuursma)	5	--
4		Grand Rapids South Christian (Bob Blacquiere)	1	--
5		Montrose (Dennis Reinhart)	2	--
6		Negaunee (Paul Jacobson)	1	--
7		Mendon (John Schwartz)	7	2
8		Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (Mike Boyd)	1	--

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Sport	Class/Division	Winning School (Coach)	Titles Won	
			Overall	Consecutive
GOLF (Boys)	LP 1	Novi (Brad Huss)	1	--
	LP 2	Mt. Pleasant (Frank Ross)	3	--
	LP 3	Grosse Ile (James Bennett)	4	--
	LP 4	Schoolcraft (Al Johansen)	3	--
	UP 1	Marquette (Mark Carlson)	9	2
	UP 2	Iron River West Iron County (Mark Martini)	1	--
	UP 3	Ontonagon (Jim Bobula)	15	2
GOLF (Girls)	LP 1	Grosse Ile (Richard Spratt)	6	2
	LP 2	Swartz Creek (Bill Benn)	1	--
	LP 3	Jackson Lumen Christi (Beth Conway)	5	--
	UP 1	Menominee (Greg Jeske)	12	--
	UP 2	Ishpeming Westwood (Irvin Dieterle)	5	2
	UP 3	Crystal Falls-Forest Park	4	--
GYMNASTICS (Girls)	LP	Rochester Adams (Sue Mussatt)	2	2
	UP	Marquette (Gretchen Devroy)	12	3
ICE HOCKEY	1	Detroit Catholic Central (Gordon St. John/Todd Johnson)	7	5
	2	Trenton (Mike Turner)	9	--
	3	Calumet (Jim Crawford)	5	--
SKIING (Boys)	A	Marquette (Derek Anderson)	5	4
	B-C-D	Harbor Springs (Bill Miilu)	2	--
SKIING (Girls)	A	Marquette (Derek Anderson)	5	5
	B-C-D	Harbor Springs (Bill Miilu)	6	4
SOCCER (Boys)	1	Rochester (Todd Heugh)	1	--
	2	East Lansing (Nick Archer)	2	--
	3	Grosse Ile (Amy Rossow)	1	--
	4	Hudsonville Freedom Baptist (Nathan Sharpe)*	1	--
SOCCER (Girls)	1	Troy (Henry Steinwascher)	2	--
	2	Bloomfield Hills Marian (Chris Courage/Barry Brodsky)	1	--
	3	Madison Heights Bishop Foley (John Buchanan)	11	3
	4	Kalamazoo Christian (Ron Smilanich)	1	--
SOFTBALL (Girls)	1	Brighton (Pam Lee-Campbell)	1	--
	2	Chelsea (Kim Reichard)	4	2
	3	Freeland (Dan Behmlander)	1	--
	4	Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (Michael Boyd)	7	--
SWIMMING (Boys)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Pioneer (Dennis Hill)	15	2
	LP 2	Alma (Jeff Huxley)	4	3
	UP	Sault Ste. Marie/Brimley (Andy Armstrong)	3	--
SWIMMING (Girls)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Pioneer (Dennis Hill)	10	3
	LP 2	Dexter (Cory Bergen)	1	--
	UP	Marquette (Matt Williams)	12	2

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TENNIS (Boys)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Pioneer (Tom Pullen)	6	3
	LP 2	Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (Dan Bentley)	2	--
	LP 3	East Grand Rapids (Dave Wollerman)	12	--
	LP 4	Tie:Buchanan (Steve Bender)	1	--
		Ann Arbor Greenhills (Eric Gajar)	1	--
	UP 1	Marquette (Dick Balding)	28	3
	UP 2	Iron Mountain (Brook Smith)	19	7
TENNIS (Girls)	LP 1	Port Huron Northern (Mary Kay Baribeau)	5	--
	LP 2	Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (Dave Sukup)	1	--
	LP 3	East Grand Rapids (Anne Dykstra)	14	3
	LP 4	Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett (Chuck Wright)	20	9
	UP 1	Marquette (Dick Balding)	7	--
	UP 2	Iron River West Iron County (Brook Smith)	10	--
TRACK (Boys)	LP 1	Detroit Mumford (Robert Lynch)	3	2
	LP 2	Farmington Hills Harrison (John Reed)	3	3
	LP 3	Williamston (Paul Nilsson)	2	--
	LP 4	Detroit Benedictine (Lester Hale)	5	2
	UP 1	Marquette (Matt Edgell)	4	2
	UP 2	Ishpeming (Mark Olgren)	2	--
	UP 3	Rapid River (Steve Ostrenga)	6	4
TRACK (Girls)	LP 1	Rockford (Al Korytkowski)	2	--
	LP 2	Detroit Renaissance (Rick Miotke)	7	7
	LP 3	Tie:Laingsburg (Chris Lantis)	1	--
		Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central (Randy Parron)	1	--
	LP 4	Detroit Benedictine (Furmon Tate)	1	--
	UP 1	Escanaba (Dan DeLong)	15	--
	UP 2	Ishpeming Westwood (Jon Beckman)	7	2
	UP 3	Rapid River (Fred Stage)	3	--
VOLLEYBALL (Girls)	A	Fraser (Kim Argiri)	1	--
	B	Marysville (John Knuth)	7	7
	C	Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central (Dianne Tuller)	1	--
	D	Adrian Lenawee Christian (Jeff Champion)	2	--
WRESTLING	1	Davison (Roy Hall)	5	2
	2	Mason (Jeff Pitman)	1	--
	3	Caro (Bob Suranye)	2	--
	4	New Lothrop (Tim Ebenhoeh)	11	--

* Indicates first team title in any sport

NOTE -- Repeat champions from 2001-02 are in **bold face**. The overall and consecutive title won figures are taken from the **2001-02 Book of Champions** and a database compiled by Bill Khan of **The Flint Journal**. If you find some of the overall and consecutive titles in error because of consolidations, schools changing names, etc., please contact John Johnson at the MHSAA office.