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Good Sports Are Winners! Winter Tournament Recipients Announced; MEEMIC Insurance To Present Awards To Finals Award Winners;

EAST LANSING, Mich. – April 16 -- The recipients of the top Michigan High School Athletic Association's **Good Sports Are Winners!** Awards for the recently-completed 2002-03 winter sports season have been named, with each school to receive commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

Carleton Airport in girls competitive cheer, Bronson in team dual wrestling, Davison in ice hockey, Pellston in girls volleyball and Bark River-Harris in boys basketball, were selected by the tournament management at their respective finals for displaying the most exemplary sportsmanship by their coaches, student-athletes and spectators. Presentation dates at all four schools will be announced soon.

Carleton Airport was the Class B runner-up in girls competitive cheer; Bronson was second in the Division 4 team dual wrestling tournament, Davison was a finalist in the Division 2 ice hockey tournament, Pellston was a Class D semifinalist in girls volleyball and Bark River-Harris was the runner-up in Class D in boys basketball. In addition to receiving the finals award, South Haven was honored at the Regional level; and Hudsonville Freedom Baptist was honored at the Semifinal level. This is the first Finals level award for all of the schools involved in any sport.

The Good Sports Are Winners! Award is making its return in 2002-03 with the corporate underwriting of MEEMIC Insurance. The program had previously been offered from 1989 to 1996, and again during 2000-01.

At the District and Regional level of MHSAA tournaments, all schools which meet a set of sportsmanlike standards are recognized. There are standards in the program which automatically disqualify a school from consideration from the award. Any team which is disqualified for the Good Sports Are Winners! Award at the District or Regional level of a tournament becomes ineligible for the award at higher levels of that same tournament.

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In all, 173 teams in girls competitive cheer, team dual wrestling, ice hockey, girls volleyball and boys basketball are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Winter tournaments. Those teams will be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site. During the course of the school year, over 1,000 teams will be recognized in 11 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments.

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.

MEEMIC Insurance Company, with headquarters in Auburn Hills, writes full coverage private passenger automobile protection and homeowners insurance for educational employees and their immediate families in the state of Michigan. MEEMIC was founded by teachers for teachers in 1950. Most representatives of the company are or were teachers themselves. MEEMIC's history of competitive pricing and a commitment to superior service has cultivated a tradition of teachers serving teachers and their families, our "MEEMIC Club."

The following is a list of **Good Sports Are Winners!** Award recipients as submitted by tournament managers through April 3 for the recently-completed Winter sports season (**SPORTS DIRECTORS/EDITORS** -- Please scan this list for recipients from your coverage area):

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2003 Winter Award Recipients

(Based on reports received at the MHSAA offices as of 4/3/03. NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

Boys Basketball

District Awards

Class A

Davison
Flint Carman-Ainsworth
Flint Kearsley
Flint Northern
Kalamazoo Loy Norrix
Lapeer West
Portage Central
Portage Northern
Stevensville Lakeshore
Wyandotte Roosevelt

Class B

Allendale
Armada
Capac
Caro
Frankenmuth
Goodrich
Grandville Calvin Christian
Imlay City
Jackson Northwest
Millington
Mt. Clemens
Muskegon Heights
Muskegon Orchard View
North Branch
Vassar

Class C

Athens
Ithaca
Merrill
North Muskegon
Reading
Sand Creek
St. Louis
Union City

Class D

Alanson Littlefield
Detroit East Catholic
Detroit Holy Redeemer
Ellsworth

Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian
Harper Woods Lutheran East
Harper Woods Trinity Catholic
Mackinac City
McBain Northern Michigan Christian
Pellston
Saginaw Grace Baptist Christian

Regional Awards

Class A

Detroit Murray-Wright
Detroit Redford

Class B

No Managers Reports Received

Class C

No Managers Reports Received

Class D

Caseville
Fowler
Genesee Christian
Kingston

Girls Competitive Cheer

Regional Awards

Class A

Gaylord
Lapeer East
Lapeer West
Midland Dow
Mt. Pleasant
Oxford
Port Huron
Port Huron Northern
St. Johns

Class B

Allendale
Belding
Caledonia
Chesaning
Comstock Park
Flat Rock
Fremont
Grand Rapids Catholic Central

Grosse Ile
Houghton Lake
Lake Odessa Lakewood
Otsego
Ovid-Elsie
Plainwell
Riverview
Sparta
Stanton Central Montcalm
Tecumseh
Wyoming Park
Class C-D
Montague
Pewamo-Westphalia
Shelby

ICE HOCKEY

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reports Received

Division 2

No Managers Reports Received

Division 3

Brighton

Girls Volleyball

District Awards

Class A

Ann Arbor Huron
Grand Blanc
Grand Rapids Creston
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
Grand Rapids Northview
Holly
Livonia Churchill
Ottawa Hills
Plymouth Canton
Port Huron Northern
Rockford
South Lyon
Waterford Kettering

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Class B

DeWitt
Eaton Rapids

Class C

Bath
Laingsburg

Class D

Custer Mason County Eastern
Big Rapids Crossroads Charter
Academy
Freesoil

Regional Awards

Class A

No Managers Reports Received

Class B

Alma
Fremont
Fruitport
Reed City

Class C

No Managers Reports Received

Class D

Custer Mason County Eastern
McBain Northern Michigan Christian
Onekama
Walkerville

Quarterfinal Awards

Class A

No Managers Reported

Class B

Birmingham Seaholm
Fruitport
Marysville
Saginaw Nouvel

Class C

Concord

Class D

No Managers Reports Received

Team Dual Wrestling

District Awards

Division 1

Ann Arbor Huron
Ann Arbor Pioneer
New Baltimore Anchor Bay
Pinckney
Port Huron
Port Huron Northern

Division 2

East Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids Creston

Division 3

Allendale
Armada
Bath
Bentley
Benzie Central
Coopersville
Goodrich
Manistee
Perry
Portland
Reed City
Richmond
Scottville Mason County Central
Williamston

Division 4

Athens
Bronson
Carson City Crystal
Fife Lake Forest Area
Fulton
Inkster
Kingsley
Leroy Pine River
Lutheran Westland
Mancelona
Manton

Regional Awards

Division 1

Allendale
Bay City Western
Flushing
Grand Haven
Grandville
Hudsonville
Rockford
Saginaw Heritage
Traverse City Central

Division 2

Coldwater
Mattawan
Middleville Thornapple Kellogg

Division 3

Allendale
Shelby

Division 4

Carson City-Crystal
Hesperia
Morley Stanwood
St. Louis
Whittemore-Prescott