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Spring Tournament Recipients Of Sportsmanship Awards Announced; MEEMIC Insurance To Present Awards To Finals Recipients;

EAST LANSING, Mich. – August 21 -- The recipients of the top Michigan High School Athletic Association's **Good Sports Are Winners!** Awards for the 2003 spring 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.

Birmingham Brother Rice in baseball, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in girls soccer, and Chelsea in softball 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 three schools will be announced soon.

Birmingham Brother Rice was the Division 1 runner-up in baseball, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central was a finalists in Division 2 girls soccer, and Chelsea was the champion in the Division 2 softball tournament. This is the first Finals level award for all of the schools involved in any sport. Forest Hills Central was also recognized for its outstanding sportsmanship at the Regional level of the Girls Soccer Tournament.

The Good Sports Are Winners! Award made 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.

In all, 137 teams in baseball, girls soccer and softball are being recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship at Spring tournaments. Those teams will be recognized through the publication of their

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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 for the Spring sports season (**SPORTS DIRECTORS/ EDITORS** -- Please scan this list for recipients from your coverage area):

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2003 Spring Award Recipients

(NOTE: There can be more than one winner at each site, and not all site managers responded.)

Baseball

District Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Clinton Township Clintondale
Carleton Airport
DeWitt
Fowlerville
Milan
Mt. Clemens
Ypsilanti Willow Run

Division 3

Beaverton
Benzie Central
Blissfield
Breckenridge
Britton-Deerfield
Clare
Coleman
Dundee
Erie-Mason
Farwell
Freeland
Grand Rapids Baptist
Hemlock
Ithaca
Kingsley
Maple City Glen Lake
Mason County Central
Montrose
Sanford Meridian
St. Charles
Suttons Bay
Traverse City St. Francis

Division 4

Mason County Eastern

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Clio
Comstock Park
Dearborn Divine Child
DeWitt
Howard City Tri-County
Monroe Jefferson
Shepherd
Tecumseh
Whitehall

Division 3

Blissfield
Boyne City
Morley-Stanwood
Rudyard
Whittemore-Prescott

Division 4

Bay City All Saints
Hale
Hillman
Kinde North Huron
Mason County Eastern
Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart
Pellston
Saginaw Michigan Lutheran
Seminary

Quarterfinal Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Comstock Park
Pinconning

Division 3

Blissfield
Reading

Division 4

No Managers Reported

Girls Soccer

District Awards

Division 1

Battle Creek Central
Grandville
Holland
Holland West Ottawa
Kalamazoo Central
Portage Central
Zeeland

Division 2

Harper Woods Regina

Division 3

Battle Creek Pennfield
Benzie Central
Caro
Delton Kellogg
Frankenmuth
Ludington
Manistee
Millington
Otsego
Parchment
Perry
Plainwell
Portland
Reed City
Saginaw Swan Valley

Division 4

No Managers Reported

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Grand Rapids Forest Hills
Central
Lapeer West
Muskegon Mona Shores
Petoskey

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Division 3

No Managers Reported

Division IV

No Managers Reported

Softball

District Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Carleton Airport

DeWitt

Milan

New Boston Huron

St. Clair Shores Lakeview

St. Clair Shores South Lake

Williamston

Willow Run

Division 3

Beaverton

Benzie Central

Blissfield

Breckenridge

Britton-Deerfield

Clare

Coleman

Dundee

Erie Mason

Farwell

Grand Rapids Baptist

Ida

Ithaca

Kingsley

Maple City Glen Lake

Mason County Central

Meridian

Saginaw Swan Valley

St. Charles

St. Louis

Suttons Bay

Traverse City St. Francis

Division 4

Baldwin

Mason County Eastern

Regional Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

Coopersville

Corunna

Dearborn Divine Child

DeWitt

Howard City Tri-County

Milan

Shepherd

Whitehall

Division 3

Coleman

Elk Rapids

Indian River Inland Lakes

Maple City Glen Lake

Riverview Gabriel Richard

Division 4

Arenac Eastern

Bay City All Saints

Beal City

Kinde North Huron

Mason County Eastern

Posen

St. Joseph Lake Michigan

Catholic

Quarterfinal Awards

Division 1

No Managers Reported

Division 2

No Managers Reported

Division 3

Clinton

Riverview Gabriel Richard

Division 4

No Managers Reported