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2007-08 Parade Of Champions

EAST LANSING, Mich. – June 23 – A record number of schools and teams were crowned champions in Michigan High School Athletic Association post-season tournaments during the 2007-08 school year.

With the addition of an addition division in Lower Peninsula boys and girls swimming, and co-titlists in two sports, the past year saw a total of 125 team champions in classes or divisions, and there were three schools winning their first MHSAA titles in any sport: Walled Lake Central in boys bowling; South Lyon in girls bowling; Garden City in softball; Morley-Stanwood in girls volleyball; and Greenville in wrestling. In addition, there were 27 other teams which won tournament titles in a given sport for the first time.

Twenty two of the 103 schools winning in 2007-08 took more than one crown, with six schools – Bay City All Saints, Birmingham Brother Rice, East Grand Rapids, Petoskey, Saginaw Nouvel and Tecumseh -- each claiming at least two championships each in unified tournaments. All Saints led the group with three titles - winning in baseball, boys bowling and softball, while the other five schools each had two championships -- Brother Rice baseball and boys lacrosse; East Grand Rapids in boys lacrosse and football; Petoskey in boys and girls skiing; Saginaw Nouvel in girls basketball and football; and Tecumseh in girls bowling and softball. Marquette won eight total titles; while Ann Arbor Pioneer, Bay City All Saints, East Grand Rapids and Williamston each won three crowns. Sixteen of the MHSAA's 28 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 12 sports.

Four schools ran nine consecutive championship streaks to four or more in a given sport, including: Ann Arbor Pioneer in girls swimming (8) and boys tennis (8); Birmingham Brother Rice in boys lacrosse (4); Gladstone in boys track (5); Hudsonville Unity Christian in girls soccer (4); and Marquette in girls cross country (8) and girls swimming (7).

A sport-by-sport listing of MHSAA champions for 2007-08 follows this text.

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NOTES: 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. Repeat champions from 2006-07 are in **bold face**. The overall and consecutive title won figures are taken from the **MHSAA Web site** and a database compiled by Bill Khan of **The Flint Journal**. Names of coaches are taken from program information kits submitted or from the list of coaches each school is responsible for maintaining in the MHSAA database. 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.

Sport	Class/Division	Winning School (Coach)	Titles Won	
			Overall	Consecutive
BASEBALL	1	Birmingham Brother Rice (Bob Riker)	3	--
	2	Dearborn Divine Child (Tony DeMare)	2	--
	3	Grass Lake (Ben Hamilton)	3	--
	4	Bay City All Saints (Mike Regulski)	3	--
BASKETBALL (Boys)	A	Saginaw (Lou Dawkins)	6	2
	B	Lansing Catholic (Darren Zwick)	1	--
	C	Kalamazoo Christian (Jerry Mastenbrook)	4	--
	D	Muskegon Western Michigan Christian (Jim Goorman)	7	--
BASKETBALL (Girls)	A	Grosse Pointe North (Gary Bennett)	1	--
	B	Detroit Country Day (Frank Orlando)	9	--
	C	Saginaw Nouvel (Kris Hengesbach)	2	2
	D	New Lothrop (Tom Kohlmann II)	1	--
BOWLING (Boys)	1	Walled Lake Central (Ted Kress)	1***	--
	2	Pinconning (Rusty Thomas)	1	--
	3	Bay City All Saints (Tim Bauer)	2	--
BOWLING (Girls)	1	South Lyon (Fred Ringrose)	1***	--
	2	Tecumseh (Doug McKowen)	1	--
	3	Saginaw Swan Valley (Kevin Henze)	1	--
COMPETITIVE CHEER (Girls)	1	Grandville (Julie Smith-Boyd)	4	--
	2	Holland Christian (Elisabeth Cunningham)	1	--
	3	Remus Chippewa Hills (Jennifer Ruddell)	2	--
	4	Pewamo-Westphalia (Staci Myers)	3	--
CROSS COUNTRY (Boys)	LP 1	Pinckney (Tom Carney)	3	3
	LP 2	Fremont (Cliff Somers)	7	--
	LP 3	Williamston (Paul Nilsson)	3	--
	LP 4	Potterville (Dan Brunk)	2	--
	UP 1	Houghton (Traci Filpus)	3	--
	UP 2	Stephenson (Peggy Grille)	7	--
	UP 3	Rapid River (Gary Brunngraeber)	4	--
CROSS COUNTRY (Girls)	LP 1	Rochester (Larry Adams)	2	--
	LP 2	Gaylord (Jeff Kalember)	1	--
	LP 3	Jackson Lumen Christi (Mike Woolsey)	8	2
	LP 4	Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian (Todd Schenck)	2	2
	UP 1	Marquette (Mike Leanes)	25	8
	UP 2	Ironwood (Bruce Beckman)	5	--
	UP 3	Powers North Central (Jerry Root)	2	2

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			Overall	Consecutive
FOOTBALL	1	Macomb Dakota (Mike Giannone)	2	2
	2	Detroit Martin Luther King (James Reynolds)	1	--
	3	East Grand Rapids (Peter Stuursma)	8	2
	4	Marine City (Tony Scarcelli)	1	--
	5	Menominee (Ken Hofer)	3	2
	6	Saginaw Nouvel (Michael Boyd)	2	2
	7	Mendon (John Schwartz)	10	--
	8	Crystal Falls Forest Park (Bill Santilli)	3	--
GOLF (Boys)	LP 1	Grand Blanc (Phil Urbanik)	2	--
	LP 2	Battle Creek Lakeview (Tony Evans)	4	--
	LP 3	Big Rapids (Mark Posey)	1	--
	LP 4	Traverse City St. Francis (Jim Hornyak)	2	--
	UP 1	Marquette (Derek Sandstrom)	11	3
	UP 2	West Iron County (Brook Smith)	2	--
	UP 3	Crystal Falls Forest Park (Chris Larsen)	6	2
GOLF (Girls)	LP 1	Grand Blanc (Martha Ryan)	8	--
	LP 2	Dewitt (Steve Crowley)	2	--
	LP 3	Flint Powers Catholic (Jim Snow)	3	--
	UP 1	Menominee (Greg Jeske)	14	--
	UP 2	Manistique (Mike Powers)	5	3
	UP 3	Painesdale-Jeffers (Cheryl Ruohonen)	3	3
GYMNASTICS (Girls)	Open	Grand Ledge (Duane Haring)	1	--
ICE HOCKEY	1	Orchard Lake St. Mary's (Brian Klanow)	3	2
		Marquette (Joe Papin)	5	--
	2	Trenton (Mike Turner)	11	--
	3	Calumet (Jim Crawford)	6	--
LACROSSE (Boys)	1	Birmingham Brother Rice (Robert Ambrose)	4	4
	2	East Grand Rapids (Adam Vincent)	2	2
LACROSSE (Girls)	1	Birmingham Unified (Jen Dunbar)	2	2
	2	Flint Powers Catholic (Betsy Kreston)	1	--
SKIING (Boys)	1	Traverse City Central (Ben Ferris)	17	--
	2	Petoskey (Brewster McVicker)	11	2
SKIING (Girls)	1	Marquette (Christy Salonen)	7	--
	2	Petoskey (Brewster McVicker)	11	--
SOCCER (Boys)	LP 1	East Kentwood (John Conlon)	1	--
	LP 2	Hudsonville Unity Christian (Randy Heethuis)	1	--
	LP 3	Detroit Country Day (Paul Baroshuk)	12	--
	LP 4	Muskegon Western Michigan Christian (David Hulings)	5	--
SOCCER (Girls)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Huron (Todd Pheiffer)	1	--
	LP 2	Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (Jeremy Stacy)	2	2
	LP 3	Hudsonville Unity Christian (Randy Heethuis)	4	4
	LP 4	Kalamazoo Christian (Ron Smilanich)	4	2
SOFTBALL (Girls)	1	Garden City (Barry Patterson)	1***	--
	2	Tecumseh (Kristalyn Smith)	2	2
	3	Galesburg-Augusta (Edward Bowe)	1	--
	4	Bay City All Saints (Brad Walraven)	4	--

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			Overall	Consecutive
SWIMMING (Boys)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Huron (Kelton Graham)	4	--
	LP 2	Battle Creek Lakeview (Kyle Lott)	2	--
	LP 3	East Grand Rapids (Milton Briggs)	23	--
	UP	Marquette (Matt Williams)	20	2
SWIMMING (Girls)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Pioneer (Dennis Hill)	15	8
	LP 2	Farmington Hills Mercy (Shannon Dunworth)	3	--
	LP 3	Bloomfield Hills Marian (Bill Thompson)	1	--
	UP	Marquette (Matt Williams)	17	7
TENNIS (Boys)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Pioneer (Tom Pullen)	11	8
	LP 2	East Lansing (Ben Wolfe)	5	--
	LP 3	St. Joseph (Pat Hoffmann)	3	--
	LP 4	Grosse Ile (John Shade)	2	--
	UP 1	Kingsford (Mark Shanks)	2	--
		Marquette (Derek Sandstrom)	32	--
	UP 2	Iron River West Iron County (Brook Smith)	9	2
TENNIS (Girls)	LP 1	Grosse Pointe South (Mark Sobieralski)	12	--
	LP 2	Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (Dave Sukup)	5	3
	LP 3	Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (Keith Cullen)	14	--
	LP 4	Williamston (Steve Stanley)	1	--
	UP 1	Kingsford (Ellette Nyman)	5	2
	UP 2	Ishpeming Westwood (Christopher Jackson)	3	--
TRACK (Boys)	LP 1	Flint Carman-Ainsworth (Kenn Domerese)	3	--
	LP 2	Williamston (Paul Nilsson)	4	--
	LP 3	Albion (Mike Jurasek)	3	--
	LP 4	Pewamo-Westphalia (Scott Werner)	1	--
	UP 1	Gladstone (Gary Whitmer)	6	5
	UP 2	Ironwood (Chuck Vitton)	10	--
	UP 3	Iron Mountain North Dickinson (Dale Powell)	4	--
TRACK (Girls)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Pioneer (Bryan Westfield)	16	3
	LP 2	Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (Keith Boeve)	1	--
	LP 3	Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (Carl Brock)	1	--
	LP 4	Pottersville (Mike Kuyers)	2	--
	UP 1	Marquette (John Peterson)	15	2
	UP 2	St. Ignace (Diane Huskey)	2	--
	UP 3	Brimley (Joyel Hyvarinen)	1	--
VOLLEYBALL (Girls)	A	Jenison (Alana Kooi)	1	--
	B	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (Betty Wroubel)	1	--
	C	Morley-Stanwood (Robin Kozuch)	1***	--
	D	Battle Creek St. Philip (Vicky Groat)	13	2
WRESTLING	1	Holt (Rocky Shaft)	4	--
	2	Greenville (Paul Johnson)	1***	--
	3	Goodrich (Matt Turnbow)	1	--
	4	Hesperia (Doug Baird)	1	--

*** Indicates first team title in any sport