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## 2008-09 Parade Of Champions

**EAST LANSING, Mich. – June 30** – A total of 122 team champions were crowned in Michigan High School Athletic Association post-season tournaments during the 2008-09 school year.

Of the 122 team champions in classes or divisions, there were four schools winning their first MHSAA titles in any sport: Cheboygan in boys bowling; Linden in boys cross country; Harrison in boys skiing; and Hudson in wrestling. In addition, there were 29 other teams which won tournament titles in a given sport for the first time.

Twenty two of the 87 schools winning in 2008-09 took more than one crown, with four schools –East Grand Rapids, Holland Christian, Marquette and Sterling Heights Stevenson -- each claiming at least two championships each in unified tournaments. East Grand Rapids led the group with three such titles - winning in baseball, football and boys lacrosse, while the other three schools each had two unified championships – Holland Christian in football and girls volleyball; Marquette in boys skiing and girls skiing; and Sterling Heights Stevenson in boys bowling and girls bowling. Marquette won seven total titles; East Grand Rapids had five; Gladstone had four; Ann Arbor Pioneer, Crystal Falls Forest Park, Iron Mountain and Potterville 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.

Six schools ran seven consecutive championship streaks to four or more in a given sport, including: Ann Arbor Pioneer in girls swimming and diving (9), Birmingham Brother Rice in boys lacrosse (5), Gladstone in boys track and field (6), Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern in girls tennis (4), Hudsonville Unity Christian in girls soccer (5), and Marquette in girls cross country (9) and girls swimming and diving (8).

A sport-by-sport listing of MHSAA champions for 2008-09 follows this text.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,600 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.

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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 2007-08 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
<b>BASEBALL</b>	1	Warren DeLaSalle (Brian Kelly)	3	--
	2	East Grand Rapids (Chris LaMange)	1	--
	3	Shepherd (Jack Nartker)	1	--
	4	Beal City (Brad Antcliff)	2	--
<b>BASKETBALL (Boys)</b>	A	Detroit Pershing (Arthur Canada)	5	--
	B	Flint Powers Catholic (Timothy Herman)	1	--
	C	Vacated	-	--
	<b>D</b>	<b>Muskegon Western Michigan Christian (Jim Goorman)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>BASKETBALL (Girls)</b>	A	Benton Harbor (Lou Harvey)	1	--
	<b>B</b>	<b>Detroit Country Day (Frank Orlando)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
	C	Flint Hamady (Keith Smith)	2	--
	<b>D</b>	<b>New Lothrop (Tom Kohlmann II)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>BOWLING (Boys)</b>	1	Sterling Heights Stevenson (Kerry Kreft)	2	--
	2	Cheboygan (Craig Gronda)	1***	--
	3	Iron Mountain (Ron Tomassoni)	1	--
<b>BOWLING (Girls)</b>	1	Sterling Heights Stevenson (Kerry Kreft)	1	--
	<b>2</b>	<b>Tecumseh (Doug McKowen)</b>	<b>2</b>	--
	3	Vandercrook Lake (Todd Reichard)	2	--
<b>COMPETITIVE CHEER (Girls)</b>	1	Rochester (Susan Wood)	12	--
	<b>2</b>	<b>Gibraltar Carlson (Christina Wilson)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
	3	Comstock Park (Kathy Felty)	1	--
	4	Michigan Center (Jessica Trefry)	1	--
<b>CROSS COUNTRY (Boys)</b>	LP 1	Ann Arbor Pioneer (Don Sleeman)	5	--
	LP 2	Linden (Clint Lawhorne)	1***	--
	LP 3	Shepherd (Rick Cahoon)	1	--
	<b>LP 4</b>	<b>Potterville (Dan Brunk)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
	UP 1	Marquette (Mike Leanes)	18	--
	UP 2	Munising (Francis DesArmo)	6	--
	UP 3	Eben Junction Superior Central (Sandy Smith)	4	--
<b>CROSS COUNTRY (Girls)</b>	LP 1	Traverse City Central (Lisa Taylor)	3	--
	LP 2	East Grand Rapids (Nick Hopkins)	3	--
	LP 3	Benzie Central (Asa Kelly)	4	--
	LP 4	Harbor Springs (Emily Kloss)	1	--
	<b>UP 1</b>	<b>Marquette (Mike Leanes)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>UP 2</b>	<b>Ironwood (Bruce Beckman)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>UP 3</b>	<b>Powers North Central (Jerry Root)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

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Sport	Class/Division	Winning School (Coach)	Titles Won	
			Overall	Consecutive
FOOTBALL	1	Rockford (Ralph Munger)	3	--
	2	Muskegon (Tony Annese)	5	--
	<b>3</b>	<b>East Grand Rapids (Peter Stuursma)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
	4	Holland Christian (Willie Snead III)	1	--
	5	Muskegon Oakridge (Jack Schugars)	3	--
	<b>6</b>	Montague (Pat Collins)	1	--
	7	Traverse City St. Francis (Greg Vaughan)	5	--
	8	Muskegon Catholic Central (Mike Holmes)	8	--
GOLF (Boys)	LP 1	Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (Paul Teneyck)	1	--
	LP 2	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (Marc White)	1	--
	LP 3	Jackson Lumen Christi (Dave Swartout)	11	--
	LP 4	Kalamazoo Hackett (William Zinkus)	2	--
	<b>UP 1</b>	<b>Gladstone (Bob Davison)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>
	UP 2	Hancock (Joe Gervais)	3	--
	<b>UP 3</b>	<b>Crystal Falls Forest Park (Stuart Brown)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
GOLF (Girls)	LP 1	Rochester (Jeff Haney)	2	--
	LP 2	Birmingham Seaholm (Tony Evans)	2	--
	<b>LP 3</b>	<b>Flint Powers Catholic (Jim Snow)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
	UP 1	Gladstone (Bob Davison)	2	--
	UP 2	Ishpeming Westwood (Tony Lofaro)	6	--
	UP 3	Crystal Falls Forest Park (Harold Payne)	5	--
GYMNASTICS (Girls)	Open	<b>Grand Ledge (Duane Haring)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
ICE HOCKEY	1	Detroit Catholic Central (Todd Johnson)	9	--
	<b>2</b>	<b>Trenton (Mike Turner)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
	3	Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (Andy Weidenbach)	14	--
LACROSSE (Boys)	<b>1</b>	<b>Birmingham Brother Rice (Robert Ambrose)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>East Grand Rapids (Adam Vincent)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
LACROSSE (Girls)	<b>1</b>	<b>Birmingham Unified (Jen Dunbar)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
	2	Okemos (Bill Prahler)	1	--
SKIING (Boys)	1	Marquette (Christy Provost)	7	--
	2	Harrison (Elaine Updyke)	1***	--
SKIING (Girls)	<b>1</b>	<b>Marquette (Christy Provost)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
	2	Manistee (Dick Totch)	1	--
SOCCER (Boys)	<b>LP 1</b>	<b>East Kentwood (John Conlon)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
	LP 2	Petoskey (Scott Batchelor)	2	--
	LP 3	Goodrich (Evan Huizenga)	1	--
	LP 4	Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (Dick Harding)	1	--
SOCCER (Girls)	LP 1	Portage Central (Pat Norman)	2	--
	LP 2	Bloomfield Hills Marian (Barry Brodsky)	3	--
	<b>LP 3</b>	<b>Hudsonville Unity Christian (Randy Heethuis)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
	LP 4	Kalamazoo Hackett (Tim Halloran)	3	--
SOFTBALL (Girls)	1	Hudsonville (Tom Vrugink)	1	--
	2	Niles (Gary Collins)	1	--
	3	Gladstone (Gerald Smith)	2	--
	4	Unionville-Sebewaing (Lary Houthoofd)	3	--

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Sport	Class/Division	Winning School (Coach)	Titles Won	
			Overall	Consecutive
SWIMMING (Boys)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Pioneer (Dennis Hill)	18	--
	LP 2	Zeeland (Michael Torrey)	3	--
	LP 3	Hamilton (Eric Talsma)	1	--
	UP	<b>Marquette (James Brooks)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>
SWIMMING (Girls)	LP 1	<b>Ann Arbor Pioneer (Dennis Hill &amp; Liz Hill)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>
	LP 2	<b>Farmington Hills Mercy (Shannon Dunworth)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
	LP 3	<b>Bloomfield Hills Marian (Bill Thompson)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
	UP	<b>Marquette (James Brooks)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>
TENNIS (Boys)	LP 1	Ann Arbor Huron (Stefan Welch)	6	--
	LP 2	<b>East Lansing (Erik Anderson)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
	LP 3	Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (Edward Nagel)	17	--
	LP 4	Ann Arbor Greenhills (Eric Gajar)	4	--
	UP 1	<b>Marquette (Derek Sandstrom)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>
	UP 2	Iron Mountain (Chris Hartman)	20	--
TENNIS (Girls)	LP 1	Midland Dow (Garrett Turner)	1	--
	LP 2	<b>Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern (Dave Sukup)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
	LP 3	East Grand Rapids (Dave Wollerman)	16	--
	LP 4	Ann Arbor Greenhills (Mark Randolph)	1	--
	UP 1	<b>Kingsford (Ellette Nyman)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
	UP 2	Iron Mountain (Chris Hartman)	13	--
TRACK (Boys)	LP 1	East Kentwood (Dave Emeott)	1	--
	LP 2	Hamilton (Kevin Spotts)	1	--
	LP 3	Albion (Mike Jurasek)	1	--
	LP 4	Potterville (Dan Brunk)	2	--
	UP 1	<b>Gladstone (Gary Whitmer)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
	UP 2	<b>Ironwood (Bruce Beckman)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
	UP 3	Crystal Falls Forest Park (Erich Ziegler)	4	--
TRACK (Girls)	LP 1	Romulus (Kathleen Forrest)	1	--
	LP 2	East Lansing (Charles Pollard)	1	--
	LP 3	Frankenmuth (Jamie Engel)		2 --
	LP 4	<b>Potterville (Mike Kuyers)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
	UP 1	<b>Marquette (John Peterson)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>
	UP 2	Munising (Fran DesArmo)	2	--
UP 3	<b>Brimley (Joyel Hyvarinen)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	
VOLLEYBALL (Girls)	A	<b>Jenison (Alana Kooi)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
	B	Holland Christian (Amy Berkenpas)	1	--
	C	Schoolcraft (Sue Kenyon)	1	--
	D	<b>Battle Creek St. Philip (Vicky Groat)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>
WRESTLING	1	Rockford (Don Rinehart)	2	--
	2	Lowell (Dave Dean)	3	--
	3	<b>Goodrich (Matt Turnbow)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
	4	Hudson (Scott Marry)	1***	--

\*\*\* Indicates first team title in any sport