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Welcome to the MHSAA Championships! This is a classroom like no other, and now is the time for the final exam. Like the academic classroom, some have had good fortune and smooth sailing along the way in getting here while others have overcome adversity during the season. Even today, a good bounce or a bad bounce will occur.



Your athletic skills are put to the test, but more importantly, your discipline will be challenged, as well. The knack for making the right move at the right moment is often the difference between winning and coming up just short.

Discipline also means testing your self-control and people skills. To embrace our diverse opponents as equals, and to employ common decency – every – single – moment. Win or lose.

That’s the beauty of educational athletics. The takeaways today are not the trophies and medals, but the life lessons learned and applied over years of sports.

This is the 100th year of the MHSAA and there is much to celebrate during this special year. Let’s remember and be thankful for the efforts of all those that have made this Final tournament experience so special.

Congratulations for reaching the end of the tournament road. Good luck to all!

— Mark Uyl
MHSAA Executive Director

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ALL FOUR ONE



All four 2023 MHSAA Boys Soccer title matches took place at the same site for a Finals festival at Grand Ledge HS, capped by an overtime thriller.

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ONE MORE TIME

Troy Athens lived via the comeback during the 2023 MHSAA Boys Soccer Tournament, so it was only fitting to finish that way.

Usually if a soccer team falls behind late in a championship game, there's a big "uh-oh" and sense of dejection.

But falling behind late against Brighton in the 2023 MHSAA Division 1 Final put Troy Athens in a comfort zone.

"We were behind in the District Final, we were behind in the Regional Semifinal, we were behind in the Regional Final, we took the lead in the Semifinal but then fell behind, and we were behind again tonight," Athens head coach Todd Heugh said. "Certainly, there's a lot of resolve and resiliency in our group."

As it turned out, it was championship resolve and resiliency for Athens.

Thanks to a goal late in regulation that tied the game and one more 2:59 into overtime, Athens is once again a Finals champion in boys soccer following a 2-1 win over Brighton.

The title was the sixth in program history for Athens, which finished 20-3-2.

The winning goal with 7:01 left in the first portion of overtime came from senior Manny Aigbedo, who put home a loose ball in the Brighton box after a mad scramble following an Athens corner kick.

"I just kned it," Aigbedo said. "I got anything I could on it. Just a little bit and went in. I didn't even know I scored at that moment because there was so many people trying to get it."

The game was scoreless until 9:02 remained in regulation, when Brighton took a 1-0 lead on a goal from senior Colin Robertson.

The goal came after a flurry of shots on Athens goalkeeper Adam Ethridge, who initially stopped Brighton leading scorer Devlin McGinnis on a point-blank shot in the box. A rebound caromed to Brighton junior Owen Buckley, but he was stopped by Ethridge.

But with Ethridge out of the net, another rebound came to the left side of the box to Robertson, who fired a shot into essentially an empty net just past multiple Athens defenders who tried to scramble back to the goal line.

From there, Athens pressured to get the equalizer, and finally did.



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With 1:56 remaining in the second half, senior Brody Fahnstock stepped into a fast-paced shot from roughly 30 yards out that went past Brighton's keeper and into the goal to tie the game at 1-1.

The tying goal seemed to deflate Brighton (19-4-2), which was less than two minutes from winning a first Finals championship in school history.

Athens dominated the overtime period, outshooting Brighton 10-1 overall and 8-0 on goal.

"When they got that tying goal, it kind of took the wind out of our sails there at the end," Brighton head coach Mark Howell said. "We knew overtime was going to be an uphill battle trying to climb back in it momentum-wise. We knew they had a lot of experience returning on the big stage. It just didn't fall the way we wanted it to."

Athens got off to a slow start on the season, but got rolling in September and never looked back, showing again there's no substitute for experience as the team had 16 seniors.

"We don't always play the prettiest brand," Heugh said. "But we're usually organized, and we usually are going to fight to the end."

— Keith Dunlap
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GR CHRISTIAN BACK ON TOP IN D2

Grand Rapids Christian's journey to the 2023 Division 2 title may have officially begun in August when practice started. But, in essence, the beginning of the season for the Eagles was October 2022.

That's when Grand Rapids Christian, which won the Division 2 championship in 2021, lost in a District matchup to eventual MHSAA champion Holland Christian – and the fire for 2023 was officially lit.

"It was horrible," Eagles senior Jackson Mindling said. "It was one of the worst feelings ever. I told myself that I didn't want to feel that again, and I know everybody on the team felt the same"

The Eagles completed their run at redemption, scoring three second-half goals to pull away for a 3-0 Finals win over Mason.

Grand Rapids Christian (18-5-2) captured its fourth Finals title in school history, joining the 2021, 1998 and 2001 squads

The Eagles took a 1-0 lead with 38:33 remaining on a goal by junior John Cassidy. Mindling fired a hard shot from the left side of the field that bounced off of the arms of Mason's keeper in the box to Cassidy, who pounced on the rebound.

Just 2:45 later, the combination of Mindling and Cassidy struck again. Mindling beat a defender to the ball near the sideline, and fed a pass right in front to Cassidy, who buried the chance into the net to give the Eagles a 2-0 lead with 35:48 to go.

Grand Rapids Christian put the game away with 5:59 remaining when freshman Liam Jansen was pulled down in the box and a penalty kick was awarded. Cassidy easily put away the chance for a hat trick and a 3-0 lead for the Eagles.

Mason, which was seeking its fifth Finals title overall and first since 2015, finished 13-3-5.

— Keith Dunlap
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runner-up finish. Early in the season, signs pointed to the championship coming down to the No. 2-ranked Yellowjackets (19-3-2) against the No. 1 Crusaders (21-2-1).

The matchup lived up to the billing.

Unity Christian came in with five Finals titles and making its 10th championship game appearance.

The Crusaders struck quickly when Colin Nieuwenhuis' corner kicked was converted into a header by Isaac Eppinga at the 33:20.

Country Day's offensive pressure was evident, and at the 13:18 mark the Yellowjackets broke through when Alex Eby laced a shot in from 20 yards out to tie the game 1-1.

Fifteen minutes into the second half the Yellowjackets took their first lead when Stephen Brentano scored after Ammar Siddiqui's corner kick was deflected at the 35:25 mark for a 2-1 lead.

Trailing for the first time, the Crusaders responded with the tying goal from Nieuwenhuis with 19:18 left in the second half.

— Perry A. Farrell
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WMC NETS TITLE NO. 9 IN D4

Muskegon Western Michigan Christian was seeking its ninth MHSAA Finals boys soccer title in 2023 at Grand Ledge High School.



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The scoring floodgates opened in the second half, and the Warriors prevailed 3-0 over Madison Heights Bishop Foley to earn a second-straight Division 4 championship and finish this fall 21-2-3.

After a scoreless first half, senior Charlie Buursma took a pass from Cole DeJonge and trickled it into the net at the 35 minute, 43 second mark of the second half for the game's first score. It was DeJonge's 23rd assist of the season and the biggest.

Tekalegn Vlasma (left) tacked on his 25th goal of the season to make it 2-0 at the 27:03 mark with an assist from Buursma. Three minutes later, Vlasma scored his second of the championship with an assist from Buursma to make it 3-0.

"We were really prepared; Coach had us ready," Vlasma said. "They came out and dominated. Second half coach got us mentally prepared. We knew if we got one that was it. The second one we got the ball out wide and tapped it in. It was really simple."

The Warriors came into the championship with an impressive resume. They had won Division 4 titles in 2022, 2019, 2010, 2007, 2004 and 2003, tied Detroit Country Day in Class C-D in 1998 and claimed the Class D championship in 1995. They also had finished runners-up six times.

Bishop Foley (18-4-1) won a Finals title in 1988 and was a runner-up in 1985.

Each had great scoring chances late in the first half but Bishop Foley goalkeeper Greg Altman and Warriors goalie Daniel Minasian were up to the challenge as the first half ended scoreless.

When Coach Ben Buursma took over, the program was in transition. Four years later there are two more Division 4 titles.

— Perry A. Farrell
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UNITY CHRISTIAN TAKES D3 BATTLE



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Jack Kamminga (left) will never forget the 2023 Division 3 Boys Soccer Final at Grand Ledge HS.

The sophomore helped rally Hudsonville Unity Christian to its sixth title on a go-ahead goal with 9:23 left to lift the Cougars to a 3-2 victory over Detroit Country Day.

"Logan (Lutke) passed it to me, and I scored," said Kamminga matter-of-factly. "It was the best feeling ever. We had to high-press them when we were down a goal. We just couldn't sit back and let them do what they wanted."

Country Day has a record 15 Finals titles and just one



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BYRON CENTER (19-4-1)

BULLDOGS

School Colors: Orange & Black
 Superintendent: Dr. Kevin Macina
 Principal: Troy Reedy

Athletic Director: Brady Lake
 Conference: O-K Conference - Green
 (8-1-1, 1st)



LEADERS

Stats not provided

First Row: Andrew Sinquefield, Brendan Walker, Nik Blok, Andre Rodriguez, Luke Philo, Coach E. Bays, Kaleb Smith, Blake Wilson, Ethan Roede. **Second Row:** Isaac DeVries, Zach VanZanten, Benjamin Weber, Connor Jenks, Carlos Castro, Tate Pellow, Reid VanIddekinge, Carson Olsen, Ben Newell. **Third Row:** Head Coach C. Bays, Allister Allan, Braylen Legge, Cooper Mitchell, Brody Leyendecker, Carson Piering, Kevin Simo, Blake Teunissen, Brody Bennett, Coach Wolfe, Coach Alan Freudigmann.

2024 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
0	Andre Rodriguez	--	--	--	Sr.
1	Luke Philo	GK	--	--	Sr.
2	Andrew Sinquefield	M	--	--	Jr.
3	Isaac DeVries	M	--	--	Jr.
4	Carlos Castro	B	--	--	Jr.
5	Zach VanZanten	B	--	--	Jr.
6	Tate Pellow	--	--	--	Jr.
7	Nik Blok	M	--	--	Sr.
8	Cooper Mitchell	F	--	--	Jr.
9	Benjamin Weber	F	--	--	Jr.
10	Kaleb Smith	M	--	--	Jr.
11	Allister Allan	M	--	--	So.
12	Reid VanIddekinge	--	--	--	Jr.
13	Blake Teunissen	--	--	--	Sr.
14	Brendan Walker	B	--	--	Sr.
15	Kevin Simo	--	--	--	Sr.
16	Connor Jenks	M	--	--	Jr.
17	Brody Leyendecker	F	--	--	Sr.
18	Braylen Legge	M	--	--	Fr.
19	Carson Olsen	--	--	--	Jr.
21	Blake Wilson	B	--	--	Jr.
22	Brody Bennett	--	--	--	Jr.
23	Ethan Roede	--	--	--	Jr.
24	Ben Newell	--	--	--	So.
25	Carson Piering	--	--	--	Jr.

2024 RESULTS

BC	OPP	BC	OPP
3 Grand Haven	2	3 Muskegon Reeths-Puffer	0
4 Zeeland West	0	0 Caledonia	3
2 Grand Rapids Christian	1	1 Jenison	1
7 Grandville	1	0 East Grand Rapids	1
2 Muskegon Mona Shores	0	ROAD TO THE FINALS	
9 Muskegon	0	Districts	
3 Muskegon Reeths-Puffer	1	3 Wyoming	1
1 Caledonia	0	1 East Kentwood	0
3 Jenison	0	3 Grand Rapids Northview	2
0 Grand Rapids South Christian	1	Regionals	
0 Hudsonville	2	1 Grand Haven (SO)	1
4 Muskegon Mona Shores	0	1 Portage Central	0
2 Forest Hills Northern	1	Semifinal	
8 Muskegon	0	2 Oxford (SO)	1

COACHES & STAFF

Head Coach: Chad Bays (26-7-3, 2 years)
Assistant Coaches: Alan Freudigmann, Elizabeth Bays
Athletic Trainers: Anne Slater, Justin Carroll, Joe Chiaramonte

ROCHESTER ADAMS (17-2-4)

HIGHLANDERS

School Colors: Brown & Gold
 Superintendent: Nicholas Russo
 Principal: Luke Swanson

Athletic Director: Shane Holler
 Conference: Oakland Activities Association – Red (5-1-1, 2nd)



First Row: Nick Tomezak, Anthony Page, Max Craft, RJ Pompa, Sam Piacentini, Jun Choi, Brendan Duff. **Second Row:** Coach Fitzgerald, Chase Blackmore, Brian You, Bonsang Koo (Manager), Dario Cusumano, Brady Adragna, Diego Monter Ugarte, Logan Lilla, Carlos Carrillo, Joey Honingford, Coach Hickey. **Third Row:** Coach Coleman, Cameron Pycz, Anthony Piacentini, Reid Dennis, Yasir Hamdan, Alex Rosin, Sam Beach, Owen DeKraker, Will Kelly. **Not Pictured:** Jameson Smith, Salvatore Dinoto, Matthew Willing (Manager), Ibrahim Hamdan (Manager).

LEADERS

Goals: Alex Rosin - 15
Assists: Alex Rosin - 17
Saves: Reid Dennis - .40 GAA
(Through Regionals)

2024 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
0	Sam Beach	K	--	--	So.
1	Reid Dennis	K	--	--	Sr.
2	Brian You	M	--	--	Jr.
3	Brady Adragna	W	--	--	Sr.
4	Anthony Piacentini	D	--	--	Sr.
5	Nick Tomezak	D	--	--	So.
6	Chase Blackmore	M	--	--	Jr.
7	Anthony Page	W	--	--	Sr.
8	Brendan Duff	D	--	--	Sr.
9	Carlos Carrillo	D	--	--	Sr.
10	Logan Lilla	W	--	--	Sr.
11	Yasir Hamdan	ST	--	--	Sr.
12	Dario Cusumano	W	--	--	So.
13	RJ Pompa	D	--	--	Sr.
14	Max Craft	D	--	--	So.
15	Sam Piacentini	D	--	--	Jr.
16	Joey Honingford	M	--	--	Sr.
17	Alex Rosin	M	--	--	Sr.
18	Will Kelly	W	--	--	Sr.
19	Diego Monter Ugarte	M	--	--	Sr.
20	Owen DeKraker	D	--	--	So.
21	Jameson Smith	M	--	--	Sr.
23	Jun Choi	D	--	--	So.
24	Salvatore Dinoto	ST	--	--	Sr.
25	Cameron Pycz	W	--	--	Sr.

2024 RESULTS

RA	OPP	RA	OPP
5 Utica	0	2 Berkley	1
3 Clarkston	0	0 Lake Orion	0
2 Grand Blanc	1	2 Ann Arbor Huron	3
1 Romeo	0	5 Detroit U-D Jesuit	0
0 Utica Eisenhower	1		
4 Rochester	0		
3 Anchor Bay	1		
0 Troy Athens	2		
3 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek	1		
1 Oxford	1		
1 Troy	0		
8 Bloomfield Hills	0		
6 Birmingham Seaholm	1		
1 Utica Ford	0		

ROAD TO THE FINALS	
Districts	
4 Sterling Heights Stevenson	0
4 Utica Eisenhower	0
Regionals	
2 Troy	1
1 Romeo	0
Semifinal	
4 Saline (SO)	3

COACHES & STAFF

Head Coach: Josh Hickey (188-94-62, 16 years)
Assistant Coaches: Brian Fitzgerald, Dustin Johnson
Captains: Alex Rosin, Brendan Duff, Anthony Page, Reid Dennis
Athletic Trainer: Morgan St. Henry
Managers: Bonsang Koo, Matthew Willing, Ibrahim Hamdan



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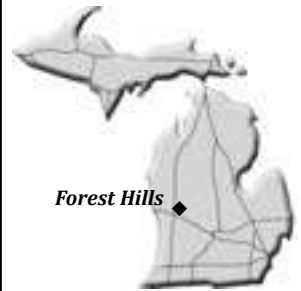
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FOREST HILLS NORTHERN (19-4-3)

HUSKIES

School Colors: Columbia Blue, Black & White
 Superintendent: Ben Kirby
 Principal: Heather McKinney-Rewa

Athletic Director: Ben Sherman
 Conference: O-K Conference –
 White (9-1-2, 1st)



Forest Hills

LEADERS

Goals: Almedin Hoxha - 14
Assists: Beau Lincoln - 14
Saves: Lukas Darling - 95
(Through Regionals)

First Row: Ben Pease, Henry Lincolnhol, Tyler Shin, Carter Mackson. **Second Row:** William Watson, Liam Tilly, Drin Mandija, Luca Enrico, Jason Scruggs, Zachary Schafer, Sebastian Salgado Lavoigne, Sam Garrett, William Baar, Beau Lincoln, Enli Hoxha. **Third Row:** Head Coach Juan Torres, Jaxon Byl, Ethan Argenzio, Almedin Hoxha, Blake Hossler, Lukas Darling, Nicolas Campos, Dylan Van Skiver, Ben Keeth, Malachi McWilliams, Coach Jason Wingard. Not Pictured: Coach Sawyer Rilett.

2024 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
0	Lukas Darling	GK	--	--	Jr.
2	Enli Hoxha	D	--	--	So.
3	Jason Scruggs	F	--	--	Jr.
4	Henry Lincolnhol	D	--	--	Sr.
5	Zachary Schafer	D	--	--	Jr.
6	Benjamin Pease	D	--	--	Sr.
7/23	Drin Mandija	F	--	--	So.
8	Tyler Shin	F	--	--	Sr.
9	Almedin Hoxha	M	--	--	Jr.
10	Luca Enrico	M	--	--	Jr.
11	Beau Lincoln	M	--	--	Jr.
12	Malachi McWilliams	D	--	--	Jr.
14	Blake Hossler	F	--	--	Jr.
15	Sam Garrett	D	--	--	Jr.
16	Liam Tilly	F	--	--	So.
17	Willem Baar	M	--	--	Fr.
19	Carter Mackson	M	--	--	Sr.
21	Ben Keeth	D	--	--	So.
22	Liam Watson	M	--	--	Jr.
24	Sebastian Salgado-Lavoignet	D	--	--	Fr.
25	Jaxon Byl	F	--	--	Jr.
26	Dylan Van Skiver	M	--	--	Jr.
27	Ethan Argenzio	F	--	--	Jr.
28	Nicolas Campos	M	--	--	Jr.

2024 RESULTS

FHN	OPP	FHN	OPP
2 Jenison	1	4 Grand Rapids Catholic Central	3
2 East Grand Rapids	0	5 Ada Forest Hills Eastern	0
4 Detroit U-D Jesuit	0	7 Muskegon Mona Shores	1
4 Salem (SO)	3	0 Forest Hills Central	3
0 Plymouth	4		
1 Grand Rapids Christian	1		
3 East Kentwood	3		
4 Grand Rapids Catholic Central	1		
2 Dewitt	2		
5 Forest Hills Eastern	0		
0 Forest Hills Central	0		
1 East Grand Rapids	0		
1 Grand Rapids Christian	0		
1 Byron Center	2		
3 Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills	1		
5 Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills	0		

ROAD TO THE FINALS

Districts	Regionals	Semifinal
8 Greenville	3 Bay City John Glenn	2 Grand Rapids Christian (SO)
4 Forest Hills Central (SO)	2 Fruitport (SO)	
2 East Grand Rapids		

COACHES & STAFF

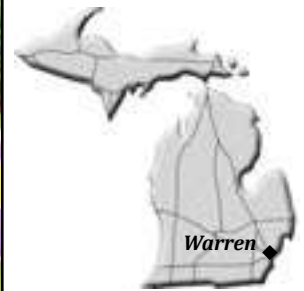
Head Coach: Juan Torres (59-18-7, 4 years)
Assistant Coaches: Jason Wingard, Trevor Kay, Sawyer Rilett
Captains: Henry Lincolnhol, Beau Lincoln, Almedin Hoxha
Athletic Trainers: Alex Salinas, Mary Ryan Pennington

WARREN DELASALLE COLLEGIATE (19-3-1)

PILOTS

School Colors: Purple & Gold
 President: Brother Thomas Zoppo
 Principal: Brother Ken Kalinowski

Athletic Director: Dan Rohn
 Conference: Catholic HS League – Central (4-2, 2nd)



LEADERS

Goals: Andrew Corder - 16
Assists: Josh Ross, Danny Makara - 8
Saves: Dominic Baldarotta - 45
(Through Regionals)

First Row: Joshua Ross, Harrison Pertot, Rivald Nilaj, Giovanni Vitale, Gavin Baldarotta, Dominic Baldarotta, Vincent Gelle, Nolan Maus. **Second Row:** Andrew Koreck, Max Wyszczelski, Ben Lichocki, Settimo Leone, John Gaidos. **Third Row:** Coach Rocco Galati, Joshua Wilson, Ashton Baan, Nikolai Zacharko, Vincent Lucci, Vince Houlihan, Andrew Corder, Luca Ishaq, Coach Thaier Mukhtar, Coach Ed Lis. **Fourth Row:** Coach Bill Miller, Coach Sean Mukhtar, JJ Jurczyk, Daniel Makara, Connor Donahue, James Spicuzzi, Andrew Vandervord, Jack Janusch, Coach Skipper Mukhtar.

2024 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
0	Giovanni Vitale	GK	5-5	150	Jr.
1	Dominic Baldaratta	GK	5-9	130	So.
1	Andrew Koreck	M/F	5-10	150	Sr.
2	Joshua Wilson	D	5-9	145	Jr.
3	Rivald Nilaj	D	6-0	160	So.
5	Ashton Baan	F	5-9	130	Jr.
6	James Spicuzzi	M	6-0	145	Jr.
7	Jack Janusch	M	6-0	155	Sr.
8	John Gaidos	M/D	5-10	140	Jr.
9	Maxwell Wyszczelski	D	5-9	135	Jr.
10	Nikolai Zacharko	M	5-7	150	Jr.
11	Ben Lichocki	M	5-10	140	So.
12	Settimo Leone	M	5-9	135	So.
13	Connor Donahue	M/D	5-9	140	Jr.
14	Andrew Corder	F	5-9	135	So.
15	Daniel Makara	D	6-0	170	Sr.
16	Vincent Gelle	D	5-10	180	Sr.
17	Vincent Lucci	M/D	5-10	150	Sr.
18	Harrison Pertot	M	5-10	140	Sr.
19	Vince Houlihan	M	5-7	135	Jr.
20	JJ Jurczyk	M/D	6-0	155	Sr.
21	Nolan Maus	M	5-5	130	Sr.
22	Joshua Ross	M	5-6	130	Sr.
23	Gavin Baldarotta	M	5-10	120	Fr.
24	Andrew Vandervord	D	6-0	155	Sr.

2024 RESULTS

DLS	OPP	DLS	OPP
5 Grosse Pointe North	0	2 Lake Orion	0
6 Romeo	4	1 Anchor Bay	0
1 Detroit U-D Jesuit	0	3 Orchard Lake St. Mary's	1
5 Flushing	0	5 Sterling Heights Stevenson	0
0 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	4	ROAD TO THE FINALS	
1 Detroit Catholic Central	0	Districts	
2 Mason	1	8 Warren Woods Tower	0
4 Traverse City St. Francis	1	2 Grosse Pointe North	0
1 Toledo St. Francis	3	Regionals	
2 Oxford	2	5 New Boston Huron	2
1 Toledo St. John's	3	2 Dearborn Divine Child	1
3 Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice	1	Semifinal	
3 Toledo Central Catholic	1	3 Mason	1
1 Utica	0		

COACHES & STAFF

Head Coach: Thaier Mukhtar (595-143-97, 36 years)
Assistant Coaches: Ed Lis, Skipper Mukhtar, Bill Miller, Rocco Galati, Sean Mukhtar, Matthew Lentine, Blake Bowe
Captains: Nikolai Zacharko, Daniel Makara, Harrison Pertot, JJ Jurczyk, Joshua Ross
Athletic Trainer: Nicole Zarucki
Manager: Luca Ishaq



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Sportsmanship Extends to Online Behavior

With the changes that have occurred in college sports the past couple of years, high school sports is truly the last level of pure amateur competition in our country – and the NFHS and its member state associations want it to remain that way.

As football, volleyball, soccer, cross country and other sports begin this fall, high school coaches and athletic/activity directors will be involved in preseason meetings to emphasize the expected outcomes of education-based sports, as well as speech, debate, music, theatre and other programs.

Among those fundamental values of education-based activities that must be discussed is sportsmanship, or good sporting behavior. More than winning, more than learning the skills of a sport, a focus on sportsmanship has been one of the defining elements of high school sports and other activities for more than 100 years.

Along with maintaining the sound traditions of sports and minimizing the risk of injury, NFHS playing rules encourage sportsmanship, and the first page in all NFHS rules publications includes a statement noting that “each athlete is responsible for exercising caution and good sportsmanship.”

In the past, with an emphasis on conduct on the playing field or court – or in the auditorium or rehearsal hall – sportsmanship has been defined as those qualities of behavior that are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. More so than preparing students to play sports or another activity at the next level, one of the significant goals of education-based high school sports and activities is helping the 12 million-plus individuals in these programs to become responsible citizens.

And in today’s online world dominated by hand-held devices, that goal has become more challenging. Now, messages to students in high school sports and other activities about sportsmanship must be communicated before they hit the practice field or court because one inappropriate post, tweet or message could alter their lives forever.

At the recent virtual National Student Leadership Summit hosted by the NFHS, Christina Jontra of Neptune Navigate, one of the newest NFHS corporate partners, discussed the need for good sportsmanship online as much or more so than on the court or field.

In the digital age in which we live, participants in high school activity programs need to be aware that their character and respect for others should be the same, whether in the sport or activity itself, or online.

As the popularity and influence of social media continues to surge, it is imperative that student-athletes, as well as coaches, administrators, parents and everyone involved in education-based athletics, are aware of the ways they can endanger themselves with their online behavior and understand the techniques they can employ to prevent that from happening.

In her recent presentation, Jontra noted five characteristics of good sportsmanship online – honesty, compassion, respect, responsibility and courage. Just as a student would respect an opponent on the field or in the debate room, the same must occur online.

At preseason meetings this fall, coaches and athletic/activity directors should encourage students in their programs to be mindful of online contact with individuals on opposing teams – particularly any bantering that could be perceived as cyberbullying. As Jontra mentioned in her message during the NSLS, hurtful words can ruin a person’s life forever.

Fortunately, during the season, the millions of high school students involved in sports and performing arts have less free time to spend online on a daily basis, but the time spent must be done in a positive manner. Not only could damaging words on social media affect a student’s chances for an athletic scholarship, inappropriate messages could also negatively impact future job possibilities as employers are more actively auditing social media.

Whether the setting is before hundreds of people at an actual game or event, or a private experience alone online, positive and respectful behavior should be the choice every time.



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Scholar-Athlete Award in 36th Year Awarding Scholarships to Students

Thousands of students voluntarily extend their classroom day by taking part in extracurricular activities, often improving their academic achievements in the process. The value that such programs play in the total education of a high school student is highlighted through the MHSAA/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award, which will award \$2,000 scholarships to 32 top student-athletes and recognize over 2,000 other outstanding individuals in 2024-25.

Underwritten by Farm Bureau Insurance, the Scholar-Athlete Award is now in its 36th year, and presents scholarships to students in every MHSAA enrollment classification. The scholarships may be used at any institution of higher learning.

"It is amazing to see the number of young people who are proven achievers in academics and activities," said Mark Uyl, executive director of the MHSAA. "At a time when our educational system is coming under fire, the Scholar-Athlete Award is something that proves

how important athletics are to the development of a well-rounded person."

Students applying for the Scholar-Athlete Award must be graduating during the 2024-25 school year, carry a 3.5 grade-point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport that the MHSAA sponsors postseason competition.

Applicants will also be required to show involvement in other school/community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Application materials can be found on MHSAA.com. Scan the code below right to access the page.

Each MHSAA member school is allowed to nominate a number of student-athletes based on the size of the school. Class A schools can nominate six boys and six girls, Class B four boys and four girls, Class C three boys and three girls and Class D two boys and two girls. The first 30 scholarships will be awarded based on this graduated scale, with two additional scholarships intended



for minority applicants.

A committee composed of school administrators from across the state will select regional and statewide winners.

Farm Bureau Insurance, a long-time supporter of MHSAA activities, also sponsors other educationally oriented programs.

The 32 scholarship recipients will be recognized at the MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing in March 2025.



The annual MHSAA Scholar-Athlete ceremony is one of the highlights of the winter season. More information about the awards may be obtained by contacting your local school principal, athletic director or guidance counselor. The online application form can be found at MHSAA.com/scholarship.



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Student Advisory Council Aids MHSAA

Eight student-athletes who will be juniors at their schools during the 2024-25 academic year have been selected to serve two-year terms on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Student Advisory Council.

The Student Advisory Council is a 16-member group which provides feedback on issues impacting educational athletics from a student's perspective, and also is involved in the operation of MHSAA championship events and other programming. Members of the Student Advisory Council serve for two years, beginning as juniors. Eight new members are selected annually to serve on the SAC, with nominations made by MHSAA member schools. The incoming juniors will join the group of eight seniors-to-be appointed a year ago.

Selected to begin serving on the Student Advisory Council in 2024-25 are: **Itzel Albarran**, Bronson; **Harper Barnhart**, Brownstown Woodhaven; **Diamond Cook**, Southfield Christian; **Henry Ewles**, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; **Cole Haist**, Big Rapids; **Frannie Keeley**, Jenison; **Trey LaValley**, Romeo; and **Ethan Stine**, Bridgman.

Those eight new members were selected from 90 applicants. The first Student Advisory Council was formed for the 2006-07 school year. With the addition of this class beginning this summer, members will have represented 142 schools from 51 leagues plus independent schools that do not play in a league. Combined, the new appointees have participated in 10 MHSAA sports, and five will be the first SAC members from their respective schools.

The Student Advisory Council generally meets seven times each school year, and once more for a 24-hour leadership camp. In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, the Council discusses issues dealing with the 4 S's of educational athletics: scholarship, sportsmanship, safety (including health and nutrition) and the sensible scope of athletic programs. There also is a fifth S discussed by the group – student leadership.

This school year, the Council handed out championship trophies at Finals events, led sessions during four Sportsmanship Summits and provided assistance at the



2024-25 Student Advisory Council

First Row: Diamond Cook, Southfield Christian; Trey LaValley, Romeo; Itzel Albarran, Bronson; Henry Ewles, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep; Frannie Keeley, Jenison; Cole Haist, Big Rapids; Harper Barnhart, Brownstown Woodhaven; Ethan Stine, Bridgman. **Second Row:** Joey Spada, Kalamazoo Central; Ella Knudsen, Leland; Isaiah Kabban, Harbor Beach; Anna Zoet, Grandville Calvin Christian; Drew Cady, Oxford; Kaylee Kranz, Clinton; and Cale Bell, Sault Ste Marie. **Not Pictured:** Macy Jenkins, Milford.

Student Advisory Council Belief Statement

As the voice of Michigan's student-athletes, the Student Advisory Council's role is to convey the message of how high school sports are supposed to be played. We are responsible for helping the MHSAA maintain a positive and healthy atmosphere in which interscholastic athletes can thrive.

We believe athletes should be competitive, sportsmanlike and excel academically. We believe students in the stands should have fun, but not take the focus away from the game. We believe coaches should act as teachers, helping student-athletes develop while still keeping high school sports in perspective. We believe that parents should always be positive role models and be supportive of their child's decisions. We believe officials commit their own time to high school sports and respect should always be shown and given to them.

The most important goal for student-athletes is to enjoy high school sports while keeping a high level of respect between all those involved in the games.

Women In Sports Leadership Conference, provided feedback to the MHSAA Representative Council on proposed rule changes, worked on a mental health initiative, and wrote the script for a public service announcement on adult spectator sportsmanship that will be included in broadcasts beginning this upcoming school year.

The new additions to the SAC will join the Class of 2025 members who were selected a year ago: **Cale Bell**, Sault Ste. Marie; **Drew Cady**, Oxford; **Macy Jenkins**, Milford; **Isaiah Kabban**, Harbor Beach; **Ella Knudsen**, Leland; **Kaylee Kranz**, Clinton; **Joey Spada**, Kalamazoo Central; and **Aynalem Zoet**, Grandville Calvin Christian.

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MHSAA Representative Council

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association is the body assembled to carry out the wishes of member schools. The Council meets several times annually to discuss and pass legislation concerning interscholastic athletics in Michigan.

The Representative Council is made up of 19 members, with all but five elected by a vote of MHSAA-member schools to represent different geographic regions, different sizes of schools, non-public schools, and junior and middle schools. Two members are elected to statewide at-large positions. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or his/her designee.

The officers and two other representatives form the MHSAA's Executive Committee, which meets on a monthly basis during the school year to review eligibility appeals and other current business.



First Row: Vic Michaels, John Thompson, Scott Grimes, Mark Uyl. **Second Row:** Jennifer Thunberg, Chris Riker, Dr. Arnetta Thompson, Alex Tiseo. **Third Row:** Eric Albright, Adam Stefanski, Jeff Kline, Fred Smith, Chris Miller, Jay Alexander, Jason Malloy, Anna Rigby, Ross Fort, Judy Cox, Sean Jacques, Chris Adams.

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Representative Council Members

Chris Adams*

Superintendent
Camden-Frontier High School
Class C-D — Southeastern Michigan

Eric Albright**

Athletic Director
Midland High School
Class A-B — Northern Lower Peninsula

Jay Alexander*

Executive Director of Athletics
Detroit Public Schools
Detroit Public Schools Position

Judy Cox**

Principal
Auburn-Bay City Western High School
Appointee

Ross Fort (ex-officio)

Special Assistant to Deputy Superintendent
for Finance and Operations
Michigan Dept. of Education, Lansing
Designee

Scott Grimes, President**

Superintendent, Grand Haven Public Schools
Statewide At-Large

Chris Hartman*

Athletic Director
Kingsford High School
Class A-B — Upper Peninsula

Sean Jacques**

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Calumet High School
Class C-D — Upper Peninsula

Jeff Kline*

Athletic Director
Mt. Morris High School
Statewide At-Large

Jason Malloy**

Athletic Director
Westland John Glenn High School
Appointee

Vic Michaels, Secretary-Treasurer**

Director of Physical Education & Athletics
Archdiocese of Detroit
Private and Parochial Schools

Chris Miller*

Athletic Director/Director of Operations
Gobles High School
Class C-D — Southwestern Michigan

Anna Rigby**

Athletic Director
Harbor Springs High School
Class C-D — Northern Michigan

Chris Riker**

Athletic Director
Portage Northern High School
Class A-B — Southwestern Michigan

Fred Smith**

Athletic Director
Bangor Middle School
Junior High/Middle Schools

Adam Stefanski*

Athletic Director
Boyne City High School
Junior High/Middle Schools

Dr. Arnetta Thompson*

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ELK RAPIDS (18-6-1)

ELKS

School Colors: Orange & Black
 Superintendent: Bryan McKenna
 Principal: Jack Young

Athletic Director: Brett Graham
 Conference: Northern Shores Conference
 (11-1, T-1st)



LEADERS

Goals: Tyler Standfest - 16
Assists: Jayden Hresko - 11
Saves: Jacob McManus - 65
(Through Regionals)

First Row: Jackson Garrow, Eli Zbytowski, Mason Hilley, Jack Morton. **Second Row:** Jonah DenHerder, Carter Denoyer, Noah Bogard, Alex Barber, Jake Garrow, Jayden Hresko, Blake Springstead. **Third Row:** Manager Billy McInnis, Head Coach Nate Plum, Dalton Timmer, Jack Dupuie, Will Vanderheide, Caden Schlicker, Corbin Bogard, Jacob McManus, Tyler Standfest, Kody Bratschi, Noah Hilley, Assistant Coaches Ryan McChesney, Ethan Pike.

2024 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
00	Caden Schlicker	K	--	--	So.
0	Jacob McManus	K	--	--	Jr.
1	Jayden Hresko	F	--	--	Jr.
2	Alex Barber	D	--	--	Sr.
3	Will Vanderheide	M	--	--	Sr.
4	Mason Hilley	M	--	--	So.
5	Carter Denoyer	M	--	--	Jr.
6	Noah Bogard	D	--	--	Sr.
7	Jonah DenHerder	D	--	--	Jr.
8	Jack Dupuie	F	--	--	Sr.
9	Drew Plum	M	--	--	So.
10	Tyler Standfest	F	--	--	So.
11	Dalton Timmer	F	--	--	So.
12	Miles Prabhaker	F	--	--	Fr.
13	Jackson Garrow	M	--	--	Jr.
14	Jake Garrow	D	--	--	So.
15	Eli Zbytowski	M	--	--	So.
16	Blake Springstead	F	--	--	Fr.
17	Kody Bratschi	D	--	--	Jr.
18	Jack Morton	D	--	--	Fr.
19	Ben Dyste	D	--	--	Fr.
20	Gavin Hamilton	F	--	--	Fr.
21	Noah Liggett	M	--	--	Fr.
22	Dante Holsinger	F	--	--	Sr.
24	Corbin Bogard	K	--	--	So.

2024 RESULTS

ER	OPP	ER	OPP	
3	Flint Powers Catholic	4	2 Harbor Springs	0
0	Oxford	3	2 Traverse City St. Francis	0
0	Kingsford	2	2 Grayling	1
5	Boyne City	0	4 Charlevoix	1
5	Petoskey	2		
0	Alma	2		
1	Harbor Springs	0		
8	Kingsley	0		
1	Williamston	2		
6	Big Rapids	0		
0	Grayling	1		
7	Charlevoix	1		
3	Muskegon Orchard View	0		
5	Boyne City	0		
0	Grand Rapids West Catholic	0		

ROAD TO THE FINALS		
Districts		
12	Reed City	1
3	Hart	0
2	Traverse City St Francis	1
Regionals		
2	Alma	1
4	Kingsford	0
Semifinal		
3	Hartford	0

COACHES & STAFF

Head Coach: Nate Plum (275-116-34, 17 years)
Assistant Coaches: Ryan McChesney, Ethan Pike, Eric Cole, Dave McKeon
Captains: Noah Hilley, Jayden Hresko, Noah Bogard, Jake Garrow
Athletic Trainer: Laura Jackson
Managers: Billy McInnis, Jayden Poniatoski, Talon Anderson, Elliott Pray

PONTIAC NOTRE DAME PREP (22-2)

FIGHTING IRISH

School Colors: Forest Green, Vegas Gold & White
 Corporate President: Fr. Leon Olszamowski, s.m., Ph.D.
 Superintendent: Andrew Guest

Principal: Kimberly Anderson
 Athletic Director: Betty Wroubel, CAA
 Athletic Director: Aaron Crouse, CMAA
 Conference: Independent



LEADERS

Goals: Will Lanham - 28
Assists: Will Lanham - 14
Saves: Tomassino Offer - 65
(Through Regionals)

2024 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
00	Tomassino Offer	GK	--	--	Jr.
01	Nicholas Grembi	GK	--	--	Jr.
2	Benjamin Liparoto	M	--	--	Jr.
3	Anthony Valentine	D	--	--	Sr.
4	Andrew Paulson	D	--	--	Sr.
5	Evan Tringaj	--	--	--	Fr.
6	Ethan Janssen	F	--	--	Sr.
7	Felipe Sanchez-Montalvo	M	--	--	Sr.
8	Alexander Ruschak	D	--	--	Sr.
9	Edziu Lis	M	--	--	Sr.
10	Will Lanham	F	--	--	Sr.
11	Jack Kilpatrick	M	--	--	Jr.
12	Mathew Marsheh	M	--	--	Jr.
13	Sami Khouri	--	--	--	Jr.
14	Alexander Apolonio	--	--	--	Jr.
15	Henry Graff	D	--	--	Sr.
16	Lucas DiGrande	--	--	--	Jr.
17	Sebastian Asmar	--	--	--	So.
18	Rodrigo Encinas	M	--	--	So.
19	Evan Asmar	--	--	--	Jr.
20	Daniel Lebanion	D	--	--	Jr.
21	Thomas Strimpel	F	--	--	Sr.
22	Nicholas Fernandez	--	--	--	Fr.
23	Michael Khouri	D	--	--	Sr.
88	Anthony Palazzolo	GK	--	--	Jr.

2024 RESULTS

NDP	OPP	NDP	OPP
4 Milan	0	4 Almont	2
2 Ortonville Brandon	0	2 Orchard Lake St. Marys	0
5 Flushing	0	5 Waterford Kettering	1
4 Warren DeLaSalle Collegiate	0	0 Troy	3
1 Flint Powers Catholic	0	3 Grosse Pte Woods U. Liggett	0
2 Birmingham Seaholm	1		
4 Imlay City	2		
3 Holly	0		
6 Grand Rapids Catholic Central	1		
0 Detroit Country Day	2		
4 Goodrich	0		
5 Harbor Springs	2		
6 Traverse City St. Francis	0		
4 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek	2		

ROAD TO THE FINALS	
Districts	
6 Detroit Frontier International	0
3 Detroit Country Day	2
Regionals	
4 Frankenmuth	1
2 Flint Powers Catholic	1
Semifinal	
2 Williamston	0

COACHES & STAFF

Head Coach: Rob Suffredini (111-80-35, 10 years)
Assistant Coaches: Will Baldwin, Brian Blakeslee, Paul Gaynor, Anthony Pangori, Alessandro Suffredini
Captains: Will Lanham, Jack Kilpatrick and Andrew Paulson
Athletic Trainers: Chris Polsinelli AT, ATC
Strength & Conditioning: Christian Polega M.S., RSCC, CSCS, USAW-1



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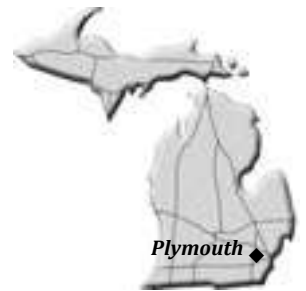


PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (15-5-3)

EAGLES

School Colors: Purple, Yellow & Gold
 Superintendent: Terri White
 Principal: Bradley Smith

Athletic Director: Derek Delgado
 Conference: Michigan Independent Athletic
 Conference – Blue (6-2-2, 2nd)



LEADERS

Goals: Caedmon Whipple - 23
Assists: Caedmon Whipple - 12
Saves: NA
(Through Regionals)

First Row: Jerel Adams, Cory Jamerson, Ethan Heussner, Josh Murray. **Second Row:** Brock Bushey, Liam Garrett, Mac MacDonald, Niklaus Vergel, Juan Chacon-Beltran, Brenden Brodhagen, Bennett Bushey. **Third Row:** Luke Elliott, Grant Ramseyer, Caedmon Whipple, Jonah Noel, Tamer Deaibes, Vinnie Campo, Austin Sumner. Not Pictured: Parker Thomason, Micah Lavigne, Leo Lavigne, and coaches.

2024 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
0	Nik Vergel	GK	--	--	Jr.
1	Jerel Adams	F	--	--	Fr.
2	Liam Garrett	OB	--	--	Jr.
3	Parker Thomason	F	--	--	Fr.
4	Brenden Brodhagen	CB	--	--	So.
5	Austin Sumner	M	--	--	Jr.
7	Juan Chacon-Beltran	M	--	--	Jr.
8	Brock Bushey	CB	--	--	Jr.
9	Cory Jamerson	Back	--	--	Jr.
10	Caedmon Whipple	M	--	--	Sr.
11	Mac MacDonald	M	--	--	Sr.
12	Jonah Noel	WB	--	--	Sr.
13	Bennett Bushey	F	--	--	Fr.
15	Ethan Huessner	WB	--	--	Fr.
17	Micah Lavigne	WB	--	--	Sr.
19	Josh Murray	Back	--	--	Fr.
20	Vinny Campo	OB	--	--	So.
21	Luke Elliott	OB	--	--	Sr.
23	Grant Ramseyer	F	--	--	So.
25	Leo Lavigne	M	--	--	So.
30	Tamer Deaibes	M	--	--	Sr.

2024 RESULTS

PCA	OPP	PCA	OPP
2 Hillsdale Academy	0	5 Rochester Hills Lutheran NW	0
1 New Boston Huron	9	3 Parma Western	2
0 AA Fr Gabriel Richard	0	6 Lutheran HS Westland	0
0 Bloomfield Hills Roeper	2	ROAD TO THE FINALS	
4 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian	1	Districts	
0 Kalamazoo Hacket Cath Prep	2	8 Plymouth Ivywood Classical	0
1 Allen Park Inter-City Baptist	3	3 Monroe St. Mary CC	1
0 GPW University Liggett	1	4 Riverview Gabriel Richard	1
3 Rochester Hills Lutheran NW	3	Regionals	
4 Bloomfield Hills Roeper	1	2 Detroit Cristo Rey	1
8 Lutheran HS Westland	2	2 Royal Oak Shrine Catholic	1
0 Allen Park Inter-City Baptist	0	Semifinal	
2 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian	1	2 Lansing Christian (OT)	1
8 Taylor Trillium Academy	0		

COACHES & STAFF

Head Coach: Ryan Thomason (21-10-9, 2 years)
Assistant Coaches: Kyle Whipple, Kevin Nimmo, Scott Carty, Nick Arnett
Captains: Caedmon Whipple, Mac MacDonald, Juan Chacon-Beltran
Athletic Trainer: Mackenzie Delgado

MUSKEGON W MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN (14-7-3)

WARRIORS

School Colors: Forest Green & White
 Superintendent: Chris Ruiter
 Principal: Chris Ruiter

Athletic Director: Ryan Slack
 Conference: Independent



LEADERS

Goals: Tekalegn Vlasma - 27
Assists: Cole DeJonge - 24
Saves: Dan Minasian - 118
(Through Regionals)

First Row: Mason Bonnema, Juan DeJonge, Hudson Fair, Tekalegn Vlasma, Braedon Hoffman, Daniel Minasian, Anderson Leffring, Jude Proctor, Braeden Olsen, Ryan Riksen, Hunter Johnston. **Second Row:** Jeremy Leffring, Phil VanRees, Ben Buursma, Tyson Annema, Sam Hwang, Seth Moorhead, Cole DeJonge, Carter Heimiller, Luke Proctor, Luke Maat, Ben Evans, Ben Visser, Joel Brink, Theo Buursma, Pete Brink, Lucas DeJonge.

2024 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
0	Dan Minasian	GK	--	--	Sr.
2	Juan DeJonge	D	--	--	So.
3	Hunter Johnston	D	--	--	Jr.
4	Hudson Fair	M	--	--	So.
5	Theo Buursma	F	--	--	Fr.
6	Braedon Hoffman	F	--	--	So.
7	Tekalegn Vlasma	F	--	--	Sr.
8	Anderson Leffring	F	--	--	So.
9	Tyson Annema	M	--	--	So.
10	Ryan Riksen	F	--	--	Sr.
11	Seth Moorhead	D	--	--	So.
12	Luke Proctor	D	--	--	Jr.
13	Sam Hwang	D	--	--	Fr.
14	Jude Proctor	M	--	--	Fr.
15	Luke Maat	D	--	--	Sr.
17	Carter Heimiller	M	--	--	So.
18	Joel Brink	D	--	--	So.
20	Braeden Olsen	F	--	--	So.
21	Ben Visser	D	--	--	Sr.
22	Mason Bonnema	F	--	--	Fr.
23	Cole DeJonge	M	--	--	Sr.
24	Ben Evans	M	--	--	Sr.

2024 RESULTS

WMC	OPP	WMC	OPP
2 Cedar Springs	2	1 Grandville Calvin Christian	0
3 Grand Haven	3	4 Muskegon Mona Shores	2
7 GR NorthPointe Christian	0	0 GR West Michigan Aviation	0
0 Holland Christian	1	2 Grand Rapids Covenant Chr	1
0 East Grand Rapids	2	ROAD TO THE FINALS	
0 Hartford	2	Districts	
8 Muskegon Catholic Central	0	4 Ravenna	0
3 Byron Center Zion Christian	1	4 North Muskegon	0
0 Wheaton (IL) Academy	3	Regionals	
7 Wyoming Potter's House	0	5 Harbor Springs	0
3 Hudsonville Unity Christian	4	2 Leland	0
2 Leland	4	Semifinal	
6 Wyoming Lee	0	1 Grandville Calvin Christian	0
1 Allendale	2		
3 Spring Lake	0		

COACHES & STAFF

Head Coach: Ben Buursma (73-32-12, 5 years)
Assistant Coaches: Jeremy Leffring, Lucas DeJonge, Pete Brink, Phil VanRees
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Athletic Trainer: Jerrod Harrison
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HUDSONVILLE UNITY CHRISTIAN Division 3



MUSKEGON W MICH CHRISTIAN Division 4



BOYS SOCCER FINALS HISTORY

DIVISION 1

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
2023	Troy Athens (Todd Heugh)	Brighton	2-1 (OT)
2022	Rochester Adams (Josh Hickey)	Rockford	2-0
2021	Okemos (Brian Guggemos)	New Baltimore Anchor Bay	2-1
2020	Detroit Catholic Central (Gene Pulice)	Traverse City West	2-1 (OT)
2019	Troy Athens (Todd Heugh)	Traverse City West	4-1 (OT)
2018	Ann Arbor Skyline (Chris Morgan)	East Kentwood	2-0
2017	Detroit Catholic Central (Gene Pulice)	Walled Lake Central	1-0
2016	East Kentwood (John Conlon)	Troy Athens	3-0 (SO)
2015	GR Forest Hills Central (Blair Lincoln)	Canton	2-0
2014	Canton (Mark Zemanski)	Rochester Adams	1-0
2013	Ann Arbor Skyline (Chris Morgan)	Bloomfield Hills	1-0
2012	East Kentwood (John Conlon)	Grand Blanc	1-0
2011	Canton (George Tomasso)	Grand Haven	1-0
2010	East Kentwood (John Conlon)	Sterling Hts. Stevenson	6-0
2009	Birmingham Brother Rice (Barry Brodsky)	Holt	1-0
2008	East Kentwood (John Conlon)	Livonia Stevenson	1-0 (OT)
2007	East Kentwood (John Conlon)	Clarkston	2-0
2006	Traverse City West (Jason Carmien)	Livonia Stevenson	1-0
2005	Warren DeLaSalle (Thaier Mukhtar)	Birmingham Brother Rice	1-0
2004	Okemos (Brian Guggemos)	Utica Eisenhower	2-1
2003	Troy (Carlos Wheatley)	Saline	1-0 (OT)
2002	Rochester (Todd Heugh)	Plymouth Salem	1-0
2001	Detroit U-D Jesuit (Kevin Tuite)	Rochester Adams	2-1

2000	Warren DeLaSalle (Thaier Mukhtar) / Birmingham Brother Rice (Jay Louis-Prescott)		2-2
1999	Rochester Adams (Juan Delgado)	Plymouth Salem	2-1
1998	Novi (Brian O'Leary)	Brighton	4-0
1997	Troy Athens (Tim Storch)	Plymouth Salem	2-1

DIVISION 2

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
2023	Grand Rapids Christian (Aric Dershem)	Mason	3-0
2022	Richland Gull Lake (Jeff Corstange)	Cranbrook-Kingswood	1-0
2021	Grand Rapids Christian (Aric Dershem)	BH Brother Rice	2-1
2020	Richland Gull Lake (Matthew Streitl)	DeWitt	1-0 (OT)
2019	GR Forest Hills N. (Daniel Siminski)	Melvindale	2-0
2018	Detroit Country Day (Steven Bossert)	GR Forest Hills Nor.	1-0 (SO)
2017	Holland (Greg Ceithaml)	East Lansing	3-0
2016	Mattawan (Kirt Brown)	Dearborn Divine Child1-0	(SO)
2015	Mason (Nick Binder)	GRForest Hills Nor.	3-2 (SO)
2014	East Lansing (Nick Archer)	Cranbrook-Kingswood	43(OT)
2013	East Lansing (Nick Archer)	Spring Lake	2-0
2012	Hudsonville Unity Christian (Randy Heethuis)	Petoskey	3-0
2011	Auburn Hills Avondale (Dave Muczynski)	Spring Lake	2-1
2010	Grand Rapids Northview (Karl Johnson)	Bloomfield Hills Lahser	2-1
2009	Hudsonville Unity Christian (Randy Heethuis)	Petoskey	2-0
2008	Petoskey (Scott Batchelor)	Dexter	1-0
2007	Hudsonville Unity Christian (Randy Heethuis)	Dexter	2-1
2006	Dexter (Scott Forrester)	East Lansing	1-0 (SO)

2005	East Lansing (Nick Archer)	Hudsonville Unity Christian	1-0
2004	GR Forest Hills Central (Clark Udell)	Roch Hills Stoney Creek	3-2
2003	Holland Christian (Jack Heyboer)	Birmingham Seaholm	3-0
2002	East Lansing (Nick Archer)	Bloomfield Hills Lahser	2-1
2001	Grand Rapids Christian (Larry Klaasen)	Farmington	1-0
2000	Portage Northern (Chris Riker)	Birmingham Groves	4-0
1999	Bloomfield Hills Lahser (Andy Wagstaff)	East Lansing	1-0 (OT)
1998	Grand Rapids Christian (Larry Klaasen)	Detroit U-D Jesuit	4-0
1997	Mason (John Gillengerten)	Petoskey	2-1 (OT)

DIVISION 3

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
2023	Hudsonville Unity Christian (Ian Billin)	Detroit Country Day	3-2
2022	Holland Christian (Dave DeBoer)	Grosse Ile	2-0
2021	Grand Rapids S Chr. (Joel VandeKopple)	Grosse Ile	3-1
2020	Grosse Ile (Jonathan Evans)	GR South Christian	1-0
2019	Grosse Ile (Jonathan Evans)	GR South Christian	2-1 (SO)
2018	Hudsonville Unity Christian (Randy Heethuis)	Grosse Ile	3-1 (OT)
2017	Flint Powers Catholic (Tony Rowe)	Ludington	4-2
2016	Grand Rapids Catholic Central (Brian Hughes)	Flint Powers Catholic	1-0
2015	Grand Rapids South Christian (Jason Boersma)	Williamston	1-0 (SO)
2014	Hudsonville Unity Christian (Randy Heethuis)	Williamston	1-0
2013	Flint Powers Catholic (Tony Rowe)	GR S. Christian	1-0 (SO)
2012	Grand Rapids S. Christian (Jason Boersma)	Williamston	1-0 (OT)
2011	Detroit Country Day (Bob Bukari)	Hudsonville Unity Chr	2-1
2010	Grand Rapids S. Christian (Jason Boersma)	Lansing Catholic	1-0
2009	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	South Haven	2-0
2008	Goodrich (Evan Huizenga)	Whitehall	1-0
2007	Detroit Country Day (Paul Baroshuk)	Grand Rapids S Christian	2-1
2006	Richmond (Tony Kunce)	Roscommon	6-4
2005	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	GR Forest Hills Eastern	1-0
2004	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	South Haven	2-0
2003	Jackson Lumen Christi (Damon Havlicek) / South Haven (Benno Trenkle)		1-1 (2OT)
2002	Grosse Ile (Amy Rossow/Jim Rossow)	South Haven	2-0
2001	Ludington (Fred Horstman)	Parchment	1-0
2000	Plainwell (Garry Snyder)	Pontiac Notre Dame Prep	2-0
1999	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	Caledonia	3-1
1998	Paw Paw (Dave Clark)	Detroit Country Day	1-0
1997	Madison Heights Bishop Foley (Kris Galczyk)	Ludington	2-1

DIVISION 4

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
2023	Muskegon W Mich Christian (Ben Buursma)	Madison Hts Bishop Foley	3-0
2022	Muskegon W Mich Christian (Ben Buursma)	Ann Arbor Greenhills	1-0
2021	Wyoming Potter's House (Mike Colago)	Clarkston Everest Coll.	3-0
2020	Adrian Lenawee Christian (Nathan Sharpe)	Grandville Calvin Christian	2-1
2019	Muskegon W. Mich. Chr. (David Hulings)	GPW University Liggett	1-0
2018	Leland (Joe Burda)	Ann Arbor Greenhills	1-0
2017	Ann Arbor Greenhills (Lucian Popescu)	Kalamazoo Hackett	1-0
2016	Genesee Christian (Doug Anderson)	Muskegon Catholic Central	3-0
2015	Genesee Christian (Doug Anderson)	Kalamazoo Hackett	3-2 (OT)
2014	Birmingham Roeper (Ed Sack)	GR Covenant Christian	4-2
2013	Lansing Christian (Joel Vande Kopple)	GR Covenant Christian	1-0
2012	Hamtramck Frontier Inter. (Nasser Alghamim)	GR Covenant Christian	3-2
2011	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (Mark Kraatz)	Muskegon WMC	1-0 (OT)
2010	Muskegon W. Mich. Christian (David Hulings)	Ann Arbor Greenhills	2-1
2009	Hudsonville Freedom Baptist (Nathan Sharpe)	Ann Arbor Greenhills	4-3 (OT)
2008	Auburn Hills Oakland Chr (Dick Harding)	Muskegon Catholic Cent	1-0
2007	Muskegon W Mich Chr (David Hulings)	Auburn Hills Oakland Chr	2-1
2006	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (Mark Kraatz)	Muskegon W Mich Chr	3-1
2005	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (Mark Kraatz)	North Muskegon	1-0 (OT)
2004	Muskegon W Mich Chr (Adam Prince)	Burt Lake N Mich Chr	3-0
2003	Muskegon W Mich Chr (Adam Prince)	Lutheran Westland	4-1
2002	Hudsonville Freedom Bap (Nathan Sharpe)	Allen Park Inter-City Bap	4-1
2001	Southfield Christian (Scott Berthel)	Muskegon W Mich Chr	2-1
2000	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (Mark Kraatz)	Grand Rapids Baptist	2-0
1999	Grosse Pte Wds Liggett (David Backhurst)	Muskegon W Mich Chr	4-2
1998	Elk Rapids (Al Gredlein)	Muskegon W Mich Chr	2-0
1997	Elk Rapids (Al Gredlein)	Riverview Gabriel Richard	2-0

CLASS A

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
1996	Livonia Stevenson (Wally Barrett)	Troy	2-1 (OT)
1995	Plymouth Salem (Ken Johnson)	Portage Northern	1-0
1994	Plymouth Canton (Don Smith)	Warren DeLaSalle	1-0 (OT)
1993	Warren DeLaSalle (Thaier Mukhtar)	Livonia Stevenson	2-1 (OT)
1992	Warren DeLaSalle (Thaier Mukhtar)	Plymouth Salem	2-1 (OT)
1991	Livonia Stevenson (Wally Barrett)	Saginaw Heritage	2-1
1990	Warren DeLaSalle (Thaier Mukhtar)	Livonia Churchill	2-0
1989	Troy Athens (Tim Storch)	Plymouth Salem	1-0
1988	Livonia Stevenson (Pete Scerri)	Birmingham Brother Rice	3-1
1987	East Lansing (Nick Archer)	Grand Blanc	2-1 (OT)
1986	Livonia Stevenson (Pete Scerri)	Troy Athens	2-1
1985	Livonia Stevenson (Pete Scerri)	Birmingham Brother Rice	4-3
1984	Troy Athens (Tim Storch)	Livonia Stevenson	3-2
1983	Troy Athens (Tim Storch)	Livonia Stevenson	3-0
1982	Livonia Stevenson (Pete Scerri)	Livonia Churchill	4-1

CLASS B

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
1996	Flint Powers Catholic (Keith Fiebernitz)	Marshall	1-0 (OT)
1995	Petoskey (Scott Batchelor)	Macomb Lutheran North	3-1
1994	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	Ludington	4-0
1993	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk) / Richland-Gull Lake (Lee Newland)		1-1 (OT)
1992	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	St Joseph	6-1
1991	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	Stevensville-Lakeshore	3-2
1990	Mason (John Gillengerten) / Stevensville-Lakeshore (Paul Carteaux)		1-1
1989	Mason (John Gillengerten)	Stevensville-Lakeshore	3-1
1988	Madison Hts Bishop Foley (Franco Pertot) / Richland-Gull Lake (Lee Newland)		3-3 (OT)
1987	Mt Clemens Lutheran North (Tom Saleska)	East Grand Rapids	1-0

CLASS B-C

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
1986	Holland Christian (Dan Walcott)	Mason	4-2
1985	Parchment (Dave Hamman)	Madison Hts Bish Foley 1-0(OT)	
1984	Okemos (John Picone)	Hudsonville Unity Chr	6-3 (OT)
1983	Grosse Pte Wds Liggett (David Backhurst)	Richland Gull Lake	3-2
1982	Hamtramck (John Geremich)	Hudsonville Unity Christian	3-2

CLASS C

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
1996	Grosse Pte Wds Liggett (David Backhurst)	Elk Rapids	2-1
1995	Kalamazoo Hackett (Neil Crumpton)	Elk Rapids	3-2

CLASS C-D

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
1994	Kalamazoo Hackett (Mike Haines)	Grosse Pte Wds Liggett	3-1
1993	Riverview Gabriel Richard (Mike Slowik)	Kalamazoo Christian	3-0
1992	Kalamazoo Hackett (Neil Crumpton)	Ann Arbor Greenhills	2-0
1991	Kalamazoo Hackett (Neil Crumpton)	Riverview Gabriel Richard	3-2
1990	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	Parchment	3-0
1989	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	Elk Rapids	5-0
1988	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk) / Muskegon W Mich Chr (David VerMerris)		2-2 (OT)
1987	Detroit Country Day (Paul Bartoshuk)	Grosse Pte Wds Liggett	4-2

CLASS D

Year	Champion (Coach)	Runner-Up	Score
1996	Mt Pleasant Baptist (Matt McLachlan)	Jackson Baptist	2-1
1995	Muskegon W Mich Chr (David VerMerris)	Bloomfield Hills Roeper	3-1
1987-94	(See C-D results)		
1986	Northport (Don Hungerford)	Grosse Pte Wds Liggett	3-1
1985	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (Jeff Daniel)	Northport	3-0
1984	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (Robert Curry)	Northport	5-1
1983	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (Robert Curry)	Muskegon W Mich Chr	2-0
1982	Grosse Pte Wds Liggett (David Backhurst)	Muskegon W Mich Chr	2-1

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FINALS NOTES

Your Officials Today

Just as the participants on the teams at this year's Finals are realizing a dream of vying for top honors, another group of individuals is also reaching a goal for the hard work they have put in by earning officiating assignments.

Officials for MHSAA Finals are selected based on the recommendations and ratings by schools, as well as from input from local officials associations.

These officials believe that interscholastic athletics are truly educational in nature, and work to uphold that standard. Like the athletes in the Finals, officials come from all locations in Michigan.



Selected to work this year's Finals are: **Luis Aguirre-Rivera**, Niles; **Matt Carlson**, Allendale; **Elvir Celovic**, Lansing; **Brian Chan**, West Olive; **Christopher Dalida**, Clinton Township; **Alia Frederick**, Linden; **Ashley Fromson**, St Johns; **Tyler Gregory**, Livonia; **Justin Harnden**, Cedar Springs; **Larry Morrell**, Kalamazoo; **Tim Reed**, Lakeview; **Chris Rein**, Troy; **Chad Szymczak**, Paw Paw; **Ron Thomas**, Flint; **Jared Wilson-Santos**, Haslett; **Brent Zinn**, Grand Rapids.

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Behind The Scenes

The hallmark of a strong association is its ability to work together for the common good. Every year, more than 8,000 game officials and 50,000-plus administrators and coaches at over 1,500 middle, junior and senior high schools voluntarily pool their efforts daily for the operations of the MHSAA's competitive extracurricular interscholastic athletic program.

An important responsibility of membership in the Association is the operation of the hundreds of District, Regional and Final level tournaments by school administrators who serve as the site managers for these games.

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The MHSAA would like to thank Grand Ledge athletic director **Steve Baker** for serving as tournament manager for the Boys Soccer Finals .

Coordinating the Finals from the MHSAA office is **Andy Frushour**.

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FINALS FIGURES

Most Titles

- 15 - Detroit Country Day (1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2018)
- 9 - Muskegon W. Mich. Chr. (1988, 1995, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2019, 2022, 2023)
- 7 - Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (1983, 1984, 1985, 2000, 2005, 2006, 2011)

Consecutive Titles

- 8 - Detroit Country Day (1987-94)

Appearances

- 17 - Detroit Country Day (1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2018, 2023)

- 16 - Muskegon Western Michigan Christian (1982, 1983, 1988, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2019, 2022, 2023)
- 11 - Livonia Stevenson (1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1996, 2006, 2008)

Most Goals - one team

- 6 - Okemos 6, Hudsonville Unity Christian 3 (2 OT), 1984 Class B-C
- 6 - Detroit Country Day 6, St. Joseph 1, 1992 Class B
- 6 - Richmond 6, Roscommon 4, 2006 Division 3
- 6 - East Kentwood 6, Sterling Hts. Stevenson 0, 2010 Division 1

Most goals - combined

- 10 - Richmond 6, Roscommon 4, 2006 Division 3
- 9 - Okemos 6, Hudsonville Unity Christian 3 (2 OT), 1984 Class B-C



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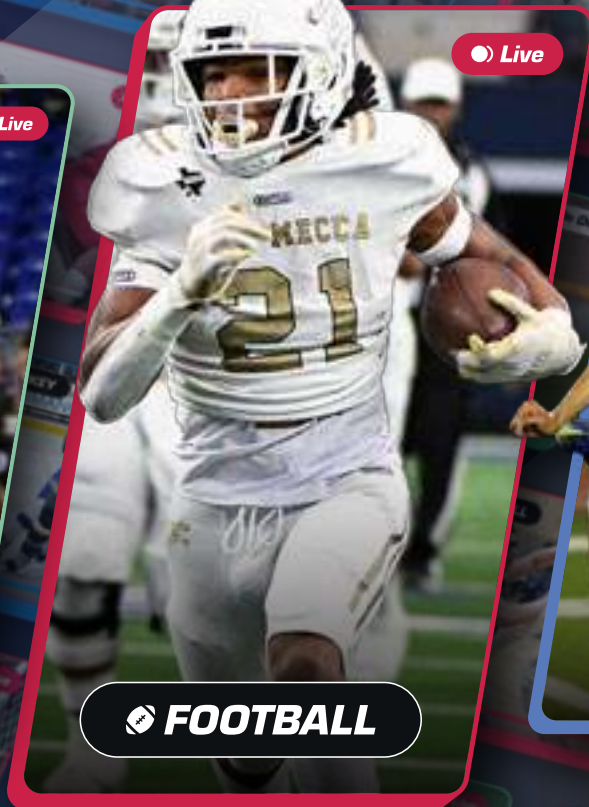
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