

MITCA Track & Field Clinic 2008 - MITCA Coach of the Year (2007 season)

BOYS D1

Emeott, David: East Kentwood

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>David has been coaching for a total of 13 years, 4 of them as a head coach at East Kentwood. This is David's first nomination for MITCA coach of the year honors.</p> <p>In the 2007 season, Dave's team were champions at the MSU True Team (indoor meet), Jackson Invite and the Traverse city Ken Bell Invite. For the third time in four years, they won the OK Red Conference title. For the second consecutive year, they were MITCA Team State Champs. At the MHSAA Final Meet, they scored in five individual and three relays to produce a second place finish.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 2	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 9	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 13	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 1	

Coach of the Year, B1 - Sleeman, Don: Ann Arbor Pioneer

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Don has been coaching for a total of 40 years, 35 of them as a head coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer. In that term, he has enjoyed eleven regional, and fifteen conference championships, along with eight top-ten finishes at the MHSAA Final Meet. Over fifty of his team members have earned all-state honors.</p> <p>A team of eighty boys will leave a large footprint, and this was certainly the case with Don's thirty-five track and field team at Pioneer. During the regular season, his team wond the Huron Relays (indoor), the EMU Invite, the West Bloomfield Invite, the Holly 9 and 10 Relays and the Mott Relays. At the final meet, the teams convincing thirty point win over second place East Kentwood was accomplished by scoring in five of the eight individual running events. This is Don's third appearance as a coach of the year finalist.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 1	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 6	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 8	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Domerese, Kenn: Carman-Ainsworth

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Kenn has been coaching for a total of 32 years, all as head coach at Flint Carman-Ainsworth. Kenn has been a coach of the year finalist in five prior years winning the honor in 1993 and 2005.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 4	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 6	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 7	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Burgireno, Joe: Romulus

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 4	<p>Joe has been coaching for a total of 7 years, 5 of them as a head coach at Romulus.</p> <p>In this relatively young career, Joe has already left a mark with three top-ten MHSAA Final Meet finishes. Over the last two years, Joe has brought his strongest teams to the state meet as evidenced by his coach of the year finalist standing in each of those years.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 3	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 2	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 2	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 2	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

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Coach of the Year, B2 - Hanlon, Chris: Dexter

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	Chris has been coaching for a total of 17 years, 10 of them as a head coach, and 4 as head coach at Dexter. The Dexter boys team won its second regional championship and marked its second top 3 state meet finish in the past four years. The 2007 squad advanced a variety of athletes to the state finals (2 vaulters, 1 high jumpers, 1 sprinter, and 6 distance runners) and earned Dexter's first state championship based on the performance of the outstanding distance squad and their high finishes in the 1600, 3200, and 3200 relay. Chris acknowledges that no man is an island as such success comes from the dedication and desire of these athletes and the guiding efforts of his coaching staff.
MHSAA Finals Place: 1	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 10	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 9	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 1	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Murray, Pat: East Lansing

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 2	Pat has been coaching for a total of 26 years, 6 of them as a head coach at East Lansing. Pat's second place finish at the MHSAA Final Meet makes for his first coach of the year finalist standing.
MHSAA Finals Place: 2	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 2	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 3	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 2	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Cradit, Rick: Fenton High School

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 3	Rick has been coaching for a total of 10 years, all as head coach at Fenton High School. In Rick's ten year career, he has brought to Fenton five league championships and two top-ten MHSAA Final Meet finishes. Large scale records such as these are typically the result of a strong team across the events and this is further evidenced by his 60-26 dual meet record. In the 2007 season, Rich fielded a team of sixty boys and from that pool, two Fenton school records were set in the 1600 (4:12.88) and 3200 relay (7:52.31)
MHSAA Finals Place: 7	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 4	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 7	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 2	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Hassett, Jim: Lake Odessa-Lakewood

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 8	Jim has been coaching for a total of 8 years, all as head coach at Lake Odessa-Lakewood. Jim's team had a great 2007 in the midst of great competition. Although third in CAAC D3 League, that third came behind regional champs Williamston and DeWitt. At the final meet, he had strong performances from thrower Mike Kuras (2x SP state champ; 3 rd DI), vaulter Nate Root (3 rd pl - 14'5"), and Markus Gonzales in the HH. This is Jim's first nomination and so first finalist appearance for coach of the year honors.
MHSAA Finals Place: 8	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 4	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 3	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 0	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

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Hurd, Anthony: Vassar

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 4	Anthony is the head coach at Vassar HS. No information submitted
MHSAA Finals Place: 5	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 0	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 0	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 0	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Forner, Michael: Manchester

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	Michael has been coaching for a total of 8 years, 5 of them as a head coach at Manchester. This is Michael's first nomination and so first finalist consideration for coach of the year honors. His team's fifth place finals finish was achieved by breadth of team strength.
MHSAA Finals Place: 5	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 10	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 10	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 6	

Coach of the Year, B3 - Nilsson, Paul: Williamston

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	Paul has been coaching for a total of 37 years, 35 of them as a head coach at Williamston. As founding member and present chairman of MITCA's academic all-state committee, Paul has proven on more than one occasion that the Williamston boys possess great athleticism. Paul has been a two time coach of the year winner (2003 and 2006); this year is his seventh nomination for the award. This record won him MITCA's coveted Sweeney Award in 2002 and in 2001 he was a NHSCA Track COY finalist. Such accolades come through team performances such as six regional championships, nine top-ten Final finishes, and five MITCA Team Meet championships. These successes are the result of great individual efforts such as his team's D3 3200R and D3 800 state records; three relay state titles, and individual state champions.
MHSAA Finals Place: 2	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 9	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 17	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 1	

Wilson, David: Detroit Country Day

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	David has been coaching for a total of 26 years, 9 of them as a head coach, and 8 as head coach at Detroit Country Day School. Coach Dave Wilson's Yellowjackets overcame injuries to several key athletes to excel in the final weeks of the 2007 season. Scoring 70 points at the Division 3 Final Meet, brought to DCD their second State Championship in four years and their sixth consecutive top-five finish. Coach Wilson's teams were State Runners-up in 2005 and 2006, as well. Eight of the nine athletes who competed in the 2007 Final Meet earned All-State status, one made the MITCA Dream Team, and one was named Academic All-State. Since 2003, Coach Wilson's teams have won four Regional championships. During this time, six different athletes have been individual state champions, eleven of his relay teams have been state champs, as well. His teams have set five D3 State Meet records and have established new school records in eight different events (and multiple times in five of these events). Four of his individual athletes and three relay teams have been named to MITCA Dream Teams. Coach Dave Wilson was named 2006-2007 Boys' Track Coach of the Year by the <u>Oakland Press</u> , the <u>Observer-Eccentric Newspaper</u> , and the <u>Michigan High School Coaches' Association</u> .
MHSAA Finals Place: 1	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 7	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 8	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

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Wilson, Wright: Royal Oak Shrine

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1t	<p>Wright has been coaching for a total of 21 years, 19 of them as a head coach at Royal Oak Shrine.</p> <p>In this time Wright has led the Knights and Lady Knights to over 200 dual meet wins. In 2007, Wright led 44 boys and girls, without an assistant coach and without a home track to a 9-1 (boys) and 7-3 (girls) dual meet records, Catholic League title (boys), Catholic League runner-up (girls), a regional co-championship, and final meet co-runners-up.</p> <p>Shrine has had 12 state champion athletes since 1989; most recently, Travis LeFlore (high jump) and Alex Harris (1600, 3200). Wilson has also coached two athletes that became All-Americans in college: Paul Caraballo, a high jumper for University of Detroit-Mercy, and Brian Richotte, a hammer thrower at Radford University and (later) University of Oregon. Wilson also coaches cross-country at Shrine, and writes articles covering both sports for the <u>Detroit Free Press</u>' "Preps Extra" section.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 2t	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 5	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 4	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 1	
MITCA Team Meet 9	

Unger, Mike: Lutheran Westland

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Mike has been coaching for a total of 35 years, 28 of them as a head coach, and 20 as head coach at Lutheran Westland.</p> <p>A perpetual conference powerhouse and always finishing among the top three in regional competition has brought Mike to the front of the MITCA coach of the year banquet hall on six prior occasions. In 1981 and 1982, Mike was voted as the coach of the year.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 5	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 10	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 9	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 1	

Coach of the Year, B4 - Larocca, Jamie: Ottawa Lake Whiteford

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Jamie has been coaching for a total of 19 years, all of them as a head coach, and 9 as head coach at Ottawa Lake Whiteford.</p> <p>Jamie enjoyed his first finalist consideration for MITCA COY honors last year. This past season was a season of lucky sevens for Larocca. In 2007, his team was undefeated (7-0, first time in school history) setting seven school records in the process. Their regional championship and final meet title were the first for any boys' sport at Ottawa Lake Whiteford. With such a record, it's not surprising that their league (TCC) championship this year was their fourth in the last six years. Of note, Jamie's shot putter set a D4 state record to go with two other individual all staters and one all-state relay.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 1	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 7	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 6	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 2	
MITCA Team Meet 4	

Burger, Mike: Pittsford High School

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 2	<p>Mike has been coaching for a total of 4 years, all as head coach at Pittsford High School.</p> <p>Twenty-five on a D4 team suggests a healthy program. In Mike's four years he has brought to his team four conference titles, one regional championship, and now one top-ten final meet finish. Though Mike's career is still young, it suggests maturity having produced ten all-state runners in that term. As one can well guess, successful young coaches in this sport are typically humble as Mike believes "there are so many out there more worthy than me..." in regards to coach of the year considerations.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 7	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 4	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 3	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 2	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

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Parker, Marc: Detroit Mumford

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	Marc has been coaching for several years at Detroit Mumford. No information submitted.
MHSAA Finals Place: 2	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 0	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet: 0	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet: 0	
MITCA Team Meet: 0	

Coach of the Year, G1 - Westfield, Bryan: Ann Arbor Pioneer

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	Bryan has been coaching for a total of 42 years, all as head coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer. Who doesn't know Bryan? Bryan, a member of the MITCA Hall of Fame has been a COY finalist in twenty-three prior years and a MITCA Coach of the Year fifteen times. Bryan's record speaks for itself, clearly first place at the final meet is guaranteed when one arrives with representatives in every event on the scorecard.
MHSAA Finals Place: 1	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 15	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet: 18	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet: 4	
MITCA Team Meet: 0	

VanderVeen, Randy: Rockford HS

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	Randy has been coaching for a total of 15 years, all as a head coach, and 8 as head coach at Rockford High School. In his term at Rockford, Randy has accumulated a conference dual record of 58-2, and secured seven conference championships. Each year at Rockford, Randy's teams have claimed a regional championship and a top-ten finish at the MHSAA Final Meet (two each, first and second place efforts). Add to this, six MITCA Team State Championships and the question is begged - can you spell P O W E R H O U S E?
MHSAA Finals Place: 6	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 7	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet: 10	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet: 4	
MITCA Team Meet: 2	

Smith, Michael: Saline

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 2	Michael has been coaching for a total of 35 years, 2 of them as a head coach at Saline. This is Michael's second nomination for coach of the year honors.
MHSAA Finals Place: 3	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 4	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet: 5	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet: 4	
MITCA Team Meet: 0	

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Coach of the Year, G2 - Miotke, Richard: Det. Renaissance HS

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Richard has been coaching for a total of 26 years, 23 of them as a head coach at Detroit Renaissance High School.</p> <p>Rick's track teams are legendary, not just from their presence on the track, but the records they have left behind - ten state championships, one state runner-up, eleven regional championships and one regional runner up. Add to this the state records in the 100, 200, 800 meter runs, and three of the four relays. When Renaissance arrives at the track, they come to do one thing - win!</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 1	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 6	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 6	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Grimm, Eric: South Christian HS

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Eric has been coaching for a total of 17 years, 15 of them as a head coach at South Christian High School.</p> <p>The regional win in 2007 was Eric's third in a row, and sixth overall. From a team of 54, six different girls were ultimately recognized as all-state, one as a state champion (LJ).</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 4	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 8	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 7	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 3	

Babcock, Mark: Harrison

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 2	<p>Mark has been coaching for a total of 27 years, all as head coach at Farmington Hills Harrison.</p> <p>Despite no prior coach of the year nominations, Mark's teams have always brought a meet to the track. This year was no exception as three relay teams and six individuals qualified in seven events to the final meet.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 5	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 7	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 6	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Turbin, Becky: Lakeview High School

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Becky has been coaching for a total of 11 years, 10 of them as a head coach at Lakeview High School.</p> <p>Becky's forty-two member squad were conference champs in '07, fir the first time since entering the SMAC. Over the past ten years, Becky's teams have won five regional titles with four other top-three finishes. At the final meet, Lakeview has finished in the top-ten five times (two of which were runner-up finishes).</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 7	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 8	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 5	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

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Arbanas, Dave: GR West Catholic

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Dave has been coaching for a total of 20 years, 12 of them as a head coach at Grand Rapids West Catholic.</p> <p>This is Dave's first nomination for coach of the year honors.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 5	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 9	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 11	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 3	

Coach of the Year, G3 - Lutzke, Mitch: Williamston

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Mitch has been coaching for a total of 19 years, 15 of them as a head coach at Williamston.</p> <p>Mitch has been nominated for coach of the year once before, he was coach of the year in 2001.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 4	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 8	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 7	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 1	

Reis, Jerry: Jackson Lumen Christi

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 5	<p>Jerry has been coaching for a total of 23 years, 16 of them as a head coach, and 1 as head coach at Jackson Lumen Christi.</p> <p>This is Jerry's first coach of the year nomination.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 5	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 3	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 5	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 2	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Sheppard, Jerome: Frankenmuth HS

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Jerome has been coaching for a total of 16 years, 15 of them as a head coach, and 13 as head coach at Frankenmuth High School.</p> <p>Jerome has enjoyed two prior coach of the year nominations in 1990 and 1991.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 9	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 4	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 3	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 2	

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Coach of the Year, G4 - Bolda, Patricia: Ubly High School

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Patricia has been coaching for a total of 27 years, all as a head coach, 22 as head coach at Ubly High School.</p> <p>In her lengthy career, Patricia's teams have run to five conference and eight regional championships. Beginning in 2003, her teams worked their way from a ninth place MHSAA Final Meet finish to fifth, then runner-up and now two consecutive championship finishes. The last two years have also seen Ubly chalk up undefeated seasons and last season set state records in three events. Several team members have gone on to compete in college.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 1	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 10	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 11	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Yacoub, Matthew: Southfield Christian

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Matthew has been coaching for a total of 9 years, 8 of them as a head coach at Southfield Christian.</p> <p>Last season was Matt's second consecutive regional championship (three total) and 3rd top-10 finish Final meet finish. Eight all-state runners scored nine times at the MHSAA Final Meet in 2007 additionally setting three school records (4x800, 4x100, 3200). This is Matt's second coach of the year nomination in track and field.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 2	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 8	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 6	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 0	

Kuyers, Michael: Potterville HS

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Michael has been coaching for a total of 17 years, all as head coach at Potterville Public Schools.</p> <p>Michael has been nominated for coach of the year honors in two other seasons (1998 and 2003). In 2007, Michael's team scored several "firsts" by winning two invitationals, their league, regional, and MITCA Team State meets. These performances brought Michael's career totals to eight consecutive regional wins, eleven top-ten final meet finishes in the last thirteen years, and a dual meet record of 123-20-1.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 8	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 10	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 8	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 1	

Roberts, Mike: Hillsdale Academy

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 1	<p>Mike has been coaching for a total of 9 years, 7 of them as a head coach, and 5 as head coach at Hillsdale Academy.</p> <p>In his five years coaching at Hillsdale Academy, Michael has compiled an impressive resume - three conference crowns, two regional championships, two top-ten final meet finishes, and one MITCA Team State championship (2006). Last season, Michael's team ran to an undefeated dual meet record and placed seven of twenty-seven team members (only sixty girls in the school) as all-state, in addition to three relays placing in the top five of that same meet, all while breaking eleven school records. This is Michael's first nomination for coach of the year honors.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 6	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 7	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 6	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 4	
MITCA Team Meet 3	

Payne, Cathy: Athens HS

<u>2007 Season Information</u>	<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place: 3	<p>Cathy has been coaching for a total of 8 years, all at Athens HS, 4 of them as head coach at Athens HS.</p> <p>This is Cathy's first nomination as coach of the year. Cathy's third place final meet finish was only seven points out of second and ahead of fourth place by one. A half inch in the LJ, 0.2s in the 400R, and another 0.2s in the 800 may well have made the difference between second and third. At the same time, one state champ, two runner ups - five all-state events is an outstanding showing.</p>
MHSAA Finals Place: 3	
Number of non-relay events in which athletes qualified to the Final Meet: 5	
Number of athletes qualifying in non-relay events to the Final Meet 5	
Number of Relay Teams qualifying to the Final Meet 3	
MITCA Team Meet 0	