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Emeott, David: East Kentwood

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	David has been coaching for a total of 15 years, 6 of them as a head coach at East Kentwood. Having been the bridesmaid two years in a row, this years' victory was 'sweet revenge' for a one point second place finish at the 2008 MHSAA Final Meet. In addition to the MHSAA Final Meet success, East Kentwood has been MITCA Team Champions for the last four years in a row. These results have been accomplished through broad event representation and number of quality athletes.
Meet Place	1	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of non-relay events competed by East Kentwood	9	
Nمبر of East Kentwood athletes in individual events	12	
Nمبر of East Kentwood Relay Tms	4	

Domerese, Kenn: Flint Carman-Ainsworth

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	Kenn has been coaching for a total of 34 years, all as head coach at Flint Carman-Ainsworth. In 2005, Kenn was a national COY finalist and is in the MITCA Hall of Fame. It is no accident that last years' B1 COY finds himself again a finalist; this is a program that counts second place at the final meet as a loss. Champions of five invites, as well as Conference and Regional champs speak volumes about overall team strength in this past season. It is not surprising that at this years' MHSAA Final Meet, the Cavaliers had the highest athlete to individual event ratio (11:5) of any COY finalist team. One of the top programs in the state since 1980, Kenn describes himself as having "been blessed." That may play a role, but hard work and intelligent coaching go a long way to sustained success.
Meet Place	10	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of non-relay events competed by Flint Carman- Ainsworth	5	
Nمبر of Flint Carman- Ainsworth athletes in individual events	11	
Nمبر of Flint Carman- Ainsworth Relay Tms	3	

Magni, Tony: Novi-Detroit Catholic Central

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	Tony has been coaching for a total of 44 years, forty as a head coach, and thirty-four as head coach at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. 2009 proved to be an excellent year for CC and Tony. The 2009 XC COY laid the groundwork for a successful fall through his track program. In last years' track season CC were champions nearly every week including Catholic League, City, Observerland, County, and Regional competitions. At the MHSAA Final meet, CC was represented in all four relay events, three of which placed, including one champion team. Additionally, two individuals also garnered all-state recognition in their respective events.
Meet Place	3	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of non-relay events competed by Novi-Detroit Catholic Central	7	
Nمبر of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central athletes in individual events	8	
Nمبر of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Relay Tms	4	



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Grezeszak, Douglas: Ogemaw Heights

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	5	<p>Doug has been coaching for a total of 33 years, thirty-one of them as a head coach, twenty-two as head coach at Ogemaw Heights High School.</p> <p>Most coaches know Doug for strong throwers, and from the not too distant past competitive cadres of distance runners. Today, Doug primarily coaches throwers and his expertise in this area clearly shows. Ogemaw Heights had three athletes earn all-state honors in the throws with one thrower a double honoree. In 2009, these three Falcons add to Doug's twenty-three year tradition of qualifying at least one thrower to the state finals each season.</p>
Meet Place	5	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Ogemaw Heights High School	6	
Nmbr of Ogemaw Heights High School athletes in individual events	4	
Nmbr of Ogemaw Heights High School Relay Tms	0	

Pike, David: Waverly

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	2	<p>David has been coaching for a total of 27 years, twenty-one as a head coach including the last eighteen as head coach at Waverly. This is David's second appearance as a MITCA COY finalist.</p> <p>David's interest in the entire team is evidenced by his hosting the Waverly True Team Invitational, a meet scored similarly to the MITCA Team Meet. Last season, the gold and black were their own meet champions, foreshadowing a victory at the MITCA Team Meet as well.</p>
Meet Place	8	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Waverly	4	
Nmbr of Waverly athletes in individual events	3	
Nmbr of Waverly Relay Tms	3	

Nilsson, Paul: Williamson

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Paul has been coaching for a total of 38 years, thirty-six as head coach at Williamson.</p> <p>It's an uncommon year to find Paul absent from the COY finalist list. This year, Paul returns, increasing his MHSAA Final Meet runner-up count to two. This adds to twelve Regional Championships, four MHSAA Titles, and seven MITCA Team Meet wins. Overall, Paul's career record is 257-53. Success such as this comes from breadth and depth of program. In the last four years, fifty-three Williamson T&F athletes have earned all-state honors. Certainly, Paul's name will remain in the Williamson record books and MITCA will always remember Paul as founder of the Academic All State Program and chair from 1994-2008. 2008 NHSCA National Finalist Track &Field Coach of the Year.</p>
Meet Place	2	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Williamson	7	
Nmbr of Williamson athletes in individual events	6	
Nmbr of Williamson Relay Tms	3	



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Cataldo, Brett: Allendale

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Brett has been coaching for a total of 13 years, all as a head coach, and the last ten as head coach at Allendale.</p> <p>Under Brett's leadership, the Falcons have run, jumped, and thrown to an overall record of 52-28, along the way accumulating six conference championships and the only two regional titles secured by the school. The scarlet and white are clearly taking wing, finishing in the runner up spot at the MHSAA Final Meet in each of the last two seasons.</p>
Meet Place	2t	
Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Allendale	7	
Nmbr of Allendale athletes in individual events	6	
Nmbr of Allendale Relay Tms	3	
MHSAA Final Mt		

Wilson, Jeff: Kent City

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	4	<p>Jeff has been coaching for 16 years, all at Kent City High School.</p> <p>Under Jeff's leadership, the Eagles have accumulated a 90-39 dual meet record, six conference and two regional championships. The red and white last finished in the top five in 2004, the 2009 runner-up finish is their best over Jeff's career. Jeff has coached fifteen academic all-staters, eight state champs (three in 2009 alone) and an additional fifty-four all-staters.</p>
Meet Place	2t	
Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Kent City	5	
Nmbr of Kent City athletes in individual events	3	
Nmbr of Kent City Relay Tms	0	
MHSAA Final Mt		

Rousseau, Julie: Michigan Center

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	2	<p>Julie has been coaching for a total of 3 years, all as head coach at Michigan Center High School.</p> <p>The Cardinals' '09 season was historical. While posting a 6-2 dual record, they won their first conference title in thirty-three years, and despite a runner-up regional finish, it was behind the eventual state championship team. During the season, seven school records, some nearly fifty years old were broken. A fifth place finish at the MHSAA Final Meet was achieved through the efforts of a double state champ in the two hurdles races as well as a runner up in the vault and both qualifying relays attaining all-state honors.</p>
Meet Place	5	
Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Michigan Center High School	3	
Nmbr of Michigan Center High School athletes in individual events	3	
Nmbr of Michigan Center High School Relay Tms	2	
MHSAA Final Mt		

Lincoln, Brian: Vermontville-Maple Valley

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	2	<p>Brian has been coaching for a total of 10 years, all as head coach at Vermontville-Maple Valley.</p> <p>Running an undefeated dual meet season (13-0) led to a third consecutive conference championship and a runner-up regional meet finish (1/2 point out of first). After setting seven school records in '08, the blue and white set eight new records in '09 (all but four records have been broken in the last four years). At the MHSAA Final meet, the Lions ran to state championships in one individual and one relay event.</p>
Meet Place	4	
Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Vermontville-Maple Valley	4	
Nmbr of Vermontville-Maple Valley athletes in individual events	2	
Nmbr of Vermontville-Maple Valley Relay Tms	4	
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Litkovitz, Shelley: Dryden

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>	
MHSAA Regional Place:	2	Shelley has been coaching for a total of 10 years, seven of them as a head coach, the last six at Dryden.	
Meet Place	7		
MHSAA Final Mt	Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Dryden	That Shelley has been the local newspaper coach of the year four consecutive years is no surprise as numerous school records have fallen in that time. In 2009, the Cardinals set yet again, five individual event and two relay school records. League champs in '09, and again regional runner-ups led to the qualification of eight Cardinal athletes to the MHSAA Final Meet in over half the event palette.	
	Nmbr of Dryden athletes in individual events		5
	Nmbr of Dryden Relay Tms		3

Werner, Scott: Pewamo-Westphalia

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>	
MHSAA Regional Place:	2	Scott has been coaching for a total of 9 years, all as head coach at Pewamo-Westphalia.	
Meet Place	2		
MHSAA Final Mt	Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Pewamo-Westphalia	Coaching both the boy's and girl's teams at P-W, 2009 proved to be another strong year for the Pirates. The boy's team garnered, between dual meets and invitational meets, an 86% winning percentage. Along the way, five school records (PV, HH, IH, 400R and 3200R) were set.	
	Nmbr of Pewamo-Westphalia athletes in individual events		3
	Nmbr of Pewamo-Westphalia Relay Tms		3
		Scott has coached nine teams to a top-ten performance in the MHSAA State Finals. Including relay participants, he has worked with twenty-two state champs, eight state runner-ups and forty all-staters..	

Brunk, Daniel: Potterville

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>	
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	Daniel has been coaching for a total of 12 years, all as head coach for the Vikings.	
Meet Place	1		
MHSAA Final Mt	Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Potterville High School	When one's team wins the state meet, there are many gifts that go along with that outcome. For the maroon and gold, those were fulfilled as they ran to an undefeated season and reigned as conference and regional champs. The maroon and gold qualified in more MHSAA Final Meet events than any other school – fifteen (three were state champs) with eleven different athletes. Of those eleven, eight were named all-state.	
	Nmbr of Potterville High School athletes in individual events		10
	Nmbr of Potterville High School Relay Tms		2

Stump, Kurt: Reading

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>	
MHSAA Regional Place:	2	Kurt has been coaching for a total of 13 years, all as head coach at Reading.	
Meet Place	6		
MHSAA Final Mt	Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Reading	The Rangers have had three great seasons, running to an 18-3 record in that time. Last season, the red and gold ran to a dual meet record of 6-1. Regional runner-up both in '09 and '07 led to a PV cham at the MHSAA Final Meet (as well as a new school record) and three of the four qualifying relay teams earning all-state accolades.	
	Nmbr of Reading athletes in individual events		5
	Nmbr of Reading Relay Tms		4



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Westfield, Bryan: Ann Arbor Pioneer

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Bryan has been coaching for a total of 42 years, all as head coach at Ann Arbor Pioneer.</p> <p>Perhaps the most successful track and field coach this state has ever seen, Over the past twenty-seven years, Bryan's teams have won every conference and regional meet, and never finished lower than third in the state championship. Add to that, only three dual meet losses in the team's entire history and one can imagine the of sense tradition that seeps from the purple and white each time they step foot on a track. The source of Bryan's success is best explained by him: "I have been blessed.</p>
Meet Place	1	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of non-relay events competed by Ann Arbor Pioneer	10	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of Ann Arbor Pioneer athletes in individual events	14	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of Ann Arbor Pioneer Relay Tms	4	

Jackson, James: Flint Southwestern

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>James has been coaching for a total of 40 years, thirty-one of them as a head coach. In this time, James has had great career success. In reviewing that record, however, it would appear that last season, Southwestern fielded its best team.</p> <p>In 2009 the Knights were city champs, breaking four city records that were each over thirty years old. Expanding on that geography, the blue, white, and gold were also area, and regional champs. At the regional meet, Southwestern won eight of the running events and at the state final, missed the championship by only seven points (despite a downed hurdler).</p>
Meet Place	5	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of non-relay events competed by Flint Southwestern	9	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of Flint Southwestern athletes in individual events	6	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of Flint Southwestern Relay Tms	3	

VanderVeen, Randy: Rockford

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Randy has been coaching for a total of 17 years, all as a head coach the last ten at Rockford High School.</p> <p>Randy's 2009 tracksters were undefeated in dual meets, extending his overall record to 72-2. The Rams have been conference champs nine of the last ten years and regional champs every year! This years' third time runner-up final meet finish was Rockford's fifth trophy finish. At last years' final meet, the Rams established two new state records in the vault and the 400R.</p>
Meet Place	2	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of non-relay events competed by Rockford High School	8	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of Rockford High School athletes in individual events	10	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of Rockford High School Relay Tms	4	

Cook, Wade: Romulus

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	3	<p>Wade has been coaching for a total of 24 years, nine as head coach at Romulus H.S.</p> <p>In his time at Romulus, Wade has led the Eagles to six conference championships, which interestingly equal their state championship count. Twenty of Wade's athletes have been named all-state, four of Wade's athletes have set state records.</p>
Meet Place	1	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of non-relay events competed by Romulus H.S.	6	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of Romulus H.S. athletes in individual events	5	
MHSAA Final Mt Nمبر of Romulus H.S. Relay Tms	2	



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Clarke, Patrick: Chelsea

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	Patrick has been coaching for a total of 33 years, sixteen as head coach at Chelsea High School. Last season the bulldogs set five new school records on their way to an undefeated dual meet season and second regional meet win. A final meet third place finish brings blue and gold count of top-ten finishes to five. Career-wise, Patrick has coached sixty-one all-state athletes.
Meet Place	3	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Chelsea High School	5	
Nmbr of Chelsea High School athletes in individual events	7	
Nmbr of Chelsea High School Relay Tms	3	

Williams, Kelly: DeWitt

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	2	Kelly has been coaching for a total of 11 years, two years as head coach at DeWitt High School. As the Panther's head coach for only two years, Kelly has created a successful program that includes two league championships and two regional meet runner-up finishes. The 2009 state meet finish was accomplished through four all-state runners in multiple events, including one runner as a double state champ.
Meet Place	2	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by DeWitt High School	5	
Nmbr of DeWitt High School athletes in individual events	3	
Nmbr of DeWitt High School Relay Tms	2	

Brown, Bob: East Lansing

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	3	Bob has been coaching for a total of 28 years, ten years as head coach at East Lansing High School. Through the efforts of sprinters and a long jumper, the 2008 Trojans placed fourth at the MHSAA Final Meet. Many of those same athletes returned for 2009 winning the 800R, placing second in the 400R; similar success in other individual events gave the blue and white a state championship trophy.
Meet Place	1	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by East Lansing High School	5	
Nmbr of East Lansing High School athletes in individual events	7	
Nmbr of East Lansing High School Relay Tms	2	

Benjamin, Tamara: Middleville Thornapple Kellogg

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	Tamara has been coaching for a total of 18 years, sixteen of them as a head coach at Middleville Thornapple Kellogg. In 2009, the Trojans were the Soderman Relay champs as well as conference and regional champions. As regional champs, the orange and black traveled to the MITCA Team Meet where they finished third.
Meet Place	6	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Middleville Thornapple Kellogg	6	
Nmbr of Middleville Thornapple Kellogg athletes in individual events	5	
Nmbr of Middleville Thornapple Kellogg Relay Tms	2	



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Kelly, Asa: Benzie Central

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>	
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Asa has been coaching for a total of 5 years, all as head coach at Benzie Central.</p> <p>Undefeated in dual meets, the Huskies also recorded five invitational victories, and were conference champs and had fourteen all-state performances in 2009. Along the way, two school records were set, interestingly in both the 3200R and 3200. Last season's regional championship is the second in five short years, one shy of Asa's three top-ten finishes at the MHSAA Final Meet.</p>	
Meet Place	2		
MHSAA Final Mt	Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Benzie Central		6
	Nmbr of Benzie Central athletes in individual events		7
	Nmbr of Benzie Central Relay Tms		3

Burch, Cecil R.: Pine River Area Schools

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>	
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Cecil has been coaching for a total of 35 years, all as head coach at Pine River Area Schools.</p> <p>Coming off a 2008 state meet victory, the 2009 season was nearly as successful with the Bucks winning five invitational meets, their conference regional meets as well. At the MHSAA Final Meet, the green and white saw all-state performances in five events including a state champion.</p>	
Meet Place	9		
MHSAA Final Mt	Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Pine River Area Schools(Le Roy)		8
	Nmbr of Pine River Area Schools(Le Roy) athletes in individual events		5
	Nmbr of Pine River Area Schools(Le Roy) Relay Tms		2

Hedden, Janet: Schoolcraft

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>	
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Janet has been coaching for a total of 9 years, all as head coach at Schoolcraft high school.</p> <p>The Eagles' sixth place finish at the MHSAA Final Meet was the result of nine all-state performances in events ranging from sprints to middle distance to field. Additionally, eight of the nine qualifiers to the state finals were named academic all-state (the ninth was a freshman). Janet has coached the purple and gold to six straight conference championships, three consecutive undefeated dual meet seasons, regional championships and top-four MITCA Team Meet finishes. Over the past nine years, all but three school records have been broken, nine having been set in '09.</p>	
Meet Place	6		
MHSAA Final Mt	Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Schoolcraft high school		6
	Nmbr of Schoolcraft high school athletes in individual events		9
	Nmbr of Schoolcraft high school Relay Tms		4



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Feldpausch, Jill: Fowler

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	2	<p>Jill has been coaching for a total of 2 years, both as head coach at Fowler High School. Jill is an alumnus of Fowlerville having been coached by Hall of Fame coach Kim Spalsbury.</p> <p>Fowlerville is no stranger to a competitive environment as they are a member of the CMAC league from which the top three D4 teams hail. The only dual meet loss in '09 was against Pewamo-Westphalia (see below). The final league meet sorted out as Fowlerville, P-W, and Potterville. At the state meet, six Gladiators earned all-state honors, placing in every event in which they qualified (with two exceptions).</p>
Meet Place	2	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Fowler High School	8	
Nmbr of Fowler High School athletes in individual events	6	
Nmbr of Fowler High School Relay Tms	2	

Long, Brad: Morrice

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Brad has been coaching for a total of 10 years, four of them as head coach at Morrice High School.</p> <p>2009 was a significant year as it marked Morrice's first regional championship and first top ten finish at the MHSAA Final meet. Out of that last meet came two all-state performances in three events. On the way to the finals, four school records were set and one invitational won. This success has been achieved without having a track on which to practice or on which to host home meets.</p>
Meet Place	4	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Morrice High School	5	
Nmbr of Morrice High School athletes in individual events	4	
Nmbr of Morrice High School Relay Tms	3	

Werner, Scott: Pewamo-Westphalia

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	1	<p>Scott has been coaching for a total of 9 years, all as head coach at Pewamo-Westphalia.</p> <p>The 2009 season proved to be another strong year for Scott's program. Between duals and invites, the lady Pirates garnered a 90% winning percentage and broke 4 school records (PV, SP, 100, and 200) in the process. Competing in the tough CMAC conference (see Fowlerville [above] and Potterville [below]), P-W completed an undefeated dual meet schedule, earning a piece of the conference championship to go along with their regional championship.</p> <p>Scott has coached nine teams to a top-ten performance in the MHSAA State Finals. Including relay participants, he has worked with twenty-two state champs, eight state champ runner ups; forty all-staters in total.</p>
Meet Place	3	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Pewamo-Westphalia	5	
Nmbr of Pewamo-Westphalia athletes in individual events	6	
Nmbr of Pewamo-Westphalia Relay Tms	4	

Kuyers, Michael: Potterville

<u>2009 Season Information</u>		<u>Season and Career Highlights</u>
MHSAA Regional Place:	3	<p>Michael has been coaching for a total of 19 years, all as head coach at Potterville Public Schools.</p> <p>Michael's teams have been very successful during his time at the helm. His record includes eleven league, ten regional, two MHSAA Final Meet and two MITCA Team Meet Championships. This has all been achieved through the efforts of strong teams that count among their ranks thirty-five all-state athletes</p>
Meet Place	1	
MHSAA Final Mt Nmbr of non-relay events competed by Potterville Public Schools	5	
Nmbr of Potterville Public Schools athletes in individual events	4	
Nmbr of Potterville Public Schools Relay Tms	3	