



The Gridiron Club of Greater Boston
and
The Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association

proudly present the

Sixteenth Annual High School Football Awards Night

honoring

The 2013 Massachusetts “*SUPER26*” All-State Team

and presenting

William H. Ohrenberger Award: High School Coach of the Year

Henry J. Smith Courage Award

William J. Stewart, Jr. Award: High School Official of the Year

Dr. Joseph H. Burnett Award: Outstanding Player in City of Boston

Dinner Chairmen: Paul Costello, Tom Lopez

Master of Ceremonies: Tom Burke

Gridiron Club President: Bob Norton

MHSFCA President: Peter Colombo

Special Guest Speaker: Mark Whipple, Head Coach, UMass Minutemen

Sunday, March 2, 2014

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Randolph, Massachusetts

Massachusetts High School All-State Team

The 2013 SUPER 26

OFFENSE

Quarterback

Troy Flutie	Natick HS
Kyle Wisnieski	Mansfield HS
Cody Williams	Springfield Central

Running Back

Dylan Oxsen	Plymouth South
Johnathan Thomas	St. John's Prep
Mike Panepinto	Needham HS

Receiver

Rory Donovan	Cardinal Spellman
Justin White	Holyoke HS

Offensive Line

Jon Baker	Millis-Hopedale HS
James Hendren	Dexter School
Grant Kramer	Duxbury HS
Tom Tabur	Northbridge HS
Kevin Sheehan	Medway HS

DEFENSE

Defensive Line

Ed Matovu	Tewksbury HS
Dillon Guthro	Newburyport HS
Corey Ward	Westfield HS

Linebacker

Nick Bona	Bishop Fenwick
Drew Jacobs	Milton Academy
Brett McEvoy	King Philip
Hayden Murphy	Barnstable HS
Connor Strachan	St. Sebastian's

Defensive Back

Kevin Bletzer	Catholic Memorial
D'Andre Drummond-Mayrie	Central Catholic
Alex McLaughlin	Littleton HS
Neil O'Connor	Leominster HS
Isaac Yiadom	Doherty HS

Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association Selection Committee:

Tom Lopez, Lincoln-Sudbury, Chairman; Dave Driscoll, Dighton-Rehoboth; Steve Allosso, Minnechaug Regional; Ken LaChapelle, Northbridge

***SUPER26* Night Gridiron Club Awards**

William H. Ohrenberger Award for High School Coach of the Year

Bill was a founding member of the Gridiron Club, its president in 1945-46, and Man of the Year in 1965. He graduated from Boston English in 1923 and Boston College in 1927, played pro for the New England Pèrè Marquette club and coached at St. Thomas High, Georgetown Prep, BC, and English High. He also taught math, and later became superintendent of Boston Public Schools. In 1978 he received a Distinguished American Award from the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

2013 Winner: David Woods, Bishop Fenwick

Previous Winners: Tom Lopez, Lincoln-Sudbury; Jim Cotter, BC High; Bill Maver, Acton-Boxboro; Tom Lamb, Norwood; Paul Costello, Boston Latin; Jack Green, Charlestown; Armand Sabourin, Bedford; Joe Mason, Dorchester; Bob Bancroft, Whitman-Hanson; Bruce McPherson, Melrose; Hank Cutting, Catholic Memorial; Rocky Nelson, Woburn; Scott Parseghian, Wayland; Ken LaChapelle, Northbridge; John Sousa, East Boston; Paul Ingram, Gloucester; Dave Driscoll, Dighton-Rehoboth; Edmund Murphy, Dracut; Bob Souza, St. Sebastian's

Henry J. Smith Courage Award

Henry Smith was a Boston College graduate and Gridiron Club president in 1977-78. Henry carried out the duties of all club officer positions at one time or another.

2013 Winner: Kyle Arieta, Dighton-Rehoboth

Previous Winners: Peter Bruce, Greater New Bedford Voke Tech; Dylan Hagg, Oakmont Regional; Kyle Quatacker, South Hadley Regional; Edwin Martinez, Gardner; Curtis Davis, Central Catholic; Kevin Cavanaugh, Wilmington; Mike Davidson, Blue Hills Regional; Zack Gauvin, Leominster; Dana Willis, Norton; Thomas White, Andover; Ryan Mullin, Duxbury; Jeff Phillips, Medfield; Chris Tracy, Catholic Memorial; Michael and Mark Narcisco, Westwood; Michael Creonte, Waltham; Matthew McKinnon, Bishop Fenwick; Sam Frey, Wakefield; Patrick Morton, Coyle & Cassidy; Michael Morris, Acton-Boxborough; Anthony Manning III, Greater Lowell Voke Tech; Joey Peduto, Acton-Boxborough

William J. Stewart, Jr. Award for High School Official of the Year

Named in honor of Bill Stewart Jr., long-time coach of football, hockey and baseball at Boston English High and high school and college official in all three sports. Bill is enshrined in the High School Coaching Hall of Fame.

2013 Winner: William E. Lannon III, ANEFO & EIFO

Previous Winners: Paul Sheehan, William "Bill" O'Brien, Bill Barrett, Thatcher Carl, Ken Eldridge, Bill McDonald, Patrick Santin, Bill Leaneus, Dave McCarthy, Bill McDonald, Peter Brady, Paul Lyons, Paul Howard, Al Sheehan, Tom English, Bill Lanigan, George Murphy, Ron Boudreau, Eugene Ferris, William J. Stewart III; Jim Kearney; Angelo Scaccia; William Reinertson, Jay Gledhill

Dr. Joseph H. Burnett Award for Outstanding Football Player in City of Boston

Joseph H. Burnett, M.D. was the attending physician at schoolboy games at White Stadium, Dorchester for many years. He was known as "hot towels" Burnett for his standard remedy for all bumps and bruises.

2013 Winner: Jalen Apperwhite, Brighton

Previous Winners: Kameel Lashley, Brighton; Julius Williams, East Boston; Chris Harris, East Boston; Kenny Lopez, Madison Park; John "Bucky" Jones, Charlestown; Wayne Harris, East Boston; Ricky Brisson, East Boston; Kevin Gilmore, East Boston; Dolan Reid, Brighton; Derek Willis, South Boston; Brandon Amodeo, East Boston; Jonathan Marrero, Brighton; Leo Parnell, East Boston, Kyle Dance, Latin Academy

The Gridiron Club of Greater Boston *“Keepers of the Flame”*

Our Mission: To promote and advance sportsmanship, fair play, teamwork, athletic and academic achievement, good citizenship, and other worthy qualities and attributes exemplified in the great game of football and in other sporting endeavors. The club is responsible for several of the oldest nationally recognized and most tradition-rich honors in American sport, such as the Bulger Lowe Award (1939), Swede Nelson Award (1946), and Walter Brown Award (1953).

Our History: Renowned author and *Sports Illustrated* writer Dan Jenkins once dubbed the college football phenomenon “Saturday’s America.” Perhaps that realization, unexpressed though it would be for many years, impelled a small group of men to gather on Saturday afternoons during the winter, spring, and summer to talk about their beloved pastime – the game of football. Five of these gentlemen – Tom Whelan, George “Bulger” Lowe, Mark Devlin, Dan O’Connor, and “Bunny” Corcoran – had been members of the 1919 Canton Bulldogs. Jim Thorpe was also a member of that Canton team, which had paid the \$25 entry fee to the American Professional Football Association along with outfits from Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Rochester, Rock Island, Decatur, Muncie, Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit, and Hammond,

In the autumn, of course, these five football men and their fellow club members, who included Joe McKenney, Bill Ohrenberger, Bill Stewart Sr., D. Leo Daley, Bill Ormsby, and Swede Nelson, were intensely engaged in the gridiron game itself, coaching and officiating high school and college contests throughout New England.

In 1932, the sportsmen made their association a formal one. They established the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston and elected George Lowe its first president. At first, membership was limited to 50. Meetings were at the headquarters of the Boston Athletic Association. In 1939, President Joe McKenney led a drive to broaden the criteria for membership. All who loved sportsmanship and fair play, exemplified not only in football but also in all other athletic pursuits, became eligible to join. The members agreed that the club’s primary mission was to promote amateur football so as to instill and nurture the ideals of citizenship, leadership and sportsmanship.

Joe McKenney knew well the meaning of sportsmanship. A legendary player and coach at Boston College, he was one of the field officials in the fabled “Fifth Down Game” between Cornell and Dartmouth. In that 1940 contest, Cornell had inadvertently been allowed an extra down that made the difference in the Big Red’s initial margin of victory. When the mistake came to light, Cornell agreed to relinquish the ensuing score, a selfless move which cost the team the game and its top national ranking, but earned it a permanent niche in the annals of selfless and honorable competition.

Several landmark venues have been the scene of Gridiron Club events: the Lenox, Kenmore, Copley Plaza, Sheraton Needham, Burlington Marriott, and Westin Waltham Hotels; Fantasia’s Restaurant in Cambridge; Lantana in Randolph; Montvale Plaza in Stoneham; and Caruso’s Diplomat in Saugus.

Gridiron Club Events:	Jack Daly Golf Classic, Sandy Burr Country Club, Wayland, MA	June 23, 2014
	NFL Legends Night, honoring Tim Fox, winner of the Tom Yewcic Man of the Year Award and supporting his designated charity	October TBA, 2014
	Bob Whelan College Football Awards Night	December TBA, 2014
	<i>Super26</i> High School Awards Night	March 1, 2015

Club Membership: The Gridiron Club is run entirely by volunteers and is supported by members’ dues and contributions, gifts from the business community, and proceeds from annual dinners and events. The club welcomes membership applications from present and former players, coaches, officials, journalists, and fans of all sports.

You can apply to be a member and find out all about the Gridiron Club at www.gridclubofgreaterboston.com.

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Club Officers, 2013-14: President: Bob Norton; First Vice President: Jim Kearney; Second Vice President: Tom Lamb; Secretary/Treasurer: Dick Lawrence

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