



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

proudly present the

Twentieth Annual High School Football Awards Night

honoring

The 2017 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 Co-Chairmen: Jim Kearney, Tom Lopez, Dick Lawrence

Co-Hosts: Chris Clemente, President

Gridiron Club of Greater Boston

Brian Chamberlain, President

Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Assn.

Master of Ceremonies: Tom Burke

Sunday, March 4, 2018

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Randolph, Massachusetts

Massachusetts High School All-State Team

The 2017 SUPER 26

OFFENSE

Quarterback

Steven Bucciaglia	St. John's (Shrewsbury)
Bret Edwards	Central Catholic
Sal Fralick	Lexington

Running Back

Danny Abraham	Boston College High
Isaul Figueroa	Fitchburg
Shane Frommer	King Philip

Receiver

Jake Bobo	Belmont Hill
Breese Hill	Nashoba Regional

Offensive Line

Tom Aicardi	Boston College High
Helber Fagundes	Everett
Osho Omoyeni	Central Catholic
Jonathan Pace	St. Sebastian's School
Patrick Walsh	Wachusett Regional

DEFENSE

Defensive Line

Payton Heidtke	Andover
Emil Rossi	Lynn English
David Schwartz	Longmeadow

Linebacker

Hunter Ferreira	Mansfield
Joseph Gooley	Duxbury.
Sal Lupoli	Chelmsford
Bryce Shaw	Bridgewater-Raynham
Harry Smith	Old Rochester

Defensive Back

Brian Abraham	Xaverian Brothers
Khalil Blair	Boston Cathedral
Elijah Johnson	East Longmeadow
Jason Maitre	Everett
Ben Quint	Lexington

Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association Selection Committee:

Tom Lopez, Lincoln-Sudbury, Chairman; Steve Allosso, Minnechaug Regional; Brian Chamberlain, Braintree; Ray Cosenza, Fitchburg; Dave Driscoll, Dighton-Rehoboth; Vin Joseph, Medfield.

SUPER26 Night Gridiron Club Awards

William H. Ohrenberger Award for High School Coach of the Year: *Bill (Boston English '23, BC '27) was a founding member of the Gridiron Club, its president in 1945-46, and Man of the Year in 1965. He played pro for the New England Pèrre 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.*

2017 Winner: Lou Silva, Marshfield High School

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; David Woods, Bishop Fenwick; Charlie Stevenson, Xaverian, Richard White, Dartmouth; Jim Kelliher, Abington

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.*

2017 Winner: Joe Shannon, Masconomet

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; Kyle Arieta, Dighton-Rehoboth; Jason Busch, Austin Prep; Cam Lucey, St. John's (Shrewsbury); Matt Slovak, Dennis-Yarmouth

William J. Stewart, Jr. Award for High School Official of the Year: *Bill Stewart Jr. was a long-time coach of football, hockey and baseball at Boston English High and a high school and college official in all three sports. Bill is enshrined in the High School Coaching Hall of Fame.*

2017 Winner: Bob Prestera, ANEFO

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, Bill Lannon, Jack Joyce, Ken Fallon, Joe Cacciatore, Jim Regan, Dan Murphy

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.

2017 Winner: Khalil Blair, Boston Cathedral

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, Jalen Apperwhite, Brighton; Johnny Mims, TechBoston Academy; Anthony Cannady, Madison Park, Kevin Brown, Brighton

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), Nils V. "Swede" Swede Nelson Award (1946), and Walter Brown Award (1953). The Swede Nelson Award's past winners include Doak Walker '49 and Doug Flutie '84, both of whom were Heisman Trophy winners as were Club members Dick Kazmaier '51 and Joe Bellino '60.

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. With a roster of just 17 players, the Bulldogs had 5 players (29.4% of the team) who eventually became members of the National Football Hall of Fame.

In the autumn, of course, those 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, these sportsmen 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.

Gridiron Club Events:	NFL Legends Night, presenting the Tom Yewcic Award to our Man of the Year and supporting his designated charity	October 16, 2018
	Bob Whelan College Football Awards Night	December 2018, TBA
	<i>Super26</i> High School Awards Night	March 3, 2019

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, cheerleaders, journalists, and fans of all sports.

Current membership includes 140 former N.F.L. players, coaches, owners, management or support personnel. Patriots' Steve Grogan was President in 2009. Additionally, 75 Club members are either current or former College Head or Assistant Coaches, Athletic Directors, or Media Relations Directors.

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, 2017-18: President: Chris Clemente; First Vice President: Tom Lamb; Secretary/Treasurer: Dick Lawrence; Historian: Ned Cully

Executive Committee: Skip Bandini, Curt Bletzer, Tom Burke, Chris Clemente, John Collins, Tim Costello, Pete Cronan, Ned Cully, Ken Eldridge, Ray Gallant, Steve Grogan, Bob Horan, John Ingoldsby, Jim Kearney, Tom Kelley, Tom Lamb, Dick Lawrence, Tom Lopez, Carroll Lowenstein, Bob Norton, Dave O'Brien, Al Robichaud, Ed Schluntz, Cheryl Duddy Schoenfeld, Susan Radnor Shannon, Bob Sherr, Bernie Smith, William J. Stewart III, Paul Stewart, Len St. Jean, Garin Veris, Bob Weiss, Tom Whelan, Tom Yewcic

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