



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

proudly present the

Thirteenth Annual High School Football Awards Night

honoring

The 2010 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

Featured Speaker: Ray Gallant, Club President

Sunday, March 6, 2011

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Randolph, Massachusetts

Massachusetts High School All-State Team

The 2010 SUPER 26

DEFENSE

Defensive Line

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| Brian Miller | Andover | Sr. |
| Zach Smerlas | Lincoln-Sudbury | Sr. |
| Chris Unis | Gloucester | Sr. |

Linebackers

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| Seth DeMello | Somerset | Sr. |
| Dan Giovacchini | Lawrence Academy | Sr. |
| Matthew LeBlanc | Wachusett | Sr. |
| Mike Mercadante | Minnechaug | Sr. |
| Conor Wyand | Nashoba Regional | Sr. |

Defensive Backs

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| Manny Asprilla | Everett | Sr. |
| Dan Johnson | North Attleboro | Sr. |
| Joe Colton | Xaverian | Sr. |
| Albert Louis-Jean | Brockton | Sr. |
| Brian Strachan | St. Sebastian's | Sr. |

OFFENSE

Quarterback

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| Jonathan DiBiaso | Everett | Jr. |
| Nick LaSpada | Billerica | Jr. |
| Tom Murphy | Northbridge | Sr. |

Running Backs

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| Isaiah Jones | Mahar Regional | Sr. |
| Jamel Marshall | Mansfield | Sr. |
| Jordan Shairs | Gloucester | Sr. |

Receivers

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| Matthew Costello | Everett | Sr. |
| Richard Rogers | St. John's (Shrewsbury) | Sr. |

Offensive Line

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| Lance Burlingame | New Bedford | Sr. |
| Jeff Covitz | Reading | Sr. |
| George Kallas | Beverly | Sr. |
| Obum Obukwelu | BC High | Sr. |
| Liam Porter | Natick | Sr. |

Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association Selection Committee:

Tom Lopez, Lincoln-Sudbury, Chairman; Dave Driscoll, Dighton-Rehoboth; Vin Joseph, Medfield; Ken LaChapelle, Northbridge; Jim Woodward, Mahar Regional

SUPER26 Night Gridiron Club Awards

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

Named for Dr. Ohrenberger, a founding member of the Gridiron Club, its president in 1945-46, and Man of the Year in 1965. Bill graduated from Boston English in 1923 and Boston College in 1927. He played pro football for the New England Pèrre Marquette club for five years and coached for one year each at St. Thomas High in Jamaica Plain, Georgetown Prep in Washington DC, and Boston College. From 1932 to 1945 he was head coach at English and is that school's "coach of the century." 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.

2010 Winner: Paul Ingram, Gloucester

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

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.

2010 Winner: Michael Morris, Acton-Boxborough

Previous Winners: 2008: Peter Bruce, Greater New Bedford Voke Tech; Dylan Hagg, Oakmont Regional; Kyle Quatacker, South Hadley Regional. 2007: Edwin Martinez, Gardner; Curtis Davis, Central Catholic. 2006: Kevin Cavanaugh, Wilmington; Mike Davidson, Blue Hills Regional; Zack Gauvin, Leominster; Dana Willis, Norton. 2005: Thomas White, Andover. 2004: Ryan Mullin, Duxbury. 2003: Jeff Phillips, Medfield. 2002: Chris Tracy, Catholic Memorial. 2001: Michael and Mark Narcisco, Westwood. 2000: Michael Creonte, Waltham. 1999: Matthew McKinnon, Bishop Fenwick; Sam Frey, Wakefield; Patrick Morton, Coyle & Cassidy

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.

2010 Winner: Angelo Scaccia, EMAIFO

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

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.

2010 Winner: Jonathan Marrero, 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.

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.

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| Gridiron Club Events: | Jack Daly Golf Classic, Sandy Burr Country Club, Wayland, MA | June 27, 2011 |
| | NFL Legends Night, honoring the winner of the Tom Yewcic Man of the Year Award and supporting his designated charity | October TBA, 2011 |
| | Bob Whelan College Football Awards Night | January TBA, 2012 |
| | <i>Super26</i> High School Awards Night | March 4, 2012 |

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, 2010-11: President: Ray Gallant; First Vice President: Paul Stewart; Second Vice President: John Ingoldsby; Third Vice President: Bob Norton; Secretary: Dick Lawrence; Treasurer: Paul Costello

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