

2013 MHSIBCA Hall of Fame

Will Kowalski – Sports Writer for the Battle Creek Enquirer

Will Kowalski is in his 25th year as a sports staff member of the Battle Creek Enquirer, and during that period I have covered the full spectrum of sports, been sports editor, sports copy editor and also a news editor for the paper. Also worked at USA Today in Washington, D.C., in 1995-96. The Battle Creek Enquirer and USA Today are both Gannett newspapers. Prior to Battle Creek Enquirer, worked at Lansing State Journal, another Gannett newspaper, from 1979 to 1988, when I came to Battle Creek. Began as a sportswriter in the mid-1970s with the Dearborn Times Herald. Among the sports I have covered at the Enquirer is bowling. Have been doing a weekly bowling page for the Enquirer for about the past 20 years, still doing it today, and started covering high school bowling when it began as a club sport in the late 1990s and have continued to cover high school bowling since it became an MHSAA sport. Have been a bowler myself since I was a youngster growing up in the Downriver Detroit area (Riverview/Wyandotte). Now 56 years old, will be 57 in June. Have previously been honored as bowling writer of the year by the state association (in 2009 I believe), and have covered numerous state and regional amateur and professional bowling events. Fully understand that bowling is one of the sports that a person can do for a lifetime, from young age to senior age, and was very happy to see the growth of high school bowling through the years. It helps kids grow as an athlete and as a person, and helps kids understand what teamwork is really about. Have done my best and continue to do my best to make sure that high school bowling gets its due coverage in the Enquirer, the same as other MHSAA sports.

Tim Bauer – Bay City All Saints High School Coach

Tim Bauer is the current boys coach at Bay City All Saints High School. His responsibilities also include Athletic Director of Bay City All Saints. Tim is the MHSAA Regional Tournament Manager for Region 24, and he is the Tri City High School Conference Commissioner. Tim is one of the finest and most respected coaches in our sport. His demeanor and actions with the kids shows how much patience a coach can express under the most trying of times. Tim is an accomplished teacher, and a great coach (recognized as the 2005 Detroit Free Press Coach of the Year). Over 13 years as a Varsity Coach he has compiled a record of 96 wins against 36 losses, one of the strongest records in Division 4 Boys in the State of Michigan. Bay City All Saints: 2005 Class C/D team was the boys MHSAA Division State Team Runner-Up, 2006 Class C/D team was the boys MHSAA Division State Team Champion, 2006 Nate Bauer Detroit Free Press Dream Team Member, 2008 Tri City High School Conference Champions, 2008 Division 4 team was the boys MHSAA Division State Team Champion, and 2008 Andrew Bauer Detroit Free Press Dream Team and Mr. Bowler.

