

MHSAA Chief Issues Welcome

Forsythe Says No Drastic Changes

LANSING (UPI)—The Michigan High School Athletic Association will receive Detroit public high schools in statewide play with open arms, State Athletic Director Charles Forsythe said today.

"We're very pleased that the Detroit Board of Education plans to return to state competition," Forsythe said. "It's a good thing for outstate boys to compete with Detroit boys."

The Detroit board voted Tuesday night to enter state competition in six sports, ending 31 years absence from the statewide prep sports scene.

Forsythe said any question raised about authenticity of state champions will be answered with the Detroit board's action.

Detroit public school trackmen and swimmers will benefit especially from the action, Forsythe said, because any records they set previously were not included in state prep record books.

The addition of the 20 Detroit high schools will not cause any drastic changes in classification or the state-wide operation of tournaments, Forsythe said.

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