

High has big role to fill as MCHS A.D.

Congratulations, Dustin High and good luck.

High is the new athletic director at Montgomery County High School and don't be surprised when I say that he now has one of the most challenging jobs in the system.

There was a time when being named as a school's athletic director was, more than anything, a way to get a little more money into the pocketbook of one of the most valuable coaches in a system.

But in a day when most schools had football, basketball and baseball, track and field, golf and tennis, the schedule was much less demanding.

Today, the responsibility stretches throughout the year and along with dealing with so many more coaches, so many more student athletes, so many more parents and fans, well, there's simply much more.

One of the days when an athletic director could siphon off much of the workload to someone on the office staff and the job of the athletic

director was more of a be there when the games are played and make sure everything runs smoothly.

I wish I had more time to go over the numbers, but with an enrollment listed at 1,307 in the upper four grades for this past school year, MCHS is doing quite well in involving students in the athletic programs that are offered.

Please feel free to challenge any of these numbers, they're simply what I've come up with.

Montgomery County will send 44 teams, including freshmen, junior varsity and varsity squads, into action for the upcoming school year.

Some teams will have 60 participants or more and some will have 10 or less.

On average, it is likely that those 44 teams will average 10 or more participants with some players over-lapping on multiple teams, both in the same sport and in different sports.

The likelihood is that one in every three students at MCHS is participating in an athletic endeavor.

All of the coaches of those teams have to be vetted and certified and equipped with the ability to administer CPR

and be prepared to try and make sure these student athletes are kept safe during their practices and games.

The school does have a full time trainer, but keep in mind just how that individual's efforts are stretched for most of the year.

Although the athletic director isn't totally responsible for the facilities, he does bear much of the responsibility for making sure that the locations are available, that officials are there as needed and that the personnel to work the game, from ticket takers to clock operators, are on hand for those contests.

Hence, the job of athletic director is very far reaching and touches a large portion of the student body.

How about those booster clubs and making sure they're operating within boundaries?

Helping coaches schedule games and making sure that contracts are in place is another area that has to be covered.

Helping make sure that the finances work so that the

teams have what they need in terms of uniforms and equipment is another aspect of the job.

In other words, buckle your chin strap and get ready for a busy year ahead.

But for High, who has been around athletics all his life, the job should be doable and rewarding.

The seasons are almost set to begin with golf, soccer and volleyball kicking things off in a couple of weeks and the football season getting underway with the annual Recreation Bowl on Aug. 22.

Suggestions

By the way, if Dustin has any free time, I've thought of a few things maybe he could work on.

1. How about getting the MCHS Arena named. My suggestion of the Walter Johnson Memorial Fieldhouse has gotten nowhere.

Walter was a war hero, one of the most outstanding athletes in the history of the county, a basketball starter at UK as a freshman and a casualty of WWII.

If there's someone better suited, I'm ready to support that name.

2. Could we have a new ath-

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letic conference, like the Mid-State where the Indians used to compete.

Montgomery County, Clark County, Madison Central, Bourbon County, Harrison County, Scott County, Great Crossing and Woodford County would make a great line-up.

Forget football, unless you come up with a way to have two divisions.

All the other sports would be great for competition and a kick-off basketball tournament each year could finance the entire operation.

Just an idea.

3. Can we work to get the Recreation Bowl back to some level of significance as it was in the past?

4. How about the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame?

That one will take a lot of work, but certainly would need the A.D. to be fully behind the project.

Oh well, first things first. Take care of the players, coaches, fans, facilities, cheerleaders, band members and so on.

Seriously, good luck!



Dan Manley

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