Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association to Enshrine Barhorst, Miller and Schutte; Annual Contest Details Announced

Ken Barhorst (Sidney), Rusty Miller (Associated Press) and David Schutte (Cincinnati) to enter OPSWA Hall of Fame

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The officers of the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association (OPSWA) have announced the 2016 OPSWA Hall of Fame induction class, along with details for the annual writing and photography contest. Sidney Daily News sports editor Ken Barhorst, retired Associated Press Ohio Sports Editor Rusty Miller and retired Cincinnati Post and Enquirer sportswriter David Schutte will join 56 prep sports writing greats enshrined in the OPSWA Hall of Fame.

They will be honored on Saturday, March 19 during championship Saturday of the OHSAA boys basketball state tournament at the Schottenstein Center. Biographical information for all three men is below. The OPSWA inducted its first Hall of Fame class in 1983. The complete list is posted at: http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/HOF.htm

The OPSWA was created in 1972 to support, promote and recognize the coverage of high school sports across Ohio. More information is available at: http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/default.htm

Annual Writing and Photography Contest
The annual writing and photography contest includes entries that were published from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2015. Deadline for entry is Feb. 12, 2016. There are four divisions based on circulation size, with categories including investigative/enterprise, news story, feature story, column, game story, action photograph and portrait photography. Details and the entry form are posted at: http://www.ohsaa.org/news/OPSWA/Contests.htm

2016 Statewide Meeting
The annual OPSWA statewide meeting will be held in mid-April (date TBA). The results of the annual writing contest will be announced, current officers will make announcements, new officers will be selected and OHSAA Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross will hold a question and answer session. A complimentary lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Tim Stried. The meeting is free for OPSWA members.

2016 Hall of Fame Inductees
Ken Barhorst graduated from Piqua Catholic High School and began working as a stringer at the Piqua Daily Call in 1970. He joined the staff full time in 1971 before moving to the Sidney Daily News in 1973, where he has worked for the last 42 years and continues in his role as sports editor. Barhorst was the Southwest District Athletic Board’s Media Service Award winner in 2007 and has spent a total of 44 years covering high school sports. He and his wife, Connie, have three children and five grandchildren, with another due to arrive in February.

Rusty Miller was the Ohio Sports Editor at The Associated Press for 30 years before retiring last June. Prior to his position at the AP, he worked for newspapers in Tiffin, Bucyrus, Columbus and York, Pa. Over the last three decades he covered almost every Ohio State University home football and men’s basketball game along with several football national championships, college basketball ‘Final Fours,’ professional golf tournaments and 37 Memorial Tournaments. He staffed almost every OHSAA state basketball tournament over that span. He oversaw the weekly AP prep and college football and basketball polls, helped select the AP All-Ohio teams and initiated the
Ohio Mr. Football, Mr. Basketball and Ms. Basketball awards. He and his wife, Gayle, are the parents of Betsy and Mac and live in suburban Columbus.

After graduating from Cincinnati St. Xavier High School, David Schutte took a part-time job at the Cincinnati Post in 1962 and never missed working a Friday night football game during the next 43 years. A University of Cincinnati graduate, he rose to the sports editor position at the Post until moving onto The Enquirer in Cincinnati from 1986-2003. Schutte was then with the Cincinnati Community Post in 2003 and 2004 before retiring. While covering high school sports, Schutte held full-time jobs at General Telephone and Chrysler while he and his wife, Lorna, put their seven kids through college. He was the Southwest District Athletic Board’s Media Service Award recipient in 2000 and now runs Furniture Solutions in Milford with his two brothers.

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