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Sports Message by Bob Biolo

Forsythe & MHSAA Comment

Charles E. Forsythe, State director of high school athletics, was present at yesterday's sessions and will remain here until Friday. Questioned on the MHSAA's recent ruling on all-star games, Forsythe said there has been a lot of misunderstanding about the matter. "We are not against the Negaunee all-star game as it is now handled," he said. "The only thing we are concerned about is whether high school coaches or officials participate in the game in any way. As far as we are concerned that is an independent enterprise. There have been many misstatements about how the MHSAA feels about the matter," Forsythe said. "As the rules now read, a Michigan official who participates in such a game will be suspended for one year. A coach who participates in such a game will not be permitted to coach a high school team in the state the following year." Would that mean a coach is suspended for one year, or indefinitely? Forsythe didn't answer that.

Forsythe said there was "no question about such a game having a professional touch" to it. He believes that if it had continued with the coaches handling it, that it eventually would have had a bearing on how games would be played late in the season before the game. The "ballyhoo" connected with such games is objected to by the MHSAA. Wonder if the MHSAA also is against the "ballyhoo" given important high school games in the city or to tournament games?

Fans can get a pre-game slant on how Coaches Faust Ferzacca and Pat Malone feel about the South chances in the U.P. all-star game on the sports review at 6:30 tonight, when the two will be heard over WDMJ, The Mining Journal radio station.