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SF's Keating is Coach of Year

St. Francis Coach Waldo Keating has been named the Class D Coach of the Year by the Associated Press.

The wire service announced its all-state teams today. The only area player honored was Mancelona's Jayme Wollison who was named to the Class D defensive team. St. Francis, the No. 1 team in the state, didn't have a representative on the Class D team and neither did the No. 2 squad, North Muskegon.

Keating, in his third season at St. Francis, coached the Gladiators to their second straight 8-1 season and state championships in both AP and United Press International rolls. Since coming to St. Francis from Muskegon Catholic Central in 1971, Keating has compiled a 23-4 record as head coach.

"It's a real honor to be selected coach of the year," Keating said. "It's the type of an award that reflects on the team and the school. I certainly couldn't be coach of the year if I didn't have some kids who knew how to play football." Keating was disappointed that none of the Gladiators were named to the all-state team. "I felt that we had a number of

players deserving of the honor," he said. "As far as I'm concerned every kid on the team is all-state."

Keating has been coaching for 21 years. A graduate of Central Michigan University, he was at Muskegon Catholic from 1953 until 1971 (except for a two-year stint at Muskegon Mona Shores) and became the school's athletic director in 1967. He was the Crusaders' head football coach for three years and has the distinction of handing Traverse City its first defeat in the I.M.A.C. Muskegon Catholic defeated the Trojans, 8-0, in 1970.

That was Keating's best season at Muskegon Catholic as the team was ranked No. 1 in Class B until its season ending loss

YMCA boxers to meet Monday

The YMCA boxing club will hold a meeting Monday evening at 7 p.m. at Central Grade School's small gym. The meeting is open to men 16 through 26 years old and participants are asked to bring gear to take part in a workout.

to Muskegon. The following season Keating moved to St. Francis.

The all-state selection caps an outstanding three-year career at Mancelona for the 6-foot, 240-pound Wollison. He was the team's leading tackler, making 92 solo stops.

"Most of his tackles came because of his outstanding hustle and pursuit; most of the teams tried to run away from him as much as possible," Mancelona Coach Jerry Dellinger said of Wollison, who played middle guard. "Whenever we need a tough yard on offense we ran over Jayme's right tackle spot," Dellinger added.

Mancelona was a member of two leagues this season and Wollison was all-conference in both. He was named to the Northern Lower Michigan League offensive team and the defensive squad in the Ski Valley Conference. The Ironmen tied for first in the Ski Valley and were second in the NLML.

Wollison is the third all-state. Dellinger has coached in his 10 years at Mancelona. Bob Wildfour, now the head coach at Central Lake, was an all-state fullback in 1966 and Ken Quance was an all-state guard in 1970.



BAD MOMENTS, TOO — Life isn't all peaches and cream even during the year you're selected as Coach of the Year. St. Francis Coach Waldo Keating, who was honored as the Class D Coach of the Year by the Associated Press today, grimaces during St. Francis' Nov. 9 game at St. Ignace. Keating led the Gladiators to their second straight 8-1 season and the team was crowned State Champion in Class D by both AP and United Press International.

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