



Mooresville & Martinsville Begin a Football Trophy Tradition with the Battle of the “M”

The upcoming Mid-State football game between Mooresville and Martinsville High Schools will take on a new look as the Battle of the “M” Trophy will now go annually to the winner of the Mooresville-Martinsville football rivalry.

The “M” Trophy which stands for the battle of Morgan County was created by Martinsville Athletic Director Don Lipps and Mooresville Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. The trophy will continue to add to the rich athletic history between the two Morgan County schools.

“I think this trophy is a great idea since Martinsville & Mooresville are in the same conference and will be competing each year,” said Martinsville Athletic Director Don Lipps. “I know this trophy will be a positive symbol for both schools and it will bring more enthusiasm to a great a rivalry.”

Both Martinsville and Mooresville enthusiastically decided in 2012 that a traditional trophy for the winner of the gridiron clash would be appropriate. The Battle of the “M” would be a most typical trophy to recognize Morgan County and it should stand as a historical trophy for many years to come to highlight the rich tradition of the two programs in Morgan County.

“We are pleased to be a part of this historic partnership,” said Mooresville Athletic Director Chad Briscoe. “The Battle of the ‘M’ will continue to enhance the athletic experience for our student athletes and it will add excitement to the athletic traditions at both schools.”

Additional recommendations by both athletic directors identify the Battle of the “M” Trophy with two large block “M” letters representing the two schools. One side of the “M” is navy in color and the other red to represent each school. There are plates on each side with the winner of the game adding the date and score to their side of the trophy and retaining the trophy until the following year’s game. The trophy will make its way to the gridiron each year in order to add a little more excitement to the tradition that has been created by the Battle of the “M.”

The first Battle of the “M” football contest will be played at Mooresville High School next Friday, October 5, 2012, with the game scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. Both Mooresville and Martinsville are members of the Mid-State Conference.