

Class C-D Relays Start Tomorrow At Mt. Pleasant

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MT. PLEASANT — The best Saginaw area high school track teams have to offer will compete in the 19th annual Central Michigan College Relays here Friday and Saturday.

Class A and Class B sections will be run Saturday. Class C and Class D teams run tomorrow. Preliminaries start at 9:30 a.m. and finals at 2 p.m. on both days.

Saturday's Class A race will be undergoing its biggest change in history. None of the Saginaw Valley League powers, including defending champion Flint Northern, will be competing.

WITH THE ABSENCE of the SVL teams, perennial Relay and state Class A title threats, Mt. Pleasant moves into the favorite's roll along with Inkster, Birmingham, Lansing Eastern and Traverse City.

Others entered in Class A are: Lansing Sexton, Belleville, Redford Union, Berkley, Detroit DeLaSalle, Muskegon Heights, Walled Lake, Battle Creek, Waterford and Rochester.

Detroit area teams will be offering three of this season's outstanding Class A trackmen.

They are pole vaulter Bill Alcorn of Birmingham, who has gone consistently over 13-feet; miler Jerry Brashaw of Lincoln Park, who has been clocked in 4:28, and hurdler Warren Cawley of Farmington, only prep to hold two Relay records, those the high and low hurdle marks.

CAWLEY IS expected to get his closest competition from Mt. Pleasant's outstanding hurdler, Bill Rhodes.

Cass City and a surprising Vassar team are the area's best bets to dethrone defending Class B champion River Rouge.

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And the area's No. 1 miler, Alma's Jan Bowen, could win an individual trophy. Bowen, only a sophomore, set an area record with a 4:38 timing just two weeks ago.

Cass City's versatile team will be led by Fred Leeson in the hurdles, pole vault and high jump; Wayne Powell in the pole vault; Bob Tuckey in the half-mile; Chuck Auvil, Tim Anthes and Paul Holmberg in the dashes, and Forrest Walpole in the 440 and broad jump.

But most of the area's best Class B field event competitors will come from Vassar.

LEADING THE Vulcans from Vassar will be Bob Klopf, the area's best shot-putter. Klopf, a 230-pounder has a 46-foot, 2-inch heave to his credit this season and was second in the Gavel Club Relays at Cass City last Saturday.

Vassar's Jim Nunn is the best the area has to offer in the broad jump, a 20-foot, 6½-inch jump his best.

The Vulcan's Ted Smith has been the area's best high jumper, going 5-feet, 8¾-inches for his highest leap.

Class C defending Relay champion Boyne City will have to weather a serious threat by Frankenmuth and its outstanding sprinter, Don Voorheis.

THE FRANKENMUTH flash is defending state Class C champion in the 100 and 220-yard dash events and holds state records in both. Voorheis, who is also the area's second best broad jumper, holds the 100-yard Relay record of 10.15 and has been clocked in 9.78 seconds this season.

The Saginaw area is not expected to be in competition for the Relay Class D team title. Defending champion is Norman-Dixon of Brethren, which has won the D championship seven times in the last eight years.

Leading Class D runners from the area are miler Dave Jacobs of Beal City; sprinter Gary Haske of Fairgrove, and hurdler Joe Furst of Unionville.

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