

# Can Cawley Match Hayes Jones?

## Experts in Disagreement Over Farmington Star's Chances

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Suburban Detroit already has produced a favorite for the 1960 Olympic high hurdles championship. Now the area is working on 1964, too.

Hayes Jones (Pontiac Central '56) has become world-famous. Now a junior at Eastern Michigan, he helped the American men's team overpower Russia in a dual meet last summer and was rated the world's No. 1 high hurdler of 1958 in the annual Track & Field News ranking.

Rex Cawley, of Farmington, defending his state high and low hurdles titles today, already has smashed the records Jones hung up

sprinter. Cawley isn't that fast."

"No, he's not as fast as Jones," admitted Fran Ditt-rich, Michigan State coach who probably will direct Cawley's college career. "But he has more endurance. I've always maintained that it takes the stamina of a quarter-miler to run the hurdles. Cawley is potentially as good as Jones."

**AT PEAK IN '64**  
Cawley himself avoids such flat predictions. But asked if he wants to compete at least through the Olympia year of 1964, he replied, "Sure. I should be just at my peak then."

Having tied the national high school record of 13.9 seconds for the high hurdles in last Saturday's regional meet, Cawley has established himself as one of the three or four outstanding prep trackmen of the year.

The same day he sped over the lows in 18.6 seconds, only two-tenths off a newly established record. He took only two broad jumps but had the best regional mark (22 feet 1/2 inch). Given the baton in fourth place on the final leg of the half-mile relay, he ran on the outside all the way and won going away. In another relay this year, he ran 440 yards in :48.9 with a running start.

**CAWLEY YEAR OLDER**  
There's one catch to those figures. Cawley is 18 years old. He'll be 19 three weeks after graduation next month. Jones recorded his high school marks at 17.

By the time Jones was as old as Cawley is now, he had run 100 yards in :09.4, covered the high hurdles in :13.7 (over college hurdles, which are three inches higher than in high school) and posted assorted other hurdles, broad jump and high jump marks that Cawley hasn't touched.

The :09.4 and :13.7 stand as world records for boys under 19, and he has done :13.6 since then.

The two Detroit-area stars



This Is Form Rex Cawley Used to Tie National Record

have met only once, in the indoor 65-yard high hurdles last winter at the Michigan AAU meet. Jonest won, with Cawley a strong fourth—a brilliant showing for a high school boy who never had competed over the higher college barriers.

Most great hurdlers are at least 6 feet 3 inches tall, the better to step over 42-inch fences. But Cawley, at 6 feet and 155 pounds, isn't fretting.

"I'm as tall as Jones and I'm split higher," he said. "That is, my legs are longer."

Freed added, "He actually is better over the college highs. We run him over them in practice to improve his form. He gets a little sloppy over high school hurdles."

Track is Cawley's only sport (along with some cross-country for conditioning).

"My parents wouldn't let me go out for football as a freshman," he explained, "and after that the coaches wouldn't let me. I'm the public address announcer at our football and basketball games."

Cawley expects to study radio and television at Michigan State—"Announcing or directing. Not the technical side.

"At least, I think I'll go to MSU," he said. "Its communication school has good facilities. I've been out to Nebraska. I considered Southern Cal and I've heard from most of the Big Ten. Bill Porter, the 1948 Olympic champion, wrote me a nice letter—the usual stuff: how he'd like to see me go to Northwestern and so on. I don't want to, though."

MSU won't offer him an athletic scholarship, however. Under the Big Ten's aid-based-on-need formula, the Spartans could give him only about enough money to keep him in haircuts.

Freed, moving from Ann Arbor University High to Farmington three years ago, discovered Cawley as a sophomore cross-country runner.

"He had high knee action like a hurdler," Freed said. "So I had him try it when he was tapering off at the end of cross-country season. He took to it right away.

"Really, though, I don't know if we have found his best event. If I had made him a pole vaulter or a half-miler, he'd be breaking records in them, too. He can do anything."

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in high school competition. Can he keep up with the phenomenal development of the Pontiac boy?

"He's ready to run with Jones right now," declared Farmington Coach Gene Freed. "Not ready to beat him, but Cawley would be close. He's about even with the University of Michigan hurdlers."

"Cawley never will equal Jones," said Don Canham, of Michigan. "Sure, he's a real good college prospect, but remember, Jones is a great

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