

# Area Prospects Bright in State Track Meets

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At least three Greater Lansing athletes will rank among the leading challengers for individual championships Saturday, when most of Michigan's finest prep trackmen converge on Michigan State University for the Class A state final meet.

Prospects for Lansing and area finalists are at least as bright in the Class B finals at the University of Michigan, and in the C and D meets as well, both of which are at Central Michigan.

Preliminaries in all four state championship events

begin at 10:30 a.m., with finals getting under way at 1:30 p.m.

East Lansing boasts two of the three locals most likely to succeed in Class A, miler Jake Snell and pole vaulter Sig Lillevik. Section claims the other, quarter-mile ace Adolph Burton.

Snell has bettered the 4:20 mark in his specialty twice in the past week, a feat that cannot be matched by anyone else in the field. Only Mike Goodwin of Jackson Parkside, owner of the state's best time, has beaten Snell this season, and Snell got even for that loss Tuesday.

Going into last weekend's re-

gionals, Lillevik's school record 13.4 vault ranked as the state's best in Class A, although there were a number of others very close.

Burton's top 40 effort of 49.6 puts him within three-sixths of a second of any quarter-miler in Michigan but one, Midland's Mike Murphy, who has a phenomenal 58.9 to his credit.

East Lansing's half-mile relay could also be succeeded a chance of scoring well. Its swiftest time of 1:29.8 has been bettered by only three schools. Trojan long jumper Jim Wright placed seventh last year, and could do even better this time.

A few of the visiting athletes to watch in the "A" finals include brilliant half-milers Al Cornwell of Battle Creek Lakeview and Kevin Reabe of Wat-

terford. Kettering shot putter Steve Nelson of Battle Creek Central and Larry Jones of Taylor. Detroit Redford Union's great hurdler John Morris-

son and Berkley high jumper Larry Fresser.

All are strong threats to establish state records.

Two-milers Ralph Zoppa of St. Louis and Charlie Campbell of Okemos lead a sizable collection of area Class B hopefuls.

Zoppa, who has run well under the existing "B" record, is the only Mid-Michigan runner who can honestly be termed a favorite. Best team bet among area "B" teams may be Charlotte, which has qualifiers competing in seven events, and should score in several of them.

Dale VanDeVosse provides O'Rafferty a solid scoring

threat in both hurdles. Gahrnis has a good half-mile relay, quick 400 runner in Mike

Curl and fair dash potential in Ralph Marner, if he has recovered from the injury that removed him from the Capital Circuit meet.

O'Brien's Bill Copland ranks very high among "B" pole vaulters, although the state's best effort to date, 14.2, was

authored by a Class B finalist, Dave Boyer of Fremont. Holt has not one but two capable shot put entries in Paul Bausel and Tom Harmon, both clearing the 54-foot mark.

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Kalamazoo Hackett, with a spectacular 1-2 punch of hurdler Mike Whitfield and sprinter Jim Holmes, comes closer to being a strong premeet favorite than any team in any class, and it's looking for "B" honors.

Dewitt is defending titlist in Class C, but will find a repeat tough to stage. The Panthers do, though, have strong entries in Mike Dolby, Ed Fosnight and Roger Kaminski, all of whom scored in the state finals last year.

Leading individual area hopefuls include Dansville half-miler Dan Adams, Fowlerville's Mel Lewis in the 440, and Dave Bradley of Perry in the shot put.

A talented Portland St. Patrick duo of miler Ken Pung and half-miler Pat Weller join Lansing pole vaulter Dennis Goetschy and Pottsville miler Bryan Ferguson to lead the area charge in Class D.



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**CLASS A AT MSU**  
East Lansing (seven events)—Mark Grue (100, 200), Jim Wright (long jump), Jake Szell (mile), T. C. Blay (high jump), Sig Lillevik (pole vault), 880 relay, Saxon (two events)—Adolph Burton (440), mile relay.  
Evanston (four events)—Rob Carr (high, low), Rick Canady (pole vault), Kirk Branson (440).  
Eastern (one event)—Mike Bozack (440).

**CLASS B AT U-M**  
Charlotte (eight events)—Terry Bytwork (2 mile), Bill Chenoweth (mile), Jim Chenoweth (880), Tom Bytwork (440), Terry Mohr (pole vault), Mark Young (shot put, high jump, mile relay).  
Alma (six events)—Tom Plaxton (1-8), 200, Herb Larson (440), Paul Pinter (long jump), 880 and mile relays.  
O'Fallon (four events)—Dale VanDeVusse (high, low), Jeff Keast (440), 880 relay.  
Gabrielis (four events)—Ralph Martinez (100, 200), Mike Curt (440), 880 relay.  
Holt (four events)—Mike Pettit (mile), Jon Cary (low, high jump), Paul Baisel and Tom Harmon (shot put).  
Okemos (three events)—Charlie Campbell (2 mile), Bill Copland (pole vault), mile relay.  
St. Louis (three events)—Ralph Zappa (2 mile), Jim Smith (100, 200), Ovid-Elisie (two events)—880, mile relays.  
Portland (one event)—Larry Lawless (200).  
Tonia (one event)—Larry Hankins (high).  
St. Johns (one event)—Bob Jones (880).  
BTS (four events)—Sam Rucker (100, 200), Steve Scroggins (high), 880 relay.  
Dewitt (four events)—Roger Kaminski (pole vault, long jump), Mike Dolby (mile), Ed Fosnight (440).  
Dansville (two events)—Mark Felton (2 mile), Dan Adams (880).  
Haslett (three events)—Craig Preather (pole vault), Dale Campbell (high jump), mile relay.  
Fulton-Middleton (four events)—Bill Priest (100, 200), Dave Rehm (880), Steve Schaub (low).  
Williamston (two events)—Mark McRobert (440), Daryl Oldenkamp (pole vault).  
Fowlerville (two events)—Mel Lewis (440), mile relay.  
Leslie (two events)—Don Losey (shot put), Chuck Finkbeiner (high jump).  
Perry (one event)—Dave Bradley (shot put).  
Pawamo-Westphalia (one event)—Mike Wohler (2 mile).

**CLASS C AT CMU**  
Fowler (four events)—George Thelen (high jump, pole vault), Sam Simmon (440), Don Koenigskecht (100).  
Portland St. Patrick (three events)—Ken Pung (mile), Pat Weiler (880), Pat Webber (high jump).  
Lansing (two events)—Dennis Goetschy and Dick Devine (pole vault), Don Goetschy (high).  
Webberville (four events)—Joe Monroe (mile), Roy McFarland (low), 880 and mile relays.  
Pottsville (one event)—Bryan Ferguson (mile).

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