

Saginaw High, Arthur Hill Will Experiment at CMU

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MOUNT PLEASANT — The Central Michigan University Invitational Indoor track meet might as well be changed to the Pontiac Central championships.

The Chiefs will go after their seventh straight meet championship here Friday in what has been the annual kick off to the spring, prep track season. The 18-team meet will be held in Finch Fieldhouse on tartan turf.

The meet, formerly known as the Arthur Hill-Saginaw Invitational, will get underway with preliminaries and field events at 5:15 and running finals at 8 p.m.

Saginaw High, Arthur Hill and Saginaw Douglas MacArthur will compete in the event along with area teams from Midland, Mount Pleasant, Bay City Central and Bay City Handy.

Others in the 18-team field include Pontiac Northern, Flint Kearsley, Owosso, Waterford Township, Waterford Kettering, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Muskegon Mona Shores, Traverse City, Flint Northern and Muskegon.

Central will again be one of the teams favored to take the team title, but after the past six years that seems more like a formality than a measure of the strong teams entered. The Chiefs will again feature a good balance of field event and sprint performers. There are 294 athletes entered in the meet.

Midland's Chemics are a strong threat to Pontiac's repeat championship. Coach Gary Jozwiak's defending Saginaw Valley League East Division champs will again show strength in both running and field events. The Chemics have hurdler Mike Stuparek, shot putter Kevin Gay, halfmiler Dick Smith, sprinter Jeff Mesler and long distance runner Bill Eyre returning. A good group of sophomores could

give Midland one of its strongest teams in recent years.

Stuparek was one of the top hurdlers in the state last season with a time of 14.8 seconds in the high hurdles 19.9 in the lows. He also managed to long jump 21 feet.

Saginaw High's Claude Marsh has one of the state's top sprinters in junior Reggie Jones. The 6-3 runner had a 10.0 100 and 22.4 in the 220 in last year's Class A state meet. He is coming off a serious knee injury and will not be at full strength.

"We're very interested in seeing what Reggie will do. He injured his right knee twice during the football season and is about at 90 per cent efficiency for the meet," Marsh mentioned. "Reggie has been working isometrics and lifting weights all winter to get his knee back to full strength. This meet will be a test for him as it will all our performers."

Marsh has Mike Thomas, Cal O'Neal and sophomore Larry Foster to fight for wins here

Major League Braille Cards Now Available

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League baseball announced Wednesday that Braille schedules are available free for blind fans from the Library of Congress.

Requests for such schedules should be sent to the Library of Congress, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, D. C., 20542.

Soccer League Starts April 29

NEW YORK (AP) — The North American Soccer League season will open April 29, Commissioner Phil Woosnam announced today. Each of the eight teams will play a 14-game regular-season schedule plus additional games against foreign opponents.

Friday. Foster will be in three events in a rarity for a Trojan sophomore.

On the other hand, Arthur Hill coach John McCarger has a pile of promising sophs in which to build a team around. He also will get good performances out of Jim Jones in the hurdles, Jack Brechtelsbauer in the pole vault, John Deering in the two mile and Brian Todd in the 440.

McCarger is building for the future with full intent on letting his sophs get their feet wet very early and often this season. "We're going to put them (Arthur Hill sophomores) under fire right away with an eye on the future."

Some of the first-year tracksters, McCarger has high hopes for Craig Bohnhoff in the hurdles, Gary Champagne in the 60 dash, Steve Meyer in the low hurdles, Jim Rolf in the medley relay along with Bob Morrison, John Veterlee and Mike Carl, Ron Rummel in the 60 dash, Curth Thon in the high jump and shot put and Terry Eurick in the 60 dash. Eurick has a sprained ankle and won't run Friday.

So, even though the snow is on the ground the spring sports season is here. Let's all hope the weather is better when CMU hosts its annual outdoor relays late in April.

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