

Area Trackmen Hit Regionals

SH's Chapman Leads HJ, LJ

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There is little over a week left to the high school track season, so all performers must be at or near top form with this Saturday's Regional meets and the state finals the week after.

The times and distances have become steadily better despite a poor spring weather-wise. The leaders in this week's News area track listings are showing efforts that would have finished first at the end of last season.

Saginaw High's Bob Chapman made the biggest dent in the listings by taking over first in the high jump and long jump. He went 6-6 in the high and 22-3 in the long. He also runs a leg of the the Trojans' 440 relay team that is tied with Midland for the lead at 44.2.

Midland's Mike Stuparek still leads both hurdle events, but was tied in the lows by Carrollton's Dean Somerfield, who is also tied for first with Saginaw High's Reggie Jones in the 220. Jones and Dow's Mark Poli are tied for first in the 100.

Saginaw High has the best time recorded thus far in the state in the 880 relay at 1:29.7. The foursome is Mike Thomas, Larry Foster, Cal O'Neal and Jones. Midland Dow leads the Mile relay at 3:28.5.

The Regionals Saturday find Saginaw area schools in three events for the most part. The area A schools will be at Midland Dow with some of the 'C' schools. Caro will host Classes B & D, while St. Louis will field Classes B & C meets.

Saginaw High won six events in the Saginaw Valley League East Division meet so it should do well Saturday. Flint Northwestern, Midland, Bay City Central and Arthur Hill could do well. The Hillites are very strong in the field events.

Carrollton's Dean Somerfield, and SS. Peter & Paul's George Bugenske will battle for regional wins at Caro. Shepherd in Class C could do well this season. Hemlock, Merrill, St. Louis Bullock Creek, Mount Pleasant, Midland Dow and Alma are teams to watch from the area.

Unionville, the defending Class D champion, has enough potential winners and team depth to do it again this season. The

Eagles are favored to win the Caro regional and go on to the state title. Some individual performers that could vie for state titles are Caro's Al Michalak in the shot put. He's already gone 55-7 3/4. St. Louis' Ted Allen has a 1:59.0 in the 880 and Andy Kovac a 4:26.2 in the mile.

Eisenhower's Kevin Taylor has gone 9:56.0 in the two mile. Jesse Myers has a 6-5 high jump. Mike Arnold of Bridgeport has a 50.8 440 to his credit. There are seven area sprinters at 10.1 and under in the 100. Some of the Saginaw athletes to watch in the Regionals are Jim Jones, Curt

Thon and Jack Brechtelsbauer from Arthur Hill; Jones, Chapman, O'Neal, Thomas and Foster from Saginaw High; Bugenske from SSPP, Somerfield from Carrollton; Bob Yare, Arnold and Tim Peaphon from Bridgeport; and Al Schmitzer from Seminary.

Top Area Track Performances

SHOT PUT

1. Al Michalak, Caro, 55-7 3/4; 2. Cal O'Neal, Saginaw High, 54-11; 3. Bill Kile, Mount Pleasant, 54-8 1/4; 4. Kevin Gay, Midland, 53-6 3/4; 5. Mike Parsons, Bullock Creek, 53-3.

POLE VAULT

1. (tie) Jack Brechtelsbauer, Arthur Hill & Dirk Sutherland, Caro, 13-0. 3. Tim Struble, Shepherd, 12-9. 4. (tie) Bruce Ward, Bad Axe & Jerry Wilson, Arthur Hill, 12-6.

HIGH JUMP

Bob Chapman, Saginaw High, 6-6; 2. Jesse Myers, Bullock Creek, 6-5. 3. (tie) Jim Jones, John Combs, Curt Thon all of Arthur Hill & Craig Swenson, Shepherd, 6-0.

LONG JUMP

1. Bob Chapman, Saginaw High, 22-3. 2. Bob Yare, Bridgeport, 22-1. 3. Jim Jones, Arthur Hill, 21-9 1/3. 4. (tie) Larry Foster, Saginaw High & Al Strieter, Unionville, 21-9.

880 RUN

1. Ted Allen, St. Louis, 1:59.0. 2. Paul Miller, Midland Dow, 1:59.9; 3. (tie) Dick Smith, Midland & Joe Jones, Arthur Hill, 2:00.0; 5. Steve Gregory, Midland, 2:00.3.

440 DASH

1. Mike Arnold, Bridgeport, 50.8. 2. (tie) Don Robertson, Alma & Robert Walker, Saginaw High, 51.1; 4. (tie) Larry Foster, Saginaw High & Ted Allen, St. Louis, 51.3.

220 DASH

1. (tie) Dean Somerfield, Carrollton & Reggie Jones, Saginaw High, 22.1; 3. Glenn Johnson, Bullock Creek,

22.4. 4. Mark Poli, Midland Dow, 22.5. 5. (tie) Kelly Beltnick, Mount Pleasant, & Pat Moore, St. Stephen's, 22.8.

100 DASH

1. (tie) Reggie Jones, Saginaw High & Mark Poli, Midland Dow, 9.9; 3. (tie) Jeff Mesler, Midland & Kelly Beltnick, Mount Pleasant, 10.0; 5. (tie) Dean Somerfield, Carrollton, Paul De Guise, Merrill & Randy Brown, Shepherd, 10.1.

MILE RUN

1. Andy Kovac, St. Louis, 4:26.2. 2. Bill Eyre, Midland, 4:31.2. 3. Neal Clinthorne, Midland Dow, 4:34.8. 4. Mark Fisher, Carrollton, 4:36.7. 5. Bill Senger, Eisenhower, 4:37.2.

TWO MILE

1. Kevin Taylor, Eisenhower, 9:56.0; 2. Kim Christian, Bridgeport, 10:01.6. 3. John Deering, Arthur Hill, 10:05.1. 4. Craig Fuller, Mount Pleasant, 10:09.7. 5. Don Law, Bridgeport, 10:12.1.

180 LOW HURDLES

1. (tie) Mike Stuparek, Midland & Dean Somerfield, Carrollton, 19.4; 3. Al Schmitzer, Seminary, 20.1; 4. Mike Gaeth, Unionville, 20.2. 5. Chris Giering, Midland Dow, 20.4.

120 HIGH HURDLES

1. Mike Stuparek, Midland, 14.7; 2. George Bugenske, SS. Peter & Paul's, 14.8; 3. Chris Giering, Midland Dow, 15.0. 4. Jesse Myers, Bullock Creek, 15.3; 5. Al Schmitzer, Seminary, 15.5.

880 RELAY

1. Saginaw High (Mike Thomas, Larry Foster, Cal

O'Neal, Reggie Jones), 1:29.7. 2. Midland (Mike Stuparek, Jeff Mesler, Greg Chase, Kim Altman), 1:32.5; 3. Mount Pleasant (Ted Roehrich, Bob Nwabara, John MacLean, Kelly Beltnick), 1:32.7; 4. Hemlock (Paul Gorney, Bill Hoepfner, Eric Gussman, Chuck Niersall), 1:32.8. 5. Bridgeport (Bob Yare, Tim Peaphon, Dennis Morton, Mike Arnold), 1:32.

MILE RELAY

1. Midland Dow (Mark Foster, Kim Poli, Ed O'Neal, Paul Miller), 3:28.5. 2. Arthur Hill (Jim Jones, John Dersch, Brian Todd, Jim Rolf), 3:31.5. 3. Midland (Chris Rebant, Dick Smith, Bill Eyre, Paul Gorton), 3:32.4. 4. SS. Peter & Paul's (Bob Gerhardt, Jim McEwan, Dave Garcia, Frank Martin), 3:33.0. 5. MacArthur (Dean Carter, Jeff Bartlett, Bill You, Marc Di Mercurio), 3:34.8.

440 RELAY

1. (tie) Midland (Mike Stuparek, Jeff Mesler, Greg Chase, Kim Altman) & Saginaw High (Larry Foster, Cal O'Neal, Bob Chapman, Mike Thomas), 44.2; 2. Bridgeport (Bob Yare, Dennis Morton, Gevan Woulke, Mike Arnold), 45.5; 4. Arthur Hill (Steve Meyer, Curt Thon, Chuck Beach, Gary Champagne), 45.6; 5. (tie) Vassar (George Reeve, Tyrone Pruffer, Roger Bader, Ken Wells) & Clare (Barry Martz, Bill Schepperley, Rich Rodgers, Mike Rodgers), 45.7.

Veteran Writer Dies

MONTREAL (AP) — Elmer Ferguson, dean of Canadian sports writers and columnist for The Star, died Wednesday night in St. Mary's Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 87.



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