

Track or Basketball?

Trojan Cagers to Miss CMU Invitational Meet

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Time waits for no man, athletes included.

Track season is upon us, despite most of the Saginaw High's top track stars have nothing but basketball on their minds right now.

Friday will mark the 22nd annual Central Michigan University Class A Invitational Prep Track Meet at Finch Fieldhouse.

Saginaw High's Trojans, runners-up to Oak Park by four and a half points last season in the state meet, will enter the meet without the heart of the team.

Reggie Jones, the Class A 100 and 220 dash champ from last season, Mike Thomas, Larry Foster, and Bob Chapman are all on the cage team fighting Saturday for the state championship. They were the nucleus of last year's team and will be again this season. Willie Dawkins and Tony Smith also informed coach Claude Marsh they will be out just as soon as the cage season ends.

"We'll go to Mount Pleasant with the idea that some of the athletes that wouldn't normally be competing will get some valuable experience," said Marsh.

The ones that will be competing will be headed by quartermilers Robert Walker and Larry Bradshaw and pole vaulter Brian Bailey. He hit the 12-0 mark last season and Marsh expects him to top that for a school record sometime this year.

This meet is always an experimental thing for the Trojans and Arthur Hill Lumberjacks. Marsh concentrates on getting his team ready for what he calls the "big three." That's the Saginaw Valley League, regional and state meets.

Arthur Hill's coach John McCarger has a lot of juniors on this year's team. The Lumberjacks have already competed in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor indoor meets and some have been practicing for a month.

"We should be very strong in the field events and distance races. We're still looking for the young kids to show us what they have in the other events," said McCarger.

Besides a host of possibilities for this season, McCarger also had has a couple of runners no other team around has.

A couple of co-eds, Shayna Byron and Tetra Haneke are currently trying out for the team. They are both juniors, but McCarger feels they'll be joining the girls' team track team shortly.

The best bets for the Hillites are Paul Zucker in the two mile, Jim Rolf in the 440, Bob Dyer in the mile, Paul Walterzak in the shot put, Curt Thon in the high jump



YOUNG MEN'S FANCY — In the spring turns to track. Arthur Hill distance runners John Deering, Paul Zucker and Bob Dyer limber up for Friday night's

Invitational Indoor Meet at Central Michigan University. (Saginaw News Photo)

and Bob Brechtelsbauer and Brian Wilson in the pole vault.

Douglas MacArthur, a perennial participant in the event, moved to a Class B school this year and will not participate.

Other area teams competing are Midland Dow for the first year, Midland and Mount Pleasant. Midland appears to have more depth than most teams and that could be a factor in this type of meet.

The rest of the field consists of Bay City Central and Handy, Flint Kearsley, Pontiac Central, Bay City John Glenn, Grand Rapids Union, Flint Northern, Pontiac Northern, Muskegon Mona Shores, Owosso, Traverse City, Waterford Township

and Waterford Kettering.

Before Grand Rapids Catholic Central won last year's event, Pontiac Central had amassed a string of eight straight championships. Catholic Central is a "B" school this year and will not compete.

The long jump, beginning at 5:05 p.m., will be the first of the 12 events. The pole vault and high jump will also get early starts.

The preliminaries for the running events will get underway at 5, with the finals set to begin at 8 p.m.

Kearsley gets the nod as the early favorite with high jumper Greg Hoopes and pole vaulter Jim Stokes.

UPI Names Brown All-Stater

Dale Brown of Carrollton was named to the United Press International Class B All-State Basketball team.

The 6-foot-1, 170 pound guard averaged 19 points per game for the Cavaliers. He sank better than 50 per cent of his field goal attempts and connected on 80 per cent of his free throw tries.

Brown has an excellent chance of being selected to the Associated Press All-State team which is being released Saturday.

Other players who made the All-State team are Paul Cryderman, Okemos!

Leonard Drake, Niles Brandywine; Kevin Hurbert, Grand Rapids Catholic; Jerry Kessenich, Hastings; Allan Koskey, Negaunee; Alfred McGlothlin, Muskegon Heights; Don Schollin, Roy Royal Oak Shrine; Mark Veenstra, Hudsonville Unity Christian; and Edgar Wilson of Dowagiac Union. All are seniors.

Six area players made the UPI honorable mention list. Mark DeNoyelles of Caro; Jim O'Connor of Laker; Jim Lothrop of Millington; Mark Williams and Terry Woodley of Buena Vista and Norbert Birchmeier of Chesaning made the squad.