

# Jones, Yeo, Bejcek, Onstott Head Strong Area List

## It's Time for Track Finals Already

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The high school track season just started, you say. Well, the answer to that is it's just ending.

A season, short as it might seem, of hard work and extreme effort comes to a close Saturday with the state championship meets around the state.

There will be four Lower Peninsula meets and an Upper Peninsula gathering for trackmen above the Mackinac Bridge.

The Class A meet will be held at Michigan State University, 'B' at Flint Northwestern, 'C' at Central Michigan University and 'D' at Caro High. All have the same starting times. Prelims and pole vault begin at 10 a.m. and finals get underway at 1:30 p.m.

Saginaw High's Trojans, runners-up to Oak Park last season in the 'A' competition, qualified in six events for this year's meet but Mount Clemens and Grosse Pointe North and Pontiac Central are deep in talent this year and should battle for the title.

Reggie Jones, the defending 100 and 220 state champ, will be going again and this time he'll be shooting for Marshall Dill's records. Dill, now running for Michigan

State, owns the 100 mark at 9.6 and 220 standard at 20.6. Jones has gone 9.6 in the 100 and 20.8 in the 220 this season.

"I've had some trouble with a hamstring muscle this season, but I feel fine now and expect to win Saturday," said Jones after his two record-setting wins in the Flint Northwestern Regional. "And, I'm going after those records. Last year I went there with the intention of winning. This year I want to win and get the records."

Jones also anchors the Trojans' 880-yard relay team that won in the regional. Along with Jones it will be Bob Chapman, Willie Dawkins, and Larry Foster. That also goes for the 440 relay.

Chapman also qualified in the high jump, as did Bradshaw in the 440.

Arthur Hill qualified three for the state meet. Paul Walderzak will compete in the shot put, Curt Thon in the high jump and Paul Zucker in the two mile. Bridgeport's Mike Arnold will go in the 440, and Eisenhower's Bill Taylor qualified in the shot put.

Midland qualified in the mile and two mile and all three relays. Dow's mile relay team made it.

MacArthur's Bill Yeo heads a list of strong Class B contenders for high honors.

Yeo won regional events in the long jump, 440 and 220.

Some of the other top names in 'B' from the area are Bullock Creek's Phil Bejcek, Caro's Rick Harwick, Buena Vista's Joey Boyd, Vassar's Bill Eskelson and Frankenmuth's Dalve Bannerman.

Bullock Creek and Vassar will take a lot of entries to the finals with shots at the title.

St. Louis's Sam Onstott heads a strong Class C field. He won four events in the

Clare Regional. St. Stephen's Pat Moore should do well in the sprints.

Unionville-Sebewaing has a ton of talent and will be battling all the way for the Class C state title. Clare will also take a strong contingent to Mount Pleasant.

Akron-Fairgrove did well in the Cass City 'D' regional. The Vikings qualified seven athletes for the finals. Seminary will send its 880 relay team, Jim Dretske in the 880 run, John Rossman in the 440, Keith Rogien in the 220 and the mile relay team.

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