

# Saginaw sprints to state Class A track championship

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**EAST LANSING** — Just as golf has an axiom "you drive for show and putt for dough" it's possible to turn a phrase for Michigan's Class A state track meet: Let the field eventers and distance men have their fun but the sprinters will decide the title.

It was that way again Saturday as Saginaw High, led by the brilliant Reggie Jones, scored 41 points to outlast Pontiac Central in an all-Saginaw Valley Conference showdown. Pontiac totaled 35 points.

Both teams scored 69 of their 76 points in the 100, 220, 880 relay, 440 relay, high hurdles and low hurdles.

**FOR SAGINAW**, it was the first championship since the late Herb Korf brought home the Trojans in 1954.

The Flint area's 12-team contingent had to be content with an afternoon of also-rans except for Kearsley High's pole vaulter, Jim Stokes.

He won with a soar of 14-3, well off the meet record of 15-0 but a good performance considering that most of the spring he tried to overcome a painful

foot injury. Three times he missed at 14-8, narrowly brushing the bar with his chest on the second try.

"I thought I had made it," he said afterwards.

**THE SLIM** junior was undismayed by failure to exceed his outdoor best of 14-7½. He was just glad to rank No. 1 after a disappointing spring.

"I got hurt in the first outdoor meet and the spring track season isn't long enough to recover from an injury. I'm going to take a short rest after the Greater Flint Invitational, then get back to practice.

"I'm going to compete in a couple other meets and there are several summer meets plus the Olympian Games and CANUSA Games," he said.

Central, with 14 points and a tie for 11th place, was the best of the Flint teams. George Washington took second place with a shot put of 58-1½ and the 440 relay team of Duane, Hill, Greg Davis, Charles Garrett and William Chatman was fourth.

**NORTHWESTERN** shared 20th place with 11 points, Dan Wilkerson taking third in the shot at 57-2¾ and Brian Coles ranking fourth in the low hurdles. The Wildcats probably would have fared better except that Coles, who was the fifth best high hurdler in 1972, failed to show up for his preliminary heat and was scratched.

Southwestern's Mark Carrington was fifth in the 100 and 220, accounting for all the Colts' eight points. Stokes also was a one-man effort for Kearsley's eight points.

Brian Groves of Grand Blanc was fourth in the 880 for five points, Northern's Tony Brown was fifth in the high jump for four points, Clio's Dave Gembel was fifth in the 880 for three points and Lapeer's Tom Utley earned one point with eighth in the 440.

Swartz Creek, Beecher, Davison and Carman were among 77 teams which failed to score.

Points were distributed among 71 teams.

Saginaw Coach Claude Marsh was jubilant.

**HE SAID**, "I really thought we could win but you never know in this kind of meet. Jones had the kind of day we expected. Willie Dawkins' hard luck in the regional may have been a blessing in disguise."

Dawkins apparently had qualified in the low hurdles in the regional but was disqualified. That gave Marsh a chance to fatten up his winning 880 relay team (1:28.8) and third-place 440 team.

Jones anchored the 880 unit and Dawkins ran on boty.

Jones's 9.6 time in the 100 equaled the meet record and he also won the 220 for the second straight year with a time of 21.1.

The Trojans' Bob Chapman was second in the high jump.

Pontiac's points came in the 880 relay, high hurdles, 100, low hurdles and 440 relay.

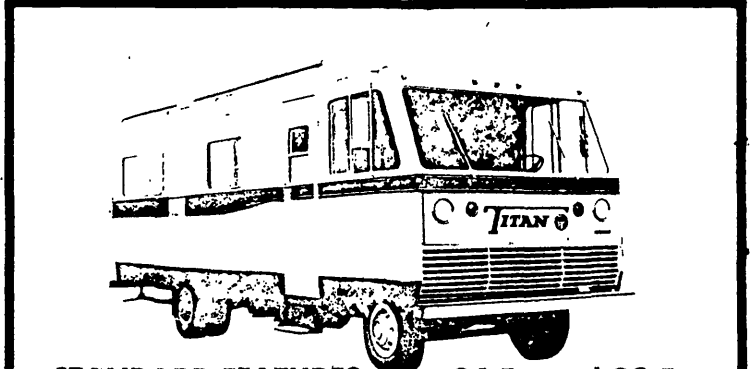
**THE ONLY** broken record went to

Farmington's Mike McGuire who came from behind on the final lap to beat Birmingham Brother Rice's Pat Davey with 9.12.0 for two miles.

Ken Delor, Grosse Pointe North, tied the 440 record of 48.0, Kelsey Johnson, Detroit Osborn, equaled the long jump mark of 23-11 and Detroit Kettering tied

the 440 relay mark of 42.9.

Third place in the team race went to Grosse Pointe North with 26. Then came Ann Arbor Pioneer 24, Jackson Parkside 22 7-10, Portage Northern 19, Mount Clemens 17 1-5, Ann Arbor Huron 17, Detroit Central 16 and Dearborn Fordson 15.



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early lead, but trainer Lucien Laurin concurred with Turcotte's judgment.

how Secretariat had let him know about the slow pace, but added: "He didn't

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