

Title at stake in state meet

2 Class B high jumpers facing s



CHUCK CLAY
Battle Creek star

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Two of Michigan's top three prep high jumpers in this week's Detroit News boys' track listings are on a collision course going into next Saturday's state Class B championship meet at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids.

Chuck Clay of Battle Creek Pennfield has accounted for the season's best high jump outdoors at 6 feet, 11 inches. The Pennfield team is coached by John Allen.

Clay's arch rival in the Class B ranks is Jeff Chadwick of Dearborn Divine Child who was the first of four other high jumpers to clear 6 feet 10.

THE PAST week a third Class B athlete, Bob Krikke of Grand Rapids Christian, joined the 6-10 group.

John McIntosh of Sterling Heights Stevenson posted the season's peak at 7 feet, but his jump was made indoors. McIntosh is expected to face a tough challenge from Dave Elliott of Ann Arbor Pioneer in the state Class A meet at Guy Houston Stadium adjacent to Flint Northwestern High.

Dave is the younger brother of Bob Elliott, a former Pioneer basketball All-Stater and now a standout for Coach Fred Snowden at the University of Arizona.

The other high jumper to clear 6-10 this season is Don Grandison of Romulus. The News' listing also has four who have cleared 6-9 — Paul Piwinski of Warren Cousino, Jon English, the star quarterback holdover from Birmingham Brother Rice; Matt Baldus of G... t, a Class C school, and Tracey Garner of

Center and Class D at Grand Blanc, while the girls' meets are Class A at Brighton, Class B at Grand Rapids' Houseman Field, Class C at Cassopolis and Class D at Grand Blanc. The boys' Class B meet originally had been scheduled for Marysville.

Regional eliminations last weekend vastly improved The News' listing overall. Brian Biemer of Grand Rapids Christian, a Class B school, has turned in the season's fastest mile in 4:15.1. Steve Denniston of East Lansing also posted the season's best 120-yard high hurdles clocking, a wind-assisted 14.0.

ONE OF THE most notable comebacks of the season was made by Redford Union pole vaulter Paul Babits who set a regional record of 14 feet, 5½ inches at Farmington.

It was Babits' first start since he was suspended several weeks ago for a campus infraction and then placed on probation.

Earlier in the season Babits had topped The News' listing with a vault of 15-1¼ inches indoors.

Tim Kenney of Detroit Mumford improved his 880 peak from 1:56.5 to 1:53.8.

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annual
host state meets in the
Saturday, with prelimi-
and the finals at 1 p.m.
are Class C at Michigan

U-M, MSU fans will pay more for tickets in fall

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Inflation and expanding women's athletic budgets have pushed football tickets to \$9 at Michigan and Michigan State next fall.

Both Big Ten schools boosted ticket prices by \$1 but as Don Canham, athletic director at the University of Michigan pointed out, "that's only a 30 percent increase in the last 10 years when we charged \$6."

Both Canham and Dr. Joe Kearney, athletic director at Michigan State, cited rising costs and vastly expanded women's programs, beefed up to keep pace with the Title IX provisions of a federal law which roughly provides equal athletic programs for both sexes, as the major reasons for the ticket price hikes.

programs while MSU spends about \$4.2 million.

"Ohio State's budget is about the same as ours," said Canham, "but they use different accounting procedures."

Canham said even with the \$1 increase in ticket prices, Michigan will realize only 50 cents in additional revenue because Big Ten schools split gate receipts with visiting schools.

"IF TICKET prices kept up with inflation I don't know what they would be right now," said Kearney. "Our women's budget runs \$540,000 annually but if you include 20 percent for support services, it's really more like \$775,000."

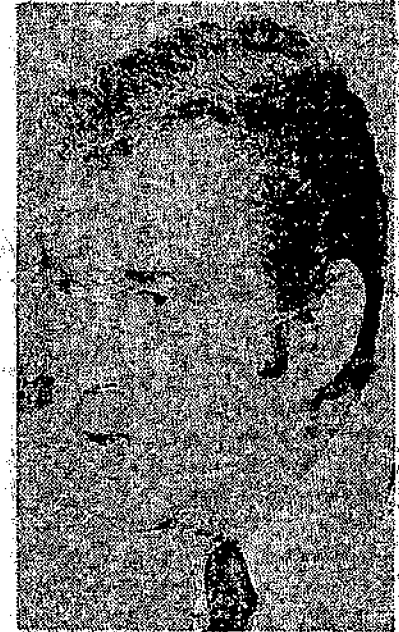
Michigan's budget for women's athletics runs about \$600,000 annually.

Considering that the Big Ten women's budget

its budget figures and Minnesota receives a special state appropriation for women's athletics.

THE BASIC problem facing conference schools is the ambiguous guidelines and interpretations for Title IX implementation. No one is exactly sure if football and basketball, the basic revenue producing sports are going to be exempted from the guidelines.

If they aren't, it would be extremely difficult for any conference school to produce matching men's and women's athletic programs with



DON CANHAM

Canham speaks from the prospect of