

## **Area's Best Track, Field Athletes Set For CCAA Meet**

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RANDOLPH - Although the weather this spring has been extremely cold and wet, several area track athletes have been clocking great times and distances in the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Athletic Association. Many of these athletes will put their talents on display Friday beginning at 4 p.m. and Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at Randolph Central School as 22 schools compete for league division championships.

Friday evening will feature semifinals in the sprints as well as finals in the 800-meter run and 3,200-meter run for both boys and girls. Field events that will be finals are the girls long jump, high jump and discus and on the boys side, there will be finals in the triple jump, shot put and pole vault.

The boys pole vault looks to be a great competition with the top four vaulters in Section 6 competing. Craig Howard from Chautauqua Lake is the No. 1 seed with a 14-6 vault followed by Travis Nagle (Randolph) and Marcus Hoffman (Gowanda) at 14-0, and Matt Allen from Olean with a 13-9.

The girls field events will also prove interesting as Ashley Peterson (Allegany-Limestone) leads a trio of girls over 5-1 in the high jump with a 5-6 seed. Brittany Feldman of Southwestern and Jenny Olsen of Portville could give her tough competition.

Jennie Thies of Southwestern will look to double in the long jump and triple jump like she did last week at Super 8 meet.

In the distance events Friday night, Holly Eliason of Clymer hopes to lead the way in the 3,000-meter run while Shannon Murphy of Falconer is the favorite in the 800-meter run.

In the boys distance races, a strong group of Fredonia runners in Josh Szukala, Alex Crise and Tyler Cassidy will be challenged by outstanding freshmen Cory Wefing of Maple Grove and Zach Jackson from Randolph.

The cost of admission to the championship meet will be \$2 per person or \$5 per carload each day.

The Randolph track boosters will be hosting a concession stand featuring fresh pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers.

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