

Gazelle Sports Elite Meet Press Release (for immediate release)

This Friday, January 31st at 6pm, Grand Valley State University is hosting the Gazelle Sports Elite Meet. As part of the event, Gazelle Sports assembled an Elite 3200 meter boys and girls race. The invitation only event features nearly all of the top 20 boys and girls distance runners in the State. This is the first year for the Elite 3200 with hopes to build upon the success of the Elite Mile from the past three years.

Meet director Ted Kushion, is excited for this Friday “,We’re blessed to have great distance running talent in Michigan, but with all of the big-time high school races happening on the coasts, opportunities to race at a high level are rare. Races like the Elite Mile from a couple weeks ago, and the Elite 3200 give our kids a chance to get in a fast race in an amazing, high energy environment.”

Kushion decided at last year’s Elite Mile that an Elite 3200 would do well. “I knew we were graduating some of the faster mid-distance runners, but at the same I’m watching all these freshman and sophomores posting ridiculously fast 3200 meter times. The decision to add a race was a no-brainer.”

The talent in the field comes from schools of all sizes. The boys race features 2013 MHSAA Cross Country State Champions from divisions two, three, and four. While the girls race includes the winners from divisions one, two, and four.

Kushion thinks there could be some surprises as well. “You just never know who is going to have a coming-out party at this race, but it will happen. Two years ago it was Ali Wiersma from Allendale with a five second Mile PR to run 4:56. Last Year Josh Wojan from East Jordan was a late addition to the boys race and went from seeded last, to finishing third. Now Ali runs for Michigan State, and Josh was division four runner-up in cross country.”

The Gazelle Sports Elite Meet will be held at the Kelly Sports Complex in Allendale, MI. The cost is \$10 for Athletes, \$5 for spectators.

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