

Georgia Tech, Tulane Ready to Snap Color Barrier in Athletics

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Greater Lansing track coaches point to Everett as the team to beat this spring. But Viking coach Ron Barr doesn't want to be set up as the favorite.

While his coaching comrades say his team has the power to win most of the dual meets and the city meet, Barr is quick to underline the strengths of the other teams, particularly Sexton and Eastern.

"Sexton will be strong again," Barr said. "It's hard to beat its balance. And Eastern can't be counted out."

Russ Maples, sexton coach, said his team would compile "a respectable record, but I just don't think we can maintain the same record of past years."

Sexton has won the city track title three years in a row, the Six-A League crown three seasons running and the regional A hurds two straight years.

Maples believes Everett could snap his team's city domination.

Thus it appears, Everett and Sexton will be the toughest in the city and close to the top in their respective leagues with Eastern the real darkhorse.

East Lansing St. Mary and Resurrection will spend the season rebuilding for future track campaigns.

The outdoor season officially begins Tuesday with Everett and East Lansing running at Everett's field, possibly at night under the stadium lights, and St. Mary playing host to Resurrection at Sexton's track.

The first big week continues Thursday with Resurrection competing with Holt at Pattenhill Stadium. Friday Sexton is at Everett and East Lansing is at Eastern.

Sexton may possess strength in the field events, boasting a state Class A rumpup in the pole vault and an Upper Peninsula shotput record holder. Denny McDowell won the city pole vault title by going 11-06 and placed second in the state wide meet.

The other is newcomer Steve Yatchak, who transferred from Wakefield in the Upper Peninsula where he won the IP Class C shotput title. Yatchak and Everett's Rich Schray, the defending city champion, are expected to engage in a real tussle when they meet. Schray, a senior, losses 51-3½ while Yatchak set an Upper Peninsula Class C record with a toss of 49-8½.

Maples said his Sexton team does not boast a performer who piles up many points. "Instead we rely upon several athletes to score key points," he said.

The Reds coach has a long list of track men he plans to use this season. Among them are Howard Ouster, high jump; Roy-al Green and Willie McKisson, sprints; Gordon Dewey, mile, and Tom Warriner, half mile.

Everett has fewer performers to depend on. They are Tom Smith, who won two sprint events in the Huron Relays two weeks ago; Henry Patton, hurdler who captured the 45-yard high hurdles at the Huron meet, and high jumper Jim Pierce, who is having his problems outdoors after hitting 6-2 indoors.

Eastern, which hit the bottom in the Six-A last season, could spring some surprises this season, just like the one the Quakers came up with at Mt. Pleasant last week. The medley relay team won its event, coming out on top of Saginaw Valley track powers.

The relay team was made up of Todd Park, Vernon Lietzke, Bud Parke and Mike Pierce, who are among the nine letterwiners Coach Charles Sweeney has for his first year at the Eastern helm. It is the largest number of veterans among city schools.

Another letterwinner, high jumper Bob Gordon, tied for third in his event at Central Michigan.

"This certainly is a rebuilding year for East Lansing," said coach Jim Meulenbyke. "Several pointmakers departed. However, there are some top-flight letterwinners returning."

The quartet of veterans working this season are half miler Jim Vetruba, the Trojans' sole city champion, Bob Combs, one of the better hurdlers in the area; Tom Black, a pole vaulter who soared 11-6 last year, and Don Stewart.

Among others with varsity experience is miler Dan Daugheby, son of the Michigan State football coach, Duffy Daugheby.

Paul Pozega, St. Mary coach, said the balance is gone from his team which won the Class C state track title last year.

"The departure of three key men has taken a lot of potential points away," he said.

"Only one half of the relay team remains — sprinter Tim Rausig and Bill VanZwoell — and miler Tom Dalton, who was first in the state meet last year," Pozega said. "I've got only five seniors among the 23 who are practicing and I've got to find some half milers."

The situation appears to be even more desperate at Resurrection, where coach Ray Lincoln has only three seniors working out with a squad dominated by sophomores and freshmen.

"We have no real balance and Jack experienced sprinters and pole vaulters," Lincoln said.

Most of the Shamrocks' points are expected to come from three seniors — Tom Hills, shot put, high jump and both hurdles; Bob Fillen, broad jump, high jump and the hurdles, and Terry Burt, broad and high jumper and 440 runner, and Tim Metz, 440 run.

"We lost our sprinters and pole vaulter from last season and must replace them if we expect to climb from fifth place in the city meet and maintain third place in the Capital Circuit," the coach said.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) Two Southeastern Conference schools, in addition to Kentucky, are willing to break the color barrier in athletics and play against Negroes at home or away, and at least three others probably will follow suit.

Athletic Director Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech, one of the two schools with no reservations said the issue of Negro athletes "will force some teams to withdraw from the SEC—which is segregated by tradition, not rule."

The schools' positions were outlined Friday in responses to questionnaires sent to all 11 other league members by the University of Kentucky and sportswriter Larry Roark of the Louisville Courier-Journal. Kentucky is considering integrating athletically.

Georgia Tech and Tulane said they would compete against Negroes at home or away, and would continue to schedule Kentucky if able to the Houston Colts in the 1961 National League player pool.

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Farrell Doesn't Hate Dodgers, Likes to Beat 'Em

HOUSTON (AP) Dick Farrell says he really does not hate the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The big Houston right-hander was quoted during spring training in Arizona as saying he hated the team that made him available to the Houston Colts in the 1961 National League player pool.

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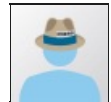
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