

Everett, Sexton Top Th

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Everett and Sexton are but two of the 67 Class A schools in The State Journal-Spartan High School Relays this weekend but both could take major shares of the honors.

Sexton placed third at the recent Huron Relays in Ypsilanti with 21 points while Everett was a close fourth with 21½ and both could do even better when the Class A portion of the meet is held at Jenison Fieldhouse Saturday.

The meet opens Friday with the Class B section and two Class C relays. The meet will start at 1 p.m. each day with finals in the pole vault, shot put and two-mile relay and preliminaries in the hurdles, dashes and shuttle hurdles relay. The rest of the events will be held at night, starting at 6 p.m.

Tickets to the meet, which is co-sponsored by The State Journal and Michigan State's athletic department, will be sold at the gate each day. Gen-

eral admission for each day's two sessions is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students at any grade level.

There will be about 1,000 athletes in the Class A portion of the meet but two of the brightest stars should be Everett's Henry Patino and Sexton's Willie McKissic.

Patino, a senior who placed third in the state Class A high hurdles last year, will be favored in both the 70-yard high and low hurdles. He won the 65-yard high hurdles at the

Huron Relays in his last year and has posted times of :14.5 for the high and :13.3 for the low outdoors, the fastest clockings ever turned in by a city athlete.

In addition to hurdling, Patino also may run on the Vikings' 800-yard and shuttle hurdles relay teams. The 800 relay team won at Ypsilanti in 1:32.9, one of the fastest times in the nation this season. Teaming with Patino were Les Koven, Tom Smith and Rich Ryals. Running with Patino on

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the shuttle hurdles team will be Russ Barnes, Jim Pearce and Ken Horisny.

McKissic, a 5-7 senior, plays a major role for Sexton in both the 60-yard dash and the 800-yard relay. McKissic was second in the 60 at the Huron Relays and he has been timed in :09.8 for the 100-yard dash outdoors, the fastest time ever run by a city high school boy. The Big Reds' 800 relay team was fourth at Ypsilanti and could give Everett a tough time. Besides McKissic, other 800 relay team members will

be Royal Green, Fred Helton and Jim Mannel.

Everett's Tom Smith, who was third at Ypsilanti in the 60, could press McKissic while other top Viking entries will be Jim Pearce in the broad jump, Duane Wells in the pole vault, and the mile relay team. Wells, only a sophomore, cleared 11 feet, 6 inches at Ypsilanti while Pearce, who leaped 21-1½ last year, is just rounding into form after basketball.

The Vikings' mile relay team also could be a threat. Three members, Jim Rapp, Ron Lew-

andowsky and Mickey Debnar, are back from last year's team that ran 3:34.8.

The quartet of Chuck Bostrom, Joe Barnett, Lindsey Henderson and Roger Davis gave Sexton a second place in the shuttle hurdles relay at the Huron Relays but the Big Reds were clocked in the same time as the winner.

Davis also will compete in the high jump and Henderson in the broad jump. Based on their performances at Ypsilanti, both should be among the

top placers Saturday. Davis cleared 6-1 but went as high as 6-3½ last year, the best leap ever made by a city athlete. Henderson did 21-4¼ in 1963 but came close to that 11 days ago with a 21-¾ effort.

East Lansing, the other Greater Lansing Class A school in the meet, doesn't possess the depth of Everett or Sexton but the Trojans could be the winner in the two-mile relay. Among the members of that team will be Dion Stewart and Steve Miller, two of the best half-milers in the area.