

State Journal-MSU Sponsored Meet Runs Today, Saturday

Seaholm Chief Threat in Spartan High School Relays



HENRY PATINO
Everett Hurdler

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Birmingham Seaholm already rules the waves. Now the Maples are trying to spread their domination to the land as well.

Seaholm has been the swimming power of the state in recent years but this year it looks like the Eastern Michigan school will be strong in track as well.

The Maples won the team title at the recent Huron Relays and will be favored for the team crown at the Class A portion of The State Journal-Spartan High School Relays in Michigan State's Jenison Fieldhouse Saturday.

The meet opens today with the Class B portion, also at Jenison. Finals in the pole vault, shot put and two mile relay plus preliminaries in

dashes, hurdles and shuttle hurdles relay will be held this afternoon, starting at 1 p.m., while the rest of finals will be held tonight, beginning at 6 p.m.

The same time schedule will be used for both Class A and B portions of the meet, which is co-sponsored by The State Journal and Michigan State's athletic department.

Tickets will be sold at the gate each day.

Some 60 schools and 1,100 athletes are expected to compete in the Class A section. Counting Class B entries, the meet, which is being started this year, will draw a combined entry of 112 schools and 1,700 athletes, making it the largest indoor meet ever to be held in the state.

Seaholm walked away with the Huron Relays title by scor-

ing 57 points. However, Everett and Sexton, the area's two strongest teams, plus Ann Arbor could make the going rough.

Every event should be just as closely contested as the team title. Listed below is an event-by-event rundown of the Class A entries:

60-YARD DASH — (59 en-

tries) Sexton's Willie McKissic is the favorite although Tom Smith of Everett and Harold Olds of Grand Ledge could surprise. The best non-area entry is Arnie Williams of Battle Creek Central.

ONE-MILE RUN — (61 entries) Farmington's Dennis Hunt, third in the state meet last year, is favored off his

personal best of 4:23.3. However, Bob Richards of Bloomfield Hills won at the Huron Relays and could be tough. No outstanding local entry.

70-YARD HIGH AND LOW HURDLES — (54 entries in the highs and 59 in the lows) Everett's Henry Patino, third in the state meet high last year, is heavily favored in both events. Ken Dyer of Ann Arbor, Steve Anzur of Hazel Park and Dick Speights of Battle Creek Central could be tough.

HIGH JUMP — (51 entries) Ann Arbor's Ken Dyer leaped 6 feet, 5 inches last year but he recently completed basketball and it's hard to determine his shape. Sexton's Roger Davis should be among the leaders. He's done 6'2½ and was near that with his 6-1 in

the Huron Relays. One of the entries is Lee Lafayette of Grand Rapids South, the all-state basketball player who stands 6-6.

BROAD JUMP — (51 entries) Lindsey Henderson of Sexton, Rick Dunn of Howell and Jim Pearce of Everett should be among the leaders. All have jumped farther than 21 feet while Dunn has a best of 21-10½. The favorite is Dennis Laminan of Roseville, who has done 22 feet.

POLE VAULT — (44 entries) Walled Lake's Steve Pitcher is a big favorite with his personal best of 13-3. He cleared 13 feet at Ypsilanti two weeks ago. Sophomore Duane Wells of Everett is the top lo-



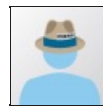
WILLIE MCKISSIC
Sexton Sprinter

Relays Ticket Prices, Times

General admission tickets for The State Journal-Spartan High School Relays at Jenison Fieldhouse today and Saturday are priced at \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students at any grade level. Tickets are available at the gate and are good for both the afternoon and evening sessions of the meet each day.

The Class B portion of the meet started this afternoon and will continue tonight, beginning at 7 p.m. Preliminaries and the finals in the pole vault, shotput and two-mile relay in the Class A section of the meet will be held Saturday afternoon, starting at 1 p.m. The finals Saturday night will begin at 6 p.m. with the first running event slated for 7 p.m.

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cal entry with a personal best
of 11-6.

SHOT PUT — (53 entries)
Dennis Lamb of Southfield is
the choice with his best of 52
feet, 2 inches. The best from
the area is Sexton's Larry
Rogna, who threw 47 feet last
year.

880-YARD RELAY — (55
teams). Everett is the big fa-
vorite, having clocked 1:33.9
at Ypsilanti, one of the fastest
prep times in the nation this
year. Sexton also should be
strong while Flint Southwest-
ern and Ecorse are the best
from outside the area.

ONE-MILE RELAY — (54
teams) Seaholm won at Ypsi-
lanti with a good 3:35.7 but
Howell was second at 3:37.5.
Sexton and Everett also should
be among the top finishers.

TWO-MILE RELAY — (51
teams) Seaholm and Howell
also could fight it out in this
event but a strong challenger
could be East Lansing.

SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY
(440-220-220-440) — (50 teams)
It's hard to judge this event
because it's not often run but
Sexton and Everett should be
among the leaders.

**SHUTTLE HURDLES RE-
LAY** (38 teams) Sexton is the
pick because of its strong
second place finish at the Hur-
on Relays. Everett could be
tough if Patino runs.



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