

Ann Arbor Threat in Six-A Track Battle

Pioneers After Sexton

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Storm warnings are up for Sexton in the race for the Six-A League track title this spring.

The Big Reds have won the league title for the last four years but Ann Arbor could threaten that streak this year, especially after the Pioneers' impressive showing in The State Journal-Spartan High School Relays in Jenison Fieldhouse Saturday.

Ann Arbor scored 25 points while Sexton was second with 16. Birmingham Seaholm and Romulus tied for third with 12 points apiece while Howell, Bloomfield Hills, Mount Clemens and Roseville tied for fifth with 10 points each.

Schools scoring less than 10

Lary...

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with a .131 average, got his first hit in four trips to drive home George Smith from second. Smith opened the 10th with a single and was sacrificed to second by Norm Cash.

Fred Gladding, who is expected to be one of the top bullpen men this summer, also had a good day. He didn't give up a hit in the final three innings. He picked up his second decision against one defeat. Dressen said it was Gladding's best showing of the spring.

Lary left the game with a 1-0 lead on Bruton's 400-foot homer against the wind in center field. He was the first batter to face Art McHaffey,

points in the meet were Everett 9½, Garden City 9, Detroit Catholic Central and Ecorse 8 each, Waterford Kettering 7, Battle Creek Central 6, Detroit DeLaSalle, Farmington, Flint Southwestern and Southfield 4 each, Ypsilanti 3½, Hazel Park, Milford and Sturgis 3 each, Grand Blanc, Grosse Pointe, Southgate, Detroit U. of D. and Waterford 2 each, and Wayne, Warren Lincoln, Jackson Parkside and Dearborn, 1 apiece.

The points were so widely scattered that with two events the team leader had only 11 points. Ann Arbor scored a first and a second in the last two events for the victory.

Even though the Pioneers had indoor facilities to train in while Sexton does not, Ann Arbor still should be a top contender for the conference title.

"It gives us a little to think about in the Six-A," said Sexton coach Russ Maples after the meet. "They'll be real tough."

The Big Reds got some top performances from sprinter Willie McKissic and broad jumper Lindsey Henderson but the tarnish on McKissic's victory in the 60-yard dash was dulled somewhat by an injury.

The Sexton senior ran away from the 60-yard dash field in :06.4 but after crossing the finish line hit the restraining rope, was thrown to the ground and suffered a pulled groin muscle. He will be out indefinitely.

Henderson took only two jumps in the broad jump but they were 21 feet, 11 inches and 22 feet, 7½ inches, the last one good enough to win and the best leap of Henderson's career.

The meet also was a costly one for Everett, which lost the

services of Henry Patino for about two weeks with strained knee ligaments. Patino had the best times in the high and low hurdles heats before being sidelined in the semifinals with the injury.

On the brighter side for coach Ron Barr was the strong showing by Jim Pearce in the high jump. The 6-3 senior placed third in the event with a city record of 6 feet, 3¼ inches, breaking the old mark of 6-2½ set by Sexton's Roger Davis last year.

The leap was more remarkable in that Pearce had been training for track for only two weeks and he had jumped about only three times in practice. Pearce had a previous personal best of 6-1½.

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