Gobblers Worry W&M Coach; Spartans Host Norfolk Relays

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Now is the time William and Mary's trackmen start "getting with it."

It's State Collegiate Meet time and the Indians have their pride as Virginia's best to defend.

In outings up to now, it's been fun and games for the Indians to a large extent. Coach John Randolph hasn't asked for or needed a miracle or two.

That could change Saturday when the Indians go after their 12th consecutive State title at Cary Field. Primed for an upset is rival Virginia Tech, a narrow loser to the Tribe indoors.

Norfolk State isn't in the field, and because of that the State affair could evolve into a dual meet between the Indians and Gobblers.

The Spartans will be busy hosting the Norfolk Relays Saturday against the likes of Adelphi, Morgan State, Delaware State, and Howard.

Randolph feels the absence of the Spartans will hurt the Indians more than the Blacksburg crew.

"It's going to be a tight meet," insists the Tribe skipper, who is willing to wager that the Indians and Gobblers will be within 10 points of each other at the end. "VPI took us down to the last events indoors and we went all out to win that one.

"We're going to have to double up people in several events and injuries could hurt us. Bill Louv, defending champ in the three-mile run, is still hurt."

With Norfolk State missing, the Techmen should score heavily in the sprints with the likes of Colonial Relays 100 champ Andre Releford and former Bethel High star Morris Blueford.

Defending champs in the field include Reggie Clark (880 and mile) and Charles Dobson (high hurdles) from W&M, pole vaulter Eddie Nuttycombe and intermediate hurdler Mike Kacz from Virginia Tech, long jumper Norman Williams from Richmond, and triple jumper Tom Freshwater.