



Nine Miles and Still Smiling!

The dynamic trio of Dan Chenoweth, Nathan Schlindwein, and Brian Chenoweth successfully completed the difficult 3200 / 1600 double to score forty-one of the Leafs' 134 points in Friday's Fifth Place finish at the Rock Island Invitational. The Leafs showed a lot of depth in the Rocky "A - B - C Format" meet.

Leafs overcome obstacles to shine at the Rock Island Invite

On Friday night, Geneseo participated in the powerful 14-team Rock Island Invitational. Regarded as one of the state's premier April invitationals, the Leafs placed a strong 5th on a night that was far from ideal. Temperatures falling into the low 40's, cold rain, and strong winds made the evening a challenge for all. In addition, the Leafs were competing without junior Shaun Russell who was held out with a tight hamstring as a precautionary measure.

Leading the charge were the following individuals who placed in the top 3: **High Jump (C):** Bren Gillespie; **Long Jump (C):** Jacob Kuban (3rd); **Pole Vault (C):** Skylar Miller (3rd); **Shot Put (A):** Joe Paradiso (3rd); **Shot Put (B):** Chris Brooks (3rd); **3200 Meter Run (A):** Brian Chenoweth (2nd); **3200 Meter Run (B):** Dan Chenoweth (1st); **3200 Meter Run (C):** Nathan Schlindwein (1st); **400 Meter Dash (A):** Luke Reschke (1st); **300 Intermediate Hurdles (C):** Wolfe Repass (2nd); **3200 Meter Run (A)** Brian Chenoweth (3rd); **3200 Meter Run (B):** Dan Chenoweth (1st); **3200 Meter Run (C):** Nathan Schlindwein (3rd); **200 Meter Dash (B):** Cody Leamen (3rd). Outstanding work men.

A special 5 for one tootsie roll offer was in effect for season bests due to the tough weather conditions. The coaches may need to buy an extra bag or two because many were obtained.

RESULTS **MEET PHOTOS**

Homewood-Flossmoor trips up Rocks at R.I. Invitational

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Turnabout was too unfair a play for the Rock Island boys' track and field team Friday night at RIHS Public Schools Stadium.

After going to Homewood-Flossmoor and winning last weekend's Viking Invitational on H-F's home track, the Vikings returned the favor, winning the Rock Island Invitational by 16.5 points, 181-164.5.

Moline was fourth in the 14-team meet, with 139.5 points, while Geneseo (134) was fifth and United Township (100.5) ninth. Alleman (30.5) was 14th.

"Last week up at Homewood-Flossmoor it was real close and we caught them at the end," Rocks junior sprinter Raphael Brown said. "We had a lot of guys hurt this week. We wanted to pull it off, but we didn't, and that's from people being hurt."

The Rocks were missing at least four contributors Friday night.

Brown held up his end of the Rocks' point production, sweeping the A flight 100- and 200-meter dashes, using a false-start call on the 400 relay team, a call that disqualified the team, as motivation.

Because of the margin of victory, the meet would have been closer had the Rocks gotten points in that relay, but the overall outcome would have remained the same.

"Coach (Ed Lillis) said that was an Olympic start. It was right on the money," Brown said of his start out of the blocks. "But the starter didn't appreciate the effort, I guess. I went into the locker room and thought about it. If I hadn't won those two races (the 100 and 200), I would have been mad at myself."

"I used it as motivation the rest of the night. I had to win those races."

Brown nipped Harlem's Trey Kelly at the line in the 100, as both runners clocked in at 11.48



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Moline junior Morgan Taylor flies through the air before landing a long jump during the Rock Island Boys Invitational Track and Field Meet on Friday at Rock Island Stadium.

seconds, and he held off Thornwood's Travis Jackson in the 200, winning by .16 seconds with a time of 22.62.

Rock Island's only other A-flight victory came from high jumper Aaron Strickland, who won with a leap of 6-feet, 6-inches. The senior made the crossbar waver a bit at 6-4, but easily sailed over 6-6 — one inch above the state-qualifying height.

"I actually have some confidence in myself now," Strickland said, comparing his jumping to the beginning of the outdoor season. "Apparently, I don't

start off well. That's what I always seem to do. But as the bar goes up, I go up."

The Maroons finished fourth despite no victories in the A-flight, thanks to solid depth, particularly in the hurdles and sprints. Geneseo took fifth with just one A-flight win and several lower-flight wins in the distance events.

Luke Reschke snared the Maple Leafs' lone A-flight victory. The senior pulled away from a solid field in the 400 to clock a 49.40 finish, well under the state-qualifying time of 49.94.

"The 400 has always been my race; it's kind of the way my body is built, for these kinds of races," Reschke said. "Winning this feels just a lot better than anything I did in the long jump. It makes up for not winning there."

Although the Panthers finished ninth as a team, UT did nab two A-flight wins. In the pole vault, the final event of the night, Panther junior Ian Pavelonis cleared a state-qualifying height of 13-9.

"There's really nothing I can say about how good (clearing 13-9) feels," Pavelonis said. "We're all at practices sometimes until 6:30 or 7 at night, just working. This was a relief, to get that off my shoulders."

The Panthers swept the pole vault flights — they were the only team to do that in any event Friday night — and also got the victory in the 3,200-meter relay. The big move in that event was Kevin DeWalsche's kick down the stretch of the third leg, moving past Machesney Park Harlem into first place for good.

"I had to kick it in (down the stretch) and give Damon (Bautista, anchor man) the lead, because the Harlem kids are tough," DeWalsche said. "That was the first time we beat Harlem this year; they beat us by two seconds at the Kiwanis Invitational. So we felt like we had to get them."

Leafs place fourth at high-power meet

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The Geneseo boys track and field team battled mother nature's rain, strong winds and cold temps last Friday, April 22 and emerged with a fifth-place finish in a powerhouse Rock Island Invite out of 14 teams. Placing first was Homewood-Flossmoor followed by Rock Island, Machesney Park (Harlem) and Moline. The Leafs ended the meet with five first-place finishes, three seconds, six thirds, four fourths and four fifths.

"Without Shaun Russell, we were hoping to sneak into the top half of the field," Head Coach Don Fredericks said. "The guys really stepped it up to place in the top five."

Sophomore Bren Gillespie won the high jump C division, clearing the bar at 5-8, while senior Luke Reschke claimed first in the 400-m dash A, clocking in at 49.40 seconds. Sophomore Dan Chenoweth grabbed two first places, in the 3200-m run and the 1600-m run B divisions. In the 3200-m run D, Chenoweth crossed the finish line in 9:47.41 and finished at 4:32:00 in the 1600-m run. The Leafs had another first place in the 3200-m C run from senior Nathan

Schlindwein; who clocked in at 10:03.90.

"The top performance of the night came from Luke Reschke who exploded in the 400-m dash, just missing the school record by 200ths of a second," Fredericks said. "He is pretty driven and has a tremendous competitive instinct. He also had a great long jump and 200 race. He had a tremendous meet."

Geneseo received three second-place finishes from senior Brian Chenoweth, junior Skylar Miller and sophomore Wolfe Repass. B. Chenoweth finished the 3200-m A race with a time of 9:43.20 while Miller cleared 10-00 in the pole vault C division and Repass the 300-m hurdles C in 43.99.

"The distance trio of Brian Chenoweth, Dan Chenoweth and Nathan Schlindwein doubled in the 3200-m run and the 1600-m run," Fredericks said. "Brian placed second to an all-stater in the 3200 and Nathan and Dan both won the 3200. Brian ran a 4:27 tremendous time in the 1600 and received double wins in the 3200 and the 1600."

In the long jump C division, freshman Jacob Kuban took third with a mark of 19-1 1/2 while junior Joe Paradiso and sophomore Chris Brooks both placed third in the shot put;

Paradiso in the A division with a heave of 50-7 and Brooks in the B division with a 43-9 1/4 toss. Schlindwein raced to a third-place finish in the 1600-m C run race with a time of 4:40.62 while B. Chenoweth came in third in the 1600-m A run in 4:27.71. Senior Cody Leamen also grabbed a third-place finish, taking the tape in 23.52 in the 200-m dash B division.

Reschke claimed fourth place in both the long jump and the 200-m dash, both A divisions. In the long jump, Reschke leaped to a 20-9 1/2 mark and in the 200-m dash clocked in with a 22.91 finish. Leamen also took fourth in the long jump in the C division with a jump of 19-4 and in the 100-m dash in 11.58.

"The guys were scoring points all over the place. A strong part of our team is we are a very balanced team," Fredericks said.

The Leafs received four fifth-place finishes to round out their 22 finishes within the top five. The 400-m relay of junior Kyle Glazier, senior Augie Anderson, Leamen and Reschke took fifth, coming in at 45.38, while freshman Shane Reschke and sophomore Jesse Gessel both finished in the top five of the 400-m dash. S. Reschke in the B division finished with a time

of 54.16 and Gessel placed in the C division in 54.46. In the 300-m hurdles, senior Eric Darwin reached the top five, clocking in at 42.50 for fifth place.

"There were a lot of state powerhouses and we beat a lot of very good teams. We are very pleased," Fredericks said. "The guys did a great job of overcoming the adverse weather."

The freshmen/ sophomore team swept the Geneseo Frosh-Soph Invite Monday, April 25, emerging victorious out of eight teams with an overall team score of 235. The Leaf squad won the sophomore division of the meet with a score of 137 and the freshmen won their division with a team score of 98. Geneseo placed in the top five in 29 out of 32 events with 11 first-place finishes, 12 seconds, three thirds, one fourth and two fifths.

In the sophomore discus event, Brooks placed third with a throw of 109-4 while Gillespie took second in the high jump for the sophomores, clearing the bar at 5-4. Blake VerStraete grabbed a second-place finish for Geneseo in the long jump with a mark of 16-9 while Andrew Timmerman took fourth in the pole vault at 8-6. Brooks added a second-place finish for the day in the

shot put with a 44-11 1/2 heave.

Elliott Kenney won the triple jump for the sophomores with a final leap of 37-00 while Tom Blean claimed first in the 3200-m run, clocking in at 11:07.41. Repass raced to a second-place finish in the 110-m hurdles with a time of 17.36 followed by Sam Woolsey placing fifth in the 100-m dash in 12.32.

In the sophomore 800-m run, Nate Silver finished in second place in 2:14.01 while Gessel claimed the victory in the 400-m dash in 55.65. Repass won the 300-m hurdles in 45.30. In the 1600-m run D. Chenoweth was victorious, crossing the finish line in 4:40.13 for the final sophomore victory of the meet.

In freshmen action, Ben Koenig took third in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5-2, while Kuban won the long jump with a leap of 18-1. Jaran Heaton won the freshman pole vault, clearing 9-00. Aaron Schilling won the triple jump event with a final mark of 39-4. Ryan Kotecki raced to a first-place finish in the 3200-m run, clocking in at 11:27.63, while Heaton took second in the 110-m hurdles in 17.06.

S. Reschke grabbed a second-place finish in the freshman 100-m dash, crossing the line in 11.75, while Nordstrom

won the 800-m run in 2:12.12. Placing for the Leafs in the final four events were Andy Collis in the 400-m dash in 58.59 in third; Heaton in the 300-m hurdles with a time of 46.82 in second; Kotecki taking fifth in the 1600-m run in 5:32.18 and S. Reschke taking second in the 200-m dash in 24.41.

In the relay events, the 1600-m team of Collis, Nordstrom, Repass and Silver claimed second place in 3:43.93 while the 800-m relay of Kenney, Kuban, Woolsey and S. Reschke took second, crossing the line in 1:39.74.

The 400-m relay of Beau Neece, Kuban, Woolsey and S. Reschke also came in second with a time of 47.46, while the 3200-m relay of D. Chenoweth, Jon Fleming, Collis and Silver grabbed a first-place finish with a time of 9:02.29.

"The RI meet was a solid team effort across the board," Fredericks said.

Geneseo will be in action at 5 p.m. today, April 29, in the Sterling Invite.

"The Sterling Invite will be another strong meet, with a lot of top teams competing," Fredericks said. "Both the boys and girls teams will be at the meet and it will be a good chance to support both programs."

Rock Island Invitational Results

Varsity Results

Host Site: Rock Island Public Stadium

Date: 4/22/05

Weather Conditions: 44....cold...rain and strong winds at times.

Scoring: Relays: 12-10-8-6-4-2; Individual A: 10-8-7-6-5-4; Individual B: 8-6-5-4-3-2; Individual C: 6-5-4-3-2-1

Results System: FAT

Team Scores: 1.) Homewood-Flossmoor 181; 2.) Rock Island 164.50; 3.) Machesney Park (Harlem) 155.50; 4.) Moline 139.50; 5.) Geneseo 134; 6.) Naperville (Central) 131; 7.) South Holland (Thornwood) 116; 8.) Bartlett 106; 9.) United Township 102.50; 10.) Lockport 100.50; 11.) Rockford (Guilford) 63; 12T.) Peoria High 41; 12T.) Peoria (Richwoods) 41; 14.) Rock Island Alleman 30.50

Discus A: 1.) Behling (Harlem-12) 173' 06"; 2.) Johnson (12-Rock Island) 165' 08"; 3.) Schallmo (11-Homewood-Flossmoor) 163' 00"; 4.) Trepanier (12-Naperville Central) 139' 02"; 5.) Mitchell (12-Lockport) 132' 00"; 6.) Swanson (12-U.T.) 130' 03"; 12.) Chris Brooks (10-Geneseo) 111' 00"

Discus B: 1.) Bower (12-Rock Island) 134' 08"; 2.) Douse (12-Homewood-Flossmoor) 134' 01"; 3.) Gausmann (10-Naperville Central) 117' 05"; 4.) Kocek (12-Lockport) 116' 02"; 5.) Bradford (10-Peoria H.S.) 113' 00"; 6.) Andersen (12-Bartlett) 112' 02"; 8.) Corey Akers (10-Geneseo) 107' 03"

Discus C: 1.) Bray (Homewood-Flossmoor-12) 127' 06"; 2.) Thornton (10-Rock Island) 118' 08"; 3.) Malone (12-Peoria H.S.) 115' 10"; 4.) Hanson (11-U.T.) 113' 10"; 5.) Dessert (9-Moline) 108' 07"; 6.) Josh Olson (10-Geneseo) 108' 04"

High Jump A: 1.) Strickland (12-Rock Island) 6' 06"; 2T.) Green (12-Peoria H.S.) 6' 02"; 2T.) Brown (12-Homewood-Flossmoor) 6' 02"; 4.) McManis (11-Richwoods) 6' 02"; 5.) Tran (12-U.T.) 6' 00"; 6.) Byron Stanley (12-Geneseo) 6' 00"

High Jump B: 1.) Oliphant (11-Homewood-Flossmoor) 5' 10"; 2.) Ledbetter (9-Moline) 5' 08"; 3.) Richardson (10-Rock Island) 5' 08"; 4T.) Panfill (10-Lockport) 5' 08"; 4T.) Greer (11-U.T.) 5' 08"; 6T.) Justin Heaton (11-Geneseo) 5' 06"; 6T.) Cail (12-Thornwood) 5' 06"

High Jump C: 1.) Bren Gillespie (10-Geneseo) 5' 08"; 2.) Okeke (11-Homewood-Flossmoor) 5' 08"; 3.) Patton (12-U.T.) 5' 06"; 4.) Quinn (10-Rock Island) 5' 06"; 5.) Hamilton (12-Peoria H.S.) 5' 04"; 6.) Nikolopolus (10-Richwoods) 5' 04"

Long Jump A: 1.) McManis (11-Richwoods) 22' 01 1/2"; 2.) Kelly (12-Harlem) 21' 02 1/2"; 3.) McQueen (11-Rock Island) 21' 02 1/2"; 4.) Luke Reschke (12-Geneseo) 20' 09 1/2"; 5.) Orr (12-Thornwood) 20' 06 1/2"; 6.) Wood (11-Homewood-Flossmoor) 20' 03 1/2"

Long Jump B: 1.) Jackson (12-Thornwood) 20' 03 1/2"; 2.) Moore (11-Bartlett) 20' 01 1/2"; 3.) Oliphant (11-Homewood-Flossmoor) 19' 05 1/2"; 4.) Cody Leamen (12-Geneseo) 19' 04"; 5.) Adaire (12-Guilford) 19' 02"; 6.) Musgrow (09-U.T.) 18' 11"

Long Jump C: 1.) Muldrow (12-Homewood-Flossmoor) 19' 04"; 2.) Majors (09-Thornwood) 19' 02"; 3.) Jacob Kuban (09-Geneseo) 19' 01 1/2"; 4.) Mueting (12-Moline) 18' 05"; 5.) Gunter (10-Rock Island) 18' 02"; 6.) Wolak (10-Lockport) 17' 11"

Pole Vault A: 1.) Pavelonis (11-U.T.) 13' 09"; 2.) Doyle (11-Moline) 13' 00"; 3.) Turnbull (12-Naperville Central) 12' 06"; 4T.) Lovelace (12-Harlem) 12' 06"; 4T.) Fager (12-Peoria H.S.) 12' 06"; 6T.) Lofgren (12-Richwoods) 11' 06"; 6T.) Valliere (11-Alleman) 11' 06"; 8T.) Brian Sandoval (12-Geneseo) 11' 00"

Pole Vault B: 1.) Curlless (11-U.T.) 12' 00"; 2.) Michel (10-Naperville Central) 11' 06"; 3.) Delp

54.16; 6.) Jackson (11-Lockport) 54.43

400 Meter Dash C: 1.) Cozzi (09-Lockport) 52.36; 2.) Kokshin (11-Moline) 52.42; 3.) Pearson (11-Thornwood) 53.48; 4.) Suleiman (11-Guilford) 53.94; 5.) Jesse Gessel (10-Geneseo) 54.46; 6.) Johnson (09-Harlem) 54.87

Weightman's 400 Meter Relay (non-scored event): 1.) Naperville Central (Martynowicz 09, Welker 12, Trepanier 12, Gausmann 10) 52.18; 2.) Alleman (Berg 12, DuPrey 12, DeSmet 11, VanSpeybroeck 11) 52.80; 3.) Homewood-Flossmoor (no names listed) 52.91; 4.) Bartlett (Emrich 11, Mahoney 11, Behles 11, Andresen 12) 53.02; 5.) Lockport (no names listed) 53.15; 6.) United Township (Swanson 12, Reed 10, Hanson 11, Cameron 11) 53.52; Geneseo no entry

300 Intermediate Hurdles A: 1.) Bailey (12-Homewood-Flossmoor) 40.16; 2.) Hopkins (12-Bartlett) 40.53; 3.) Luckenvaugh (12-Harlem) 41.11; 4.) Mueting (12-Moline) 42.06; 5.) Eric Darwin (12-Geneseo) 42.50; 6.) Lovingood (11-Richwoods) 42.54

300 Intermediate Hurdles B: 1.) Ledbetter (09-Moline) 41.27; 2.) Gutierrez (11-Harlem) 41.99; 3.) Helberg (12-Naperville Central) 43.16; 4.) Simone (11-Bartlett) 43.79; 5.) Dill (10-Homewood-Flossmoor) 44.07; 6.) Gist (10-Thornwood) 44.13; 8.) Caleb Dierick (11-Geneseo) 44.45

300 Intermediate Hurdles C: 1.) Mallory (12-Homewood-Flossmoor) 43.42; 2.) Wolfe Repass (10-Geneseo) 43.99; 3.) Gall (11-Moline) 44.00; 4.) Turner (11-Harlem) 45.16; 5.) Delgado (10-Bartlett) 45.47; 6.) Hickman (10-Rock Island) 46.91

1600 Meter Run A: 1.) Richardson (11-Harlem) 4:24.32; 2.) Beaird (11-Naperville Central) 4:27.20; 3.) Brian Chenoweth (12-Geneseo) 4:27.71; 4.) Hird (Alleman) 4:28.34; 5.) M. Mohamed (12-Bartlett) 4:29.48; 6.) Martinez (11-Guilford) 4:30.04

1600 Meter Run B: 1.) Dan Chenoweth (10-Geneseo) 4:32.00; 2.) Duffy (11-Naperville Central) 4:33.46; 3.) A. Mohamed (11-Bartlett) 4:38.45; 4.) Whitmore (10-Harlem) 4:39.57; 5.) Dupre' (12-Guilford) 4:40.44; 6.) Creger (12-Rock Island) 4:41.23

1600 Meter Run C: 1.) Matthews (11-U.T.) 4:36.05; 2.) Urani (11-Bartlett) 4:38.79; 3.) Nathan Schlindwein (12-Geneseo) 4:40.62; 4.) Crosby (11-Guilford) 4:43.28; 5.) Targosz (Lockport) 4:44.73; 6.) Riley (11-Naperville Central) 4:46.47

Geneseo Splits: Brian Chenoweth: 65 - 2:14 (69) - 3:23 (69) - 4:27 (64); Dan Chenoweth: 64 - 2:15 (71) - 3:26 (71) - 4:32 (66); Nathan Schlindwein: 65 - 2:15 (70) - 3:30 (75) - 4:40 (70)

200 Meter Dash A: 1.) Brown (11-Rock Island) 22.62; 2.) Jackson (12-Thornwood) 22.78; 3.) Wordlaw (12-Homewood-Flossmoor) 22.90; 4.) Luke Reschke (12-Geneseo) 22.91; 5.) Kelly (12-Harlem) 23.18; 6.) Hall (11-Moline) 23.31

200 Meter Dash B: 1.) Orr (12-Thornwood) 23.31; 2.) Smith (12-Homewood-Flossmoor) 23.41; 3.) Cody Leamen (12-Geneseo) 23.52; 4.) Brown (11-Moline) 23.54; 5.) Lewis (09-Rock Island) 23.72; 6.) Massey (12-Bartlett) 23.76

200 Meter Dash C: 1.) Parham (10-Guilford) 23.54; 2.) Kokshin (11-Moline) 23.82; 3.) Evans (10-Rock Island) 23.93; 4.) Majors (09-Thornwood) 24.05; 5.) Tiller (11-Homewood-Flossmoor) 24.42; 6.) Johnosn (09-Harlem) 24.69; 10.) Augie Anderson (Geneseo) 25.45

1600 Meter Relay: 1.) Thornwood (Tucker 12, Tate 12, Butler 11, Pearson 11) 3:30.45; 2.) Harlem (no names listed) 3:32.11; 3.) Peoria H.S. (Perkins 11, Baham 11, Davis 12, Edwards 12) 3:34.21; 4.) Rock Island (McQueen 11, Holmes 12, Seiver 11, Watson 11) 3:35.03; 5.) Naperville Central (Reschke 12, O'Conner 11, Ujari 11, Somers 10) 3:36.41; 6.) Lockport (no names listed) 3:37.23; 11.) Geneseo (Shane Reschke 09, Chance Nordstrom 09, Wofe Repass 10, Nate Silver 10) 3:41.62

Geneseo Splits: Shane Reschke (55.45); Chance Nordstrom (55.91); Wolfe Repass (54.10); Nate Silver (55.62)

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