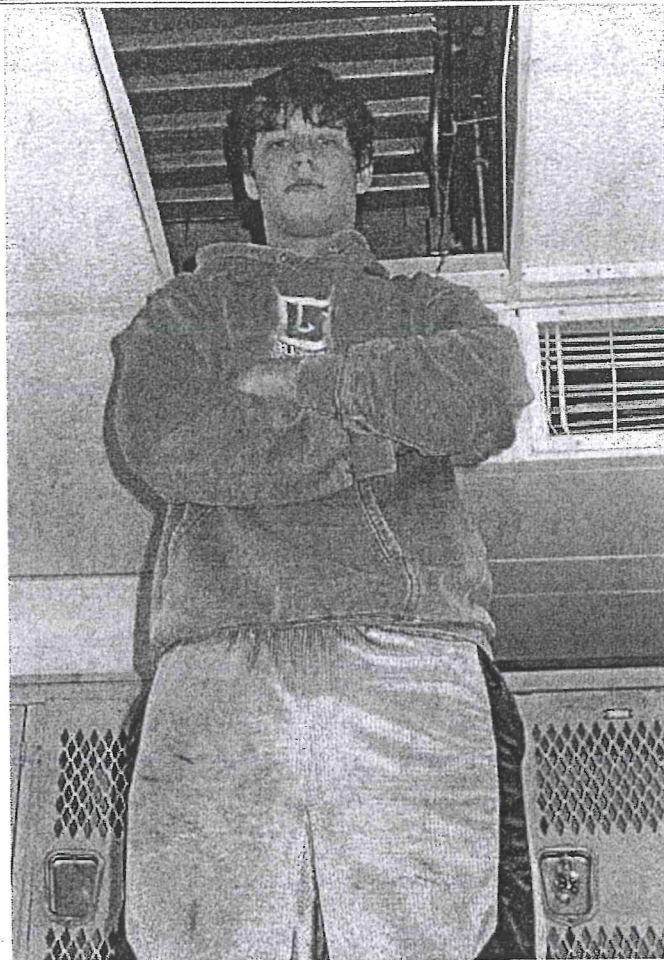




Ballegeer Joins 6 Foot Club in High Jump

Geneseo Junior high jumper Jake Ballegeer placed 2nd in Saturday's competition. Jake cleared 6 feet for the first time in his career. Well done Jake.

Leafs Place a Strong 4th at Sterling Last Chance Invitational

On Saturday, the Leafs traveled to Sterling to participate in the 11-team Last Chance Invitational. Geneseo placed 4th overall in the team competition, only 5 points out of 2nd. Andrew Walter led the charge via winning the long jump. The senior blasted 4 jumps over 21 feet with the winning jump measuring 22' 00 1/2'. The Leafs were led by the following placers:

- Jake Ballegeer: 2nd High Jump
- Rob Barton: 4th Pole Vault
- Kenny Collis: 6th 3200 Meter Relay
- Jon Fleming: 6th 3200 Meter Relay
- Billy Hamer: 4th 400 Meter Dash
- Ryan Kotecki: 6th 3200 Meter Relay
- Jacob Kuban: 3rd Triple Jump
- John Mullin: 6th 3200 Meter Relay
- Shane Reschke: 3rd Long Jump; 6th 55 Meter Dash
- Andrew Walter: 1st Long Jump; 3rd 55 Meter Dash; 3rd 200 Meter Dash

RESULTS

Walter's lone first breaks Leafs into top 5 at Sterling

By AMY BOLDT
Sports Editor

In the final indoor track and field meet for the Geneseo boys' team, the Leafs worked their way into the top 5 of the field March 22 with a fourth-place finish at the Sterling Last Chance Indoor Invitational.

"It was a good effort, but we were not clicking on all cylinders and at 100 percent," said head coach Don Fredericks. "We just got out of our normal routine, but fourth place in this meet is impressive. UT, who won the meet, is really explosive and has improved significantly. Rock Island and Dixon tied for second and we were only five points behind them."

Andrew Walter captured the Leafs lone first-place finish of the meet in the long

jump with a leap of 22 1/2. Walter also brought home third-place finishes in the 55-meter dash in 6.72 seconds and in the 200-m dash with a time of 23.36.

"A highlight of the meet was Andrew Walter taking first in the long jump and jumping over 22 feet and he also had strong third-place finishes," said Fredericks.

Jake Ballegeer cleared 6-0 in the high jump to take second place for the Leafs, while teammate Shane Reschke posted a third-place finish in the long jump with a final mark of 20-4. Jacob Kuban also came in third in



Andrew
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the triple jump for the Leafs with a leap of 40-10.

Billy Hamer added a fourth-place finish in the 400-m dash in 55.11, followed by Rob Barton in fourth in the pole vault with a final height of 11-3.

Additional Track Results

55-m dash- Reschke, sixth, 6.86 and Andrew Walters, 24th, 7.28.

200-m dash- Jaran Heaton, 14th, 25.18 and Luke Lembke, 16th, 25.39.

800-m run- Jon Fleming, 12th, 2:15.42; Kenny Collis, 16th, 2:16.58; and John Mullin, 17th, 2:17.24.

1600-m run- Chad Ford, 10th, 4:58.44 and Ryan Kotecki, 15th, 5:06.67.

55-m hurdles- Tom Peal, seventh and Ben Koenig, 11th, 8.92.

4x200-m relay- Aaron Kotecki, Heaton, Lembke and Walters, ninth, 1:41.72.

4x400-m relay- Hamer, Fleming, Chance Nordstrom and Micah Stewart, eighth, 3:50.76.

4x800-m relay- Nordstrom, Ryan Kotecki, Josh Lodge and Fleming, sixth, 8:58.89.

Additional Field Results

High jump- Peal, ninth, 5-6 and Koenig, 13th, 5-4.

Long jump- Stewart, eighth, 19-3 1/4.

Triple jump- Joe Snyder, 15th, 33-6.

The Leafs will be back in action and start the outdoor season at noon on April 5 in the UTHS Invite in East Moline.

"We need to transition between indoor and outdoor invites and get back to our normal routine," said Fredericks. "I look for us to continue to improve. We should be very good when it's all done, but we have a lot of work to do."

2008 STERLING LAST CHANCE INVITATIONAL

Varsity Results

Host Site: Westwood Sports Complex in Sterling

Date: 3/22/08

Weather Conditions: Indoor

Scoring: 10-8-6-4-2-1

Timing System: F.A.T.

Team Scores: 1.) United Township 130; 2T.) Dixon 57; 2T.) Rock Island 57; 4.) Geneseo 52; 5.) Moline 45; 6.) Harlem 32; 7.) Illinois Valley Central 23; 8.) Sterling 16; 9.) Central Clifton 14; 10.) Rockford Auburn 7; 11.) Providence-St. Mel

High Jump: 1.) Shawn Ledbetter-12 (Moline) 6' 00"; 2.) Jake Ballegeer-11 (Geneseo) 6' 00"; 3T.) Terell Williams-11 (IVC) 5' 10"; 3T.) Michael Crabtree-10 (U.T.) 5' 10"; 5.) Tyrone Deal-12 (Harlem) 5' 10"; 6.) Michael Burke-11 (IVC) 5' 08"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 9T.) Tom Peal-12 5' 06"; 13T.) Ben Koenig-12 5' 04"

Long Jump: 1.) Andrew Walter-12 (Geneseo) 22' 00 1/2"; 2.) Quinton Musgrow-12 (U.T.) 20' 10 1/4"; 3.) Shane Reschke-12 (Geneseo) 20' 04"; 4.) Anthony Young-12 (Rock Island) 20' 02"; 5.) Richard Lewis-12 (Rock Island) 19' 11 1/2"; 6.) Lonnie Davis-12 (Rock Island) 19' 11"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 8.) Jacob Kuban-12 19' 03 1/4"

Additinoal Jumps of Note: Andrew Walter: 21' 09 1/2"; 21' 07 3/4"; 21' 02 1/2" (4 JUMPS OVER 21 FEET)

Pole Vault: 1.) Luke Martinez-12 (U.T.) 13' 09"; 2.) Chris Greenwalt-11 (Dixon) 12' 03"; 3.) Chase Pavelonis-10 (U.T.) 11' 09"; 4.) Rob Barton-11 (Geneseo) 11' 03"; Michael Carroll-12 (Rock Island) 11' 03"; 6.) Cory Grotzinger-12 (Dixon) 10' 09"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: Jaran Heaton-12 M.O.H. Tyler Toom-12 M.O.H.

Shot Put: 1.) Adam DeVine-12 (Dixon) 54' 02"; 2.) Matt Wendt-12 (U.T.) 49' 03"; 3.) Macarthy Folkers-12 (Sterling) 46' 09"; 4.) Mike Shippert-12 (Dixon) 46' 00"; 5.) Jared Mills-11 (Dixon) 44' 10; 6.) David Purkeypole-11 (Harlem) 43' 05"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: none

Triple Jump: 1.) Quinton Musgrow-12 (U.T.) 44' 10"; 2.) Lonnie Davis-12 (Rock Island) 41' 07 1/4"; 3.) Jacob Kuban-12 (Geneseo) 40' 10"; 4.) Terrill Williams-11 (IVC) 40' 08 1/2"; 5.) Josh Calkins-12 (Dixon) 40' 08"; 6.) Alex Evans-11 (U.T.) 39' 02 1/2"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 15.) Joe Snyder-11 35' 06"

3200 Meter Relay: 1.) Dixon (Kyle Boone-11, Eric Dewey-11, Matt Logan, Kasey Ferrigan-11) 8:18.77; 2.) United Township (Jordan Johanson-11, Steven Carlson-11, Brent VanLanduyt-12, Andy Martinez-10) 8:26.52; 3.) Harlem (Benji Mathews-11, Nathan Dufoc-11, Shadly Diab-10, Austin Eddy-12) 8:37.54; 4.) Illinois Valley Central (Joe Otto-12, Kyle Kinnary-12, Kevin Duvall-12, Kyle Doerr-10) 8:56.21; 5.) Central Clifton (Seth Klinefelter-12, Ben Niemann-09, Marshall Nicolay-?, Will Farrell-12) 8:57.26; 6.) Geneseo (Jon Fleming-12, Kenny Collis-10, John Mullin-09, Ryan Kotecki-12) 8:58.89

Geneseo Splits: Jon Fleming 2:17.45 (65 - 72); Kenny Collis 2:13.49 (64 - 69); John Mullin 2:15.68 (59 - 76); Ryan Kotecki 2:11.91 (64 - 67)

55 Meter High Hurdles 11.) Josh Pope-12 (U.T.) 7.67; 2.) Shawn Ledbetter-12 (Moline) 7.70; 3.) Ryan Foster-12 (IVC) 8.22; 4.) Casey Kreiter-11 (Central) 8.55; 5.) Brennen Dir-1- (Sterling) 8.55; 6.) Demetryone Singleton-11 (U.T.) 8.56

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 7.) Tom Peal-12 8.59; 11.) Ben Koenig-12 8.92

55 Meter Dash: 1.) Richard Lewis-12 (Rock Island) 6.38; 2.) Airreo Greer-11 (U.T.) 6.57; 3.) Andrew Walter-12 (Geneseo) 6.72; 4.) Quinton Musgrow-12 (U.T.) 6.76; 5.) DeMykhle Teague-10 (U.T.) 6.77; 6.) Shane Reschke-12 (Geneseo) 6.86

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 24.) Andrew Walters-09 7.28

800 Meter Relay: 1.) Rock Island (Richard Lewis-12, Lonnie Davis-12, Charles Nunn-11, Bryce Banks-12) 1:34.65; 2.) Sterling (Josh Kunde-11, Scott Koster-12, Aaron Johnson-12, Matt Hughes-12) 1:36.28; 3.) Harlem (Tyler Cox-10, Miles Hembrough-?, Tyrone Deal-12, Mike Johnson-12) 1:36.38; 4.) Illinois Valley Central (Nick Wyzgowski-12, Jacob Bjerk-12, Terrell Williams-11, Ryan Foster-12) 1:39.13; 5.) Dixon (Alex Wakely-12, Ben Thornton-09, Josh Calkins-12, Andrew Christ-09) 1:40.29; 6.) Rockford Auburn (Anthony Young-?, Brandon Newton-?, Alvin Gibson-10, Nicholas Newton-12) 1:40.44

Additional Geneseo Athletes & Splits: 9.) Geneseo (Jaran Heaton-12 25.88, Ben Koenig-12 24.97, Luke Lembke-10 25.18, Andrew Walters-09 25.47) 1:41.72

800 Meter Run: 1.) Kasey Ferrigan-11 (Dixon) 2:03.40; 2.) Joe Zahn-11 (Moline) 2:04.09; 3.) John Gaffney-12 (Rock Island) 2:05.42; 4.) Andy Wright-11 (U.T.) 2:08.86; 5.) Shawn Hinton-11 (U.T.) 2:09.52; 6.) Benji Mathews-11 (Harlem) 2:09.53

Additional Geneseo Athletes and Splits: 12.) Jon Fleming-12 2:15.42 (63 - 72); 16.) Kenny Collis-10 2:16.58 (63 - 73); 17.) John Mullin-09 2:17.24 (66 - 71)

400 Meter Dash: 1.) Airreo Greer-11 (U.T.) 52.97; 2.) DeMykhle Teague-10 (U.T.) 54.32; 3.) Seth Garton-12 (Central) 54.85; 4.) Billy Hamer-09 (Geneseo) 55.11; 5.) Steven Carlson-11 (U.T.) 55.56; 6.) Curt Meier-12 (Moline) 55.68

Additional Geneseo Athletes: none

1600 Meter Run: 1.) Jonathan Smith-11 (Moline) 4:37.70; 2.) Shadly Diab-10 (Harlem) 4:40.37; 3.) Matt Logan-11 (Dixon) 4:41.22; 4.) Ian Miller-10 (Moline) 4:42.80; 5.) Shawn Ferguson-12 (Rockford Auburn) 4:50.04; 6.) Charles Dundy-11 (U.T.) 4:50.13

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 10.) Chad Ford-10 4:58.44 (72 - 2:28 (76) - 3:46 (78) - 4:58 (74); 15.) Ryan Kotecki-12 5:06.67 (68 - 2:21 (73) - 3:41 (80) - 5:06 (85)

200 Meter Dash: 1.) Richard Lewis-12 (Rock Island) 22.67; 2.) Airreo Greer-11 (U.T.) 22.81; 3.) Andrew Walter-12 (Geneseo) 23.36; 4.) DeMykhle Teague-10 (U.T.) 23.86; 5.) Mike Johnson-12 (Harlem) 23.86; 6.) Kiarri McBoom-12 (Providence) 24.42

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 14.) Jaran Heaton-12 25.18; 16.) Luke Lembke-10 25.39

1600 Meter Relay: 1.) United Township (Quinton Musgrow-12, Jordan Johanson-11, Brent VanLanduyt-12, Andy Martinez-10) 3:37.93; 2.) Rock Island (Lonnie Davis-12, Charles Nunn-11, Jerraco Johnson-?, Bryce Banks-12) 3:38.81; 3.) Harlem (Benji Mathews-11, Miles embrough-?, Lucas Steidinger-?, Austin Eddy-12) 3:42.06; 4.) Moline (Shawn Ledbetter-12, Anthony McCammon-10, Jonathan Smith-10, Zoe Zahn-11) 3:42.48; 5.) Dixon (Alex Wakely-11, John Davenport-12, Josh Calkins-12, Kasey Ferrigan-11) 3:44.52; 6.) Central Clifton (Ben Comer-10, Seth Garton-12, Michael Burke-11, Ben Lubben-12) 3:45.63

Geneseo Splits: 8.) Geneseo (Billy Hamer-09 56.22, Ben Koenig-12 57.28, John Mullin-09 57.50, Jon Fleming-12 59.41) 3:50.76

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