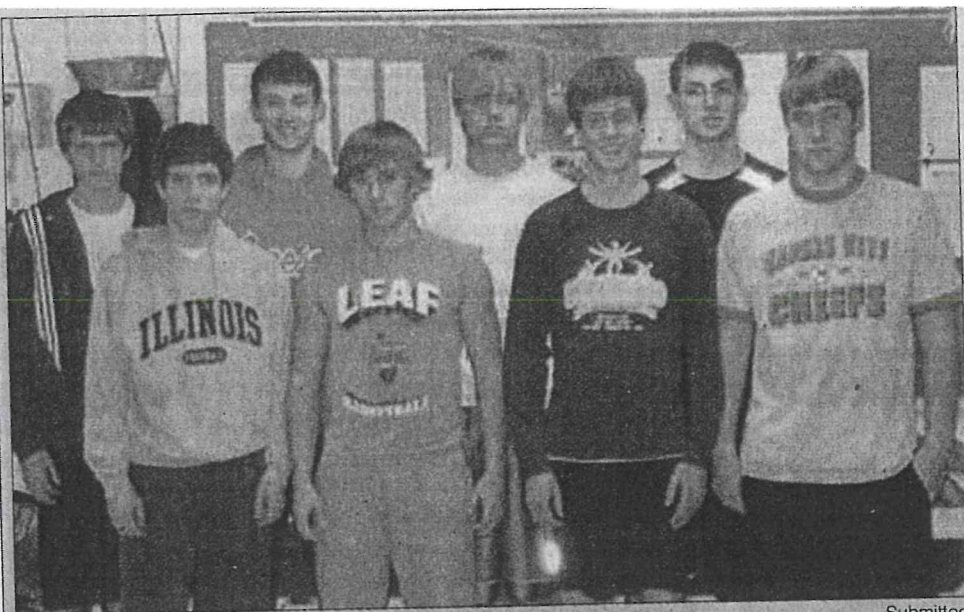




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LAST CHANCE INVITE Top 5 finishers are front row, from left: Cameron McNeil, Colton Boyles, Chad Ford and Luke Lembke. Back row, from left: Tyler Fox, Billy Hamer, Kenny Collis and John Mullin. Absent from photo: Justin Anderson and Aaron Ganson.

Hamer leads GHS to fifth

By AMY BOLDT
Sports Editor

Despite a mishap on the track that took him to the ground in the 400-meter dash, Billy Hamer was able to rebound and race to a second-place finish March 28 at the Last Chance Indoor Invitational in Sterling. Hamer's second place was the highest finish for the Leafs as they combined for a fifth-place team finish.

"There were definitely some big dogs at the meet with UT, Dixon and Moline," said head coach Don Fredericks. "It was not a huge field, but some high quality teams. We had four boys qualify for the Illinois Prep Indoor Classic so we held them out of the meet on Saturday and that definitely affected our team scores, but we didn't want to chance injury.

"On the good side we had people slide into those spots and they gained some varsity experience. I was very pleased."

Hamer placed second in the 400-m dash

with a time of 53.98 seconds. During the race, Hamer was fouled and went crashing to the track, which cost him the win. The athlete who fouled him was disqualified.

Kenny Collis earned a fourth-place finish in the 800-m run with a time of 2:11.26, while 4x800-m relay of Kenny Collis, Chad Ford, John Mullin and Tyler Fox placed fourth in 9:02.26.

Rounding out the top 5 were Aaron Ganson in the 400-m dash in 56.60; the 4x200-m relay of Luke Lembke, Cameron McNeil, Justin Anderson and Colton Boyles in 1:43.06.

Additional Track Results

55-m dash- Lembke, ninth, 7.07; Hamer, 11th, 7.11; and McNeil, 14th, 7.19.

200-m dash- Lembke, 15th, 25.50; Anderson, 20th, 26.59; and Boyles, 22nd, 27.16.

400-m dash- Chris Bisom, ninth, 57.67.

800-m run- Kyle Reiling, eighth, 2:18.25 and Jacob Arnold, 10th, 2:23.37.

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1600-m run- Ford, 12th, 4:58.08; Thomas Sigwalt, 13th, 5:02.29; and Carlisle Evans-Peck, 17th, 5:10.68.

55-m hurdles- Michael Ashpole, eighth, 9.07; Levi Schilling, 12th, 10.25; and Bisom, 13th 10.32.

4x400-m relay- Arnold, Evans-Peck, Kenny Collis and Ford, seventh, 4:08.94.

4x800-m relay- Ganson, Branden Smith, Tanner Piepenbrink and Tyler Timmerman, seventh, 9:22.10.

Additional Field Results

High jump- Jon Staab, seventh, 5-8 and Ashpole, ninth, 5-6.

Pole vault- Ian Mattan, ninth, 10-0; Rob Orendorff, 11th, 8-6; and Boyles, 13th, 8-0.

Long jump- Lembke, 10th, 17-8 3/4; Andrew Walters, 15th, 16-1; and Kyle Collis, 17th, 14-9.

Triple jump- Joe Snyder, Friday in their respective 12th, 34-10 and Jacob events.

Koster, 16th, 33-3.

Shot put- Troy Diericks, 11th, 37-10 1/2; Ethan Lawson, 14th, 35-2; and Anthony Roome, 16th, 34-1.

United Township won the invite, followed by Dixon, Moline, Harlem, Geneseo, Sterling, Rock Falls and DeKalb.

The Leafs were without their big four Jake Ballegeer, Rob Barton, Curt Jensen and Aaron Kotecki on Saturday as they competed March 27 in the Illinois Prep Top Times Indoor Classic.

"Three of the four besides Kotecki have never qualified for state before and they gained a plethora of experience," said Fredericks.

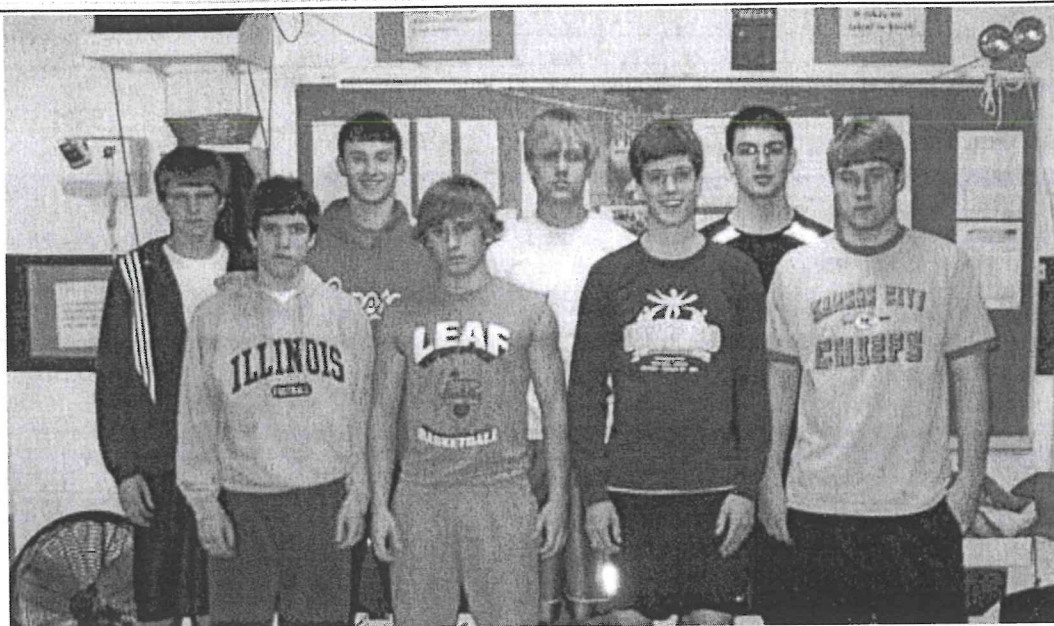
Jensen and Ballegeer both placed in the top 10 on

Jensen nabbed fourth place in the shot put with a throw of 49-4, while Ballegeer took sixth in the high jump with a final height to 5-11.

Barton placed 12th in the pole vault at 12-0 and Kotecki took 12th in the prelims of the 55-m dash in 6.92.

The Leafs will next compete in the United Township Invitational at 10 a.m. April 11.

"I am happy with where we are sitting going into the outdoor season," said Fredericks. "We are a young team and we are still figuring things out. All in all I am very satisfied and have a good feeling about this team. They are a good group to work with."



BRINGING HOME THE BACON

Pictured are team members who scored points in Saturday's Sterling Last Chance Invitational. Row 1: Cameron McNeil, Colton Boyles, Chad Ford, Luke Lembke. Row 2: Tyler Fox, Billy Hamer, Kenny Collis, & John Mullin. (missing from photo: Justin Anderson, Aaron Ganson)

HAMER LEADS LEAFS TO 5TH IN STERLING LAST CHANCE INVITATIONAL

On Saturday, March, 28th, Geneseo participated in the 9-Team Sterling Last Chance Invitational. The team was without the services of "The Big 4" (Jake Ballegeer, Rob Barton, Curt Jensen, and Aaron Kotecki) who participated in the Illinois Prep-Top Times Classic and were held out of today's meet (see below.) Leading the team was Billy Hamer who grabbed a second place medal in the 400 Meter Dash despite being fouled and crashing to the track. The Athlete who fouled him was disqualified but the fall cost Billy the win. Listed below are the Leafs who placed in the meet.

- Justin Anderson: 5th (800 Meter Relay)
- Colton Boyles: 5th (800 Meter Relay)
- Kenny Collis: 4th (800 Meter Run); 4th (3200 Meter Relay)
- Chad Ford: 4th (3200 Meter Relay)
- Tyler Fox: 4th (3200 Meter Relay)
- Aaron Ganson: 5th (400 Meter Dash)
- Billy Hamer: 2nd (400 Meter Dash)
- Luke Lembke: 5th (800 Meter Relay)
- Cameron McNeil: 5th (800 Meter Relay)
- John Mullin: 4th (3200 Meter Relay)

RESULTS

2009 STERLING LAST CHANCE INVITATIONAL

Varsity Results

Host Site: Westwood Sports Complex in Sterling

Date: 3/28/09

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

Timing System: F.A.T.

Team Scores: 1.) United Township 78.50; 2.) Dixon 57.50; 3.) Moline 37; 4.) Harlem 24; 5.) Geneseo 10; 6.) Sterling 9; 7.) Rock Falls 5; 8.) DeKalb 3; 9.) Princeton 0

High Jump: 1.) Jacob DeJaeger-10 (U.T.) 6' 05"; 2.) Preston Lumzy-10 (Dixon) 6' 00"; 3.) Semi Ajibola-10 (U.T.) 6' 00"; 4.) Dan Knobloch-12 (Moline) 5' 10"; 5.) Anthony Angel-12 (U.T.) 5' 10"; 6.) Evan Westart-12 (Dixon) 5' 10"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 7T.) Jon Staab-11 5' 08"; 9T.) Michael Ashpole-11 5' 06"

Long Jump: 1.) Payne Finn-11 (Moline) 20' 03"; 2.) CC Householder-10 (Harlem) 19' 09 1/2"; 3.) Nikko Rivera-12 (Sterling) 19' 07"; 4.) Damian Hale-11 (Dixon) 19' 07"; 5.) Anthony Angel-12 (U.T.) 19' 05"; 6.) Eric Carlson-12 (Moline) 18' 07"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 10.) Luke Lembke-11 17' 08.75"; 15.) Anderw Walters-10 16' 01"; 17.) Kyle Collis-09 14' 09"

Pole Vault: 1.) Chase Pavolonis-11 (U.T.) 13' 06"; 2.) Edmund Hamilton-11 (Moline) 12' 06"; 3.) Chris Greenwalt-12 (Dixon) 12' 06"; 4.) Josh Stice-11 (U.T.) 12' 00"; 5.) J.C. McInch-11 (Rock Falls) 11' 06"; 6.) Christian Traff-11 (Harlem) 11' 00"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 9.) Ian Mattan-11 10' 00"; 13T.) Rob Orendorff-11 8' 06"; 15.) Colton Boyles-12 8' 00"

Shot Put: 1.) Austin Hubbard-12 (U.T.) 46' 09.50"; 2.) Jacob Rowell-11 (U.T.) 46' 09 1/2"; David Goad-11 (Dixon) 46' 08.50"; 4.) David Purkeypile-12 (Harlem) 44' 05.50"; 5.) Ryan Waters-12 (Harlem) 43' 02.50"; 6.) Zach Costillow-12 (Dixon) 42' 09.50"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 11.) Troy Diericks-11 37' 10.50"; 14.) Ethan Lawson-11 35' 02"; 16.) Anthony Roome-10 34' 01"

Triple Jump: 1.) Demetrius Singleton-11 (U.T.) 40' 09"; 2.) Edmund Hamilton-12 (Moline) 39' 10"; 3.) Anthony Angel-12 (U.T.) 39' 04.50"; 4.) Ricky Laskowsk--10 (Dixon) 39' 02.50"; 5.) Dominik Taylor-11 (DeKalb) 39' 00"; 6.) Alex Evans-12 (U.T.) 37' 11.75"

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 12.) Joe Snyder-12 34' 10"; 16.) Jacob Koster-09 33' 03"

3200 Meter Relay: 1.) Dixon (no names listed) 8:26.40; 2.) United Township (no names listed) 8:44.12.40; 3.) Sterling (no names listed) 9:01.01; 4.) Geneseo A-Team (Kenny Collis-12, Chad Ford-11, John Mullin-10, Tyler Fox-11) 9:02.26; 5.) Moline (no names listed) 9:01.29; 6.) Harlem (no names listed) 9:05.25; 7.) Geneseo B-Team (Aaron Ganson-12, Branden Smith-10, Tanner Piepenbrink-10, Tyler Timmerman-11) 9:22.10

Additional Geneseo Athletes & Geneseo Splits:

-Aaron Ganson: 2:09.19 (63 - 66)

-Kenny Collis: 2:09.82 (61 - 68)

-Chad Ford: 2:15.90 (64 - 71)

-John Mullin: 2:18.19

-Tyler Fox: 2:24.31 (69 - 75)

-Branden Smith: 2:27.24 (70 - 87)

-Tyler Timmerman: 2:34.34 (73 - 81)

55 Meter Meter Dash: 1. Demetriyone Singleton-11 (U.T.) 6.84; 2.) Payne Finn-11 (Moline) 6.89; 3.) Henry Gamamau-11 (Moline) 6.91; 4.) Tyler Barnes-10 (Rock Falls) 6.92; 5.) Jordan Atwater-09 (U.T.) 6.96; 6.) Tyler Cox-11 (Harlem) 6.98

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 9.) Luke Lembke-11 7.07; 11.) Billy Hamer-10 7.11; 14.) Cameron McNeil-12 7.19

55 Meter High Hurdles : 1.) Demetriyone Singleton-11 (U.T.) 8.07 2.) Demetrius Singleton-11 (U.T.) 8.28; 3.) Spencer Seggebrich-12 (Dixon) 8.42; 4.) Evan Westart-12 (Dixon) 8.47; 5.) CC Householder-10 (Harlem) 8.52; 6.) Kyle Casten-11 (Sterling) 8.70

Additional Geneseo Athletes: 8.) Michael Ashpole-11 9.07; 12.) Levi Schilling-10 10.25; 13.) Chris Bisom-12 10.32 (Hard Fall)

800 Meter Relay 1.) Dixon (no names listed) 1:36.37; 2.) United Township (no names listed) 1:37.44; 3.) Harlem (no names listed) 1:38.33; 4.) Moline (no names listed) 1:38.42; 5.) Geneseo (Luke Lembke-11, Cameron McNeil-12, Justin Anderson-12, Colton Boyles-12) 1:43.08; 6.) DeKalb (no names listed) 1:43.88

Additional Geneseo Athletes & Geneseo Splits:

-Luke Lembke-11: 25.19

-Cameron McNeil-12,: 25.19

-Justin Anderson-12,: 26.87

-Colton Boyles-12: 25.57

800 Meter Run: 1.) Kasey Ferrigan-12 (Dixon) 2:05.89; 2.) Aaron Peck-10 (Moline) 2:07.40; 3.) Ben Behling-12 (Harlem) 2:08.91; 4.) Kenny Collis-11 (Geneseo) 2:11.26; 5.) Nate Jones-12 (Dixon) 2:12.00; 6.) Eric Dewey-12 (Dixon) 2:15.69

Additional Geneseo Athletes & Geneseo Splits:

4.) Kenny Collis-11 2:11.26 (63 - 68)

8.) Kyle Reiling-09 2:18.25 (65 - 73)

10.) Jacob Arnold-10 2:23.37 (70 - 73)

400 Meter Dash: 1.) Thayne Rooney-12 (Dixon) 53.86; 2.) Billy Hamer-10 (Geneseo) 53.98; 3.) Benji Mathews (Harlem) 54.54; 4.) Keith Sands-09 (U.T.) 56.32; 5.) Aaron Ganson-12 (Geneseo) 56.60; 6.) Vincent Lorenzo-10 (DeKalb) 56.77

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

9.) Chris Bisom-12: 57.67

1600 Meter Run: 1.) Cody Webster-10 (U.T.) 4:38.67; 2.) Matt Logan-12 (Dixon) 4:39.80; 3.) Nathan DuFoe-12 (Harlem) 4:40.12; 4.) Nicholas Schrader-11 (DeKalb) 4:40.98; 5.) Shadly Diab (Harlem) 4:42.80; 6.) Michael Castel-11 (Moline) 4:43.48

Additional Geneseo Athletes & Splits:

12.) Chad Ford-11: 4:58.08 (70 - 2:24 (74) - 3:41 (77) - 4:58.08 (77)

13.) Thomas Sigwalt-10: 5:02.29 (70 - 2:27 (77) - 3:48 (81) - 5:02.29 (74)

17.) Carlisle Evans-Peck-11 5:10.68 (71 - 2:28 - (77) 3:50 (82) - 5:10.60 (80)

200 Meter Dash: 1.) Evan Frazier-10 (U.T.) 23.70; 2.) Wes Heniff-12 (Dixon) 24.02; 3.) Payne Finn-11 (Moline) 24.44; 4.) Tyler Barnes-10 (Rock Falls) 24.67; 5.) Clay Hadley-12 (Sterling) 24.73; 6.) Jacob Vaiden-12 (Harlem) 24.79

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

15.) Luke Lembke-11: 25.50

20.) Justin Anderson-12: 26.59

22.) Coolton Boyles-12: 27.16

1600 Meter Relay: 1.) Dixon (no names listed) 3:38.18; 2.) Moline (no names listed) 3:41.82; 3.) Harlem (no names listed) 3:49.78; 4.) Sterling (no names listed) 3:50.03; 5.) United Township (no names listed) 3:58.71; 6.) DeKalb (no names listed) 4:04.55; 7.) Geneseo (Jacob Arnold-10, Carlisle Evans-Peck-11, Kenny Collis-11. Chad Ford-11) 4:08.94

Additional Geneseo Athletes & Splits:

-Jacob Arnold-10: 63.16
-Carlisle Evans-Peck-11: 66.25
-Kenny Collis-11: 58.12
-Chad Ford:: 61.07