

Track team places fifth in final indoor meet

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On March 27, the Geneseo High School boys' track and field team competed in the Sterling Last Chance Invitational where the Leafs placed fifth overall with United Township winning the meet.

"We were missing a whole bunch of athletes due to spring break, but there were a lot of teams missing athletes on Saturday," said head coach Don Fredericks. "All in all that completes the indoor season and we tried as hard as we could each meet, but the important meets are at the end of the season. We are excited about finally being outside."

In the field events, Geneseo had Jon Staab, Ethan Reschke and Joe Huff-

man place in the top 5.

Staab took fifth in the high jump with a mark of 5-6, while Reschke came in fifth in the long jump at 18-4 1/2 and Huffman, fifth in the shot put with a throw of 44-10.

On the track, Geneseo placed in the top 5 in seven events with Keefe Peterson leading the way with a first-place finish in the 400-meter dash, taking the tape in 55.80 seconds.

The 4x800-m relay of Jordan Starkey, Chad Ford, Tyler Fox and Thomas Sigwalt took second with a time of 8:44.35, while Sigwalt came in third in the 800-m run at 2:11.13.

"Highlights of the meet were Keefe Peterson taking first in the 400, which is pretty impressive for a first time track athlete," said Fredericks. "And our 4x800 took second."

Tyler Claeys placed fourth in the 55-

m high hurdles at 8.99, while the F/S 4x200-m relay of Nathan Johnson, Landon Hoon, Ben Chom and Ethan Reschke came in fourth with a time of 1:44.15.

Placing fifth for the Leafs were Aaron Kotecki in the 55-m dash with a time of 6.94 and Kenny Collis in the 800-m run at 2:13.20.

Additional Track Results

55-m dash- Luke Lembke, 7.08 and Andrew Walters, 7.08. **55-m high hurdles-** Josh Dodge, 12.95. **4x200-m relay-** Lembke, Claeys, Isaac Silver and Walters, 1:42.55. **800-m run-** Branden Smith, 2:20.27. **400-m dash-** Ethan Reschke, 57.55 and Austin Frank, 58.93. **1600-m run-** Starkey, sixth, 4:48.93; Ford, 4:54.67; and Jacob Rahn, 5:23.49. **200-m dash-** Kotecki, 25.87. **4x400-m relay-** Lembke, Chom, Sigwalt and Jordan

Reschke, seventh, 3:58.57.

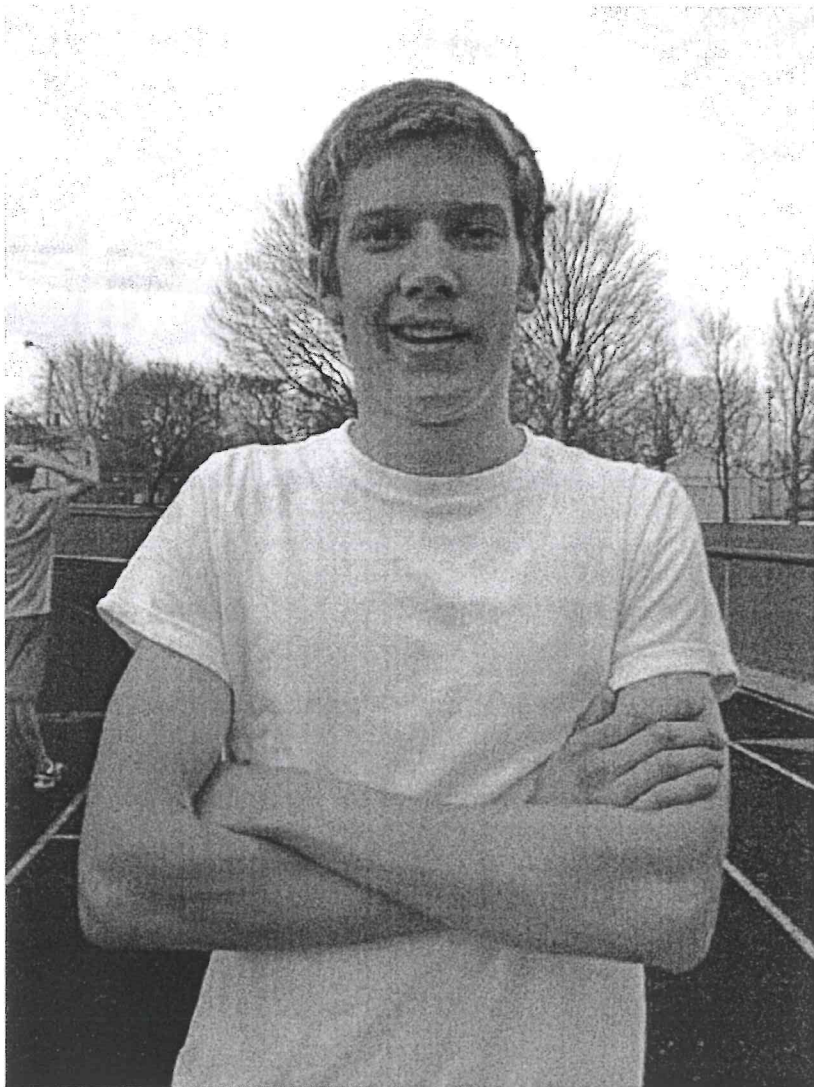
Additional Field Results

High jump- Alan Mannon, 5-2 and Alex Platz, 5-2. **Long jump-** Peterson, 18-4 and Hoon, 16-3 1/2. **Pole vault-** Joe Ballegeer, 10-0; and Johnson, 7-0. **Shot put-** Troy Diericks, sixth, 43-01. **Triple jump-** Dylan Wagoner, 33-5 3/4 and Mannon, 33- 1/2.

Billy Hamer (400-m dash) and Michael Ashpole (55-m high hurdles and high jump) both qualified for the Illinois Prep Top Times Meet held March 27 at Illinois Wesleyan, but they didn't compete due to prior commitments.

"We received some early season feedback in the indoor season, but it is still a work in progress and we are excited about it," said Fredericks.

The Leafs will be back in action at 10 a.m. April 10 at the UTHS Invite.



First year senior Keefe Peterson won Geneseo's lone Gold Medal in the 400 Meter Dash

Leafs 5th at Sterling Last Chance Invitational

On Saturday, March 27th, the Leafs traveled to Sterling to participate in the Sterling Last Chance Invitational. With spring break starting, the team was missing several key individuals. The same was true for most of the participating teams. In addition, several potential top athletes were in Bloomington/Normal to participate in the Illinois Prep-Top Times Invitational (the unofficial indoor state finals.) The end result was that the Leafs brought a full-squad and competed with a high quality field of teams. The season goal of competing for personal bests was well evidenced as a plethora of athletes achieved that objective. Leading the team were first year senior Keefe Peterson who won the 400 meter dash and the 3200 meter relay team of Jordan Starkey, Chad Ford, Tyler Fox and Thomas Sigwalt who nailed a strong 2nd place showing. Leaf team members who placed in the top six are listed below.

- 1st Place: Keefe Peterson (400 Meter Dash)
- 2nd Place: Jordan Starkey, Chad Ford, Tyler Fox, Thomas Sigwalt (3200 Meter Relay)
- 3rd Place: Thomas Sigwalt (800 Meter Run)
- 4th Place: Tyler Claeys (55 Meter High Hurdles)
- 4th Place: Nate Johnson, Landon Hoon, Ben Chom, Ethan Reschke (800 F/S Relay)
- 5th Place: Kenny Collis (800 Meter Run)
- 5th Place: Joe Huffman (Shot Put)
- 5th Place: Aaron Kotecki (55 Meter Dash)
- 5th Place: Ethan Reschke (Long Jump)
- 5th Place: Jon Staab (High Jump)
- 6th Place: Troy Diericks (Shot Put)
- 6th Place: Jordan Starkey (1600 Meter Run)

2010 STERLING LAST CHANCE INVITATIONAL

Varsity Results

Host Site: Westwood Sports Complex in Sterling

Date: 3/27/10

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

Timing System: F.A.T.

Team Scores: 1.) United Township 140 1/4; 2.) Dixon 65; 3.) Moline 49; 4.) Alleman 48 1/2; 5.) Geneseo 44; 6.) Harlem 41; 7.) Rock Falls 34 1/4; 8.) Sterling 25 1/2; 9.) DeKalb 16 1/4; 10.) Princeton 0

High Jump: 1.) Semi Ajibola-11 (U.T.) 6' 00"; 2.) Scott Goad-10 (Dixon) 5' 10"; 3.) Tayvian Johnson-10 (U.T.) 5' 10"; 4.) Sam Dockery-10 (Moline) 5' 10"; 5.) Jon Staab-12 (Geneseo) 5' 06"; 6T.) Tre Whitaker-09 (Sterling) 5' 04"; 6T.) Anthony Taylor-10 (DeKalb) 5' 04"; 6T.) Cody Hanson-12 (U.T.) 5' 04"; 6T.) Mason Thompson-09 (Rock Falls) 5' 04"; 6T.) Patrick Ewald-10 (Alleman) 5' 04"; 6T.) Cornell Hartz-09 (Sterling) 5' 04"

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Alan Mannon-10: 5' 02"

-Alex Platz-09: 5' 02"

Long Jump: 1.) Scott Goad-10 (Dixon) 20' 00 1/2"; 2.) Semi Ajibola-11 (U.T.) 19' 10 3/4"; 3.) Ryan Sodeman-11 (U.T.) 18' 09 3/4"; 4.) Ian Scheilein-10 (Dixon) 18' 05"; 5.) Ethan Reschke-09 (Geneseo) 18' 04 1/2"; 6.) John Worley-09 (Dixon) 18' 04 1/4"

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Keefe Peterson-12: 18' 04

-Landon Hoon-10 16' 03 1/2"

Pole Vault: 1.) Josh Stice-12 (U.T.) 13' 06"; 2T.) J.C. McInch-12 (Rock Falls) 13' 00"; 2T.) Jeff Padesky-11 (Moline) 13' 00"; 4T.) Chris Knutsen-12 (Sterling) 12' 00"; 4T.) Christian Traff-12 (Harlem) 12' 00"; 6.) Will Elliott-12 (Alleman) 11' 00"

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Joe Ballegeer-10: 10' 00"

-Nate Johnson-09: 7' 00"

-Jesse Mohr-10: NH

Shot Put: 1.) Jacob Rowell-12 (U.T.) 49' 05"; 2.) Casey Beck-12 (Harlem) 48' 02"; 3.) Tryel Williams-11 (DeKalb) 47' 08"; 4.) Jon Shippert-10 (Dixon) 44' 11"; 5.) Joe Huffman-10 (Geneseo) 44' 10"; 6.) Troy Diericks-12 (Geneseo) 43' 01"

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Anthony Roome-11: 4 Fouls

Triple Jump: 1.) Dominik Taylor-12 (DeKalb) 40' 10 1/2"; 2.) Semi Ajibola-11 (U.T.) 39' 10"; 3.) Nick Erickson-11 (Alleman) 38' 10 3/4"; 4.) Tayvian Johnson-10 (U.T.) 38' 07 1/2"; 5.) Christian Traff-12 (Harlem) 38' 07"; 6.) Josh Stice-12 (U.T.) 37' 11"

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Dylan Wagoner-09: 33' 05 3/4"

-Alan Mannon-10: 33' 00 1/2"

3200 Meter Relay: 1.) Alleman (no names listed) 8:34.05; 2.) Geneseo (Jordan Starkey-09, Chad Ford-12, Tyler Fox-12, Thomas Sigwalt-11) 8:44.35; 3.) Moline (no names listed) 8:45.33; 4.) Harlem (no names listed) 8:52.41; 5.) Dixon (no names listed) 9:03.45; 6.) Rock Falls (no names listed) 9:23.28

Geneseo Splits:

-Jordan Starkkey: 2:08.91 (61 - 67)

-Chad Ford: 2:11.19 (61 - 70)

-Tyler Fox: 2:13.96 (64 - 69)

-Thomas Sigwalt: 2:09.91 (63 - 66)

55 Meter Dash: 1. Jordan Atwater-10 (U.T.) 6.76; 2.) Isaiah Harris-11 (Moline) 6.91; 3.) Michael Denzel-11 (U.T.) 6.92; 4.) David Nelson-12 (Sterling) 6.94; 5.) Aaron Kotecki-12 (Geneseo) 6.94; 6.) Tyler Cox-12 (Harlem) 6.94

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Luke Lembke-12 7.08

-Andrew Walters-11 7.08

55 Meter High Hurdles: 1.) Demetrius Singleton-12 (U.T.) 8.45 2.) Quannell Reid-12 (Rock Falls) 8.52; 3.) Patrick Ewald-10 (Alleman) 8.79; 4.) Tyler Claeys-12 (Geneseo) 8.99; 5.) Jon Shippert-10 (Dixon) 9.29; 6.) Dakota Sundley-10 (Harlem) 9.35

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Josh Dodge-09: 12.95 (Hard Fall)
 -Austin Frank-09 N.T. (False Start)

800 F/S Meter Relay 1.) Sterling (no names listed) 1:40.46; 2.) United Township (no names listed) 1:41.20; 3.) Rock Falls (no names listed) 1:41.88; 4.) Geneseo (Nathan Johnson-09, Landon Hoon-10, Ben Chom-09, Ethan Reschke-09) 1:44.15; 5.) Harlem (no names listed) 1:45.43; 6.) Alleman (no names listed) 1:45.66

Geneseo Splits:

-Nathan Johnson-09: 27.56
 -Landon Hoon-10: 26.20
 -Ben Chom-09: 25.46
 -Ethan Reschke-09: 24.63

800 Meter Relay 1.) Dixon (no names listed) 1:37.05; 2.) Alleman (no names listed) 1:37.54; 3.) United Township (no names listed) 1:38.16; 4.) Harlem (no names listed) 1:39.78; 5.) Rock Falls (no names listed) 1:41.14; 6.) Sterling (no names listed) 1:41.80; 7.) Geneseo (Luke Lembke-12, Tyler Claeys-12, Isaac Silver-11, Andrew Walters-11) 1:42.55

Geneseo Splits:

-Luke Lembke-12: 24.97
 -Tyler Claeys-12: 25.31
 -Isaac Silver-11: 27.51 (interfered by another team)
 -Andrew Walters-11: 24.49

800 Meter Run: 1.) Kevin Paller-11 (Moline) 2:06.95; 2.) Jose Hernandez-11 (Rock Falls) 2:07.85; 3.) Thomas Sigwalt-11 (Geneseo) 2:11.13; 4.) Robert Garrison-12 (Harlem) 2:11.95; 5.) Kenny Collis-12 (Geneseo) 2:13.20; 6.) Zach Billings-11 (Rock Falls) 2:14.74

Additional Geneseo Athletes & Geneseo Splits:

-Thomas Sigwalt-11: 2:11.13 (63 - 68)
 -Kenny Collis-12: 2:13.20 (63 - 70)
 -Branden Smith-11: 2:20.27 (66 - 74)

400 Meter Dash: 1.) Keefe Peterson-12 (Geneseo) 55.80; 2.) Nathan Diveley-11 (Dixon) 55.88; 3.) Alan Cook-11 (Moline) 56.10; 4.) Brad Watkins-12 (Dixon) 56.28; 5.) Evan Frazier-11 (U.T.) 56.63; 6.) Todd Flamer-09 (U.T.) 56.83

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Ethan Reschke-09: 57.55
 -Austin Frank-09: 58.93

1600 Meter Run: 1.) Keith Sands -10 (U.T.) 4:39.91; 2.) Matt Billingsley-11 (Alleman) 4:41.44; 3.) Nick Miller-10 (Harlem) 4:44.24; 4.) Ross Kavanagh-12 (Dixon) 4:44.82; 5.) Ethan Adfinger-09 (Alleman) 4:48.90; 6.) Jordan Starkey-09 (Geneseo) 4:48.93

Additional Geneseo Athletes & Splits:

-Jordan Starkey-09: 4:48.93 (68 - 2:22 (74) - 3:38 (76) - 4:48 (70)
 -Chad Ford-12: 4:54.67 (69 - 2:24 (75) - 3:40 (76) - 4:54 (74)
 -Jacob Rahn-09: 5:23.49 (72 - 2:35 (83) - 4:01 (86) - 5:23 (82)

200 Meter Dash: 1.) Jordan Atwalter -10 (U.T.) 23.87; 2.) Isaiah Harris-11 (Moline) 24.08; 3.) Evan Fraziee-11 (U.T.) 24.09; 4.) Justin Quintana-11 (Alleman) 24.42; 5.) ? Fambro-12 (Harlem) 24.60; 6.) Anthony Feldkirchner-10 (Sterling) 24.98

Additional Geneseo Athletes:

-Aaron Kotecki-12: 25.87

1600 Meter Relay: 1.) United Township (no names listed) 3:44.39; 2.) Dixon (no names listed) 3:44.90; 3.) Sterling (no names listed) 3:44.52; 4.) Harlem (no names listed) 3:47.34; 5.) Alleman (no names listed) 3:50.39; 6.) Rock Falls (no names listed) 3:50.60; 7.) Geneseo (Luke Lembke-12, Ben Chom-09, Thomas Sigwalt-11, Jordan Reschke-09) 3:58.57

Geneseo Splits:

-Luke Lembke-12: 57.44
 -Ben Chom-09: 1:00.18
 -Thomas Sigwalt-11: 59.44
 -Jordan Reschke-09: 1:01.22