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## *On to state*

These Geneseo tracksters are heading to the state track meet in Charleston on Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29. From the left are Eric Zeitler, Pat Smith, Rich Werkheiser, Tim Renihan, Chris Gomez and Chris Swain. Pat Fortune was not

present for the photo. Zeitler was the only Leaf to win a district title, taking his crown in the 3,200m run. More details are in the story elsewhere in the sports pages.

# Zeitler wins district title; seven Leafs go to state

Eric Zeitler won the 3,200 meter run in the state Class AA district finals on Saturday, May 22 at Moline. Other Leafs qualifying for the state finals in Charleston on Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29 are: Pat Fortune (third, discus), Rich Werkheiser (second, 1,600), Pat Smith (second, 800) and 3,200 relay (Smith, Tim Renihan, Chris Gomez and Chris Swain).

Zeitler's time in the 3,200 was 9:39.4, six seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Pat Smith was less than a second behind the first place finisher while Werkheiser was one tenth of a second out of first place. Fortune's heave was slightly

over five feet out of first. the 3,200 relay was slightly over eight seconds off the first place clip.

Smith and Werkheiser's times in the their events were school records.

Werkheiser, who finished 14th in the state in cross country, has been invited to participate in the Senior Championship Track and Field meet in Champaign on June 5. Top athletes from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Geneseo finished fourth as a team with 21 points, 21 points behind third place Sterling.

Results follow.

**State High School  
Class AA District  
at Moline**

**Time trials**

1. Moline 89; 2. Rock Island 58; 3. Sterling 42; 4. Geneseo 27; 5. United Township of East Moline 18; 6. Canton 16 1/2; 7. Dixon and Streator 13; 8. Ottawa 12; 9. Galesburg 10; 11. Macomb 8; 12. Rock Island Alleman 5; 13. Rock Falls 3 1/2; 14. LaSalle-Peru 3.

**Results**

**Shot put** — 1. Keith Fisher (Rock Island) 53'4 1/2"; 2. Chris Mulkins (Dixon) 52'8 1/2"; 3. Jeff Napp (Alleman); 4. Bob Banning (Streator); 5. Pat Fortune (Geneseo). First 2 qualify.

**Long jump** — 1. Mike Kelly (Rock Island) 21'7 1/2"; 2. David Wade (Streator) 21'5 1/2"; 3. Pete Eshleman (Sterling); 4. Todd Simmons (Moline); 5. Steve Weaver (Moline). First 2 qualify.

**Discus** — 1. Dave Alexander (Sterling) 154'9"; 2. Jerry McGhee (Canton) 153'5 1/2"; 3. Pat Fortune (Geneseo) 152'9 1/2"; 4. Brett Bruner (Ottawa); 5. Bret McKinley (Rock Island). First 3 qualify.

**Triple jump** — 1. Mark Hart (Rock Island) 45'8 1/2"; 2. Brett Dyche (Dixon) 44'9"; 3. Mike Kelly (Rock Island); 4. Jim McCoy (Dixon); 5. Charles Mathis (Moline). First 2 qualify.

**Pole vault** — 1. Scott Fisher (United Township) 13'8"; 2. Jay Hearn (Ottawa) 13'6"; 3. Scott Bowden (Rock Island); 4. Steve Reed (Galesburg); 5. Ryan Shaley (Rock Island). First 2 qualify.

**High jump** — 1. Steve Weaver (Moline) 6'8 1/2"; 2. Tony Calletti (Rock Falls) and Matty Bowlin (Canton) 6'4"; 4. Monty Hedges (Canton) 6'4"; 5. Brad Martin (Streator) 6'4". All 5 qualify.

**3200 relay** — 1. Rock Island (Tom Sellers, Tony VanDeWalle, Tim Carlson, Kevin Soeken) 7:53.8 (District record, old mark 7:54.8, Moline, 1981); 2. Moline 7:58.1; 3. Geneseo 8:02.01; 4. Ottawa; 5. Sterling. First 3 qualify.

**400 relay** — 1. Moline (Todd Simmons, Greg Morrison, Jim Hess, Ken Morrison) 4:27.5; 2. Sterling 4:27; 3. Rock Island 4:31; 4. Macomb 4:33; 5. United Township. First 4 qualify.

**1200** — 1. Eric Zeitler (Geneseo) 9:39.4; 2. Rich Pettyman (United Township) 9:45.0; 3. Jeff Brodine (Ottawa); 4. Steve Ford (Canton); 5. Jeff Armstrong (Streator). First 2 qualify.

**110 high hurdles** — 1. Greg Dietz (Sterling) :15.0; 2. Greg Morrison (Moline) :15.0; 3. Kirk Clark (Rock Island); 4. Charles Mathis (Moline); 5. Jeff Kuchel (Sterling). First 2 qualify.

**100** — 1. Ken Morrison (Moline) :10.8; 2. Tony Morrison (Galesburg) :11.0; 3. Dave Sandberg (Moline); 4. Dave Wade (Streator); 5. Charles Harris (United Township). First 2 qualify.

**800** — 1. Tom Krieger (Canton) 1:55.9; 2. Pat Smith (Geneseo) 1:56.7; 3. Kevin Soeken (Rock Island) 1:57.1; 4. Fred Canas (Sterling); Perry Stewart (Moline). First 3 qualify.

**800 relay** — 1. Moline (Jeff Skoglund, Rick Gilson, Todd Simmons, Ken Morrison) 1:29.4; 2. Sterling 1:29.8; 3. Rock Island 1:29.9; 4. Macomb 1:31.1; 5. United Township. First 4 qualify.

**400** — 1. Jim Hess (Moline) :49.7; 2. Ed Branigan (Rock Island) :50.1; 3. Ron Dir (Dixon); 4. Kelvin Manning (Alleman); 5. Devin Davis (Rock Island). First 2 qualify.

**300 low hurdles** — 1. William Carlson (Moline) :38.3; 2. Pete Eshleman (Sterling) :38.3; 3. Charles Mathis (Moline); 4. Doug Thorman (Macomb); 5. Jim Keenan (LaSalle-Peru). First 2 qualify.

**1600** — 1. Craig Ford (Moline) 4:21.2; 2. Rich Werkheiser (Geneseo) 4:21.3; 3. Tony VanDeWalle (Rock Island) 4:21.7; 4. Matt Teronker (United Township) 4:23.8; 5. Tim Carlson (Rock Island). First 4 qualify.

**200** — 1. Tim Arnold (Sterling) :22.2; 2. Tony Morrison (Galesburg) :22.3; 3. Charles Harris (United Township); 4. David Wade (Streator); 5. Joe Arnold (Sterling). First 2 qualify.

**1600 relay** — 1. Moline (Ken Morrison, Rick Gilson, Todd Simmons, Jim Hess) 3:24.3; 2. Sterling 3:24.8; 3. Rock Island; 4. LaSalle-Peru; 5. Ottawa. First 2 qualify.

# Maroons storm past boys' field

By SCOTT STAHLER

Dispatch Sportswriter

When your team finishes first and looks good doing it, you can afford to say almost anything.

"This sounds arrogant," Moline track coach Gene Shipley said, "but our kids ran the way we thought they would run."

Shipley, normally a reserved man, was ready to turn cartwheels on Browning Field's wet grass Friday night after his team won the IHSA Class AA boys' district meet. The Maroons, qualifying 12 individuals for next weekend's state meet at Charleston, scored 69 points to easily finish ahead of second-place Rock Island (56).

Sterling took third (42), while Geneseo was fourth (21). East Moline (18) was fifth; Alleman (5) was 12th. Complete results are in Sports record.

DESPITE FRIDAY night's steady rain (which illustrated vividly the value of an all-weather track), Shipley enjoyed nearly everything about the meet. After struggling early in the season, the Maroons seemingly have found their form at just the right time.

Counting last weekend's Western Big 6 Conference title, they've won the area's two most important pieces of hardware.

"The kids ran super-tough," Shipley said. "They've jelled as a team. Before this, they were a bunch of individuals — they weren't team-oriented. Then, before we went to Quincy for the conference championship, I noticed they weren't talking about 'I' so much as they were 'team.'"

Moline was most dominant in the relays, winning three of four. Todd Simmons, Greg Morrison, Jim Hess and Ken Morrison broke the district record in the 400; Simmons, Morrison, Jeff Skoglund and Rick Gilson won the 800; and Morrison, Gilson, Simmons and Hess were first in the 1,600.

"Gosh, the way Hess came from behind in the relays," Shipley said.

STEVE WEAVER jumped 6-8½ to win the high jump, although a problem with a shoe foiled his try at 6-10½. Ken Morrison won the 100; Hess took the 400. Greg Mor-

ison qualified in the 110 high hurdles, and Carlson was first in the 300 low hurdles.

And in what might have been the night's most exciting race, Craig Ford narrowly defeated Geneseo's Rich Werkheiser, Rock Island's Tony VanDeWalle and East Moline's Matt Terronez in the 1,600. The three runnersup qualified for state.

"For four men to run eyeball to eyeball like that...people should come out just to watch a race like that," Shipley said.

Simmons and Weaver finished fourth and fifth in a strong long jump field, but their distances beat the state's qualifying standards. Carlson, Brad Mann, Perry Stewart and Ford finished second to qualify in the 3,200 relay. Rocky's team of Tom Sellers, VanDeWalle, Tim Carlson and Kevin Soeken won that event.

Although the Rocks finished behind Moline, Coach Duane Bonsall considered the meet a success.

"WE HAVE KIDS going anyway and I'm pleased with that," he said. "Two years ago, we didn't have anyone go. I'm disappointed our mile relay team didn't go, though. They've run the qualifying time three or four times this year."

Mike Kelly qualified for the Rocks in three events, winning the long jump and competing on two second-place relay teams. VanDeWalle will go in two events — as will Soeken, who qualified in the 800. Ed Branigan qualified in the 400, and Mark Hart won the triple jump.

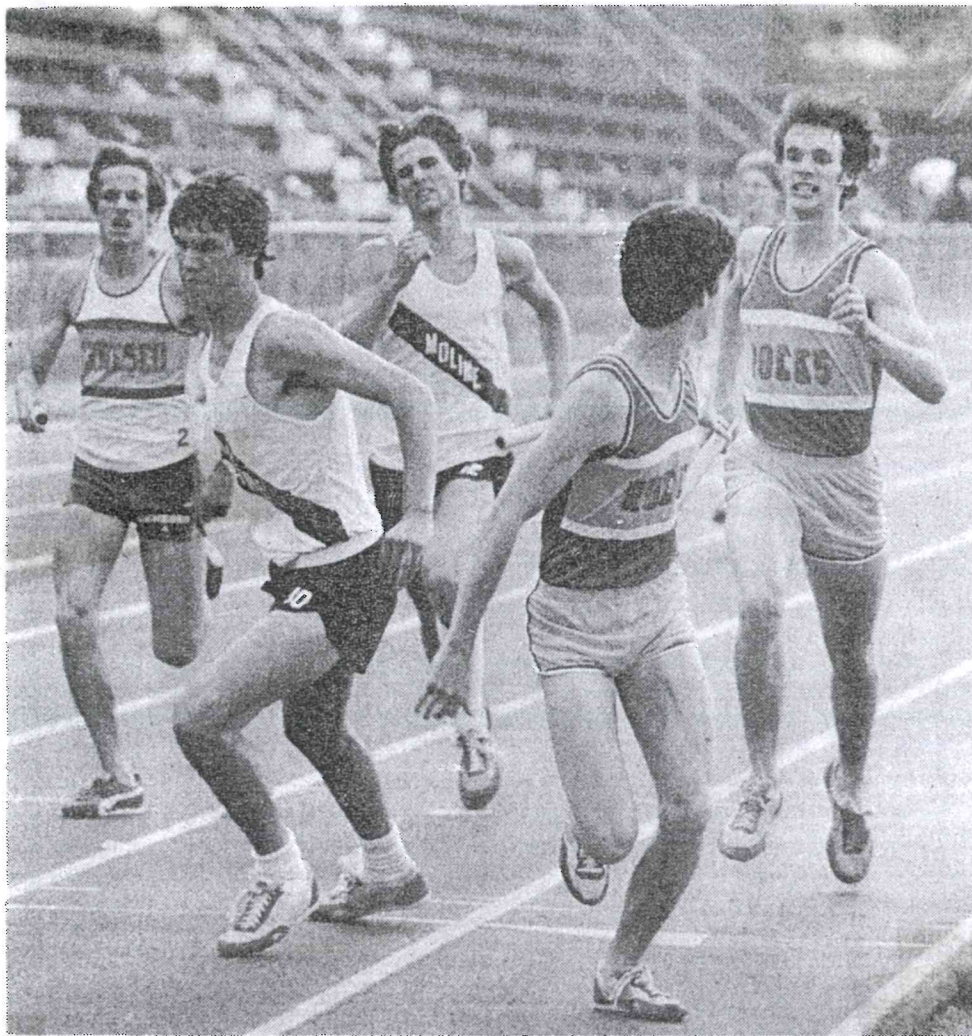
"It's unfortunate we had rain," Bonsall said. "But there still were some good times. That mile race was outstanding."

Besides Werkheiser in the mile, Geneseo qualified six individuals in four events. Their top finisher was Eric Zeitler, who won the mile.

Also qualifying were Pat Smith, Chris Swain, Chris Gomez and Tim Renihan in the 3,200 relay; Smith in the 800; and Pat Fortune in the discus.

EAST MOLINE took one first, that belonging to pole vaulter Scott Fisher. He vaulted 13-6 to edge Ottawa's Jay Hearn.

Rich Prettyman finished second to qualify in the 3,200. And Terronez, a sophomore, qualified in the 1,600 despite taking fourth. His time of 4:23.65 was under the state qualifying mark.



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The handoff is not exclusive to football, as Tom Sellers (far right) and Tony VanDeWalle of Rock Island and Q Carlson (middle) and Bradd Mann of East Moline prove in the 3,200 relay. Geneseo's Pat Smith strains to catch up. Rocky won the event at the Moline boys' Class AA district meet.

## High school

### Class AA boys' district at Moline Team standings

1, Moline 69. 2, Rock Island 56. 3, Sterling 42. 4, Geneseo 21. 5, East Moline 18. 6, Canton 16.5. 7, tie, Dixon and Sreator 13. 9, Ottawa 12. 10, Galesburg 10. 11, Macomb 6. 12, Alletman 5. 13, Rock Falls 3.5. 14, LaSalle Peru 3.

### Individual results

Shot put — 1, Keith Fisher, RI. 2, Chris Mulkins, D. 3, Jeff Neppi, A. 4, Bob Bennins, Str. 5, Pat Fortune, Gen. 53-4¾.

Long jump — 1, Mike Kelly, RI. 2, Dave Wade, Str. 3, Pete Eshleman, Ste. 4, Todd Simmons, Mol. 5, Steve Weaver, Mol. 21-7¼.

Pole vault — 1, Scott Fisher, EM. 2, Jay Hearn, O. 3, Scott Bowden, RI. 4, Steve Reed, Gal. 5, Ryan Sheley, RI. 13-4.

Discus — 1, Dave Alexander, Ste. 2, Jerry McGhee, C. 3, Pat Fortune, Gen. 4, Brett Brunner, O. 5, Bret McKinley, RI. 158-9.

High jump — 1, Steve Weaver, Mol. 2, Marly Bowton, C. 3, Tony Celletti, RF. 4, Monly Hedges, C. 5, Brad Martin, Str. 6-8½.

Triple jump — 1, Mark Hart, RI. 2, Brett Dyche, D. 3, Mike Kelly, RI. 4, Jim McCoy, D. 5, Charles Mathis, Mol. 45-8½.

3,200 run — 1, Eric Zeitler, Gen. 2, Rich Prettyman, EM. 3, Jeff Brodine, O. 4, Steve Ford, C. 5, Jeff Armstrong, Str. 9:39.4.

110 high hurdles — 1, Greg Dietz, Ste. 2, Greg Morrison, Mol. 3, Kirk Clark, RI. 4, Charles Mathis, Mol. 5, Jeff Kuchel, Ste. 15.0.

100 — 1, Ken Morrison, Mol. 2, Tony Morrison, Gal. 3, Dave Sandberg, Mol. 4, Dave Wade, Str. 5, Charles Harris, EM. 10.9.

800 run — 1, Tom Krieger, C. 2, Pat Smith, Gen. 3, Kevin Soeken, RI. 4, Fred Canas, Ste. 5, Perry Stewart, Mol. 1:56.0.

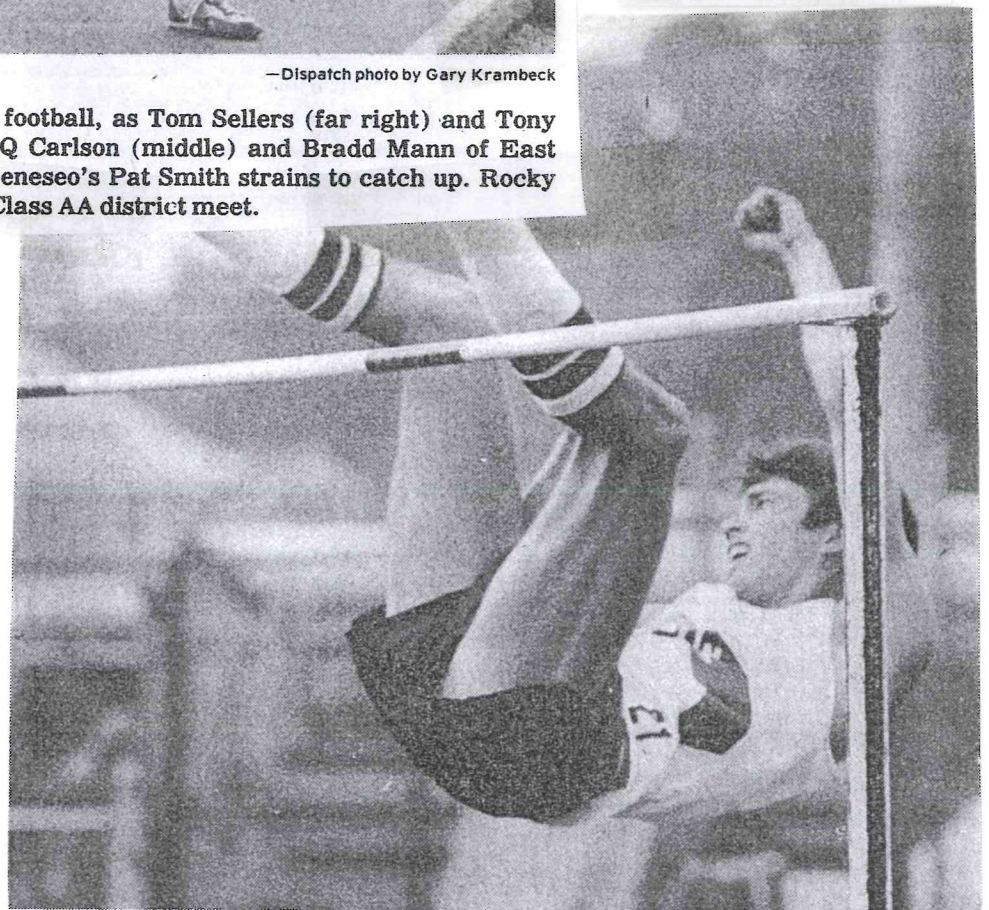
400 — 1, Jim Hess, Mol. 2, Ed Branigan, RI. 3, Ron Dir, D. 4, Kelan Manning, A. 5, Darin Davis, RI. 49.7.

300 low hurdles — 1, Q Carlson, Mol. 2, Pete Eshleman, Ste. 3, Charles Mathis, EM. 4, Doug Thorman, Mac. 5, Jim Keevan, LP. 38.3.

1,600 run — 1, Craig Ford, Mol. 2, Rich Werkheiser, Gen. 3, Tony VanDeWalle, RI. 4, Matt Terronez, EM. 5, Tim Carlson, RI. 4:21.2.

200 — 1, Tim Arnold, Ste. 2, Tony Morrison, Gal. 3, Charles Harris, EM. 4, David Wade, Str. 5, Joe Arnold, Ste. 22.2.

3,200 relay — 1, RI (Tom Sellers, Tony VanDeWalle, Tim Carlson, Kevin Soeken). 2, Mol. (Q Carlson, Brad Mann, Perry Stewart, Craig Ford). 3, G. 4, O. 5, Ste. 7:53.3.



—Dispatch photo by Gary Krambeck

Moline's Steve Weaver sails over the bar during Friday night's Class AA boys' district track meet at Browning Field. Weaver, who had the state's top jump last week, jumped 6-8½ to win the event.

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Moline High School - East School

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Final results - Shot Put

- \*1. Keith Fisher - Rock Island - 11 - 13.26
- \*2. Chris Perkins - Dixon - 12 - 15.00
3. Jeff People - Rock Island Alleman - 12 - 15.50
4. Bob Bennins - Streator - 12 - 15.52
5. Pat Fortune - Geneseo - 12 - 15.30

Final results - Long Jump

1. Mike Kelly - Rock Island - 12 - 6.59
2. Dave Wade - Streator - 11 - 6.53
3. Pete Aspleman - Sterling - 12 - 6.49
4. Todd Simmons - Moline - 11 - 6.44
5. Steve Weaver - Moline - 12 - 6.40

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Final results - Pole Vault

- \*1. Scott Fisher - East Moline - 11 - 4.11
- \*2. Jay Hearn - Ottawa - 11 - 4.11
3. Scott Bowden - Rock Island - 11 - 3.96
4. Steve Reed - Malesburg - 12 - 3.96
5. Ryan Shelley - Rock Island - 12 - 3.81

Final results - Discus

- \*1. Dave Alexander - Sterling - 11 - 48.30
- \*2. Jerry Adnee - Canton - 11 - 46.51
- \*3. Pat Fortune - Geneseo - 12 - 46.33
4. Brett Brunner - Ottawa - 11 - 43.77
5. Bret McKinley - Rock Island - 11 - 43.0

Final results - ~~XXXXX~~ High Jump (tie for 3 2nd)

- \*1. Steve Weaver - Moline - 12 - 2.04
- \*2. Marty Bowton - Canton - 11 - 1.94
- \*2. Tony Celletti - Rock Falls - 11 - 1.94
- \*4. Monty Hedges - Canton - 10 - 1.94
- \*5. Brad Martin - Streator - 11 - 1.94

Final results - Triple Jump

- \*1. Mark Hart - Rock Island - 12 - 13.93
- \*2. Brett Lyche - Dixon - 12 - 13.64
3. Mike Kelly - Rock Island - 12 - 13.45
4. Jim McCoy - Dixon - 12 - 13.43
5. Charles Smith - Moline - 12 - 13.25

Final Results - 100 Meter Hurdles

- 1. William Carlson - Coline - 11 - 30.3
- \*2. Peter Saleman - Sterling - 12 - 30.5
- 3. Charles Stais - Coline - 12 - 40.0
- 4. Tom Norman - Acamb - 12 - 40.0
- 5. Jim Ceevan - Basalle-Ieru - 11 - 41.2

Final Results - 1500 Meter Run

- 1. Craig Ford - Coline - 12 - 4:21.2
- \*2. Rich Berkneiser - Geneseo - 12 - 4:21.3
- \*3. Tony Vandevalle - Rock Island - 11 - 4:21.7
- 4. Matt Ferronez - East Coline - 4:23.05
- 5. Jim Carlson - Rock Island - 12 - 4:35.3

Final Results - 200 Meter Dash

- \*1. Jim Arnold - Sterling - 10 - 22.2
- \*2. Tony Morrison - Salesburg - 12 - 22.3
- 3. Charles Harris - East Coline - 12 - 22.70
- 4. David Wade - Streater - 11 - 22.9
- 5. Joe Arnold - Sterling - 12 - 23.2

FINAL POINTS

- (15) Canton
- (13) Dixon
- (18) East Coline
- (10) Salesburg
- (21) Geneseo
- (1) Basalle-Ieru
- (6) Acamb
- (49) Coline
- (12) Ottawa
- (35) Rock Falls
- (56) Rock Island
- (5) Rock Island Alleman
- (42) Sterling
- (13) Streater

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Final results - 3200 Run

- ✓\*1. Eric Leitler - Geneseo - 12 - 9:39.4
- \*2. Prettyman, Rich - East Coline - 11 - 9:45.0
3. Jeff Brodine - Ottawa - 11 - 9:45.5
4. Steve Ford - Canton - 11 - 9:53.5
5. Jeff Armstrong - Streator - 12 - 9:54.9

Final results - 110 High Hurdles

- \*1. Dietz, Greg - Sterling - 11 15.0
- \*2. Morrison, Greg - Coline - 11 15.0
3. Kirk Clark - Rock Island - 12 - 15.4
4. Matris, Charles - Coline - 12 - 15.95
5. Jeff Muehl - Sterling - 11 16.0

Final results - 100 Meter Dash

- \*1. Morrison, Ken - Coline - 11 - 10.9
- \*2. Morrison, Tom - Galesburg - 12 - 11.0
3. Sandberg, Dave - Coline - 10 - 11.2
4. Wade, Dave - Streator - 11 - 11.2
5. Charles Harris - East Coline - 12 - 11.2

Final results - 300 Meter Run

- \*1. Tom Frierger - Canton - 12 - 1:56.0
- ✓\*2. Pat Smith - Geneseo - 11 - 1:56.8
3. Kevin Soeken - Rock Island - 11 - 1:57.2
4. Fred Canas - Sterling - 10 - 1:57.9
5. Terry Stewart - Coline - 12 - 2:00.9

Final results - 400 Meter Dash

- \*1. Jim Ness - Coline - 10 - 49.7
- \*2. Ed Branigan - Rock Island - 11 - 50.1
3. Tom Dir - Dixon - 11 - 50.9
4. Melan Manning - Alleman - 12 - 51.05
5. Darin Davis - Rock Island - 10 - 51.33

\* State Qualifiers

Final results - 3200 relay

1. Lock Island - 7:53.3  
Don Sellers - 12  
Tony Vandevalle - 11  
Jim Carlson - 12  
Kevin Soeken - 11
2. ...oline - 7:5 .1
3. ...enesco - :02
4. Ottawa - :17.3
5. Sterling - :27.7

Final results - 400 Relay

1. ...oline - 1:42.1 42.6 (Broke District Record)  
Todd Simmons - 11  
Ken Morrison - 11  
Jim Less - 10  
Ken Morrison - 11
2. Sterling - 2:1 42.7
3. Lock Island - 43.1
4. ...acomb - 43.3
5. ...ast ...oline - 44.

Final results - 800 meter relay

1. ...oline - 1:29.4  
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Jeff Skoglund - 12  
Nick Gilson - 11  
Todd Simmons - 11  
Ken Morrison - 11
2. Sterling - 1:29.0
3. Lock Island - 1:29.9
4. ...acomb - 1:31.1
5. ...ast ...oline - 1:31.9

Final Results - 1600 meter relay

1. ...oline - 3:24.3  
Ken Morrison - 11  
Nick Gilson - 11  
Todd Simmons - 11  
Jim Less - 10
2. Sterling - 3:24.0
3. Lock Island - 3:26.3
4. ...asalle-Peru - 3:32.0
5. Ottawa - 3:33.4