

Tracksters prepare for annual John McCormick invitational

Track plays a major role in the start of May this year. Monday, May 2 the girls track invitational will be held at Geneseo high school beginning at 5 p.m. On Friday, May 6 the Geneseo's varsity Leafs will host the John McCormick boys track invitational beginning at 5:30 p.m.

A total of 12 teams are slated to complete Monday. They include Galesburg, Kewanee, Moline, Monmouth, Ottawa, Princeton, Rock Falls, Rock Island, Rock Island Alleman, Sterling and United Township in addition to the home team.

Both the running and field events will begin at 5 p.m.

The 3200 meter relay's first heat will start the meet followed by the prelims in the 100 meter dash and 100 meter hurdles.

The rest of the order is 3200 meter run slow heat, 100 meter dash semifinals, 100 meter hurdles semifinals, frosh-soph 800 meter medley relay, varsity 800 meter medley relay, 3200 meter run finals and the frosh-soph 400 meter relay.

The next event scheduled is the varsity 400 meter relay followed by the 100 meter low hurdles finals, 100 meter dash finals, two heats of the 800 meter run, the frosh-soph 800 meter relay, varsity 800 meter relay, 400 meter dash, 300 meter low hurdles, 1600 meter run finals, 200 meter dash, frosh-soph 1600 relay and the final event the varsity 1600 relay.

The shot put and discus will be held on the cement surface. These two events plus the long jump will start the field events. Three trials in preliminaries and three in the finals will be held with six people qualifying for the finals.

The high jump will wrap up the day.

Geneseo's frosh-soph and varsity 400 meter relay teams will be defending 1979 records for the Lady Leafs.

Sue Poell, Sally Warren, Jane Neuleib and Wanana Beuseling clocked 51.6 in 1979 to set the 400 meter frosh-soph relay record while efforts by Jacque Carton, Kelli Davis, Jan Jacobs and Tina Booth earned the record of 50.0 in the varsity relay.

In 1986 Lorri DeBlieck, Connie Graderi, Gail Perkins and Priscilla Gomez set the 3200 meter relay record

of 9:51.3.

Dixon, Galesburg, Kewanee, LaSalle-Pera, Ottawa, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Falls, Rock Island Alleman and Sherrard will join Geneseo in the John McCormick invitational.

The Leafs currently hold four records for the meet. Trent Foltz set a record time of 10.95 in 1983 for the 100 meter dash. Rick Farrell set a new record for the 300 meter low hurdles in 1985. His time was 38.56.

Karl Tubbs, Wayne VanLerberghe, Rick Farrell and Jim Varga combined efforts in the 400 meter varsity relay to set a new record of 43.6 in 1985. The 1980 3200 meter relay squad of Jeff Renihan, Bryan Colbert, Dave Paxson and Keith Kincaid held the record at 8:04.8.

Preliminary heats in the 100 meter dash and the 110 high hurdles will start the action at 5:30 p.m. The slow heat in the 3200 meter run will follow.

Next on the agenda are the semifinals of the 100 meter dash, 110 high hurdles, one heat of the 3200 meter relay, the 400 meter relay and the frosh-soph 400 meter relay.

The meet continues with the 3200 meter run, finals in the 110 high hurdles, finals of the 100 meter dash, finals in the weightman's 400 meter relay, 800 meter run, 800 meter relay, 400 meter dash, 300 low hurdles, 1600 meter run, 200 meter dash and the 1600 meter relay.

In all of the heats the second or last heat will be the fastest one.

Field events will also be starting at 5:30 p.m. The shot put and discus will be held on the cement surface while the high jump, long jump, triple jump and pole vault events will be held on the all weather surface.

Three tries will be allowed in the shot put, long jump, triple jump and discus with the top seven advancing to finals.

Both the Lady Leafs and the Leafs earned third place rankings last year in their respective invitational.

McCormick Inv. Pre-meet Article.

Sherrard's Crippen looking forward to duel with state's best

By Keith Brake
Staff sports writer

GENESEO — Sherrard pole vaulter Andy Crippen cleared 15-6 last week, then smiled as he thought about what lies ahead tonight in Geneseo.

Crippen, whose vault is the best in Illinois by a Class A vaulter this spring, will meet up with Ottawa's Greg Fenza, whose best of 17-0 not only is the best in Class AA, but also ranks as the best in state prep history.

The event tonight is the John McCormick Boys Invitational, and it figures to be the only competition between two athletes who probably are the state's best vaulters.

Action will get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the 12-school meet, which could see formidable records wiped out in five of six field events.

Crippen will bring a new, longer pole to the Geneseo meet, in hopes a hand grip higher on the pole will lead to his goal: A 16-foot vault.

"I might take a week to adjust to the new pole, because it'll be springier," said Crippen. "It's the same kind of pole, just longer."

The presence of Fenza might serve to draw some attention away from the 6-4 Crippen. And that, thinks Sherrard coach Kelly McKee, might not be a bad thing. "Andy tends to get nervous when he knows all eyes are on him," said McKee.

Fenza had cleared 16-6 twice in competition, and had gone 17 feet twice in practice. He's within 11 inches of the national prep record. A total of five vaulters in tonight's field have cleared 13 feet or higher, and a third major contender in this meet will be Ottawa's Brian Sly, who has soared 14-6. Fenza's meet record is 15-6.

An expected battle between Geneseo's 6-11 high jumper, Todd Akers, and Princeton's Randy Allen, who has a best of 6-9, probably won't happen. Akers' brother is getting married this weekend, and the Leaf jumper is scheduled to be in the rehearsal in Aurora during Friday's meet. However, Geneseo's Dean Lewis is one of four jumpers in the field who've cleared 6-4 or better.

Sherrard's Rob Schultz is top-seeded in the discus with a best of 166 feet, but three others have thrown beyond 156 feet.

Top-seeded triple jumper Jay Reed of Geneseo is within inches of the meet mark with his best of 44-3½. Alleman's Mark Meyer, top-seeded in the long jump at 21-4½, also is close.

Other top seeds for Geneseo are Mike Haars in the 800-meter run and Phil Walsh in the 1,600, and the Leafs' 3,200 and frosh-soph 400 relay squads. Sherrard's other top choices are Lee Encapera in the 200, and the Tigers' 400 relay quartet.

According to seeding projections by Geneseo officials, the Leafs would top the field with 118 points, to Dixon's 79. But Sherrard could grab a team trophy amidst larger NCIC schools if the Tigers meet their projected third-place total of 69.

Leafs win own McCormick invite

Two new and one tied record highlight meet

Under picture perfect conditions, Geneseo ran away with their own John McCormick track and field invitational Friday, May 6.

Adding to the day's excitement was the tying of one meet record and the setting of two additional records.

Leaf Jay Reed took his winning triple-jump distance of 44'7-1/2" to the record book. His distance broke the record set by Dixon's Doug Bushman in 1980 at 44'3-3/4". Reed has had to adjust to a pulled hip muscle during the last three weeks, making his record even more impressive. He backed it with a personal best of 20'1" for sixth in the long jump.

Sherrard tallied a meet record in the discus throw from Rob Schultz at 166'1-1/2". Schultz's throw out-distanced Dixon's Alex Meinke's 1979 toss of 161'10".

Alleman's Derek Watts tied a meet record with his winning effort of 6'6" in the high jump to tie the record set by Rock Falls' Ron Ferneau in 1985 at 6'6".

Geneseo won four events and compiled 138 points to second-place Dixon's 89-1/2 points. With the help of Reed's meet record and the running talents of Phil Walsh and Mike Haars, the Leafs were well on their way to controlling the 11-team field.

Joining Reed in the winners circle was Mike Haars with a first in the 800 meter run, 1:59.4. Firsts were also awarded to the 3200 relay and the 400 relay teams.

Adam Boardman, Shawn Alexander, Jason VanVooren and Haars formed the 3200 relay team and took the tape in 8:12.8. Bud Bennington, Ted Leamen, Ben Mayes and Steve Zobrist combined efforts to take the 400 relay in 44.99.

Several second place finishes and a few thirds helped in the Leafs winning cause. Derek Allen threw the discus 161'5" for second in his event while Dean Lewis claimed second in the high jump, clearing 6'4".

Phil Walsh finished in the second slot in the 3200 meter race with a time of 9:46.2. He then took second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:26.4.

Mark Reade covered the 300 low hurdles in 40.49 for a silver place slot while the weightman's class relay of Bill Eaker, Allen, Steve Nitz and Curt Seei placed second in 49.09.

In the third place column of the meet were Zobrist, 110 high hurdles, 15.93; Mike Morris, 800 meter run, 2:00.02; Mayes, 100 meter dash, 11.67; Ted Leamen, 400 meter run, 52.22 and the 1600 relay team of Reade, Tyrone Jackson, Boardman and Haars, 3:31.93.

Others placing for Geneseo were Turner, high jump, Steve Durick, pole vault, Zobrist, 300 low hurdles, VanVooren, 1600 run and Fleming, 200 meter dash, all fourth places; Allen, shot put, Baker, 3200 meter, fifth places and Seei, shot, Nitz, discus, Reed, long jump, Blunt, 110 high hurdles and the 800 relay of Bennington, Jackson, Blunt and Mayes, all sixth place finishes.

Nail-biting competition was also seen in the pole vaulting event however Leaf's vaulting ace Todd Akers was not part of it. Akers did not participate in the McCormick invite because of family obligations.

Sherrard's Andy Crippen, the state's top Class A vaulter with a best of 15'6" and Ottawa's Greg Fenza, the second best in the nation by three-quarters of an inch, were forced into a vault-off after clearing 15' Friday.

Both then missed at 15'6" and then cleared 15'3". The excitement continued to build as Fenza made 15'6" and Crippen didn't with Fenza taking the victory. Official records will list the winning height for Fenza at 15'.

"I was surprised," said Crippen about the results of the duel. "It was fun."

Fenza stated he felt the facilities were good. "I just didn't put it all together tonight. My goal for the season had been 17 feet...But you have to get over 15 feet first."

Both Fenza and Crippen were employing new, longer poles they started using this week. "It looked like he was having the same problems (adjusting) I was," said the Sherrard vaulter.

McCormick Invitational

At Geneseo

Team Points

1. Geneseo 138; 2. Dixon 89-1/2; 3. Princeton 80; 4. Galesburg 55; 5. Sherrard 53; 6. LaSalle-Peru; 48-1/2; 7. Ottawa 46; 8. Alleman 33; 9. Kewanee 18; 10. Rock Falls 15; 11. Rochelle 13.

Summary

3,200 relay — 1. Geneseo (Adam Boardman, Shawn Alexander, Jason VanVooren, Mike Haars), 8:12.72.

Varsity 400 relay — 1. Geneseo (Bud Bennington, Ted Leamen, Ben Mayes, Steve Zobrist), :44.99.

110 high hurdles — 1. Luke Dixon, Dixon, :15.21; 3. Steve Zobrist, Geneseo, :15.93; 6. Chad Blunt, Geneseo, :16.31.

100 — 1. Mike Bradley, Galesburg, :11.50; 3. Ben Mayes, Geneseo, :11.67.

Frosh-soph 400 relay — 1. Sherrard, :46.77.

3,200 — 1. Rob Dowell, Dixon, 9:45.35; 2. Phil Walsh, Geneseo, 9:46.19; 5. Brad Baker, Geneseo, 9:59.0.

800 — 1. Mike Haars, Geneseo, 1:59.37; 3. Mike Morris, Geneseo, 2:00.02.

Pole vault — 1. Greg Fenza, Ottawa, 15'0"; 4. Steve Durick, Geneseo, 12'6".

High jump — 1. Derek Watts, Alleman, 6'6"

(ties meet record); 2. tie, Dean Lewis, Geneseo, 6'4" and Randy Allen, Princeton); 4. Don Turner, Geneseo, 6'2".

Discus — 1. Rob Schultz, Sherrard, 166'1-1/2" (meet record); 2. Derek Allen, Geneseo, 161'5"; 6. Steve Nitz, Geneseo 139'3-1/2".

Shot put — 1. Brad Lawton, Dixon, 53'2-1/2"; 5. Derek Allen, Geneseo, 48'5"; 6. Curt Seei, Geneseo, 47'4-1/4".

300 low hurdles — 1. Luke Dixon, Dixon, :40.14; 2. Mark Reade, Geneseo, :40.49; 4. Steve Zobrist, Geneseo, 40.98.

800 relay — 1. Princeton, 1:32.71; 6. Geneseo, 1:36.75.

400 — 1. Chuck McConnell, LaSalle-Peru, 51.61; 2. Ted Leamen, Geneseo, :52.22.

Long jump — 1. Mark Meyer, Alleman, 21'3"; 6. Jay Reed, Geneseo, 20'1".

Triple jump — 1. Jay Reed, Geneseo, 44'7-1/2" (meet record).

1,600 — 1. Rob Dowell, Dixon, 4:26.30; 2. Phil Walsh, 4:26.40; 4. Jason VanVooren, 4:32.03.

200 — 1. Todd Hornbuckle, Sherrard, :23.19; 4. Steve Fleming, Geneseo, :23.61.

Weightman's 400 relay — 1. Dixon, :48.04; 2. Geneseo, :49.09.

1,600 relay — 1. Dixon, 3:27.65; 3. Geneseo, 3:31.93.

Geneseo Invite

Conditions: 78° - Perfect 5/67/88

Team Scores: ① Geneseo 138 ② Dixon 89 1/2 ③ Princeton 80 ④ Galerby 55
⑤ Sherrard 53 ⑥ L.P. 48 1/2 ⑦ Ottawa 46 ⑧ Alleman 33 ⑨ Kew 18 ⑩ R.F. 15 ⑪ L.H. 13

Shot ⑤th Allen 48-5 ⑥th Seei 47-4 1/2
Disc ②nd Allen 161-5 ⑥th Nitz 139-3 1/2
HJ ②nd Lewis 6-4 ④th Turner 6-2
PV ④th Durick 12-6 G. Klopp N.H.
TJ ①st Reed 44-7 1/2 (44-1 1/2) (44-0) Durick 38-6
LS ⑥th Reed 20-1 Dierick 19-4 1/2

8:12.8 ①st **3200 Rel** Boardman 2:02.8 (60) Alexander 57-2:06.9 VanDooren 2:04.2 (61) Hears 1:58.8 (55)

44.99 ①st **400 Rel** Bennington 11.97 Leamen 11.84 Blunt 10.36 Zobrist 10.36

F.S. 400 Rel Loucks 11.0 Dierick 11.1 Verbeek 10.7 Blunt 13.2 (Dropped) Ⓐ

3200 ②nd Walsh 9:46.2 66-2:19-3:29-4:42-5:57-7:18-8:36 →

⑤th Baker 9:59.0 67-2:19-3:31-4:47-6:07-7:28-8:48 →

110 H.H. ③rd Zobrist 15.93 (16.17) ⑥th Blunt 16.31 (16.55)

100 ③rd Mayer 11.67 (11.72) (11.73) Grader 12.37

800 ①st Hears 1:59.4 (58) ③rd Morris 2:00.1 (57)

1:36.59 ⑥th **800 Rel** Bennington 24.93 Jackson 24.09 Blunt 24.97 Mayer 22.7

400 ③rd Leamen 52.22 Wachtel 54.05

300 H.H. ②nd Reade 40.49 ④th Zobrist 40.98

1600 ②nd Walsh 4:26.4 62-2:11-3:22 ④th VanDooren 4:32.1 63-2:14-3:26

200 ④th Fleming 23.61 Mayer 24.13

49.09 ②nd **Weight Rel** Enker 12.2 Allen 11.99 Nitz 12.12 Seei 11.61

5:31.93 ③rd **1600 Rel** Reade 52.0 Jackson 53.7 Boardman 54.2 Hears 51.6

MEET RESULTS

1. Geneseo 138

2. Dixon 89½

3. Princeton 80

4. Galesburg 55

5. Sherrard 53

6. LaSalle Peru 48½

7. Ottawa 46

8. Alleman 33

9. Kewanee 18

10. Rock Falls 15

11. Rochelle 13

GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL

JOHN McCORMICK BOYS TRACK INVITATIONAL

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3200 Meter Relay

1.	8:12.72	Geneseo	(A. Boardman, S. Alexander, J. VanVooren, M. Haars)
2.	8:18.20	Princeton	
3.	8:36.14	Ottawa	
4.	8:39.32	LaSalle-Peru	
5.	8:39.52	Sherrard	
6.	8:40.94	Galesburg	

400 Meter Varsity Relay

1.	44.99	Geneseo	(B. Bennington, T. Leamen, B. Mayes, S. Zobrist)
2.	45.05	Princeton	
3.	45.60	Rock Falls	
4.	45.68	Dixon	
5.	45.72	LaSalle-Peru	
6.	45.94	Ottawa	

400 Meter F/S Relay

1.	46.77	Sherrard	(M. Wardlow, B. Lynch, D. Williams, M. Viernow)
2.	47.14	Galesburg	
3.	47.34	Ottawa	
4.	48.25	LaSalle-Peru	
5.	48.32	Princeton	
6.	48.68	Dixon	

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Triple Jump

1.	44' 7½"	Geneseo	Jay Reed
2.	42' 8½"	Alleman	Derek Watts
3.	42' ½"	Princeton	Randy Allen
4.	41' 2"	Dixon	Tracey Forrest
5.	40' ½"	Rochelle	Aaron Cook
6.	39' 11½"	Princeton	Al Layton

1600 Meter Run

1.	4:26.30	Dixon	Rob Dowell
2.	4:26.40	Geneseo	Phil Walsh
3.	4:32.02	LaSalle Peru	Chris Baldwin
4.	4:32.03	Geneseo	Jason VanVooren
5.	4:34.37	Galesburg	Jeremy Foster
6.	4:35.39	Alleman	Mike Darrow

200 Meter Dash

1.	23.19	Sherrard	Todd Kornbuckle
2.	23.40	Galesburg	Mike Bradley
3.	23.47	LaSalle Peru	Chuck McConnell
4.	23.61	Geneseo	Steve Fleming
5.	23.77	Alleman	Matt Loehrer
6.	23.87	Ottawa	Paul Harsted

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1600 Meter Relay

1. 3:27.65 Dixon (D. Schilling, T. Forrest, M. Snyder, G. Heaton)
2. 3:28.36 Princeton
3. 3:31.93 Geneseo
4. 3:36.12 Kewanee
5. 3:37.09 Alleman
6. 3:37.52 Rock Falls

Weight Relay

- (1) 48.04 Dixon
- (2) 49.09 Geneseo
- (3) 50.00 Ottawa
- (4) 50.82 Galesburg
- (5) 50.99 Princeton
- (6) 56.53 Rock Falls

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Long Jump

1.	21' 3"	Alleman	Mark Meyer
2.	20' 6"	LaSalle Peru	Bill Turezyn
3.	20' 5½"	Rock Falls	Coby Leuschke
4.	20' 3"	Princeton	Doug Bruyn
5.	20' 2½"	Princeton	Randy Allen
6.	20' 1"	Geneseo	Jay Reed

Pole Vault

1.	15'	Ottawa	Greg Fenza
2.	15'	Sherrard	Andy Crippen
3.	13'	Princeton	Kai Wahlgren
4.	12'6"	Geneseo	Steve Durick
5.	12'	Galesburg	Mike Albright
6.	11'	Rochelle	Eric Heitier

300 Meter Low Hurdle

1.	40.19	Dixon	Luke Dixon
2.	40.49	Geneseo	Mark Reade
3.	40.50	Dixon	Mike Snyder
4.	40.98	Geneseo	Steve Zobrist
5.	41.83	Galesburg	Dion Smith
6.	41.97	Princeton	Randy Allen

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Discus

1.	166'	1½"	Sherrard	Rob Schultz	***** New Record
2.	161'	5"	Geneseo	Derek Allen	
3.	149'	1'	LaSalle Peru	Karl Koplin	
4.	144'	7"	Galesburg	Ron Fields	
5.	142'	½"	Ottawa	Brad Chalus	
6.	139'	3½"	Geneseo	Steve Nitz	

High Jump

1.	6'	6"	Alleman	Derek Watts	TIES MEET RECORD
2.	6'	4"	Geneseo	Dean Lewis	
2.	6'	4"	Princeton	Randy Allen	
4.	6'	2"	Geneseo	Don Turner	
5.	6'	0"	LaSalle Peru	Matt Jerab	
6.	6'	0"	Dixon	Drew Schilling	
6.	6'	0"	LaSalle Peru	Jason Clydssdale	

Shot Put

1.	53'	2½"	Dixon	Frad Lawton	
2.	51'	6¼"	Princeton	Tim Lewis	
3.	50'	10"	Ottawa	Brad Chalus	
4.	50'		Sherrard	Rob Schultz	
5.	48'	5"	Geneseo	Derek Allen	
6.	47'	4¼"	Geneseo	Curt Seei	

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3200 Meter Run

1.	9:45.35	Dixon (Rob Dowell)
2.	9:46.19	Geneseo (Phil Walsh)
3.	9:54.37	Galesburg (Jeremy Foster)
4.	9:57.12	Ottawa (Rob Piercy)
5.	9:59.00	Geneseo (Brad Baker)
6.	10:03.55	Princeton (Steve Schennum)

110 High Hurdle

1.	15.21	Dixon (Luke Dixon)
2.	15.89	Galesburg (Dion Smith)
3.	15.93	Geneseo (Steve Zobrist)
4.	16.05	Dixon (Mike Snyder)
5.	16.20	Ottawa (Bryan Young)
6.	16.31	Geneseo (Chad Blunt)

800 Meter Run

1.	1:59.37	Geneseo (Mike Haars)
2.	1:59.61	Rochelle (Aarron Arne)
3.	2:00.02	Geneseo (Mike Morris)
4.	2:05.21	Kewanee (Doug Vickary)
5.	2:06.31	Sherrard (Clint Weber)
6.	2:08.40	Sherrard (Bill Stanley)

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100 Meter Dash

1.	11.50	Galesburg	Mike Bradley
2.	11.65	Ottawa	Paul Horsted
3.	11.67	Geneseo	Ben Mayes
4.	11.73	Kewanee	Chris Woods
5.	11.80	Rock Falls	Jay Ahling
6.	11.93	Dixon	Matt Gusse

800 Meter Relay

1.	1:32.71	Princeton	(D. Bruyn, B. Koger, T. Lewis, C. Martin)
2.	1:32.94	Dixon	
3.	1:34.69	Sherrard	
4.	1:36.46	Galesburg	
5.	1:36.8859	XXXXXXXX Rochelle	
6.	1:36.75	Geneseo	

400 Meter Dash

1.	51.61	LaSalle Peru	Chuck McConnell
2.	52.09	Princeton	Glen Harden
3.	52.22	Geneseo	Ted Leamen
4.	53.20	Kewanee	Tom Breed
5.	52.24	Kewanee	Garzell Taylor
6.	53.63	Dixon	Matt Gusse