

Leaf boys reload for NCIC title challenge

GENESEO — We'll be going after the NCIC title again, you bet," Geneseo boys track coach Don Fredericks said.

The Maple Leafs won their first NCIC crown since 1945 last spring. Fredericks said defending it won't be easy.

"It will be a dog fight," Fredericks said. "DuWayne Dietz, the coach at Sterling, is retiring after this year, so they'll be wanting to win one last one for him," Fredericks said. "Princeton won the NCIC frosh-soph meet last year, and should have one of its best teams in decades. And Ottawa has turned the corner.

"We lost some key people," Fredericks said. "We're not going to

be able to send a 6-11 high jumper (Todd Akers, now a University of Illinois freshman) out there. But we're not going to cry wolf, either," Fredericks said. "It will be a four-horse race."

And, the Geneseo stable is bursting at the seams.

"We have our usual 100 out, and we're still recruiting kids in the school," Fredericks said.

The names which could pop up on state's best lists from time to time this season are those of seniors Jay Reed in the triple jump, and Derek Allen in the discus.

Geneseo's returning lettermen are Allen, Reed, and fellow seniors Brad Baker in the distances, Barry Bassier

in the middle distances and Brian Klopp in the pole vault.

Junior lettermen are Chad Blunt in the hurdles, Glenn Klopp, who vaulted 13 feet as a sophomore, sprinter Ben Mayes and distance man Jason VanVooren.

Sophomores who lettered as freshmen are middle distance men Adam Boardman and Justin VanVooren.

And, Fredericks said several from Atkinson likely will make major impact on the Geneseo program.

They include senior jumper/sprinter Jon Obrecht, junior discus thrower Neil Simon, junior distance man Justin VanOpdorp and sophomore quarter/half-miler and high jumper Mike VanDeVelde.

Other seniors who Fredericks expects major contributions from are Brian Behnkendorf, Lance Pittenger and Brian Timmerman in the weights, quarter-miler/hurdler Tyrone Jackson, middle distance man Christian Michaelson, 400 and 800-meter man Jay Wachtel and 400 dash and intermediate hurdler Kyle Woitel.

Fredericks said there's a good group of junior talent, too.

Fredericks is assisted by Denny Dierickx in the weights, Vic Boblett in the sprints and Mel Snook in the jumps. Fredericks works with the distance runners.

"Our emphasis," Fredericks said,

"will be on being ready at championship meet time."

GENESEO BOYS TRACK

March 21 - Freeport and Sterling at Westwood, Sterling, 5 p.m.

March 28 - United Township and Orion at Geneseo, 4 p.m.

April 4 - Streator and Ottawa at Streator, 4:30 p.m.

April 8 - at East Moline Kiwanis Relays, Soule Bowl, 11:30 a.m.

April 13 - Galesburg and Alleman at Geneseo, 4 p.m.

April 15 - at Peoria Relays, 12 noon.

April 20 - Mendota and Rock Falls at Rock Falls, 4:30 p.m.

April 22 - At Dixon Invitational, 10 a.m.

April 24 - Geneseo Frosh Invitational, 5 p.m.

April 25 - at Moline, 4:30 p.m.

April 27 - Princeton and Rockridge at Geneseo, 4:30 p.m.

April 29 - At Dixon Frosh-Soph Invitational, 10 a.m.

May 1 - at Pleasant Valley Frosh Invitational, 5:30 p.m.

May 2 - at Sterling, 4:30 p.m.

May 5 - John McCormick Invitational at Geneseo, 5:30 p.m.

May 12 - NCIC at Sterling, 3 p.m.

May 15 - at Bettendorf Frosh Invitational, 5 p.m.

May 16 - at Moline Frosh-Soph Invitational, 5 p.m.

May 19 - IHSA Sectional, site, time to be announced.

May 26-27 - State finals at Charleston.

Leaf boys clobber Dixon and Rochelle

Geneseo's varsity boys track team started its season off on a positive note as it defeated Dixon and Rochelle in a triangular meet on Tuesday, March 14 at the Westwood sports complex in Sterling.

The Leafs totalled 66.5 points while Dixon had 56.5 and Rochelle had 46.

Coach Don Fredericks thought three Leafs had outstanding efforts in the meet. "Derek Allen, Chad Blunt and Brad Baker really did the job for us. They performed very well, especially since it was the first meet of the season," he said.

Senior weightman Allen threw the shot 51'5" to capture the shot. The discus competition was not held. Blunt captured both the 55 meter low and high hurdles while Baker won both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs.

The Leafs also captured firsts in three other events. Glenn Klopp captured the pole vault with a vault of 11'6", Ben Mayes won the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.7 seconds and the team of Christian Michaelsen, Mike Bell, Barry Bassier and Brian Walsh captured the 3200 meter relay in 8:59.9.

Second place finishes were earned by Bell in the 400 meter run and the 1600 meter relay team of Jay Wachtel, Kyle Woitel, Mike VanDeVelde and Jon Obrect.

VanDeVelde also earned a third place finish in the high jump with a leap of 5'10".

"It was a good start for us. The boys who were not involved in winter sports have been training since the middle of January and they were anxious to see what they could do," said Coach Fredericks.

Despite being happy with the win, Coach Fredericks was not happy that two of his best long distance runners, Jason VanVooren and Bryan Glass, will be out for much of the season. VanVooren is out after having an emergency appendicitis operation and Glass is out after having his foot run over by a car. "It was not the way we wanted to start out the season," said Coach Fredericks. The Leaf long distance runners will now look for the leadership of Baker, according to Coach Fredericks.

Leaf boys off to winning start with triangular triumph

STERLING — Geneseo's boys track team got off to a running start Tuesday night, beating Dixon and Rochelle in a close indoor meet at the Westwood facility in Sterling.

The Maple Leaf varsity scored 66.5 points, topping the 56.5 total posted by Dixon and a 46-point total for Rochelle.

"The performance of the meet, as far as I was concerned, came from Derek Allen," Geneseo coach Don Fredericks said.

Allen put the shot 51'5 1/2", "and that's quite an early-season effort," Fredericks said.

Geneseo had a pair of individual double winners. Chad Blunt won both hurdles races, and Brad Baker won the 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs.

Other Geneseo winners were Ben Mayes in the 55-meter dash, Glenn Klopp in the pole vault, and the 3,200-meter relay team of Christian Michaelson, Mike Bell, Barry Bassier and Brian Walsh.

"It was a start," Fredericks said. "We at least got an idea of what we've got out there."

The bad news for the Leafs, though, is that they may have lost two outstanding distance runners for the season. Jason VanVooren is out of action after undergoing an emergency appendectomy. And Bryan Glass is out after his foot was run over by a car.

Geneseo's sophomores rolled to an easy win Tuesday. The Leaflets scored 96.5 points, to 34 by Rochelle and 33.5 by Dixon.



On the fly

Geneseo's Chad Blunt, shown in this file photo, won both hurdles races Tuesday night as the Maple Leafs opened their indoor track season with a win over Dixon and Rochelle at Sterling.

Leaflet tracksters notch easy victory

Geneseo's frosh-soph boys track team totaled 96.5 points to easily defeat Rochelle (34) and Dixon (33.5) in a triangular meet held Tuesday, March 14 at the Westwood sports complex in Sterling.

The Leaflets scored victories in 11 of the 16 events contested.

Two Leafs were double winners in the meet. Shane McKibbon won the 55 meter low hurdles in 8.2 seconds and the 55 meter high hurdles in 8.9 seconds. Cubby Orwig won the 1600 meter run in 5:12.1 and the 3200 meter run in 11:22.4.

Also earning firsts for the Leaflets were Darin Lavery in the triple jump with a leap of 36'5", Brad Diericx in the long jump with a leap of 18'3", Ryan Verbeck in the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.9 seconds, Justin VanVooren in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:18.5 and Jeremy Hoelke in the 400 meter run with a time of 61.3.

The 800 meter relay team of Matt Jacobs, Diericx, Kevin Fuhr and Verbeck and the 1600 meter relay team of McKibbon, Verbeck, Hoelke and VanVooren also were winners.

VARSTTY

Geneseo 66.5, Dixon 56.5, Rochelle 46
(Winners, Geneseo finishers)

3,200 relay - 1, Geneseo (Christian Michael-
sen, Mike Bell, Barry Bassier, Brian Walsh).
8:59.9

3,200 - 1, Brad Baker, Geneseo. 4, Jim
Henderson. 10:10.09.

55-meter high hurdles - 1, Chad Blunt,
Geneseo. 4, Chris Bush, Geneseo. :08.02.

55-meter low hurdles - 1, Blunt. 3, Tyrone
Jackson. 4, Bush. :07.62

55-meter dash - 1, Ben Mayes, Geneseo. 3,
Chad Loucks. :06.62.

800 - 1, Ame, Rochelle. 4, Michaelson.
2:07.8.

800 relay - 1, Dixon. 1:39.3.

400- 1, Tracy Forrest, Dixon. 2, Mike Bell.
:55.7.

1,600 - 1, Brad Baker, Geneseo. 4:47.4.

300 - 1, Long, Rochelle. 4, Corey Atwell,
Geneseo. 40.63.

1,600 relay - 1, Dixon. 2, Geneseo. 3:45.3.

Shot put - 1, Derek Allen, Geneseo. 4, Brian
Behnkendorf. 51'5 1/2".

High jump - 1, Schilling, Dixon. 3, Mike
VanDeVelde. 6'0".

Triple jump - 1, Forrest, Dixon. 41'11".

Pole vault - 1, Glenn Klopp, Geneseo. 2,
Brian Klopp. 11'6".

SOPHOMORES

Geneseo 96.5, Rochelle 34, Dixon 33.5.

3,200 relay - 1, Dixon. 2, Geneseo. 9:22.0.

3,200 - 1, Cubby Orwig, Geneseo. 3, Neil
Radicic. 4, Steve Miller. 11:22.36.

55 high hurdles - 1, Shane McKibbon,
Geneseo. :08.86.

55 low hurdles - 1, McKibbon, Geneseo.
Dave Farmer. :08.15.

55-meter dash - 1, Ryan Verbeck, Geneseo.
4, Brad Diericx. :06.84.

800 - 1, Justin VanVooren, Geneseo. 3, Ryan
Kleinau. 2:18.5.

800 relay - 1, Geneseo (Verbeck, Diericx,
Kevin Fuhr, Matt Jacocks) 1:41.8.

400 - 1, Jeremy Holke, Geneseo. 2, Chris
Walters. 1:01.3.

1,600 - 1, Orwig, Geneseo. 3, Radicic. 5:12.1.

300 - 1, Heitter, Rochelle. 2, Fuhr. 3, Adam
Stokes. :42.31.

1,600 relay - 1, Geneseo (Verbeck, McKib-
bon, Holke, VanVooren). 3:59.46.

Shot put - 1, Rdach, Dixon. 2, Kent Swanson.
3, Matt Henning. 38'1".

High jump - 1, Webber, Rochelle. 3, Holke.
4, tie, Kleinau. 5'8".

Triple jump - 1, Darin Lavery, Geneseo. 2,
Ryan Alexander. 4, Farmer. 36'5 1/4".

Long jump - 1, Brad Diericx, Geneseo. 4,
Fuhr. 18'3 1/2".

Pole vault - 1, Heiter, Rochelle. 2, Mark
Chaney. 3, Troy Bjork. 4, Chris Widowski.
10'6".

Genesee 66 1/2

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Dixon 56 1/2

Rochelle 46

5 shot
Discus

(1st) Allen 51-5 1/2 (4th) Behnkendorf 40-1 1/2 McAvoy 36-6 Pittenger 34-5 1/2
Walker 31-7 1/2
Not contested

H.J.

(tie 3rd) VanDeVelde 5-10 Jackson N.H. Evans Injured

P.U.

(1st) G. Klopp 11-6 (2nd) B. Klopp 10-6 Lawrence N.H.

L.J.

(4th) Obrecht 17-6 Evans 17-2 Lawrence 15-1 1/2

T.J.

Jackson 35-5 Evans injured

3200 R

(1st) Michelsen 64-2:13.9 Bell 65-2:13.2 Bissler 68-2:19.9 Walsh 67-2:12.9

3200

(1st) Baker 10:10.9 71-2:26-3:43-5:00-6:19-7:37-8:56

(4th) Henderson 11:56 75-2:40-4:06-5:39-7:13-8:49-10:17
Coleman 14:40 75-3:20-5:08-7:02-8:58-10:55-12:54

55 HH

(1st) Blunt 8.1 (4th) Bush 9.1

- 55
- 55

(1st) Blunt 7.7 (3rd) Jackson 8.3 (4th) Bush 8.4
Rogers 7.3 Atwell 7.3 S. Coleman 7.6

55

(1st) Meyer 6.7 (3rd) Louck 7.2 Hahn 6.8? Obrecht 7.4 Waitel 7.5 Porter 8.5

800

(4th) Michelsen 67-2:16.3 Bissler 68-2:16.7 Wachtel 69-2:17.0 Walsh 72-2:43

800 R

1:42.9 (3rd) - ^{no place pt.} Meyer 24.2 Louck 25.9 Hahn 25.2 Atwell 27.5 (in Lane 3)

400

(2nd) Bell 56.4 Harder 60.4 Waitel 60.5 Bush 64.4 Porter 74.0

1600

(1st) Baker 4:47.4 71-2:24-3:38 Henderson 5:33.5 72-2:34-4:05

300

(4th) Atwell 42.4 McAvoy 43.1 Louck 43.6 S. Coleman 48.1

1600 R

(2nd) Wachtel 58.8 Waitel 60.6 VanDeVelde 55.2 Obrecht 59.6

Bell 59.3 Michelsen 58.9 Bissler 62.1 Walsh 58.9

Dixon + Rochelle

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EVENT	DISTANCE HEIGHT TIME	FIRST Place Points <u>5</u>		SECOND Place Points <u>3</u>		THIRD Place Points <u>2</u>	
		COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL
3200R	8:59.7	Gen		Dixon		Roch	
3200	10:00.7	Baker	Gen	Spangler	Dix	Mitchell	Roch
5844	6.1	Blunt	Gen	Rodriguez	Roch	Scott	Roch
5844	7.7	Blythe	Gen	Rodriguez	Roch	Jackson	Gen
55	1:07	Mayer	Gen	Long	Roch	Loudon	Gen
800	2:07.8	Arne	Roch	Swain	Dix	Edwards	Dix
800R	1:38.3	Dixon		Roch		Gen	
400	55.7	Forrest	Dix	Bell	Gen	Cook	Roch
1600	4:47.7	Baker	Gen	Spangler	Dix	Arne	Roch
300	1:10.7	Long	Roch	Forrest	Dix	Fleming	Roch
1600P	3:15.3	Dixon		Gen		Roch	
500	1:55.2	Allen	Gen	Rogers	Dix	Cornwell	Dix
1400	6:00	Schilling	Dix	Fleming	Roch	Brooks	Dix
45	1:19.6	Fleming	Roch	Forrest	Dix	Hopkins	Dix
175	1:44.2	Forrest	Dix	Long	Roch	Cook	Roch
100	1:12.6	Klopp	Gen	Klopp	Gen	Melton	Roch

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Team Scores

FOURTH Place Points—		FIFTH Place Points—			
COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL		
3200R	X			3	8
3200	Henderson	Gen		3	6
SS HH	Bush	Gen		6	6
SS HH	Bush	Gen		6	8
SS	Carrington	Dix		1	7
800	Michelska	Gen		5	12
800R	X			5	3
400	Brooks	Dix		6	5
1600	W-B-LCC	Dix		4	4
300	Atwell	Gen		3	1
1600R				5	3
Shot	Bekinsdale	Gen		5	6
HJ	X			6	4
LJ	Strickland	Gen		5	1
TJ	Gruenewald	Roch		5	8
PV	Gruenewald	Roch		5	8
TOTAL TEAM POINTS				56 1/2	66 1/2
TEAM STANDINGS					46

Gen 66 1/2
Dix 56 1/2
Rochelle 46

Geneseo 96.5

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F.S.

Rochelle 34

Dixon 33.5

5-3-2-1
5-3-0

Shot
Disc

H.J.

P.U.

T.J.

FLJ.

3200R

3200

55HH

55LH

55

800

800R

400

1600

300

1600R

(2nd) Swenson 37-11^{1/2} (3rd) Henning 36-4 Dierick 34-3 Troester 29 1/2

not contested

(3rd) Hoelke 5-2 (tie 4th) Kleiner 5-2 Jiler 5-0 Stanfill N.H.

(2nd) Cheney 9-0 (3rd) Bjork 8-6 (4th) Widowski 8-6 Stoker 8-0

(1st) Lavery 36-5 1/4 (2nd) Alexander 34-6 (4th) Farmer 32-9 3/4

(1st) Dierick 18-3 1/2 (4th) Fuhr 17-2 1/2 Kleiner 3 scratches Lavery 3 scratches

(2nd) Hoelke 65-2:22.1 Crawford 69-2:29.9 Rummel 67-2:17.2 VanVooren 66-2:13

(1st) Orwig 11:22.4 78-2:40-4:01-5:24-6:50-8:21-9:53 →

(3rd) Radicic 12:02 82-2:51-4:20-5:52-7:25-9:00-11:20 →

(4th) Miller 13:18 84-2:58-4:35-6:18-8:05-9:52-11:39 →

(1st) McKibben 8.9

(1st) McKibben 8.2 (4th) Farmer 9.2 Blaszczyk 9.6 Mier 9.6 Jiler 10.0
Stanfill 7.7 Stoker 8.0

(1st) Verbeck 6.9 (4th) Dierick 7.3 Fuhr 6.9 Hsopet 7.1 Jacocks 7.3 Widowski 7.7

(1st) VanVooren 2:18.5 (67) (2nd) Rummel 2:19.4 (68) (3rd) Kleiner 2:28.3 (69)

Jolly 73-2:32 Sheets 2:37.9 Collis 2:38.0 McVieHy 75-2:44.0

B-Tan 1:49.6 Stanfill 27.5 Lavery 26.9

(1st) 1:41.8 Jacocks 27.0 Dierick 25.2 Fuhr 25.2 Verbeck 24.2

(1st) Hoelke 61.3 (2nd) Walters 62.1 Mier 61. Lotz 64 Roetr 64

(1st) Orwig 5:12.1 77-2:37-3:58 → (3rd) Radicic 5:27.6 83-2:48-4:09

Jolly 83-2:52-4:26-5:55.2

Sheets 92-3:12-4:52-6:23.9

Miller 87-3:00-4:35-6:04.2

Collis 93-3:16-4:56-6:24.3

(2nd) Fuhr 42.4 (3rd) Stoker 45.0

(1st) 3:59.2 McKibben - 59.2 Verbeck 57.2 Hoelke 62.1 VanVooren 60.

B-Tan 4:14.7 Roetr - 68.9 - Lavery 60.7 Rummel 63.4 Walters 61.8

Dixon + Rochelle

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DIXON/GENESEO/Rochelle

SUMM.

EVENT	DISTANCE HEIGHT TIME	FIRST Place Points—		SECOND Place Points—		THIRD Place Points—	
		COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL
3200 R	9:22	Dixon		Gen			
3200	11:22.36	Orwig	Gen	Buzzard	Dix	Radicic	Gen
55 HH	8:86	McKibbin	Gen	Truckenbrod	Roch		
55 LH	8:15	McKibbin	Gen	WEBER ^{8:26}	Roch	Bollman ^{8:44}	Dix
55	6:84	Verbeck	Gen	HEITER ^{6:48}	Roch	Osbourne ^{7:11}	Roch
800	2:18.5	VAN VOREN	Gen	Rummel ^{3:14.1}	Gen	KLEINAM ^{5:38.3}	Gen
800 R	1:41.8	Gen		Roch	1:43.1	DIXON	1:43.5
400	61.3	HOLKE	Gen	WALTERS ^{62.1}	Gen	JONES ^{64.3}	Dix
1600	5:12.1	ORWIG	Gen	BRUNICK ^{5:17.9}	DIX	RADICIC ^{5:57.6}	Gen
300	42.31	HEITTER	ROCH	Fuhr ^{42.32}	Gen	Stokes ^{44.44}	Gen
1600 R	3:59.46	DIXON	Gen	DIXON	4:07.67		
Shot	38'1"	RDACH	DIX	SWANSON	Gen	HENNING	Gen
HJ	5'8"	WEBBER	ROCH	BROOK	DIX	HOLKE	Gen
TJ	36'5"	LAVERY	Gen	ALEXANDER ^{34.6}	Gen	Bollman	Dix
LJ	18'3"	DIERICY	Gen	OSBORNE ^{17.10}	Roch	HARDY ^{17.44}	DIX
PV	10'6"	HEITER	ROCH	CHANEY ^{9'}	Gen	BJORK ^{8'6"}	Gen

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NOTE: enter 1-11 team points in upper section and total running time in lower section of score box

3200R
3200
554H
552H
55
800
800R
400
1600
300
1600R
Shot
HJ
TJ
LJ
PV