

UT edges Leafs in first outdoor meet

Geneseo's varsity boys track team finished second in its first outdoor meet of the season as the United Township Panthers compiled 93 points to edge the Leafs, which scored 83. Orion scored nine points in the three-team meet held on Tuesday, March 28 in Geneseo.

"I was very happy with the effort put forth by the guys. It was our first outdoor meet of the season and I saw some real positive signs," said Coach Don Fredericks.

The Leafs had six first place finishes in the meet, including one by senior distance runner Brad Baker. Baker captured the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:43.

Jay Reed won the triple jump with a leap of 40'9" and also took second in the long jump and third in the high jump despite not having practiced the event at all this spring, according to Coach Fredericks.

Adam Boardman took the 800 meter run with a time of 2:03, much to the delight of Coach Fredericks. "That is an outstanding time for this early in the season," he praised.

Sophomore Mike VanDeVelde won the 400 meter run with a time of 55.15 seconds and Brian Klopp won the pole vault by clearing the bar at 10'6".

The final first place finish for the Leafs came from the 3200 meter relay team of Jay Wachtel, Brian Walsh, Mike Bell and Brad Baker, who won the event with a time of 8:41.69.

The Leafs competed in this meet without top weightman Derek Allen, who is in Florida over spring break, and pole vaulter Glenn Klopp, who is nursing a leg injury. Both would have helped Geneseo considerably, according to Coach Fredericks.

One Leaf who' did not win an event but was very impressive, according to Coach Fredericks, was junior sprinter Ben Mayes. Mayes finished second in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes to UT speedster Chris Palmer but Coach Fredericks was still happy. "Mayes and all of our sprinters are doing a great job. This is the sharpest our sprinters have looked this early in the season since I've been here," he said.

The health outlook for the Leafs continues to improve as it now looks as though both Bryan Glass and Justin VanVooren will be back before the end of the season. Glass had his foot run over by a car and VanVooren had an emergency appendectomy earlier this spring. Glenn Klopp is also expected back soon to compete in the pole vault. "We just want to be 100 percent back when it really counts - at the end of the season," concluded Coach Fredericks.

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Leafs make strides in close track loss

By KEITH BRAKE NewsLife Editor

GENESEO — Don Fredericks was looking for progress, "and we're farther along than I had hoped for this early in the season," the Geneseo boys track coach said after his squad opened its outdoor season Tuesday afternoon.

United Township and Orion were in for a triangular and the Panthers, led by Chris Palmer and a strong supporting cast of sprinters, nipped the Maple Leafs 93-83. Orion scored nine points. All squads were somewhat shorthanded because of Easter vacation absences.

Geneseo won just six events while UT athletes won the other 12. The Leafs' depth kept the meet as close as it was.

Senior Brad Baker was Geneseo's only double winner on the day. Baker won the metric mile (1,600 meters) in 4:43.75, and ran the anchor leg for a victorious 3,200-meter relay squad. The first three Leafs in that effort were Jay Wachtel, Brian Walsh and Mike Bell. The time: 8:41.69.

Sophomores Adam Dogramian and Mike Value Velde turned in impressive varsity victories.

VanDeVelde, turning the first 200 meters in a scorching 23 seconds, won the 400 in 55.15. Later, running the third leg on the 1,600 relay, he came from behind to give the Leafs a lead, although the team wound up second in that event.

Boardman turned in a solid 2:03 effort to win the 800-meter race.

Senior Jay Reed won the triple

jump, soaring 40'9" in his first action of the season, while senior Brian Klopp cleared 10'6" to pick up a win in the pole vault.

"Our sprint group is running extremely well," Fredericks said, noting that Ben Mayes was yapping at the heels of the talented Palmer in both of the short dashes. "The sprinters have good work habits, although our other groups are working hard, too," Fredericks said.

"One thing I demand is that we be a team," Fredericks said. "And we've seen flashes of that. We do need for some of our kids to pull for each other just a little more during races.

"But slowly," Fredericks said,
"we're putting the pieces together."

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Leaflet tracksters snap Panther winning streak

Geneseo's frosh-soph boys track team snapped UT's 21-meet winning streak as they our-scored the Panthers 100-81 in a meet held on Thesday, March 28 in Geneseo. Orion also competed but did not field a complete team and did not count in the finel-standings.

The Leaflets captured first place in 13

of the 18 events in the meet.

Leading the way were double winners Jason Van Vooren and Shane McKibbon, Van Vooren won the 800 meter run in 2:11.61 and the 1600 meter run in 5:04.77; McKibbon won the 110 meter high hurdles in 17.22 seconds and the 300 meter intermediate hurdles in 46.09 seconds.

Kent Swanson won the shot put with a heave of 42'4" while Ryan Rummel won the 3200 meter run in 11:10.

Kevin Fuhr captured the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.97 and also fin-

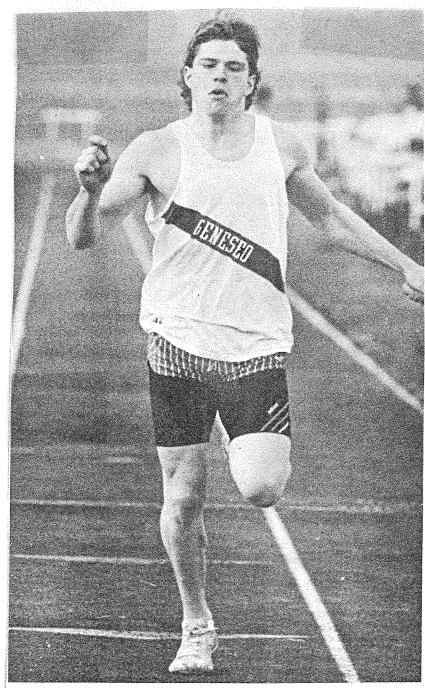
ished second in the 200 meter dash. Stave Campbell won the high jump with a leap of 5'6".

Darrin Lavery took first place in the triple jump with a leap of 36'5" and Troy Bjork won the pole vault as he

cleared the 106" mark.

The Leafs also captured three of the four relay events. Mitch Pray, Neil Radicic, Steve Miller and Jason Jolly won the 3200 meter relay with a time of 10:03.80. The 400 meter relay team of David Burbridge, Alan Stanfill, McKibbon and Fuhr won with a time of 48.4 seconds and the 1600 meter relay team of Lavery, Jeremy Holke, McKibbon and Jeremy Mier won with a time of 3:57.7.

The Leaflets see their next action on Tuesday, April 4 when they travel to Streator for a triangular meet with Ottawa and the host Bulldogs.



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Anchor runner

Sophomore Ryan Verbeck is just about to finish his leg of the 800 meter relay, a race which UT won, in the Leaflets 100-81-0 win over UT and Orion on Tuesday, March 28 in Geneseo. For more information, see accompanying story.



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Despite a last dich lean at the wire. Kevin Fuhr (left) was edged in the 200 meter dash by the UT runner in a meet held on Tuesday March 28 in Geneseo. Fuhr did win the 100 meter dash however. Also in the picture for the Leatlets is

David Burbridge (right). The Geneseo win snapped a 21-meet winning streak by the UT sophomores. For more information, see accompanying story.



Don't drop this!

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Andy Hahn (back) is set to hand the baton to Joe Rogers in the 800 meter relay race in the Leaflet's 100 81-0 win over United Township and Orion on Tuesday, March 28 in Geneseo. For more information, see accompanying story.

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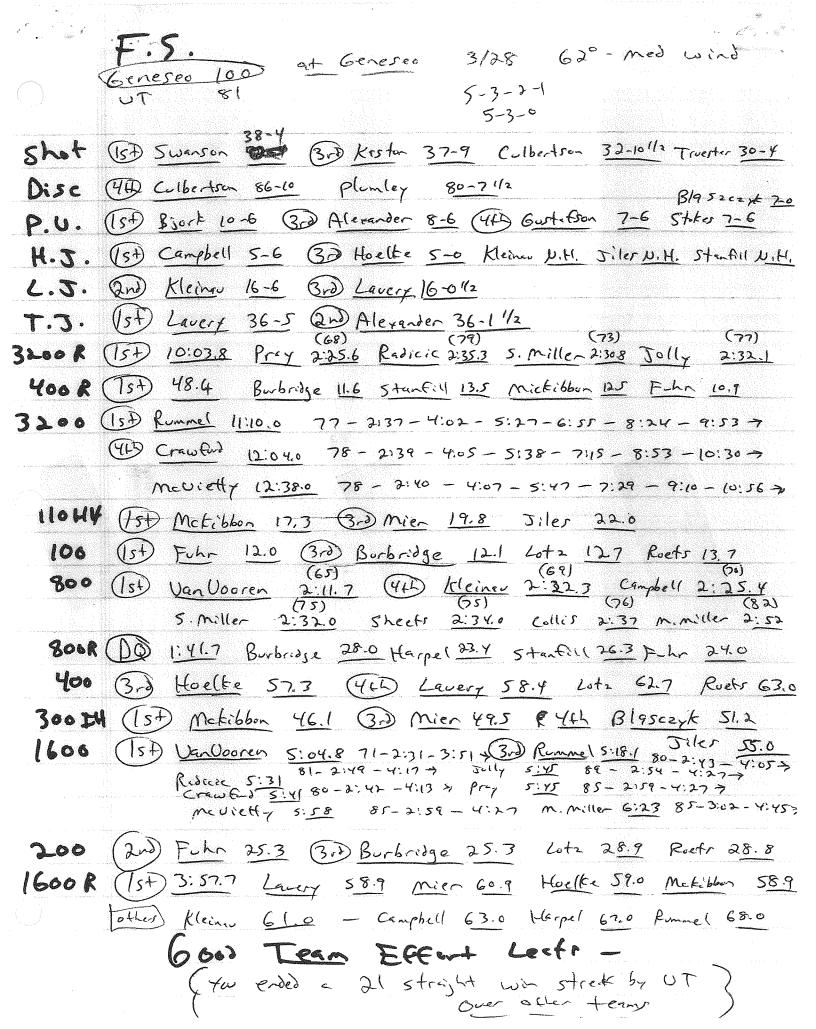
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