OF THE GENESEO REPUBLIC

Leaf tracksters thrash Galesburg and Alleman

Mike VanDeVelde, Chad Blunt and Adam Boardman each won individual events and contributed to relay wins to help the Geneseo varsity boys track team to wins over Galesburg and Alleman Thursday, April 12 in Galesburg.

Team scores were Geneseo (89), Galesburg (78) and Alleman (14).

VanDe Velde earned his victory in the 00 meter dash (51.77 seconds). Boardman was clocked at 4:34.2 in the 1600 and Blunt claimed a win in the 110 meter high hurdles in a time of 15.74 seconds.

Also nabbing wins were Glenn Klopp in the pole vault (13'), Bryan Glass in the 3200 (9:59.2), the 400 relay team of Chad Loucks, VanDeVelde, Blunt and Ben Mayes (44.82) and the 3200 relay team of Jason VanVooren, Justin VanOpdorp, Justin VanVooren and Boardman (8:34.3).

Placing second for the Leafs were Jon McAvoy in the discus, Darin Lavery in the triple jump, Shane McKibbon in the 110 high hurdles, Mayes in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, Brian Walsh in the 800, Blunt in the 300 intermediate hurdles, Jason VanVooren in the 1600, the 800 relay team of Loucks, Ben Hahn, Mark Chaney and Kevin Fuhr and the 1600 relay team of Blunt, McKibbon, Justin VanVooren and Michael Bell.

Third place finishers for Geneseo were Neil Simon in the discus, Klopp in the high jump and triple jump, haney in the pole vault, Andy Snook in the 3200, McKibbon in the 300 intermediate high hurdles and VanDeVelde in the 200.

The Geneseo frosh-soph boys tracksters also picked up easy wins in the meet as they outdistanced Galesburg and Alleman by scores of 109-58-17, respectively.

Freshman speedster Ben Hahn led the way with wins in the 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes. His times were 11.82, 24.5 and 54.4 seconds.

Josh Pierce, Jeremy Mier and Jeremy Holke were also multiple winners for the Leaflets.

Pierce claimed victories in the 800 (2:14.1) and the 1600 (3:55.9) meter races, Mier won the 110 high hurdle race (17.5 seconds) and Holke tied with Andy Porter for first in the high jump (5'5").

Holke and Mier teamed with Jason Gibson and Chris Thompson to win the 1600 meter relay in 3:55.9.

Also nabbing firsts for the Geneseo sophomores were Nate Culbertson in the discus (119'11") and Steve Pardoe in the pole vault (10').

Earning seconds were Culbertson in the shot put, Derek Wright in the triple jump and 300 intermediate hurdles, Scott Durian in the 3200, Holke in the 400, Mitch Pray in the 1600, the 3200 team of Gibson, Pray, Chris Walters and Matt Lotz, the 400 relay team of Matt Jacocks, Wright, Mier and Hahn and the 800 relay team of Alan Sand, Randy Carton, Landon Neumann and Nick Sable.

Finishing third were Porter in shot put and 400, Pierce in the high jump, Adam Stokes in the pole vault, Sable in the long jump, Karl Taets in the 3200, Thompson in the 110 high hurdles, Sand in the 800 and Mier in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

The varsity and frosh-soph boys track team are now each 10-0 in dual meets this season.

Geneseo's varsity and freshman boys track teams will each participate in big invitational meets in the coming week.

The varsity will compete for the first time in eighth annual Rock Island Invitational Friday, April 20. Competition will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Schools slated to take part are Aledo, Aurora east, Galesburg, Geneseo, Lockport, Metamora, Moline, Peoria Richwoods, Rockford Auburn, Rockford East, Rockford Guilford, Rock Island, Alleman, Rockridge and UT.

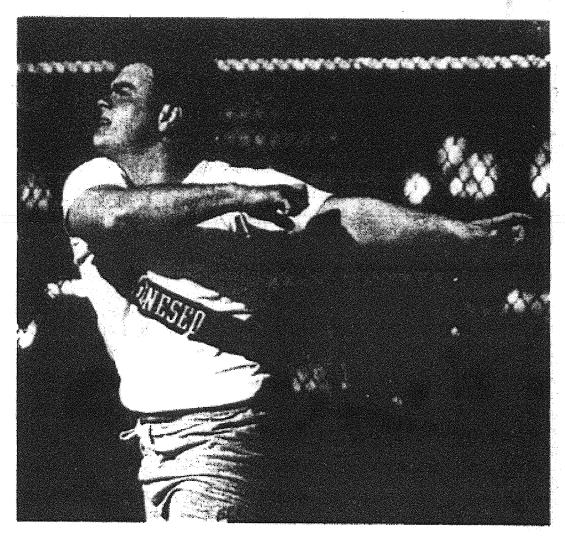
"The quality of this meet will be very comparable to that of the sectional meet. It will be a great opportunity for our team to be exposed to that type of competition and also to get used to the Rock Island facilities," said Coach Don Fredericks.

It was recently announced that Rock Island will host the area Class AA sectional.

The Geneseo freshman squad will get a chance to show what they can do at the Geneseo Frosh Invitational scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, April 23.

"Most of the time these kids have to compete against sophomores or even upperclassmen for most of the meets and it this gives them a chance to compete against just other freshmen. It should be interesting," said Coach Fredericks.

Schools scheduled to compete are Bettendorf, Clinton, UT, Galesburg, Geneseo, LaSalle-Peru, Moline, Rock Island, Alleman and Sterling.



WATCH IT SAIL. Leaf weightman Steve Coleman is shown above watching the discus fly in the Thursday, April 12 meet against Galesburg and Alleman. His best effort was 102' which did not get him in the top three. See accompanying story for details.



CLOSE FINISH. Kevin Fuhr (middle) finished just ahead of teammate Ben Hahn (left) in this heat of the 100 meter dash Thursday, April 12 in a meet between the Leafs, Galesburg and Alleman. Eric Henderson is shown on the right. Ben Mayes finished second in the event to be the top Geneseo finisher. See the accompanying story for details.



UP AND OVER. Ryan Kleinau cleared 5'3" in the high jump but did not place in a three-team meet between the Leafs, Galesburg and Alleman Thursday, April 12 at Galesburg. The Leafs won the meet. For details, see adjoining story.

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