

# SPORTS

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## Leafs capture weather-plagued McCormick Invite

Geneseo's boys track team captured first place in seven of 19 events as it won the John McCormick Invitational track meet for the third consecutive year on Saturday, May 5.

Team scores in the meet were Geneseo (192), Galesburg (136), Ottawa (83), Dixon (73), Princeton (53), Rochelle (38) and Alleman (9).

The meet was scheduled for Friday, May 4 but inclement weather pushed the meet back a day. Teams from Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Rock Falls, Sherrard and Streator did not make the trip to Geneseo on Saturday for the meet.

"One of the main purposes of the meet is for athletes to improve their seeding for the sectional meet. With the rain and a wind chill of 28 degrees on Friday there was little chance for that kind of performance. Postponing the meet for a day was really the only option there was," said Coach Don Fredericks.

Though he did not finish first, pole vaulter Glenn Klopp had the top performance of the meet for the Leafs, according to Coach Fredericks.

Klopp cleared 14' to come within two inches of the school record of 14'2", set by Rich Johnson in 1974. He was second to Chris Pries of Ottawa, who won the event with a 15' vault and is

currently the top ranked vaulter in the state.

"Glenn has been one of our most consistent performers this season and to have him go 14 feet now is very exciting. He's peaking just at the right time," noted Coach Fredericks.

Placing first for the Leafs were Bryan Glass in the 3200 (9:59.2), Adam Boardman in the 800 (2:00.28), Mike VanDeVelde in the 400 (50.34 seconds) and Shane McKibbin in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles (41.51 seconds).

The Leafs also finished first in three relays. They were the 800 relay team of Chad Loucks, Shawn Wehrspann, Ryan Verbeck and Ben Mayes (1:34.7), the 1600 relay team of McKibbin, Justin VanVooren, Chad Blunt and Ben Hahn (3:36.4) and the frosh-soph 400 relay team of Matt Jacocks, Darin Lavery, Tom Britton and Hahn (46.67 seconds).

In a non-scoring event, Geneseo's weightman's relay team of Jimmy Walker, Nate Culbertson, Jon McAvoy and Brad Diericx finished first with a time 48.30 seconds.

Runner-up finishers for the Leafs included Wehrspann in the triple jump, Blunt in the 110 high hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles, Mayes in the 100

and 200, VanVooren in the 800, the 400 relay team of Verbeck, VanDeVelde, Blunt and Mayes and the 3200 relay team of Josh Pierce, Justin VanVooren, Justin VanOpdorp and Brian Walsh.

Finishing third for the Leafs were Lavery in the triple jump, Andy Snook in the 3200, Boardman in the 1600 and VanDeVelde in the 200.

The absence of Kewanee, L-P and Rock Falls, all North Central Illinois Conference (N.C.I.C.) schools, concerned Coach Fredericks heading into this week's conference meet.

"This would have been the first time I've had a chance to see them and I like to know what we're up against at conference," he noted.

Sterling, which recently had a very strong outing in a meet at Lockport, is expected to fight it out with the Leafs for this year's crown.

"We know there are a lot of teams that could make their season in this meet and we expect them to come at us with everything. Being a contender is great but it doesn't mean anything if we don't come back with the goods," concluded Coach Fredericks.

The Leafs will venture to Streator on Friday, May 11 for the conference meet. Competition will begin at 3 p.m. Sterling is the defending champion.

FROM THE MAY 1990 EDITION

# Leafs win third straight trophy at own John McCormick Invitational

GENESE - The inclement weather prompted meet officials of the Fourth annual John McCormick Track Invitational to set the event scheduled for Friday, May 4 back a day in hopes of better weather.

The weather proved to be much more suitable the following day and despite the fact that five teams were unable to compete in the rescheduled meet, it turned out to be another success.

Geneseo's Maple Leafs were highly successful at their own invitational, winning their third straight championship title with four individual and three relay victories for a team total of 192 points. Galesburg took second with 136 points followed by Ottawa 83, Dixon 73, Princeton 53, Rochelle 38 and Alleman 9.

After being disqualified in the 110 hurdle race for a false start, Geneseo's Shape McKibbon bounced back in the 300 intermediates to capture the Leafs first gold medal of the day. McKibbon set a meet record on his way with a time of 41.51 breaking Tyrone Jackson's record of 41.52 set last year.

McKibbon, along with Jason VanVooren, Chad Blunt and Ben Hahn teamed up for another gold medal finish in the 1600 relay with 3:36.37.

Junior Mike VanDeVelde continued his winning ways in the 400 meter run with yet another first place finish in a time of 50.34 and placed third in the 200 finals behind teammate Ben Mayes' second place.

VanDeVelde also teamed up with Ryan Verbeck, Blunt and Mayes in the 400 relay, and was edged out of first place by .05 of a second by first place Galesburg.

Mayes added another silver to his collection with second in the 100 finals. Blunt settled for a pair of second place finishes in both the 110 highs and 300 intermediate hurdle events.

Brian Glass was a steady force in the 3200 for Geneseo, covering the distance course in a winning time of 9:59.18 while Andy Snook picked up points for the Leafs with a third in that event. Adam Boardman was equally as strong in the 800, winning that event in 2:00.28 with teammate Jason VanVooren right behind in second.

Geneseo's 800 relay foursome of Chad Loucks, Shawn Wehrspann,

Verbeck and Mayes broke the winners string with a winning time of 1:34.62.

The Leaf added to their point total with a second and third in the 1600 from Boardman and VanVooren.

Geneseo continued to come on strong in the field events. Wehrspann placed second in the triple jump, and Glenn Klopp (second) and Mark Chaney (fourth) added points in the pole vault.

Klopp placed fourth in the high jump and VanDeVelde fifth.

The non-scoring weightman's relay saw Geneseo winning that event as well with Jimmy Walker, Nat Culbertson, Jon McAvoy and Brad Diericx.

Matt Jacocks, Darin Lavery, Tom Britton and Ben Hahn teamed up in the frosh-soph 400 relay for first place with a winning team of 46.83.

Hahn, a freshman, pulled in fourth in the open 400 dash and Lavery picked up points for the Leafs with a fifth place in the long jump.

## John McCormick Invitational

### Varsity boys

### Team results

1, Geneseo 192. 2, Galesburg 136. 3, Ottawa 83. 4, Dixon 73. 5, Princeton 53. 6, Rochelle 53. 7, Alleman 9.

### Individual results

3200 relay - 1, Dixon, 8:20.8. 2, Geneseo. 3, Ottawa. 4, Galesburg. 5, Rochelle. 6, Alleman.

400 relay - 1, Galesburg, 43.99. 2, Geneseo (VanDeVelde, Verbeck, Blunt, Mayes), 44.03. 3, Ottawa. 4, Princeton. 5, Rochelle. 6, Dixon (DQ) false start.

F-S 400 relay - 1, Geneseo (Jacocks, Lavery, Britton, Hahn) 46.67. 2, Galesburg. 3, Dixon. 4, Princeton. 5, Ottawa. 6, Rochelle.

3200 - 1, Glass, Ge, 9:59.18. 2, Haworth, Ga. 3, Snook, G. 4, Reyes, A. 5, DuBois, Ga. 6, Mitchell, R.

110 HH - 1, Rodriquez, R, 15.36. 2, Blunt, G. 3, Larsen, O. 4, Gustafson, Ga. 5, Armstrong, O.

100 - 1, Dortch, Ga, 10.98. 2, Mayes, G. 3, Jackson, Ga. 4, Tunget, O. 5, Verbeck, Ge. 6, Heaton, D.

800 - 1, Boardman, Ge, 2:00.28. 2, Ja. VanVooren, Ge. 3, Reed, O. 4, Coffey, D. 5, Verbeck, Ge. 6, Heaton, D.

800 relay - 1, Geneseo (Loucks, Wehrspann, Verbeck, Mayes) 1:34.62. 2, Princeton. 3, Ottawa. 4, Rochelle. 5, Galesburg.

400 - 1, VanDeVelde, Ge, 50.34. 2, Heaton, D. 3, Bradford, Ga. 4, Hahn, Ge. 5, Stewart, A. 6, Bruyn, P.

300 IH - 1, McKibbon, Ge, 41.51. 2, Blunt, Ge. 3, Rodriquez, R. 4, Gustafson, Ga. 5, Long, D. 6, Truckenbrod, R.

1600 - 1, Spangler, D, 4:34.11. 2, Ponce, Ga. 3, Boardman, Ge. 4, VanVooren, Ge. 5, Piercy, O. 6, Swim, D.

200 - 1, Dortch, Ga, 22.85. 2, Mayes, Ge. 3, VanDeVelde, Ge. 4, Witzel, O. 5, Tunget, O. 6, Stallings.

1600 relay - 1, Geneseo (McKibbon, VanVooren, Blunt, Hahn) 3:36.37. 2, Dixon. 3, Princeton. 4, Ottawa. 5, Galesburg. 6, Rochelle.

Weightman's relay - 1, Geneseo (Walker, Culbertson, McAvoy, Diericx) 48.30. 2, Galesburg. 3, Dixon. 4, Ottawa. 5, Rochelle. (Non-scoring event).

Shot put - 1, Groat, P, 51'11 1/2". 2, Wire, Ga. 3, Bear, R. 4, Cumutte, D. 5, Drake, P. 6, Hopkins, O.

Discus - 1, Groat, P, 157'11". 2, Roper, O. 3, Pearson, R. 4, Fischer, P. 5, Wire, Ga. 6, Cumutte, D.

Triple jump - 1, Collier, D, 39'3". 2, Wehrspann, Ge. 3, Lavery, Ge. 4, Harris, Ga. 5, Mitchell, P. 6, Pickrel, Ga.

Long jump - 1, Ramage, Ga, 20'1". 2, Jackson, Ga. 3, Carrington, D. 4, Verbeck, Ge. 5, Lavery, Ge. 6, Paprocki, A.

High jump - 1, Zuck, Ga, 6'4". 2, (tie) Armstrong (O) and Ramage (Ga). 4, Klopp, Ge. 5, VanDeVelde, Ge. 6, Paprocki, A.

Pole vault - 1, Pries, O, 15'0". 2, Klopp, Ge. 3, Gerding, O. 4, Chaney, Ge. 5, McCutchen, P. 6, Velasquez, D.

# McCormick place? Again 1st for Leafs

By Hank Sundeen  
Staff sports writer

GENESEO — Hitting on all cylinders is the way Geneseo's boys track team has been performing through much of the spring campaign.

Saturday afternoon, the Maple Leafs didn't do anything to break their momentum, running away and hiding to claim the title at the fourth annual John McCormick Invitational here at J.D. Darnall Field.

The Maple Leafs, behind four individual gold medal efforts and a trio of relay victories, easily outdistanced Galesburg 192-136 to hoist the championship trophy for the third straight time.

Ottawa placed third with 83 points, while NCIC rivals Dixon, Princeton and Rochelle placed fourth through sixth respectively. Alleman finished seventh with nine points.

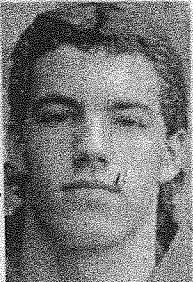
"Despite having to reschedule the meet, I thought things went very well," said Geneseo coach Don Fredericks. "Today's conditions were a little more conducive to a track meet than what we had on Friday night."

"The only drawback was that we lost five teams due to scheduling conflicts," Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Rock Falls, Sherrard and Streator were no-shows for Saturday's restart.

"It was a nice win for the kids," Fredericks said. "This is one of the meets on our schedule that we point to each year. It shows us where we are and what we need to do to get us ready for the NCIC meet next Friday and the sectionals in two weeks."

Shane McKibbon gave the Leafs their first gold of the meet, a record setting effort in the 300 intermediate hurdles. The Leaf sprinter toured the course with a 41.51 clocking, eclipsing Tyrone Jackson's record time of 41.52 set in the 1989 invitational.

"I think Shane had something to prove in the 300 hurdles," Fredericks said. "He was disqualified in 110 hurdles for a false start, so he was really after it in the 300."



Shane McKibbon

McKibbon teamed with Jason VanVooren, Chad Blunt and Ben Hahn for the gold in the 1600 relay event with a 3:36.37 clocking.

Bryan Glass' performance in the 3200 produced another gold medal for the Leafs. The Geneseo distance ace turned in a 9:59.18 clocking to best the field.



Mike VanDeVelde second in the 400 relay.

Mayes and Verbeck also teamed up with Chad Loucks and Shawn Wehrspann to lock up first place in the 800 relay with time of 1:34.62.

Adam Boardman cruised home in 2:00.28 to get the gold in the 800 and added a bronze for his efforts in the 1600, while VanVooren nailed down second in the 800 and fourth in the 1600.



Alleman's Tony Paprocki supplied the Pioneers with a pair of sixth place finishes in the jumping events. The freshman leaper went 5-10 in the high jump and 17-10.

Alleman junior Jerome Reyes finished fourth in the 3200, while Mike Stewart was fifth in the 400.

"Tony probably could have helped us score in the triple jump if he hadn't hurt himself," Alleman coach Joe Lopez said. "He suffered a cut on his hand and had to go to the doctor to get some stitches."

Paprocki's injury, coupled with the fact that Todd Woods and Jason Nau were no-shows, hurt Alleman's chances to move up in the points standings.

"With Todd and Jason here, and Tony not having to leave," Lopez said, "I think we could score in a couple of the relay events and in the triple jump."

"Overall, considering the number of kids we brought with us, I was pleased with the efforts we had. We had several kids equal or get close to their personal bests, so I think that by the sectionals, we could be very competitive."



Republic photo by Jerry Hahn

**CELEBRATION TIME.** Ben Hahn raises his arms in jubilation after anchoring the victorious Geneseo 1600 meter relay team at the McCormick Invitational held Saturday, May 5. After waiting a day due to inclement weather, the Leafs won the meet for the third consecutive year. For details, see the adjoining story.





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**RUNNER-UP HURDLER.** Chad Blunt placed second in both the 110 meter high hurdles and 300 meter intermediate hurdles to help the Geneseo boys track team to the championship in the McCormick Invitational held Saturday, May 5. See the accompanying story for more information.

# McCormick Invite

54° 5/105/90  
60° mild wind

Shot	McAvey 42-7	Culbertson 39-8
Disc	Simon 121-2	McAvey <sup>3</sup> Scratcher
H.J.	(4th) Klopp 5-8	(5th) VanDeVelde 5-8
P.U.	(2nd) Klopp 14-0	13-6, 13-0 (4th) Chaney 12-0
L.J.	(4th) Verbeek 17-11	(5th) Lavery 17-11
T.J.	(2nd) Wehrspann 38-9 1/2	(3rd) Lavery 38-7
3200R.	(2nd) 8:20.9	(59) Ju. Pierre 2:04.3 (59) VanVooren 2:05.6 (58) VanOpdorp 2:05.4 (61) Walsh 2:06.6
400R.	(2nd) 44.03	Verbeek 11.19 VanDeVelde 10.95 Blunt 10.6 Mayer 11.18
3200	(1st) Glass 9:59.2	68-2:22.9-3:38.8-4:55.0-6:11-7:30-8:49 →
	(3rd) Snook 10:10.1	68-2:22-3:37-4:55-6:11-7:29-7:47 →
1100R.	(2nd) Blunt 15.46	(15.4 pr) D.O. McKibbin (15.79 pr)
100	(2nd) Mayer 11.31	(11.4 pr) (5th) Verbeek 11.93 (11.57 pr)
800	(1st) Boardman 2:00.28	(60) (2nd) VanVooren 2:01.6 (60)
800R	(1st) 1:34.7	Loucker 26.0 Wehrspann 21.2 Verbeek 23.4 Mayer 23.2
400	(1st) VanDeVelde 50.34	(4th) Hahn 53.90
3002H	(1st) McKibbin 41.51	(2nd) Blunt 41.80
1600	(3rd) Boardman 4:42.2	3:32.2 → (4th) VanVooren 4:46.0 66-2:19-3:3
200	(2nd) Mayer 23.33	(3rd) VanDeVelde 23.40
1600R.	(1st) 3:36.4	McKibbin 55.37 Ju. VanVooren 54.96 Blunt 53.14 Hahn 53.2
W.P.	(1st) 48.30	Walker 11.96 Culbertson 12.21 McAvey 12.17 Dierick 12.1
F.I. 100R.	(1st) 46.67	Jacocks 11.76 Lavery 12.05 Britton 11.38 Hahn 11.33

## Team Finish

1. Genere 192	5. Prin 53
2. Gal 136	6. Roch 38
3. Ott 83	7. All. 9
4. Dix 73	No-shows Kew, L.P., R.F., Sherrard, Strecker

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3200 Meter Relay: 1. Dixon (Spangler, Swim, Schwartz, Heaton) 8:20.8  
2. Geneseo (Pierce, VanVooren, VanOpdorp, Walsh) 8:20.9  
3. Ottawa (Reed, Piercy, Mustered, Prince) 8:28.1 4. Galesburg  
(Bradford, Ponce, Schwarz, Johnson) 8:44.1 5. Rochelle (Hall, Torres  
Stechschulke, Mitchell) 8:56.3 6. Alleman (Galindo, Vellejo, Bahen,  
Strably)

400 Meter Relay: 1. Galesburg (Jackson, Kimbell, Ramage, Dortch)  
43.99 2. Geneseo (Verbeck, VanDevelde, Blunt, Mays) 44.03 3. Ottawa  
(Witzel, Larson, Pries, Tunget) 45.37 4. Princeton (Ihrig, McCutchan,  
Morse, Vincent) 47.04 5. Rochelle (Scott, Truckenbrod, Havspadera,  
Stechsshuete) 49.51 6. Disqualified Dixon

F/S 400 Relay: 1. Geneseo (Jacocks, Lavery, Britton, Hahn) 46.67 2.  
Galesburg (Walter, Davis, Gonzales, Harris) 46.83 3. Dixon (Nelson,  
Bollman, Collier) 47.30 4. Princeton (Gibson, Clayton, Ohson, May)  
48.78 5. Ottawa (Werdning, Sibert, Datt, Roper) 48.97  
6. Rochelle (Eckland, Lammers, Ludring, Pasley) 49.36

3200 Run: 1. Glass (Gen) 9:59.18 2. Haworth (Gal) 10:04.82 3. Snook  
(Gen) 10:10.07 4. Reyes (All) 10:22.31 5. DuBois (Gal) 10:25.4  
6. Mitchell (Roch) 10:25.4

110 High Hurdles: 1. Rodriguez (Roch) 15.36 2. Blunt (Gen) 15.46  
3. Larson (Ott) 15.91 4. Gustafson (Gal) 15.98 5. Armstrong (Ott)  
16.42 6. D.Q.

100: 1. Dortch (Gal) 10.98 2. Mayes (Gen) 11.31 3. DeWayne (Gal)  
11.36 4. Tunget (Ott) 11.65 5. Verbeck (Gen) 11.93 6. Heaton  
(Dix) 12.03

800: 1. Boardman (Gen) 2:00.28 2. VanVooren (Gen) 2:01.57 3. Reed  
(Ott) 2:03.14 4. Coffee (Dix) 2:09.76 5. Ben Johnson (Gal) 2:10.16  
6. Prince (Ott) 2:13.27

800 Relay: 1. Geneseo (Loucks, Wehrspann, Verbeck, Mayes) 1:34.62  
2. Princeton (Ihrig, Morse, McCurichen, May) 1:36.34 3. Ottawa (Witzel,  
Larson, Eutis, Tunget) 1:36.60 4. Rochelle (Scott, Stechschulte, Pasley,  
Rodriguez) 1:39.33 5. Galesburg (Jackson, Kimbell, Ramage, Dortch)  
1:48.41 6. D.Q.

400: 1. VanDeVelde (Gen) 50.34 2. Heaton (Dix) 52.27 3. Bradford  
(Gal) 52.72 4. Hahn (Gen) 53.90 5. Stewart (All) 54.65 6. Bruyn  
(Pri) 54.9

300 I H.: 1. McKibbin (Gen) 41.51 2. Blunt (Gen) 41.80 3. Rodriguez  
(Roch) 44.18 4. Gustafson (Gal) 44.36 5. Long (Dix) 44.45  
6. Trunkenbrod (Roch) 45.75

1600: 1. Spangler (Dix) 4:34.11 2. Ponce (Gal) 4:37.97 3. Boardman  
(Gen) 4:42.20 4. VanVooren (Gen) 4:45.94 5. Piercy (Ott) 4:46.99  
6. Swim (Dix) 4:51.13

Shot Put: 1. Groat (Prin) 51-11 1/2 2. Wire (Gal) 48-6 3. Bear (Roch) 47-11 4. Currutte (Dix) 47-3 1/4 5. Drake (Prin) 45-10 6. Hopkins (Ott) 45-9

Triple Jump: 1. Collier (Dix) 39-3 2. Wehrspann (Gen) 38-9 1/2 3. Lavery (Gen) 38-7 4. Harris (Gal) 37-9 5. Mitchell (Prin) 36-11 1/2 6. Pickrel (Gal) 36-7

200: 1. Dortch (Gal) 22.85 2. Mayes (Gen) 23.33 3. VanDeVelde (Gen) 23.4 4. Witzel (Ott) 23.80 5. Tunget (Ott) 24.26 6. Stallings (Dix) 24.5

Pole Vault: 1. Pries (Ott) 15-0 2. Klopp (Gen) 14-0 3. Gerding (Ott) 13-6 4. Chaney (Gen) 12-0 5. McCutchen (Prin) 11-0 6. Velasquez (Dix) 11-0

Discus: 1. Groat (Prin) 157-11 2. Roper (Ott) 137-02 3. Pearson (Roch) 132-02 1/2 4. Fisher (Prin) 130-04 5. Wire (Gal) 129-11 6. Curnutte (Dix) 127-05 1/2

High Jump: 1. Zuck (Gal) 6-4 Tie 2. Armstrong (Ott) and Ramage (Gal) 6-0 4. Klopp (Gen) 5-8 5. VanDeVelde (Gen) 5-8 6. Paprocki (All) 5-6

1600 Relay: 1. Geneseo (McKibbon, VanVooren, Blunt, Hahn) 3:36.37 2. Dixon (Schwartz, Spangler, Collier, Heaton) 3:37.04 3. Princeton (Ihrig, Morse, Vincent, McCutchen) 3:41.60 4. Ottawa (Reed, Armstrong, Pries, Mustered) 3:43.12 5. Galesburg (Gustafsen, Bradford, Harris, Walte) 3:47.48 6. Rochelle (Hall, Stechschulte, Truckenbrod, Pasley) 3:55.65

Long Jump: Ramage (Gal) 20-01 2. Jackson (Gal) 19-08 3. Carrington (Dix) 18-01 4. Verbeck (Gen) 17-11 5. Lavery (Gen) 17-11 6. Paprocki (All) 17-10

Weight Relay: 1. Geneseo (Walker, Culbertson, McAvoy, Diericx) 48.30 2. Galesburg 49.93 3. Dixon 49.99 4. Ottawa 50.17 5. Rochelle 53.61 6. D.Q.

#### TEAM SCORES

1. Geneseo	192
2. Galesburg	136
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