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Leafs thrash long-time track rival Sterling 96-50

Geneseo's varsity boys track team put the finishing touches on a perfect dual meet season with a resounding 96-50 win over long-time conference nemesis Sterling on Tuesday, May 1.

The win was the first for the Leafs over the Warriors "since the 30's or 40's," according to Coach Don Fredericks.

"All of the people I've talked to can't recall a win over Sterling since then," he noted.

The Leafs were simply dominant in the meet as they won 13 of the 18 events contested.

Senior sprinter Ben Mayes and senior hurdler Chad Blunt led the Leaf effort as they contributed to four wins each. Mayes won the 100 and 200 meter dashes with times of 11.22 and 23.28 seconds, respectively while Blunt won the 110 high hurdles and 300 intermediate hurdles with times of 15.44 seconds and 42.33 seconds.

The duo also helped to win three relay races. They teamed with Ryan Verbeck and Mike VanDeVelde to win the 400 meter relay in 44 seconds flat, Mayes combined with Chad Loucks, Shawn Wehrspann and Ryan Verbeck to win the 800 relay in 1:34.14 and Blunt teamed with Shane McKibbon, Michael Bell and Ben Hahn to capture the 1600 meter relay with a time of 3:36.94.

Top weight man Jon McAvoy came up with a winning effort for the Leafs as he tossed the discus 140'8-1/2", about 10 feet past his previous best.

"The improvement Jon has shown this season has been amazing," said Coach Fredericks.

Glenn Klopp also had a strong winning effort as he captured the pole vault with a 13'6" effort. He also had two good attempts at 14'3" but came up shy.

Also nabbing first place finishes for the Leafs were Darin Lavery with a 39'6" effort in the triple jump; VanDeVelde, who was clocked at 51 seconds flat in the 400; Boardman, who ran the 1600 in 4:32; and the 3200 meter relay team of Josh Pierce, Boardman, Jason VanVooren and Bryan Glass, which was clocked at 8:25.1.

Hahn and Pierce were competing in their first varsity dual meet for the Leafs.

Runner-up finishes were earned by Klopp in the high jump, Verbeck in the long jump, Travis Stroh in the 3200, McKibbon in the 110 high and 300 intermediate hurdles, Justin VanOpdorp in the 800, Hahn in the 400 and VanDeVelde in the 200.

It was the first time Verbeck competed in the long jump this season and he

sailed 18'7" into a strong wind.

Finishing third for the Leafs were Mark Chaney in the pole vault and triple jump, Lavery in the long jump, Gary Martin in the 3200, Verbeck in the 100, Walsh in the 800 and Pierce in the 1600.

"This meet marked a major move for our program," said Coach Fredericks.

The win over Sterling capped an undefeated dual meet season for the Leafs but the meets which they have been shooting all season are upon them, starting with the John McCormick Invitational.

The meet, named after the former Geneseo track coach, will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 4. The Leafs are two-time defending champions in the event.

Teams slated to compete are Alleman, Dixon, Galesburg, Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Ottawa, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Falls, Sherrard and Streator, as well as the Leafs.

Coach Fredericks expects Ottawa, Dixon, Sherrard and Princeton to be the chief threats to the Leafs in the meet.

"This is the time of the season we've been pointing towards. The win over Sterling was great but five years down the road people will remember how we did in the McCormick, conference and sectional. Now is definitely the time to peak," said Coach Fredericks.

Leaflets edge Sterling to complete unbeaten season

With a win over conference rival Sterling and an undefeated dual meet season on the line, the Geneseo sophomore boys track team nipped the Sterling sophs 73-71 Tuesday, May 1 in Geneseo.

The Leaflets finished a perfect 13-0 in dual meets this season.

Sterling held a 71-68 lead entering the final event of the day, the 1600 meter relay. The Leaflet foursome of David Farmer, Andy Porter, Jason Gibson and Jeremy Mier, with each of them running personal best times on the season, whipped the Sterling team by six seconds to give their team five points and the win.

"It was just a great team win. To have both the sophomores and the varsity go undefeated in dual meets in the same season is just unbelievable," said Coach Don Fredericks.

Farmer was the lone Leaflet to win two individual events as he captured the 110 meter high 300 meter intermediate hurdle races in 16.59 and 43.37 seconds, respectively.

Single event winners were Nate Culbertson in the discus (122'1"), Adam Stokes in the pole vault (11'6"), Tom Britton in the long jump (18'1"), Derek Wright in the triple jump

(37'10"), Jason Gibson in the 400 (58.1 seconds) and Andy Snook in the 1600 (4:54.9).

Placing second were Jim VanAcker in the shot put, Britton in the triple jump, Mier in the 110 high hurdles, Snook in the 800, Wright in the 300 intermediate hurdles and Matt Jacocks in the 200.

Third place finishers were Culbertson in the shot, Jacocks in the long jump, Scott Durian in the 3200. Wright in the 110 high hurdles, Britton in the 100, Mitch Pray in the 800 and Nick Sable in the 200.

The Leaflets also competed in the Dixon Frosh-Soph Invitational on Saturday, April 28 and finished second in the 10-team event.

Sterling won the meet with 87 points followed by the Leaflets (83), UT (63), Dixon (59), Belvidere (58), LaSalle-Peru (30), Loves Park Harlem (16), Princeton (15), Rock Falls (14) and Rockton Hononegah (10).

Geneseo was without four of its top athletes, who were away at band competition.

"We competed very well in the meet. To come in second with the kids that were gone shows the kind of depth we have at the sophomore level. I was

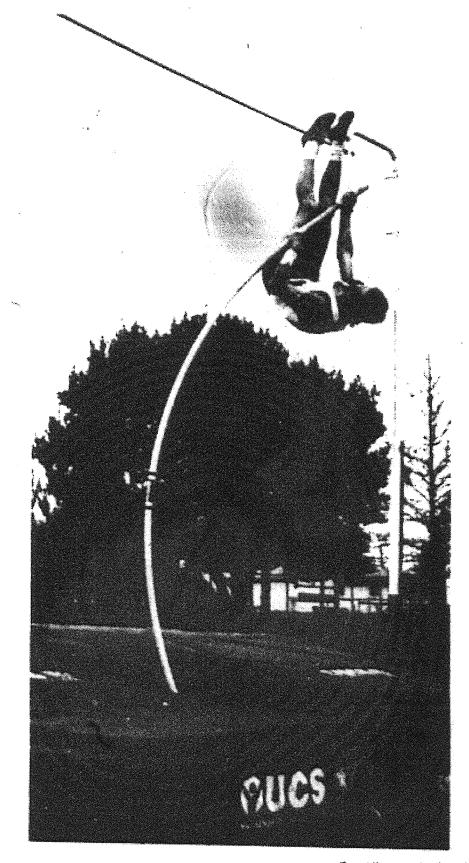
happy with the results," said Coach Fredericks.

Scoring for the meet was done on a team, rather than individual basis. The top four performances from a team in an event are added together to come up with a final total. That total is used to determine points awarded in an event.

The Leaflets had three first place finishes. They came from the triple jump team of Lavery, Britton, Farmer and Wright (150'4-1/2"), the 400 meter relay team of Jacocks, Lavery, Britton and Hahn (47.35 seconds) and the distance medley relay team of Gibson, Hahn, Pierce and Snook (11:40.2).

Runner-up finishes were turned in by the discus team of Culbertson, Garrin Woelke, Seth Graham and Aron Sikarskie, the long jump team of Lavery, Britton, Jacocks and Wright, the 440 high-low shuttle team of Farmer, Steve Pardoe, Wright and Chris Thompson and the 1600 relay team of Porter, Pierce, Lavery and Hahn.

Finishing third was the team of Jacocks, Sable, Britton and Hahn in the 800 relay.



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TRYING FOR SCHCOL RECORD. Glenn Klopp made two close attempts at a school record height of 14'3" in the pole vault after winning the event with a 13'6" effort in the Tuesday, May 1 meet against Sterling. For more information, see accompanying story.



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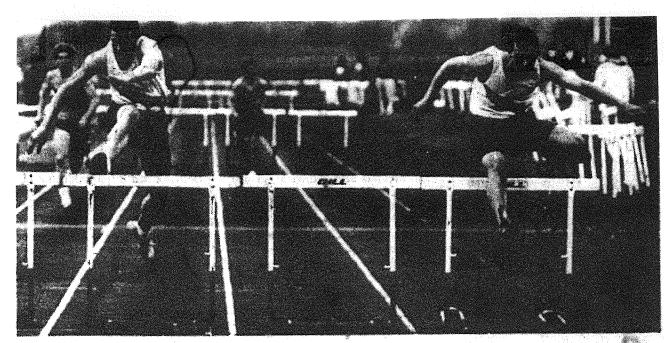
Geneseo's Mike VanDeVelde takes off at the sound of the starters gun and doesn't look back until he's crossed the finish line with a first place finish in the open 400 meter dash. VanDeVelde won the event with a time of 51.0 in a dual meet against Sterling on Tuesday, May 1.

Geneseo 96, Sterling 50

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400 relay — 1, Geneseo (Verbeck, Mike VanDeVelde, Blunt, Mayes) 44.0.
100 — 1, Mayes, G, 11.22; 2, Stoddard, S; 3, Verbeck, G.
200 — 1, Mayes, G, 23.28; 2, VanDeVelde, G; 3, Stoddard, S.
400 — 1, VanDeVelde, G, 51.0; 2, Hahn, G; 3, Dillon, S.
800 — 1, Ouartz, S, 2:00.09; 2, Justin VanOpdorp, G; 3, Brian Walsh, G.
110 high hurdles — 1, Blunt, G, 15.44; 2, McKibbon, G; 3, C. Swantez, S.
300 intermediate hurdles — 1, Blunt, G, 42.33; 2, McKibbon, G; 3, M. Swantez, S.
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Discus — 1, Jon McAvoy, G, 140-8½; 2, Burtlow, S; 3, Bohm, S.
Shot put — 1, Burrlow, S, 48-5; 2, Dutcher, S; 3, Westcutt, S.
Long jump — 1, Chaddock, S, 18-11½; 2, Verbeck, G; 3, Darrin Lavery, G.
Triple jump — 1, Lavery, G, 39-6; 2, Arduinl, S, Records — Geneseo 13-0. Frosh/Soph score — Geneseo 73, Sterling 71. Geneseo's next meet — host the McCormick Invitational Friday.



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HURDLE ACES. Geneseo hurdlers Chad Blunt (right) and Shane McKibbon finished one-two in the 110 meter high hurdles race in the Tuesday, May 1 meet against Sterling. The Leafs pinned a 96-50 loss on their North Central Illinois Conference rival. For details, see adjoining story.

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