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Smashing success

Seniors lead Leafs in McCormick Invite

Seniors Mike VanDeVelde and Adam Boardman each earned first place in two events to lead the Geneseo varsity boys track team to a resounding victory in the John McCormick Invitational held Friday, May 3 at J.D. Darnall high school.

The Leafs pulled away in the second half of the meet to score 143 points, easily outdistancing second place Metamora, which had 104. Other teams in the field were Galesburg (70), Princeton (63), Ottawa (61), Dixon (35), LaSalle-Peru (28), Alleman (20), Rochelle (16), Rock Falls (8), Kewanee (5) and Streator (2).

The Leafs won seven events in a row down the stretch to gain the win over Metamora, a strong first-time entrant in the McCormick Invite.

"The kids really performed well in this meet. I just can't say enough about how the kids came on at the end," said Coach Don Fredericks.

VanDeVelde blazed to a 50.47 second time in the 400 and captured the 200 with a time of 23.06 seconds for his double.

Boardman, a standout at the middle distances all season, continued to shine as he won the 800 with a time of 1:59.4 and the 1600 in 4:29.3.

Shane McKibbin posted the other single victory for the Leafs as he won the 300 meter intermediate hurdles in a meet-record time of 40.20 seconds.

Two Geneseo relay teams earned victories, though just one counted in the scoring. The 800 team of Christopher

Widowski, Nick Sable, Kevin Fuhr and Ryan Verbeck was clocked at 1:33.95 while Wade Murphy, Andy Porter, Nate Culbertson and Brad Dierick placed first in the non-scoring "Big Boy Relay" with a time of 48.06 over 400 meters.

Placing second for the Leafs were Darin Lavery in the triple jump, Bryan Glass in the 3200, Shane McKibbin in the 110 meter high hurdles and the 3200 meter relay team of Josh Pierce, Mitch Pray, Justin VanVooren and Boardman.

Thirds were earned by Brady Rasmussen in the pole vault, Lavery in the long jump, Andy Snook in the 3200, David Farmer in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles and the 400 meter relay team of Widowski, Verbeck, Ben Hahn and VanDeVelde.

On Monday, May 6 the Geneseo freshman boys team ventured to Sterling and came home with top honors in the Sterling Frosh Invitational.

Teams and scores in the meet were Geneseo (75), Sterling (71), Kewanee (31), Rock Falls (23-1/2), Dixon (22), Princeton (21) and Rochelle (12-1/2).

Eric Newton and Chad Pankey each scored a pair of wins for the Leafrosh. Newton was clocked a 10.94 seconds in the 70 meter high hurdles and 43.14 seconds in the 300 meter low hurdles. Pankey turned in times of 5:14.4 in the 1600 and 10:57 in the 3200 meter runs.

Nate Durick and Matt VanDeVoorde also earned individual wins for Geneseo. Durick sailed 37'4-1/4" in the triple jump while VanDeVoorde was clocked at 12.17 seconds in the 100.

The final first place finish for Geneseo

was earned by the 400 relay team of VanDeVoorde, Durick, Philip Smith and Newton, which was clocked at 49.08 seconds.

Second place finishers for the Leafrosh were Andy Snyder in the 3200, Eric Misfeldt in the 800, Eric Anderson in the 400, Newton in the 200 and the 800 relay team of Durick, Smith, Spiro Liras and VanDeVoorde.

Placing third were Brad Schnowske in the pole vault, Brad Johnson in the 70 meter high hurdles, Ryan Carter in the 1600, the 1600 relay team of Misfeldt, Johnson, Liras and Anderson and the 3200 team of Chad Sellman, Anderson, Adam Radicic and Nathan Simpson.

The Geneseo varsity squad will be out to win its second consecutive North Central Illinois Conference (N.C.I.C.) meet Friday, May 10 at Rochelle. Preliminary round competition begins at 3 p.m.

Coach Fredericks expects Geneseo and Sterling to battle for the team crown. A young Ottawa squad, considered a dark horse team in the varsity conference race, left many sophomore standouts on the frosh-level level and is not expected to challenge the Leafs or Golden Warriors.

"Sterling is very strong in the field and our strength is on the track. We're hoping some teams come through in the field events to keep their total down and our kids turn it up a notch. I'm expecting a very close and exciting meet," noted Coach Fredericks.

"This senior class has experienced a lot of success in their four years here. That can only help us in a meet like this. These kids are winners and they know what it takes," he added.

Leafs run away ^{may 3, 17}

91 with McCormick Invite

By Kerry Patrick

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GENESE0 — A negative turned into many positives.

The McCormick Invitational here at Geneseo High School on Friday quickly drew a strike against itself as heavy rains battered the early part of the meet. But once the downpour subsided and the sun popped out, the rest of the day made for a near-flawless Maple Leaf team effort.

Geneseo used seven first-place finishes, including a record-setting performance by Shane McKibbon in the 300 intermediate hurdles, to top the 13-team field. The Maple Leafs scored 143 points, while Metamora was second with 104. Rounding out the top five were Galesburg (70 points), Princeton (63) and Ottawa (61).

Despite not having a finish better than fourth in any one event, Alleman coach Joe Lopez was quite pleased with his club's 20-point, eighth-place performance.

"The last thing I say to the kids is just get off the bus and compete," said Lopez. "Every single meet, no matter what the outcome we've had two or three personal bests. Tonight we pulled off eight of them."

Pacing the Pioneers was Doug Averill, who followed up a personal best 129-11 in the discus with a school record 46-10 in the shot. The throw in the shot gave Averill a fourth-place ribbon.

Geneseo coach Don Fredericks had to wait until after the preliminary and semifinal heats of both the 110 high hurdles and the 100 to see times start to drop for his runners. But once they did, the Leafs were off and running — most of the time ahead of the pack.

Aside from the shot put, discus and high jump, Geneseo did not place any lower than fourth.

The Maple Leafs gave a preview of things to come with the running of the 3200 relay. With three-quarters of the race completed, Geneseo sat in fourth place. Adam Boardman, though, anchored the final 800 meters and overtook two runners to give the relay a second-place finish.

Although Geneseo continued to roll with the 400 relay (third place), Bryan Glass in the 3200 (second) and McKibbon in the 110 high hurdles (second), the Leafs were unable to shake Metamora in the standings. A disqualification by Mike VanDeVelde in the championship heat of the 100 didn't help matters. After six events, Metamora trailed by just five points, 54-49.

But then domination at its best showed up.

A string of seven straight first-place finishes by Geneseo began when Boardman captured the 800. After the foursome of Chris Widowski, Nick Sable, Kevin Fuhr and Ryan Verbeck continued the streak in the 800 relay, VandeVelde made up for his earlier mistake in the 400 by clipping the field in 50.47, just .17 off the meet record set back in 1980.

McKibbon then made sure one record would go down. His time of 40.20 in the 300 intermediate hurdles eclipsed his own mark of 41.51 set a year ago. Another win by Boardman, this in the 1600, gave Geneseo a comfortable 110-75 advantage over Metamora.

Completing the first-place parade

was VandeVelde in the 200 and the weightman's relay.

Among the group of top-six finishers for Alleman was Jerome Reyes in the 3200 (sixth) and Jaime Galindo in the 800 (fifth).

Endurance and patience helps Leafs capture invite title

GENESE0 - When the rains subsides and the skies cleared, Geneseo's varsity thinclads came shiny through to capture the championship hardware at their own John McCormick Invitational at J.D. Darnall Senior High School on Friday evening, May 3.

The speedy Leaf squad racked up seven first place finishes for a 143 total points to second place Metamora's 104. Galesburg placed third with 70 points followed by Princeton 63, Ottawa 61, Dixon 35, LaSalle-Peru 28, Alleman 20, Rochelle 16, Rock Falls 8, Kewanee 5, Streator 2 and Sherrard 1.

During the course of the meet, senior Leaf hurdler Shane McKibbon set a new meet record in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a winning time of :40.20.

But it wasn't a runaway from the beginning, as the Leafs were confronted with more than just soggy weather conditions.

Metamora led the way throughout the first half of the meet as the Redbirds held a five point, 54-49, edge after six events. It didn't look any better for the hosts when senior Mike VanDeVelde was disqualified in the finals of the 100 meter dash, but Don

Fredericks has had complete confidence in his athletes all season, and knew there was plenty of time to overcome any downfalls.

And overcome they did.

The Leafs reeled off seven consecutive first place finishes. Adam Boardman, who had pulled his 3200 relay team from fourth place to second, captured the gold in the 800 with a time of 1:59.32 to start the Leafs rolling.

The 800 relay foursome of Chris Widowski, Nick Sable, Kevin Fuhr and Ryan Verbeck was clocked at 1:33.95 for first followed by

VanDeVelde who bounced back from an earlier disappointment to break the string in the 400 with a time of :50.47.

McKibbon followed with his record-setting performance in the 300 intermediates, and Boardman's second gold medal, this time in the 1600 (4:29.20), to give Geneseo a commanding 110-75 edge.

VanDeVelde rounded out the Leafs' string of firsts with a :23.06 winning performance in the 200 finals. The weightman's relay of Wade Murphy, Andy Porter, Nate Culbertson and Brad Diericx also placed first; however, no points were awarded for this event.

While the first place points were a dominating factor in the outcome, the Geneseo second through sixth place finishers were equally important in the final totals.

Second place awards were won by the 3200 relay squad of Boardman, Josh Pierce, Bryan Glass and Justin VanVooren (8:21.73), Bryan Glass in the 3200 (9:39.45), Dan Lavery in the triple jump (39'11"), and McKibbon in the 110 highs (:15.09).

Picking up points for third place efforts include Brady Rasmussen in the pole vault (12'0"), Andy Snook in the 3200 (9:49.9), David Farmer in the 300 intermediates (:41.11), and the 400 relay team (:44.58).

Josh Pierce collected a fourth place in the 800 run with a time of 2:02.8 while Glass added a fourth in the 1600 (4:39.66). Ryan Verbeck also took fourth in the 100 finals (:11.50) as did the 1600 relay foursome of Sable, Pierce, McKibbon and Ben Hahn.

Other placefinishers for Geneseo include Tom Britton with a fifth in long jump (18'11"0 and a sixth in the triple jump (38'4 1/2"); Hahn sixth in the 400 (:52.71), and Verbeck with a sixth in the 200 (:23.58).



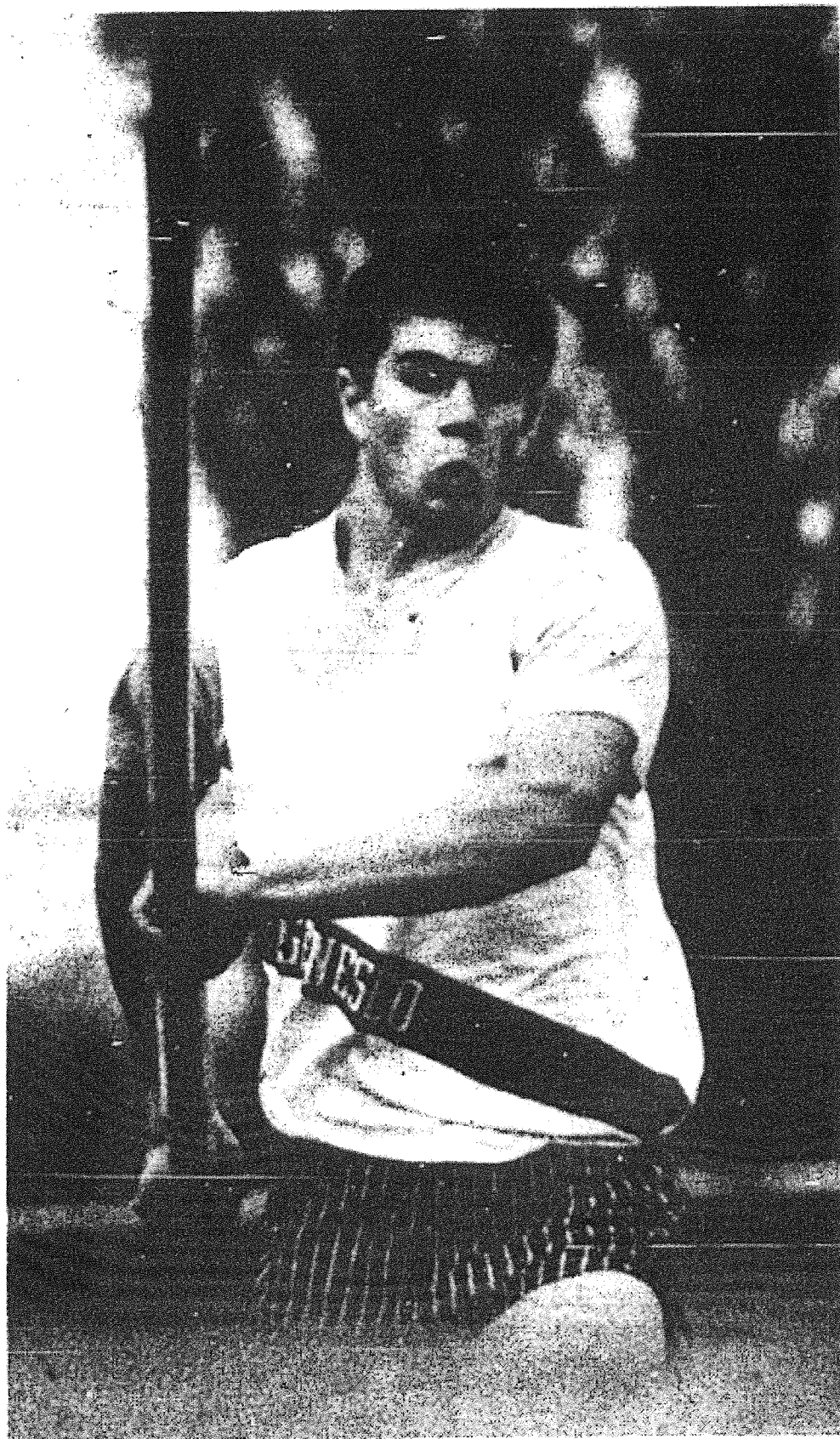
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ACE HURDLER. Shane McKibbin set a new meet record of 40.20 seconds in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles to help the Geneseo varsity boys track team to first place in the John McCormick Invitational held Friday, May 3 in Geneseo. He was also second in the 110 meter high hurdles. For more on the meet, see the adjoining story.



Republic photo by Jerry Hahn

DOUBLE WINNER. Mike VanDeVelde (left) captured both the 200 and 400 meter dashes to help the Geneseo varsity boys track team to first place in the John McCormick Invitational Friday, May 3 in Geneseo. For details, see the accompanying story.



Republic photo by Jerry Hahn

CONCENTRATION. Mark Chaney cleared 11 feet in the pole vault but did not crack the top six at the John McCormick Invitational held Friday, May 3 in Geneseo. Teammate Brady Rasmussen finished third with a 12' effort as the Leafs earned top team honors. For more on the meet, see the adjoining story.

McCormick Inv

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60° - rain early

Shot

Porter 45-7 Murphy 42-5

Disc

Graham 122-4 Culbertson 108-8

H.J.

Holke 5-6 Wehrspann 5-4

P.U.

(3rd) Rasmussen 12-0 Cheney 11-0

L.J.

(3rd) Lavery 19-10 1/2 (5th) Britton 18-11

T.J.

(2nd) Lavery 39-11 (6th) Britton 38-4 1/2

3200r.

(2nd) 8.21.8 Pierce 2:02.1 (58) Pray 2:10.2 (61) VanVooren 2:11.3 (62) Boardman

400r.

(3rd) 44.58 Widowski 11.5 Verbeck 11.7 Hahn 11.3 VanDeVelde 10.1 1:58.1 (57)

3200

(2nd) 61955 9:39.5 68-2:21-3:35-4:48-6:05-7:18-8:32-9:39

(3rd) Swook 9:50.0 69-2:22-3:34-4:48-6:04-7:20-8:37-9:50

110H.H.

(2nd) McKibbin 15.09 (15.5) (16.3) Farmer (16.54) (16.57)

100

(4th) Verbeck 11.50 (11.4) (11.6) VanDeVelde D.Q. (11.2) (11.6)

700

(1st) Boardman 1:59.4 (60) (4th) Pierce 2:02.8 (61)

800r

(1st) 1:33.95 Widowski 24.27 Sable 22.97 Fuhr 23.72 Verbeck 23.08

400

(1st) VanDeVelde 50.47 (6th) Hahn 52.71

300IH.

(1st) McKibbin 40.20 (Meet Record) (3rd) Farmer 41.11

1600

(1st) Boardman 4:29.3 (4th) 61955 4:39.7 69 2:21 3:33 →

200

(1st) VanDeVelde 23.06 (6th) Verbeck 23.58

Big By R.

(1st) 48.06 Murphy 14.08 Porter 11.43 Culbertson 11.4 Pierick 11.8 48.66

1600r.

(4th) 3:35.88 Sable 54.5 Pierce 53.4 McKibbin 54.8 Hahn 53.3

Great Meet Letter

N.C.I.C.

Go Get It

JOHN MCCORMICK INVITATIONAL

May 3, 1991

3200 METER RELAY - 1) Metamora (Weigel, Bachman, Doty, Mangold) 8:18.8; 2) Geneseo (Pierce, Pray, Vanvooren, Boardman) 8:21.73; 3) Ottawa (Piercy, Bell, Rossman, Mustered) 8:23.30; 4) Dixon (Swim, Coffey, Schwarz, Hardy) 8:36.02; 5) Alleman (Harrison, Galindo, Vallejo, Esparza) 8:37.90; 6) Kewanee (Anderson, Breed, Faoro, Fulton) 8:50.16

400 METER RELAY - 1) Galesburg (Jackson, Harris, Rammage, Retter) 44.28; 2) Metamora (Pauli, Spradlin, Peterson, Ramoley) 44.41; 3) Geneseo (Widowski, Verbeck, Hahn, VanDeVelde) 44.58; 4) Dixon (Hoyle, Stehl, Yang, Stallings) 46.20; 5) Princeton (Ihrig, Ohlson, Vincent, Carter) 46.31; 6) Alleman (Stewart, Coyle, Nau, Paprocki) 46.49

~~3200~~ METER RUN 1) Weigel, Metamora, 9:36.26; 2) Glass, Geneseo, 9:39.45; 3) Snook, Geneseo, 9:49.97; 4) Haworth, Galesburg, 9:55.58; 5) Zack, L-P, 10:10.21; 6) Reyer, Alleman, 10:15.93

110 METER HIGH HURDLES - 1) Harris, Galesburg, 15.06; 2) McKibbon, Geneseo, 15.09; 3) Hilton, Ottawa, 15.52; 4) Salazar, L-P, 15.60; 5) Allen, Princeton, 15.75; 6) Seils, Metamora, 16.76

100 METER DASH - 1) Tunget, Ottawa, 11.19; 2) Peterson, Metamora, 11.28; 3) Ramoley, Metamora, 11.33; 4) Verbeck, Geneseo, 11.50; (DQ: VanDeVelde, Geneseo; Heilter, Rochelle)

800 METER RUN - 1) Boardman, Geneseo, 1:59.32; 2) Griswold, Princeton, 2:01.14; 3) Weigel, Metamora, 2:02.47; 4) Pierce, Geneseo, 2:02.80; 5) Galindo, Alleman, 2:07.33; 6) Fulton, Kewanee, 2:07.74

LONG JUMP - 1) Salazar, L-P, 20'5"; 2) Ramage, Galesburg, 20'2"; 3) Lavery, Geneseo, 19'10½"; 4) Jackson, Galesburg, 19'8"; 5) Britton, Geneseo, 18'11"; 6) Shay, Metamora, 18'8"

800 METER RELAY - 1) Geneseo (Widowski, Sable, Fuhr, Verbeck) 1:33.95; 2) Metamora (Pauli, Spradlin, Sigler, Ramoley) 1:34.20; 3) Galesburg (Jackson, Rammage, Pickrel, Retter) 1:34.42; 4) Alleman (Stewart, Coyle, Nau, Vallejo) 1:36.48; 5) Princeton (Vincent, McCutchan, Mitchell, Ohlson) 1:37.52; 6) Kewanee (Flagg, Flagg, Faoro, Taylor) 1:37.80

TRIPLE JUMP - 1) Harris, Galesburg, 41'4"; 2) Lavery, Geneseo, 39'11"; 3) Pauli, Metamora, 39'7 4) Shay, Metamora, 39'1"; 5) Khauf, L-P, 38'8"; 6) Britton, Geneseo, 38'4½"

400 METER DASH - 1) VanDeVelde, Geneseo, 50.47; 2) Heilter, Rochelle, 51.44; 3) Peterson, Metamora, 51.53; 4) Stallings, Dixon, 52.44; 5) Bradford, Galesburg, 52.63; 6) Hahn, Geneseo, 52.71

300 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - 1) McKibbon, Geneseo, 40.20 (Meet record); 2) Salazar, L-P, 40.38; 3) Farmer, Geneseo, 41.11; 4) Harris, Galesburg, 41.63; 5) Faoro, Kewanee, 41.70; 6) Allen, Princeton, 42.30

DISCUS - 1) Groat, Princeton, 189'1" (Meet Record); 2) Roper, Ottawa, 150'4"; 3) Fisher, Princeton, 143'11"; 4) Guthrie, Dixon, 140'10"; 5) Dekker, Streater, 139'8"; 6) Hessing, Metamora, 130'6"

SHOT PUT - 1) Groat, Princeton, 56'7"; 2) Guthrie, Dixon, 48'9"; 3) Ohlson, Princeton, 47'7½"; 4) Averill, Alleman, 46'10"; 5) Hoyle, Dixon, 46'9"; 6) Law, Rock Falls, 45'7"

(Over)

1600 METER RUN - 1) Boardman, Geneseo, 4:29.27; 2) Weigel, Metamora, 4:30.52; 3) Swim, Dixon, 4:38.42; 4) Glass, Geneseo, 4:39.66; 5) Weigel, Metamora, 4:39.74; 6) Piercy, Ottawa, 4:40.52

POLE VAULT - 1) Gerding, Ottawa, 14'6"; 2) Mix, Ottawa, 13'6"; 3) Rasmussen, Geneseo, 12'; 4) Ledbetter, Galesburg, 12'; 5) Kiercynski, Rock Falls, 12'; 6) McCutchan, Princeton, 12'

HIGH JUMP - 1) Hilton, Ottawa, 6'2"; 2) Ramage, Galesburg, 6'; 3) Tie: Contes, Princeton and Funderberg, Rock Falls, 5'10"; 5) Brooks, Dixon, 5'10"; 6) Strelow, Metamora, 5'8"

200 METER DASH - 1) VanDeVelde, Geneseo, 23.06; 2) Heitler, Rochelle, 23.12; 3) Ramoley, Metamora, 23.35; 4) Pauli, Metamora, 23.41; 5) Tunget, Ottawa, 23.57; 6) Verbeck, Geneseo, 23.58

400 METER "BIG BOY RELAY" - 1) Geneseo (Murphy, Porter, Culbertson, Diericx); 2) Ottawa; 3) Rock Falls; 4) Metamora; 5) Galesburg; 6) Alleman (Non-scored event)

1600 METER RELAY - 1) Princeton (Allen, Ihrig, Vincent, Griswold) 3:30.30; 2) Metamora (Spradlin, Seigler, Bachman, Peterson) 3:33.96; 3) Alleman (Coyle, Nau, Harrison, Galindo) 3:34.28; 4) Geneseo (Sable, Pierce, McKibbin, Hahn) 3:35.88; 5) LaSalle-Peru (Salazar, Sever, Huettelman, Almaraz) 3:40.66; 6) Dixon (Stallings, Schwarz, Wadsworth, Hardy) 3:42.68

TEAM SCORES:

1. Geneseo - 143
2. Metamora - 104
3. Galesburg - 70
4. Princeton - 63
5. Ottawa - 61
6. Dixon - 35
7. LaSalle Peru - 28
8. Alleman - 20
9. Rochelle - 16
10. Rock Falls - 8
11. Kewanee - 5
12. Streator - 2