

# Experienced Leaf contingent heads

## local state track AA hopes

By Tom Johnston

Staff sports writer

The possibilities are enchanting for the Quad-City Class AA boys heading into Friday afternoon's preliminaries of the IHSA State Track Meet in Charleston.

For instance, if sectional seeds translated directly to state finals results, Geneseo would be bringing back a state champ. Senior Adam Boardman, who finished fourth in the mile last year, is this year's top seed. Add to that a fifth-place seed, which is where senior Michael VanDeVelde goes into the 400.

"We're excited about the possibilities for Geneseo this weekend," said Maple Leaf coach Don Fredericks, who is cautiously optimistic.

"In retrospect with the weather conditions of last weekend, the sectional performances may be a little misleading," he said. "I think a person has to examine the overall rankings from the season and not just look at sectional times. From the same standpoint, though, that's where everybody was on that given day.

"I'd rather have us listed where we are near the top than at the bottom."

Another strong case for the Maple Leafs is the load of experience they are taking into the state meet. In addition to Boardman and VanDeVelde, who qualified in the 400 and was an all-stater on the 8th-place 400 relay unit last year, Bryan Glass, who qualified in the 3200, finished 12th in that event last year.

"A lot of times kids are down at the state meet for the first time and overwhelmed by the whole thing," said Fredericks, who has also had most of his kids run in the state cross country meet. "That shouldn't happen to us.

"The best way to focus in on it is to try and focus in and take care of your business, do what you're capable of doing and be satisfied when it's all over."

Fredericks thinks his club also has a good shot of getting the mile relay (Ben Hahn, Boardman, David Farmer and VanDeVelde) into the finals along with 300 intermediate hurdler Shane McKibbin.

While Geneseo's are the best seeds any of the 26 Q-C athletes, expectations are running high for good efforts from all of them.

"What we're going to do is go down there and try to PR out," said Rock Island coach Ed Lillis, who is taking 10 kids in seven events to Eastern Illinois University, which serves as host site for the meet. "If we do better than what we've done so far in all seven events, we'll be on the bubble.

"It's not like we have to make astronomical drops in order to make the finals; we're within range. Just like every team down there, things have to go well and go smoothly, the kids have to be on and be focused.

"If those things fall together, then we'll have more than one event represented Saturday. If those things don't happen then what we're looking for is those PRs. All we've ever asked of the kids is to do their best and that's all we're asking this time."

Except for Victor Jones, who is still nursing a sore knee, the Rocks will enter the meet healthy. One change the Rocks have had to make is the addition of DaShawn Guy to the group of Aaron Taylor, Terence Parks and Jones in the 400 relay. He replaces freshman Tito Veasey who, after missing the Saturday conclu-



Adam Boardman



Mike VanDeVelde



Chris Roberson



Mike Shannon

sion of the Sterling Sectional, is no longer on the team.

That same group is also running in the 800 relay and will be joined by senior Zach Stengel in both hurdle events; Ryan Taylor in the discus; the 3200 relay unit of Doug Hansen, DaShawn Pernell, Eric Belby and Nick Presson; and Aaron Taylor is also in the 200.

Chris Roberson and Dameon Dunbar hold the highest hopes of making it into Saturday's finals of the four United Township qualifiers.

Roberson, who came home with a bronze medal from last year's high jump, is in a monster pack with a dozen other jumpers who cleared 6-5 in the sectional and is tied for seventh-place in the seeds. Junior shot putter Dameon Dunbar is seeded ninth.

UT coach Jim Wesselmann is optimistic Roberson can put things together and at least make it into Saturday's finals.

"We know that 6-6 or 6-7 is usually the magic number to get into the finals," said Wesselmann, who likes where Roberson is heading into the meet. "If he's feeling good and ev-

erything comes together, I think he can go 6-7 at least."

Last year Roberson cleared 6-6 to make the finals where he recorded a 6-7 best.

"If Dameon can match his 54-foot (sectional) toss, most years that's enough to make it into the finals," said Wesselmann of the first-time qualifier. "In fact 54-feet is usually good enough to place sixth, seventh, or eighth."

Those two are joined by teammates Maceo Strickland in the 200 and Josh Crisp in the long jump. Both are sophomores in their first trips to state.

Moline's hopes, based on sectional outings, are slim at best. Mike Shannon (800) and Brent Earl (triple jump), both turned in season-best efforts at sectionals and are still seeded back in the pack in their respective events. The 3200 relay unit of Shannon, Kevin Hubbard, Rick Babcock and Steve Cunningham was right at its season best of 8:10.55 and was seeded 12th, Moline's best.

Shannon is the lone Maroon repeat qualifier.

## Q-C area boys state track qualifiers

### ROCK ISLAND ROCKS

Discus — Ryan Taylor (Sr.).  
 3200 relay — Doug Hansen (Sr.), DaShawn Pernell (Jr.), Eric Belby (Sr.), Nick Presson (So.).  
 400 relay — Aaron Taylor (Fr.), Terence Parks (Sr.), DaShawn Guy (Jr.), Victor Jones (Jr.).  
 110 high hurdles — Zach Stengel (Jr.).  
 800 relay — Aaron Taylor, DaShawn Guy, Nick Presson, Victor Jones.  
 300 intermediate hurdles — Zach Stengel.  
 200 — Aaron Taylor.

### MOLINE MAROONS

Triple jump — Brent Earl (Sr.).  
 3200 relay — Mike Shannon (Sr.), Kevin Hubbard (Jr.), Rick Babcock (Jr.), Steve Cunningham (Jr.).  
 800 — Mike Shannon.

### UTHS PANTHERS

High jump — Chris Roberson (Sr.).  
 Long jump — Josh Crisp (So.).  
 Shot put — Dameon Dunbar (Jr.).  
 100 — Maceo Strickland (So.).

### GENESEIO MAPLE LEAFS

3200 — Bryan Glass (Sr.); Andy Snook (So.).  
 110 high hurdles — Shane McKibbin (Sr.).  
 400 — Mike VanDeVelde (Sr.).  
 300 intermediate hurdles — Shane McKibbin.  
 1600 — Adam Boardman (Sr.).  
 1600 relay — Ben Hahn (So.), Adam Boardman, David Farmer (Jr.),

Mike VanDeVelde.

### ANNAWAW BRIVES

Long jump — Jason Celus (Sr.).  
 Pole vault — Dan Rakestraw (So.).  
 110 high hurdles — Jesse Heath (So.).  
 100 — Jason Celus.  
 800 — Don Early (So.).  
 400 — Jon Celus (Jr.).  
 200 — Jason Celus.

### ALEDO GREEN DRAGONS

Long jump — John Hofmann (So.).  
 400 relay — Brad Cirks (Jr.), Brian Aukes (Sr.), Darin Waugh (Jr.), Aaron Baker (Sr.).  
 110 high hurdles — Aaron Baker.  
 800 relay — Brad Cirks, Doug Stenfeldt (Jr.), Darin Waugh, John Hofmann.  
 300 hurdles — Aaron Baker.  
 1600 relay — Darin Waugh, Brian Aukes, John Hofmann, Aaron Baker.

### ALLEMAN PIONEERS

3200 relay — Nate Harrison (Jr.), Jaime Galindo (Jr.), Al Esparza (Jr.), Jason Vallejo (So.).  
 3200 — Jerome Reyes (Sr.).  
 1600 relay — 1, Joe Coyle (Sr.), Jason Nau (Sr.), Jaime Galindo, Nate Harrison.

### MONMOUTH ZIPPERS

Pole vault — Brett Painter (Sr.).  
 3200 — Gary Hanaghan (Jr.).  
 100 — Mike Burris (So.).  
 800 — Jared Thurman (Sr.).  
 1600 — Gary Hanaghan.

200 — Mike Burris.

### SHERRARD TIGERS

High jump — David Williams (Sr.).  
 Mitch Wilson (Sr.).  
 110 high hurdles — David Williams.

### ALEXIS CARDINALS

Triple jump — Mike Smith (Jr.).  
 Discus — Matt Dutton (Jr.).  
 400 — Shane Bertelsen (Sr.).

### ORION CHARGERS

Pole vault — Kevin McGinty (Fr.).

### WESTMER WARRIORS

Shot put — Todd Nelson (Jr.).  
 3200 relay — Andy Hergert (Sr.), Scott Spencer (So.), Steve Leathers (So.), Paul Wakeland (Jr.).  
 1600 — Steve Leathers.

### PROPHETSTOWN

Pole vault — Brian Posey (Sr.).  
 110 high hurdles — Scott Hicks (So.).  
 300 intermediate hurdles — Scott Hicks.  
 1600 relay — Jason Lanphere (Sr.), Randy Behrens (Sr.), Brian Posey, Scott Hicks.

### ERIE CARDINALS

Shot put — Gavin Wolever (Sr.).

### TAMPICO-MANLIUS

3200 relay — Mat Newman (Jr.), David Mathias (Jr.), Jason Williamson (Sr.), Chad Wetzell (So.).

(Editor's note: Photos unavailable for DaShawn Guy and Kevin McGinty.)

# SPORTS

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## Record setter

### VanDeVelde nabs seventh in 400

Mike VanDeVelde of the Geneseo varsity boys track team placed seventh in the 400 meter dash and broke his own school record twice in the process at the Class AA state finals held Friday and Saturday, May 24-25 in Charleston.

East St. Louis Sr. won the team title with 52 points. Rounding out the top five were Evanston (43), East St. Louis Lincoln (37), Proviso West (32) and Decatur MacArthur (26).

VanDeVelde won his heat of the 400 preliminaries with a time of 49.17 seconds and then came back with a 49.14 second effort in the finals to place seventh. Both times bettered his own school record of 49.8 seconds.

"Mike just had an outstanding meet. His times, especially for how windy it was down there, were just fantastic," said Coach Don Fredericks.

Bryan Glass and Andy Snook finished ninth and 12th, respectively, in the 3200 meter run for the next highest finishes for the Leafs. Both competed in the "slow" heat comprised of runners who finished in the bottom half of sectional times.

Glass was clocked at 9:35.8, missing eighth place and the accompanying all-state honor by .9 of a second.

Snook turned in a 9:42.8 effort to post the 12th best overall time. They finished two-three in their heat.

The Leafs were represented in four other events and, while none qualified for the finals, each made a good showing.

Shane McKibbon ran a personal best

time of 15.02 seconds in the 110-meter high hurdles and placed fifth in his heat. The top four advanced. He also ran a respectable 42.06 in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.

The 1600 meter relay team of Ben Hahn, Adam Boardman, David Farmer and VanDeVelde turned in a school record time of 3:24.66 and won the heat but missed advancing to the finals by one place.

Boardman, who had the top seed in the 1600 entering the meet, went out fast in his race and narrowly missed advancing to the finals. His time of 4:23.9 was fourth in his heat and one second behind the third qualifier.

"Adam ran a 60 second quarter and a 2:05 half and just didn't have enough left at the end. The strategy probably wasn't the best but you can't fault the effort. He went down there with the thought of winning a state title, not just making the finals and winning a medal. He gave it his best shot," said Coach Fredericks.

"I thought all of the kids gave an excellent account of themselves. We had kids run their personal bests with the pressure of a state meet to deal with. It is hard to ask more than that," he added.

All of the Leaf track team members were honored at their annual awards banquet held Thursday, May 30 at J.D. Darnall high school.

Boardman was named most valuable, VanDeVelde received the most improved and Kevin Fuhr nabbed the most inspirational award.

Captains were Boardman, McKibbon and Brad Dierickx.

The school records set this season by VanDeVelde in the 400 and the 1600 relay team of Hahn, Boardman, Farmer and VanDeVelde were also mentioned.

Recognized for their contributions to the track program were Jim and Lynn VanVooren, Bruce and Marilyn Boardman and Vic Boblett.

Receiving freshman awards were Nathan Andon, Todd Capps, Chad Sellman, Nathan Simpson, Justin Ludwig, Daryl VanQuakebeke, Jon Scott, Kevin Wachtel, Erron Halen, Adam Radicic, Rob Carrothers, Brad Schnowske and Andy Verbeck.

Sophomore awards were earned by Phil Smith, Chad Pankey, Brad Johnson, Ryan Carter, Spiro Liras, Eric Anderson, Jeremiah Shoemaker, Nathan Durick, Eric Misfeldt, Andy Snyder, Matt VanDeVoorde, Scott Hamilton, Aron Sikarskie, Dan Yarger, Aaron Nelson, Andy Hebden, Heath DeGoei, Ryan Sheddman, Scott Durian, Zach Mayes, Kris Rusch, Steve Pardoe, Landon Neumann, Todd Gilbert and Derek Wright.

Those earning junior varsity awards were Jason Causemaker, George Jolly, Matt Lotz, Micah Miller, Sarne Moore, Pat Peterson, Dave Roets, Curt Sand, Alan Stanfill, Chris Thompson, Chris Walters and Matt Jacocks.

Varsity award winners were Brady Rasmussen, Eric Newton, Chad Sager, Seth Graham, Karl Taets, Josh Pierce, Andy Snook, Ben Hahn, Mitch Pray, Jeremy Holke, Tom Britton, Andy Porter, Nate Culbertson, Nick Sable, Chris Widowski, David Farmer, Darin Lavery, Brad Dierickx, Jason Jolly, Neil Radicic, Wade Murphy, Steve Miller, Kevin Fuhr, Gary Martin, Roger Sheets, Justin VanVooren, A.J. DeSplinter, Mark Chaney, Shawn Wehrspann, Ryan Verbeck, Mike VanDeVelde, Bryan Glass, Shane McKibbon and Adam Boardman.

Manager awards were earned by Julie Ghys, Katie Rice and Val Rice.

# Q-C AA contingent

## is near-bust

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CHARLESTON — Heading into the Class AA 1991 IHSA Boys State Track Meet, most of the Quad-City athletes were on the bubble.

Friday at O'Brien Field on the Eastern Illinois University campus, that bubble burst.

Of the 19 events in which the Q-C was represented Friday, only one — Geneseo's Michael VanDeVelde — qualified.

Just how bad was it?

Geneseo's Adam Boardman, who finished fourth in the mile last year, was undefeated outdoors this season and was seeded No. 1 out of sectionals. He got caught in a quick start, burned himself out and missed qualifying by one spot and less than two seconds.

"I went out way too hard," he said, showing the pained expression of a hard lesson learned. "I bit the bullet real bad in the last half."

UT's Chris Roberson, a bronze medalist last year in the high jump, topped out Friday at 6-4 — well below his capability — and failed to advance, which took 6-6 to do so.

Rock Island's Zach Stengel surprised a few people in the 110 high hurdles. He advanced out of the preliminaries and into the semis, where the top three finishers from each heat make the finals. He was manually clocked as the third finisher, but a picture taken by the accutrack timer placed him fourth, .03 of a second out and the finals.

It was that kind of day.

The lone Q-C survivor turned out to be Geneseo's VanDeVelde in the 400. The senior blazed to a school-record 49.17, won his heat and advanced as the sixth-fastest qualifier.

"That wind was terrible," said VanDeVelde of the strong headwind hitting runners on the straightaway. "I just went out and did what I had

day's finals by teammates Bryan Glass, a senior, and sophomore Andy Snook, both who will run the 3200. They escaped Friday's misfortunes by not having to run preliminaries.

For the rest of the local Class AA contingent, they weren't so fortunate. It wasn't that the times were bad, it was that they just weren't enough.

For example, Geneseo's 1600 relay of Ben Hahn, Boardman, David Farmer and VanDeVelde clocked a school record 3:23.74, as Boardman shrugged off the mile disappointment and VanDeVelde scorched to a 48.49 anchor. Also, Shane McKibbin got a personal record with his 15.02 that couldn't even get him out of the prelims.

"This just shows that the state championships of Illinois are

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## Class AA

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tough," said Geneseo coach Don Fredericks. "There were strong performances in every event."

Despite the disappointment of Boardman's bust in the mile, in which many people thought he could have contended for a state title, Fredericks was very upbeat.

"I'm proud of the way the kids competed," he said. "They did the best job they could."

As did many of the locals.

Two of Moline's individuals — Mike Shannon in the 800 (1:57.31) and Brent Earl in the triple jump (43-6½) turned in season-bests.

"Our two seniors did a real good job," said Moline coach Jeff Quick. "I thought, all things considered, that we had good efforts."

Rock Island had a number of solid outing in addition to Stengel's near-miss in the 110 high hurdles.

"You can't get much closer to qualifying than that," said Rocky coach Ed Lillis, "losing in a photo."

"Actually I didn't think the kids ran so bad."

Competing well for the Rocks were the 400 relay unit of Aaron Taylor, Terence Parks, DaShawn

Guy and Victor Jones, which ran its second-best time of the season with a 43.38.

"The good thing is is that we have 7 of our 11 qualifiers back," said Lillis.

UT coach Jim Wesselmann was also pleased with the experience his young qualifiers picked up.

"Maceo Strickland ran real well and made it into the semis, which is what we wanted," said Wesselmann. "He ran under 11 — 10.9 — which is what we had hoped for."

Sophomore classmate Josh Crisp struggled in the long jump, as did junior Dameon Dunbar in the shot put. But as their coach said, they picked up that valuable experience.

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## Geneseo's VanDeVelde places 7th in 400

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Geneseo's Mike VanDeVelde might have used up his best 400 meters Friday.

On Saturday, VanDeVelde finished seventh in his specialty with a time of 49.40.

In Friday's prelims of the 1,600 relay, VanDeVelde ran an unofficial 48.5 attempting to

help his team qualify for the finals. But they came up short.

VanDeVelde, a senior, entered the finals as the sixth seeded runner. He scored two team points for Geneseo, who was the only team to score any points in Class AA.

Senior Bryan Glass and Sophomore Andy Snook both ran in

the slow heat of the 3,200. Glass and Snook used team tactics in the sectional to qualify for state and at state used them again.

About halfway through the race, Snook was strongly encouraging Glass to go get it.

Glass was second in his heat and 9th overall.

— Chad Dare



Bryan Glass



Andy Snook



Mike VanDeVelde



Shane McKibbin



Adam Boardman



Ben Hahn



David Farmer

# VanDeVelde earns All-State honors at meet



## ***The finish***

The end of the race draws near for Geneseo's Mike VanDeVelde in the finals of the 400 meter dash. The senior quarter miler captured the seventh place medal with a new school record, earning him All-State honors.



**CHARLESTON** - Everytime Mike VanDeVelde has competed in the 400 meter dash lately, he has set a new school mark in the event and Saturday was no different as the senior sprinter turned in a time of :49.14 to take seventh place in the IHSA Class AA State Track and Field Meet at Eastern Illinois University.

VanDeVelde, the Quad-Cities only Class AA medalists, was also a member of the Geneseo record-setting 1600 relay team which helped him earn All-State honors, a first for any track member at Geneseo High School.

The Leafs performed extremely well Friday's preliminaries as a team, with

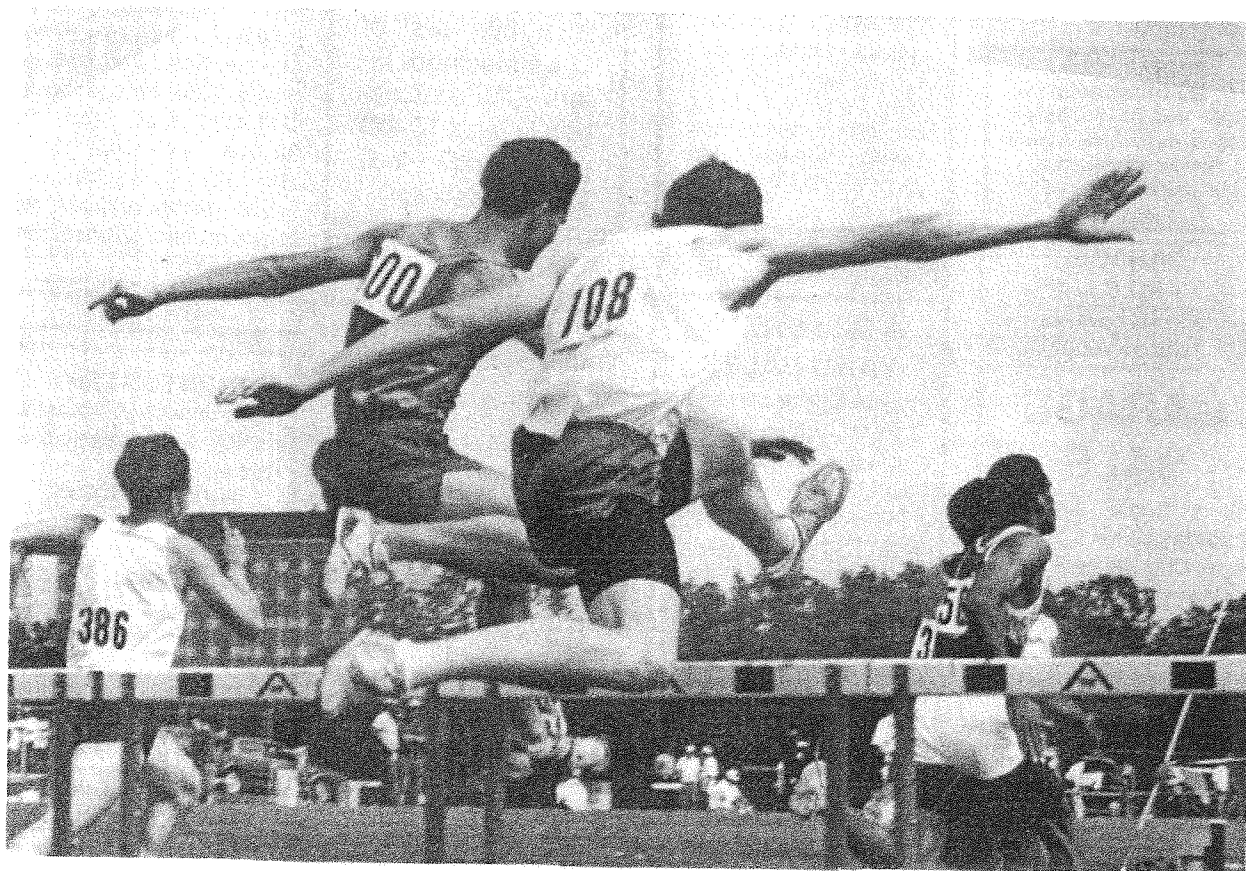
eight of their ten events turning in personal bests.

VanDeVelde broke the 400 meter school record with a time of :49.17 to win his heat and advance into Saturday's finals with the sixth-best time despite a strong headwind effecting all runners on the straightaway.

The 1600 meter relay team failed to advance but ran a record-breaking time of 3:23.74 behind the efforts of Ben Hahn, Adam Boardman, David Farmer and VanDeVelde. Shane McKibbon ran a personal best in the 110 high hurdles but his :15.02 mark was not enough to advance him. The senior hurdler ran a :42.0 in the 300 low hurdle race.

Senior Adam Boardman, who finished fourth in the mile last and seeded No. 1 out of sectionals, took off in his 1600 race in a fury and by the end of the fourth and final lap had burned out. He missed qualifying for finals by one spot and less than two seconds.

Bryan Glass and Andy Snook competed in the 3200, which runs only a final race on Saturday. Glass turned in a 9:35.77 to finish second in the slower first heat and place ninth overall. His time of just .8 of a second out of eighth place and a medal. Snook, a sophomore, also ran in the first of the two heats and finished 14th with a 9:42.79.



## ***Flies by***

Shane McKibbon flew by in a fury in the preliminaries of the 110 high hurdles at Friday's State Track and Field meet. The senior ran a personal best of :15.02 but was unable to advance.



## Handoff

David Farmer hands off to anchor Mike VanDeVelde in the 1600 relay. The foursome set a new school mark of 3:23.74 but did not qualify for Saturday's finals.



### TRACK

#### Class AA boys IHSA State Meet

High jump — Top qualifying: Ten jumpers qualified by clearing 6-6. Local entrants (DNQ): Chris Roberson, UTHS, 6-4.

Long jump — Top qualifying: 23-494. Final qualifying: 12, 21-534. Local entrants (DNQ): Josh Crisp, UTHS, 20-1.

Triple jump — Top qualifying: 48-61/2. Final qualifying: 45-6. No local entrants.

Pole vault — Top qualifying: Ten vaulters qualified by clearing 14-3. No local entrants.

Shot put — Top qualifying: 69-2. Final qualifying: 12, 53-1. Local entrants (DNQ): Dameron Dunbar, UTHS, 49-111/2.

Discus — Top qualifying: 175-11. Final qualifying: 12, 154-0. Local entrants (DNQ): Ryan Taylor, RI, 142-5.

3200 relay — Top qualifying: 7:55.16. Final qualifying: 12, 6:05.33. Local entrants (DNQ): Moline (Babcock, Shannon, Hubbard, Cunningham), 8:13.13. RI (Hansen, Pernell, Belby, Presson), 8:17.99.

2:02.47. 4, Josh Pierce, Gen, 2:02.80. 5, Jaime Galindo, A, 2:07.33. 6, Zach Fulton, K, 2:07.74.

800 relay — 1, Geneseo, 1:33.95. 2, Metamora, 1:34.02. 3, Galesburg, 1:34.43. 4, Alleman, 1:36.48. 5, Princeton, 1:37.52. 6, Kewanee, 1:37.80.

400 — Mike VanDeVelde, Gen, 50.47. 2, Eric Heitler, Roch, 51.44. 3, J. Peterson, M, 51.53. 4, Josh Stallings, D, 52.44. 5, Chris Bradford, Gal, 52.63. 6, Ben Hahn, Gen, 52.71.

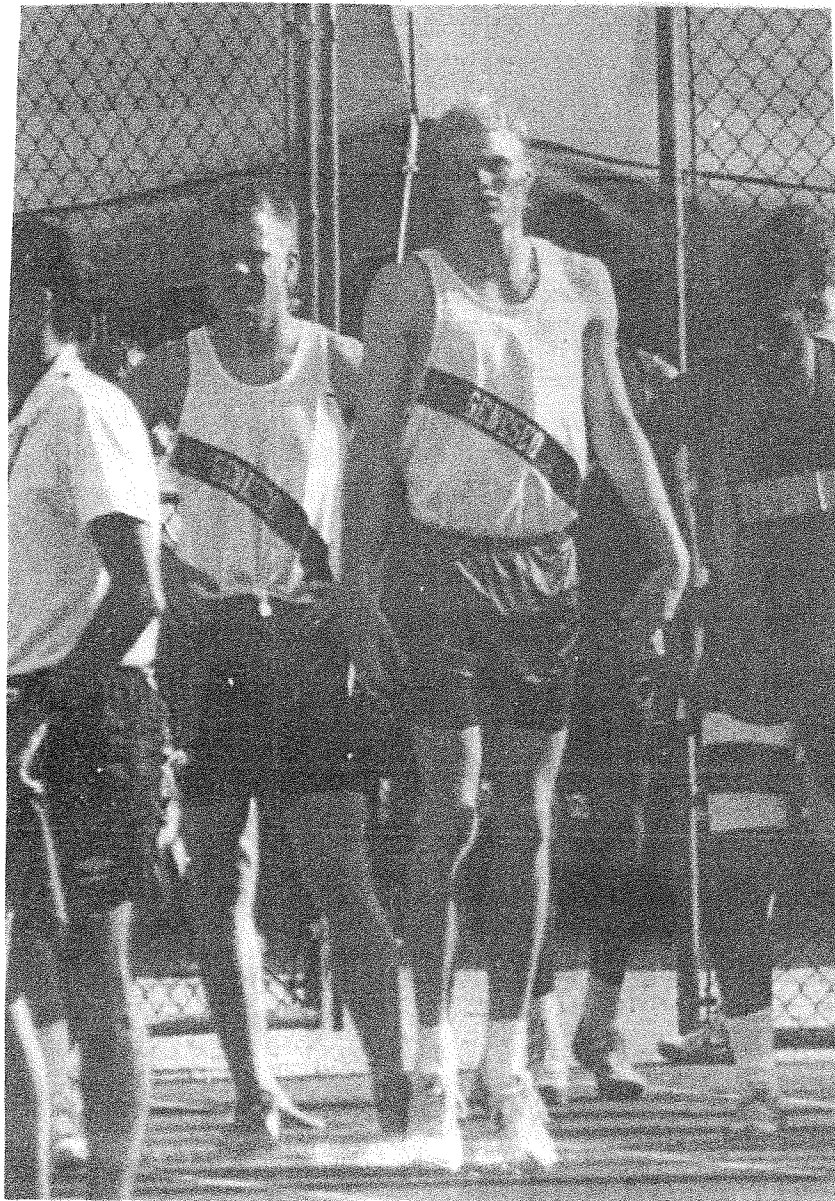
300 Intermediate hurdles — 1, Shane McKibbin, Gen, 40.20 (meet record). 2, Brent Salazar, LP, 40.38. 3, David Farmer, Gen, 41.11. 4, James Harris, Gal, 41.63. 5, Eric Faoro, K, 41.70. 6, Rick Allen, P, 42.30.

1600 — 1, Adam Boardman, Gen, 4:29.20. 2, John Weigel, M, 4:30.52. 3, Mark Swim, D, 4:38.42. 4, Bryan Glass, Gen, 4:39.66. 5, Joe Weigel, M, 4:39.74. 6, Kiley Peirce, O, 4:40.52.

200 — 1, Mike VanDeVelde, Gen, 23.06. 2, Eric Heitler, Roch, 23.12. 3, A. Ramoley, M, 23.35. 4, S. Pauli, M, 23.41. 5, Brian Tunget, O, 23.57. 6, Ryan Verbeck, Gen, 23.58.

400 "Big Boy Relay" (non-scored event) — Geneseo (Murphy, Porter, Culbertson, Dierck), 2, Ottawa. 3, Rock Falls. 4, Metamora. 5, Galesburg. 6, Alleman.

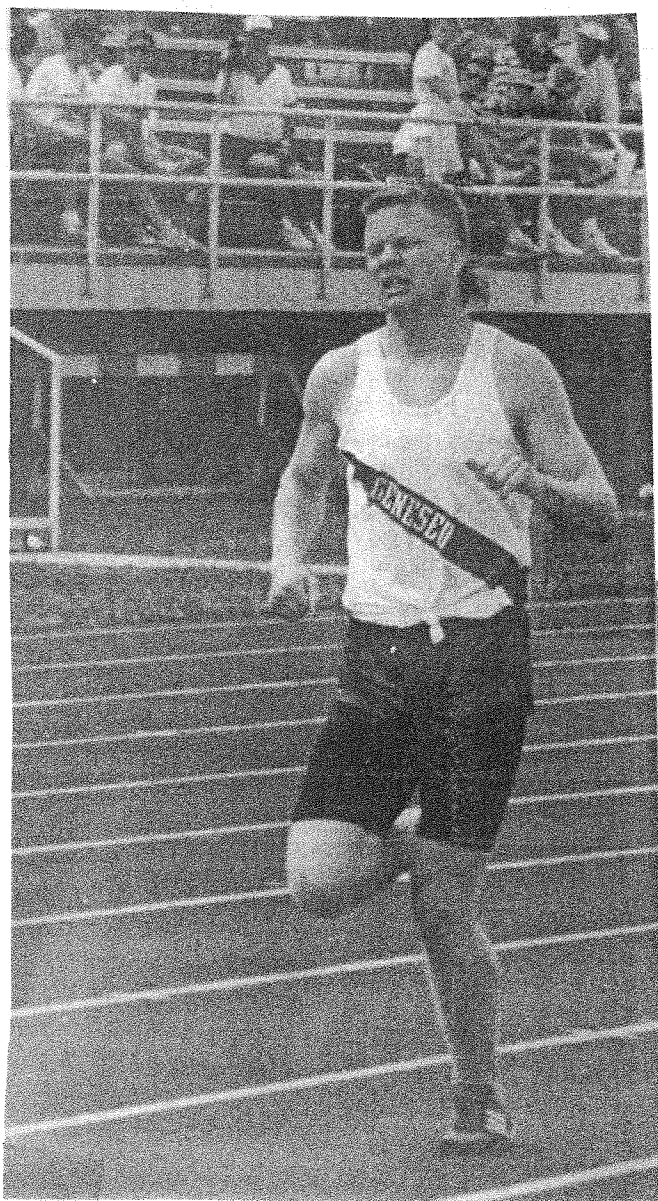
1600 relay — 1, Princeton, 3:30.30. 2, Metamora, 3:33.96. 3, Alleman (Coyle, Nau, Harrison, Galindo), 3:34.28. 4, Geneseo (Sable, Pierce, McKibbin, Hahn), 3:35.88. 5, LaSalle-Peru, 3:40.66. 6, Dixon, 3:42.68.



### ***Jitters***

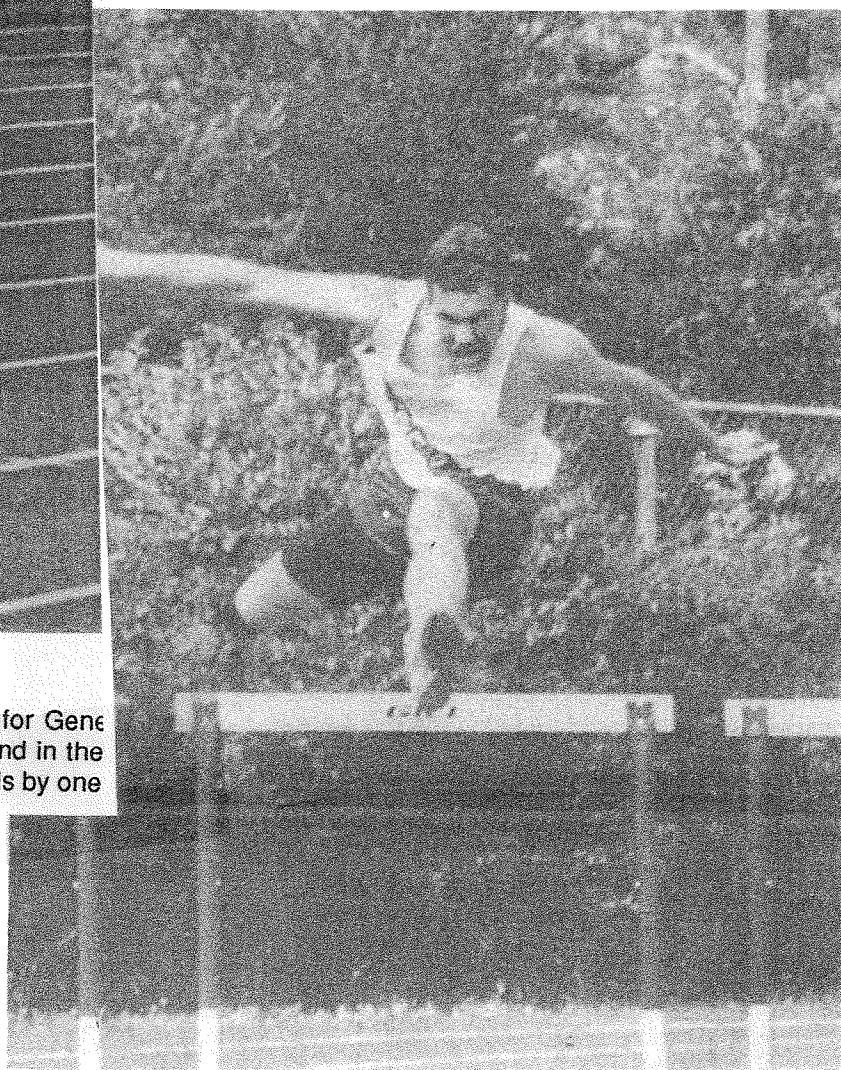
Mike VanDeVelde and Adam Boardman patiently wait in the bullpen for their heat of the 1600 meter relay. The foursome of Boardman, VanDeVelde, David Farmer and Ben Hahn set a new school record in the event.





### ***A grueling race***

The finish line seems further and further away for Gene Boardman as he brings his prep career to an end in the State meet. The senior missed qualifying for finals by one



### ***Successfully cleared***

Shane McKibbon takes the curve in the 300 intermediate hurdles at the IHSA Class AA State Track and Field Meet. McKibbon was unable to advance to Saturday's finals.

# Geneseo's VanDeVelde takes

## 7th for AA highlight

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CHARLESTON — Geneseo's entries in this weekend's IHSA Class AA Boys State Track Meet ran very well, but wound up with not a whole lot to show for it.

"We came down here and in our 10 events had eight personal bests,"

said Geneseo coach Don Fredericks shortly after one of three rain showers which moved through the area during the meet. "Geneseo had a tremendous state meet."

While Rock Island, United Town-



Mike VanDeVelde

ship, and Moline all failed to advance anyone into the finals, the Maple Leafs had three finalists Saturday, including the lone Q-C area Class AA medalist.

Senior Michael VanDeVelde ran a strong race in the 400 finals, clocking a school-record 49.14, and finished seventh. He also became part of Geneseo school history, becoming the first Maple Leaf quarter-miler to earn All-State honors.

"That's a major-league accomplishment," said Fredericks. "He just exploded down here and had a tremendous state meet. He got All-State and justly so; he deserves that."

"I think I might have gone out a little too fast and didn't have enough left," said VanDeVelde. "But I guess since it's the last race of your high school career you might as well go all out."

VanDeVelde, seeded fifth going into the finals after Friday's preliminaries — where he ran a then school-record 49.17 — admitted he wasn't worried about matching or bettering that.

"All I wanted to do was get a medal, place and get All-State," he said. "That's all that mattered."

For VanDeVelde, it was a big weekend. He set the school record on Friday in addition to anchoring the 1600 relay (3:23.74) to a school record with a 48.45 split.

"He ran the three greatest races of his life down here this weekend," said Fredericks.

And teammates Bryan Glass and Andy Snook weren't bad in the 3200 finals either. Glass clocked a 9:35.77, finishing second in the slower first heat and ninth overall, just .8 of a

second out of eighth place and a medal. Snook, also running in the first of the two 3200 heats, clocked a 9:42.79 and finished 14th. He was the top sophomore in the state.

"It was hotter than heck out there," said Glass right after his race, noting the difficulty of running for time in the slower heat. The heat winner finished seventh overall. "The wind was tough too. That didn't make it impossible, just harder."

Fredericks, though, was pleased with both his distance runners.

"Those were big PRs for both of them," he said.

"Geneseo was well represented in the state finals this weekend," he added with a huge grin. "The coaching staff is extremely happy."

As were the athletes.



## State Meet Splits

3200 6/955 9:35.77 65 - 2:17 - 3:29 - 4:42 - 5:55 - 7:13 - 8:27 → (94)

Snook 9:42.78 64 - 2:17 - 3:29 - 4:42 - 5:55 - 7:13 - 8:28 → (12)

1100H McKibben 15.02

400 (7th) VanDeVelde 49.14 F 49.17 P (All-Stars) (😊) School Rec

300TH McKibben 42.06

1600 Boardman 60 - 2:05 - 3:13 - 4:23.9 (14th)

1600 Relay 3:24.66 (10th) School Rec.

Hahn 51.9 Boardman 51.9 Farmer 51.9 VanDeVelde 48.1

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Mike VanDeVelde of the Geneseo varsity boys track team placed seventh in the 400 meter dash and broke his own school record twice in the process at the Class AA state finals held Friday and Saturday, May 24-25 in Charleston.

East St. Louis Sr. won the team title with 52 points. Rounding out the top five were Evanston (43), East St. Louis Lincoln (37), Proviso West (32) and Decatur MacArthur (26).

VanDeVelde won his heat of the 400 preliminaries with a time of 49.17 seconds and then came back with a 49.14 second effort in the finals to place seventh. Both times bettered his own school record of 49.8 seconds.

"Mike just had an outstanding meet. His times, especially for how windy it was down there, were just fantastic," said Coach Don Fredericks.

Bryan Glass and Andy Snook finished ninth and 12th, respectively, in the 3200 meter run for the next highest finishes for the Leafs. Both competed in the "slow" heat comprised of runners who finished in the bottom half of sectional times.

Glass was clocked at 9:35.8, missing eighth place and the accompanying all-state honor by .9 of a second.

Snook turned in a 9:42.8 effort to post the 12th best overall time. They finished two-three in their heat.

The Leafs were represented in four other events and, while none qualified for the finals, each made a good showing.

Shane McKibbon ran a personal best

time of 15.02 seconds in the 110-meter high hurdles and placed fifth in his heat. The top four advanced. He also ran a respectable 42.06 in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.

The 1600 meter relay team of Ben Hahn, Adam Boardman, David Farmer and VanDeVelde turned in a school record time of 3:24.66 and won the heat but missed advancing to the finals by one place.

Boardman, who had the top seed in the 1600 entering the meet, went out fast in his race and narrowly missed advancing to the finals. His time of 4:23.9 was fourth in his heat and one second behind the third qualifier.

"Adam ran a 60 second quarter and a 2:05 half and just didn't have enough left at the end. The strategy probably wasn't the best but you can't fault the effort. He went down there with the thought of winning a state title, not just making the finals and winning a medal. He gave it his best shot," said Coach Fredericks.

"I thought all of the kids gave an excellent account of themselves. We had kids run their personal bests with the pressure of a state meet to deal with. It is hard to ask more than that," he added.

All of the Leaf track team members were honored at their annual awards banquet held Thursday, May 30 at J.D. Darnall high school.

Boardman was named most valuable, VanDeVelde received the most improved and Kevin Fuhr nabbed the most inspirational award.

Captains were Boardman, McKibbon and Brad Dierickx.

The school records set this season by VanDeVelde in the 400 and the 1600 relay team of Hahn, Boardman, Farmer and VanDeVelde were also mentioned.

Recognized for their contributions to the track program were Jim and Lynn VanVooren, Bruce and Marilyn Boardman and Vic Boblett.

Receiving freshman awards were Nathan Andon, Todd Capps, Chad Sellman, Nathan Simpson, Justin Ludwig, Daryl VanQuakebeke, Jon Scott, Kevin Wachfel, Erron Halen, Adam Radicic, Rob Carrothers, Brad Schnowske and Andy Verbeck.

Sophomore awards were earned by Phil Smith, Chad Pankey, Brad Johnson, Ryan Carter, Spiro Liras, Eric Anderson, Jeremiah Shoemaker, Nathan Durick, Eric Misfeldt, Andy Snyder, Matt VanDeVoorde, Scott Hamilton, Aron Sikarskie, Dan Yarger, Aaron Nelson, Andy Hebden, Heath DeGoei, Ryan Sheddian, Scott Durian, Zach Mayes, Kris Rusch, Steve Pardoe, Landon Neumann, Todd Gilbert and Derek Wright.

Those earning junior varsity awards were Jason Causemaker, George Jolly, Matt Lotz, Micah Miller, Sam Moore, Pat Peterson, Dave Roets, Curt Sand, Alan Stanfill, Chris Thompson, Chris Walters and Matt Jacocks.

Varsity award winners were Brady Rasmussen, Eric Newton, Chad Sager, Seth Graham, Karl Taets, Josh Pierce, Andy Snook, Ben Hahn, Mitch Pray, Jeremy Holke, Tom Britton, Andy Porter, Nate Culbertson, Nick Sable, Chris Widowski, David Farmer, Darin Lavery, Brad Dierickx, Jason Jolly, Neil Radicic, Wade Murphy, Steve Miller, Kevin Fuhr, Gary Martin, Roger Sheets, Justin VanVooren, A.J. DeSplinter, Mark Chaney, Shawn Wehrspann, Ryan Verbeck, Mike VanDeVelde, Bryan Glass, Shane McKibbon and Adam Boardman.

Manager awards were earned by Julie Ghys, Katie Rice and Val Rice.

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## Senior All-Star Classic

Hot

(1st) 3200 Class 9:54.8

68 - 2:21 - 3:34 - 4:51 - 6:07 - 7:26 - 8:44 →

(3rd) 300TH 40.7 McFibbon

(2nd) 1600 4:24.9 Boerdman

63 - 2:09 - 3:16 →

All 3 Qualify for the Midwest All-Star

# 1991 State

1990-91 (AA)

100-meter dash

## Medalists

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Kerwin Badie	Hillside (Proviso West)	:10.66
2	Chris Pulley	East St. Louis (Sr.)	
3	Henry Bailey	Chicago (Collins)	
4	Tyrone Murchison	Harvey (Thornton)	
5	Jim Duncan	Libertyville	
6	Neil Melcher	Glenview (Glenbrook South)	
7	Marvin McShan	Peoria (Manual)	
8	Phil Bryan	Waukegan (H.S.)	

200-meter dash

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Kerwin Badie	Hillside (Proviso West)	:21.92
2	Chris Pulley	East St. Louis (Sr.)	
3	Neil Melcher	Glenview (Glenbrook South)	
4	Ben Beyers	Champaign (Centennial)	
5	Jim Duncan	Libertyville	
6	Tyrone Murchison	Harvey (Thornton)	
7	Terry Lang	Mascoutah	
8	Wayne Patton	Zion (Z.-Benton)	

400-meter dash

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Chris Pulley	East St. Louis (Sr.)	:47.09
2	Ben Beyers	Champaign (Centennial)	
3	Neil Melcher	Glenview (Glenbrook South)	
4	Camara Tucker	East St. Louis (Sr.)	
5	Dave Dopek	Romeoville (H.S.)	
6	Phil Bryan	Waukegan (H.S.)	
7	Mike Van De Velde	Geneseo (Darnall)	
8	Ronell Hawkins	South Holland (Thornwood)	

## 800-meter run

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Joel Brooks	Chicago Heights (Bloom Twp.)	1:52.21
2	Maurice Dotson	East St. Louis (Lincoln)	
3	John Jesse	Chicago (Marist)	
4	Jacob Parker	Chicago (Manley)	
5	Chris Ellis	Chicago (C. Vocational)	
6	Steve Alexander	Hillside (Proviso West)	
7	Jose DeLeon	Chicago Heights (Bloom Twp.)	
8	Tom O'Shea	Hinsdale (Central)	

## 1600-meter run

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Nick Thiel	Naperville (North)	4:12.02
2	Robert Gary	Evanston (Twp.)	
3	Jason Rush	Palos Hills (Stagg)	
4	Dan Mazur	Franklin Park-Northlake (Leyden)	
5	Vadim Nemas	Skokie (Niles North)	
6	Ellis Dotson	Elgin (Larkin)	
7	Jose DeLeon	Chicago Heights (Bloom Twp.)	
8	Scott Anderson	Chicago (Whitney Young)	

## 3200-meter run

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Robert Gary	Evanston (Twp.)	9:05.75
2	Maha Martinez	Hoffman Estates (H.S.)	
3	Vadim Nemas	Skokie (Niles North)	
4	Jason Rush	Palos Hills (Stagg)	
5	Bob Rodriguez	Lockport (Twp.)	
6	Rich Slaughter	Riverside (R.-Brookfield)	
7	Scott Anderson	Chicago (Whitney Young)	
8	Ramon Lacey	Alton (Sr.)	

## 110-meter high hurdles

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Nick Reed	Decatur (MacArthur)	:14.26
2	Terry Collins	Joliet (West)	
3	Vida Johnson	Peoria (Manual)	
4	Joe Anderson	Alton (Sr.)	
5	Daniel Wilson	Chicago Heights (Bloom Trail)	
6	Marcus Phillips	Decatur (MacArthur)	
7	Mike Williams	Chicago (Steinmetz)	
8	Jamar Basnight	Rockford (East)	



### 300-meter intermediate hurdles

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Carlton Clark	Olympia Fields (Rich Central)	:38.43
2	Mike Williams	Chicago (Steinmetz)	
3	Matthew Blouin	Blue Island (Eisenhower)	
4	Kendall Strickland	Glenview (Glenbrook South)	
5	Melvin Roberts	Harvey (Thornton)	
6	Jimmie Crawford	Springfield (Lanphier)	
7	Walter Young	Peoria (Woodruff)	
8	Nick Reed	Decatur (MacArthur)	

### 4x100-meter relay

Place	School (& Relay Members)	Mark
1	East St. Louis (Sr.) <i>Rob Fisher, Chris Pulley, Chris Simmons, Camara Tucker</i>	:42.23
2	Joliet (West)	
3	Waukegan (H.S.)	
4	East St. Louis (Lincoln)	
5	Harvey (Thornton)	
6	Freeport (H.S.)	
7	Aurora (West)	
8	Palos Heights (Shepard)	

### 4x200-meter relay

Place	School (& Relay Members)	Mark
1	Evanston (Twp.) <i>John Cosey, Howard Jones, Anthony Myrthil, Dante Wharton</i>	1:27.60
2	Hillside (Proviso West)	1:28.97
3	Harvey (Thornton)	
4	East St. Louis (Lincoln)	
5	East St. Louis (Sr.)	
6	Chicago (Steinmetz)	
7	Freeport (H.S.)	
8	Joliet (West)	

### 4x400-meter relay

Place	School (& Relay Members)	Mark
1	Evanston (Twp.) <i>John Cosey, Anthony Myrthil, William Perrin, Dante Wharton</i>	3:18.75
2	East St. Louis (Lincoln)	
3	East St. Louis (Sr.)	
4	Batavia	
5	Naperville (Central)	
6	Joliet (Central)	
7	Bloomington (H.S.)	
8	Chicago (Steinmetz)	

## 4x800-meter relay

Place	School (& Relay Members)	Mark
1	East St. Louis (Lincoln) <i>Marcus Farrell, Andre Logan, Eric Logan, Myles Mitchom</i>	7:44.77
2	Naperville (North)	
3	Naperville (Central)	
4	Elmhurst (York)	
5	Hoffman Estates (H.S.)	
6	Wheaton (North)	
7	St. Charles (H.S.)	
8	East St. Louis (Sr.)	

## high jump

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Cameron Wright	Marion (H.S.)	7-1
2	Dan Brazee	Granite City	
3	Jason Lee	Rolling Meadows	
4	Kevin Bartlett	Morton	
5	Mark Kronk	Highland	
6	Jason Taylor	Kankakee (Sr.)	
7	Tim Thompson	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central)	
8	Rob Crotty	Evanston (Twp.)	

## pole vault

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Daren McDonough	Edwardsville (H.S.)	15-9
2	Brian Rebhan	Naperville (Central)	
3	Mike Gerding	Ottawa (Twp.)	
4	Bart Peters	Decatur (MacArthur)	
5	Kyle Barton	Marion (H.S.)	
6	Matt Renaud	Centralia	
7	Nathan Plager	Rockford (East)	
8	Keith Rhine	Marion (H.S.)	

## long jump

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Eric Bowers	Freeport (H.S.)	23-7½
2	Ardel Leak	Springfield (Southeast)	
3	Richey Madison	Alton (Sr.)	
4	James Hodges	Decatur (Eisenhower)	
5	Rob Crotty	Evanston (Twp.)	
6	Ozzie Young	North Chicago	
7	Chris Jones	Decatur (Eisenhower)	
8	Marcus Phillips	Decatur (MacArthur)	

## triple jump

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Adam Hodges	Decatur (Eisenhower)	48-6½
2	Clayton Rowe	Decatur (MacArthur)	
3	Antonio Cooper	Dolton (Thornridge)	
4	James Hodges	Decatur (Eisenhower)	
5	Lamarr Justice	Batavia	
6	Donald Moselly	Bloomington (H.S.)	
7	Dave Wright	Harvey (Thornton)	
8	Bernard Grant	Hillside (Proviso West)	

## shot put

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Greg Wilkins	Chicago (C. Vocational)	60-2
2	Jim Jones	Oak Lawn (Community)	
3	Dwuan Sherrill	Murphysboro	
4	Marcus Klepper	Orland Park (Sandburg)	
5	Paul Marshall	Naperville (North)	
6	Thaddius Powell	Springfield (H.S.)	
7	Jose Buckner	Quincy (Sr.)	
8	LuCian Scott	East St. Louis (Lincoln)	

## discus throw

Place	Name	School	Mark
1	Greg Wilkins	Chicago (C. Vocational)	178-9
2	Warfield O'Lawrence	Peoria (Woodruff)	
3	Jack Niemi	Zion (Z.-Benton)	
4	Chad Pugh	Oswego (H.S.)	
5	Jose Buckner	Quincy (Sr.)	
6	Dave Myerscough	Charleston	
7	Sean McEnroe	Aurora (West)	
8	Matt Sweeney	Aurora (West)	

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Place	School	Score	Coach
1	East St. Louis (Sr.)	52	John Davis
2	Evanston (Twp.)	43	
3	East St. Louis (Lincoln)	37	
4	Hillside (Proviso West)	32	
5	Decatur (MacArthur)	28	
6	Chicago (C. Vocational)	24	
6	Harvey (Thornton)	24	
8	Decatur (Eisenhower)	22	
8	Naperville (North)	22	Jim Moody
10	Glenview (Glenbrook South)	20	