### Leafs come up "Shorts"

#### Sterling secures tainted track win

When Geneseo and Sterling get together for just about any sporting event, one can usually count on a highly spirited contest. That was the case Tuesday, April 30 when the Geneseo varsity boys track team traveled to Sterling and came home with a controversial 78-69 setback at the hands of the Golden Warriors.

Relay events are an all or nothing deal in dual meets with the winner receiving five points. The Leafs field a very formidable 3200 meter foursome in Josh Pierce, Mike VanDeVelde, Bryan Glass and Adam Boardman and seemed to have secured five points with a 30-second win in the race. The points, however, were awarded to Sterling after a rules violation.

Glass, like many track athletes these days, wears the thigh-warming biker pants during races. The pair he wore this day, however, had stripes on them, a rules violation. He checked with the starter/referee, who informed him that if he hiked them up and they were not showing while in competition, it would be all right to race.

After the completion of the race, however, a Sterling official brought the violation to the attention of meet officials, who awarded the five points to the Golden Warriors. The ten-point swing eventually proved to be the difference in the meet.

With the conference slated for Friday, May 10 in Rochelle, the Geneseo and Sterling tracksters are assured of hooking up one more time.

"It was suggested that we appeal the outcome of the meet but I have no plans to do that. All the appealing we plan to do will be done on the track at the conference meet. It is going to be a battle and we will be ready to compete," said Coach Don Fredericks.

Shane McKibbon and Glass each captured two events for the Leafs on the blustery, cold day. McKibbon swept the hurdles races, winning the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.61 seconds the 300 meter intermediate hurdles in 41.82 seconds. Glass was clocked at 4:45.9 in the 1600 and 10:28 in the 3200.

Gaining single wins for the Leafs were Darin Lavery in the long jump (19'1"), Adam Boardman in the 800 (2:03.6) and Ben Hahn in the 400 (55.1).

Relay wins came from the 800 feam of Kevin Fuhr, Shawn Wehrspann, Nick Sable and Ryan Verbeck (1:36.1) and the 1600 team of Hahn, Boardman, David Farmer and Mike VanDeVelde (3:32.28).

Placing second for the Leafs were Farmer in the 110 meter high hurdis, Pierce in the 800, Eric Newton in the 300 meter interatediate hurdles and Andy Snook in the 1600.

Third place finishers for Geneseo were Wehrspann in the high jump, Lavery in the triple jump, Nate Culbertson in the shot put, Chad Pankey in the 3200, Newton in the 110 meter high hurdles, Hahn in the 100, Jeremy Holke in the 400 and Puhr in the 200.

In the frosh-soph meet against Sterling, the Leaflets scored an 89-48 victory. Derek Wright, Landon Neumann and Seth Graham were each double winners for Geneseo.

Wright was clocked at 19.0 seconds in the 110 meter high hurdles and 46,31 seconds in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. Neumann captured the 100 in 12.29 seconds and the 200 in 25.85 seconds while Graham heaved the shot 37 and the discus 131'8".

Single event winners for the Leaflets were Todd Gilbert in the high jump (5'6"), Andy Verbeck in the long jump (15'11"), Nate Durick in the triple jump (38'4-1/2") and Zachary Mayes in the 400 (57.92 seconds).

Relay wins were earned by the 400 team of Gilbert, Kris Rusch, Mayes and Neumann (49.25 seconds), the 800 team of Gilbert, Rusch, Durick and Neumann (1:41.92) and the 3200 team of Eric Anderson, Scott Durian, Ryan Carter and Eric Misfeldt (9:59).

Finishing second for the Leaflets were Wright in the triple jump, Snyder in the 3200, Gilbert in the 100, Anderson in the 800, Spiro Liras in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles and Carter in the 1600.

Placing third were Liras in the triple jump, Adam Radicic in the 3200, Brad Johnson in the 110 meter high hurdles and 300 meter intermediate hurdles, Misfeldt in the 800, Chad Sager in the 400 and Snyder in the 1600.

The Leafs had traveled to Sterling for the Sterling Invitational held Friday, April 26 and tied for third in the 12team field.

Teams and scores in the meet were Rockford Guilford (75), Rock Island (72), Geneseo and Sterling (56), Freeport (53), Ottawa (48), UT (36), Morton (20), Galesburg (18), Moline (12), Rock Falls (11) and Dixon (10).

The 3200 meter team of Pierce, Snook, Glass and Boardman earned first place with a blazing time of 8:05.8, a time which shaved 31 seconds off this season's previous best. Glass and Snook were held out of previous 3200 relays.

The second first place finish came

from the 1600 team of Boardman, Glass and Pierce, which scored a meet record ticing nine points. This particular event is scored like a cross-country race. Boardman was first individually, Glass was second and Pierce was sixth.

Gamering second place finishers for the Leafs were the 440 meter low hurdles shuttle team of Newton, Wright, Farmer and McKibbon, who combined for a time of 56.43 seconds, and the 1600 meter relay team of Hahn, Boardman, Farmer and VanDeVelde clocked at 3:27.42. VanDeVelde ripped off a 49.7 anchor leg in this race.

Thirds were earned by the pole vault team of Brady Rasmussen, Mark Chaney and Steve Pardoe (36'), the high hurdle shuttle team of Newton, Wright, Farmer and McKfohon (43:33 seconds) and the frosh-soph 400 team of Newton, Ryan Sheddan, Wright and Neumann (45.6 seconds).

Highlighting the third place finishes was the effort of Rasmussen, a freshman pole vaulter. He broke his own freshman mark of 12' by clearing 12'6".

On Saturday, April 27 the Geneseo frosh-soph boys track team placed second in the 10-team Dixon Invitational. Teams and scores in the meet were Sterling (90), Geneseo (74), Dixon (68), UT (61), Loves Park Harlem (41), Belvidere (37), Rockton Hononegah (28), LaSalle-Peru (26), Princeton (25) and Rock Falls (four).

Rasmussen was the lone Geneseo individual to win first place in the meet as he cleared 11' in the pole vault.

Relay wins came from the distance medley team of Misfeldt, Hahn, Pierce and Snook (11:24.05) and the 1600 team of Taets (first), Pankey (third), Snyder (fourth) and Durian (fifth), which scored a meet-ticing record of 13 points.

The 3200 team of Misfeldt, Pierce, Anderson and Snook (8:47.8) claimed second place.

Nabbing thirds were the high jump team of Gilbert, Hahn, Pierce and Jeremiah Shoemaker (21'6"), the triple jump team of Durick, Liras, Johnson and Wright (146'1"), the 440 high-low hurdle shuttle team of Wright, Liras, Newton and Johnson (1:11.95), the 440 low hurdles shuttle team of Wright, Liras', Johnson and Newton (1:04.48) and the 1600 relay team of Newton, Anderson, Gilbert and Hahn (3:46.3).

The Leafs will host the annual John McCormick Invitational slated for Friday, May 3. Teams scheduled to compete are Alleman, Dixon, Galesburg, Genesco, Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Metamora, Ottawa, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Falls, Sherrard and Streator. Competition will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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#### Leafs get the shaft at Sterling

STERLING - The Maple Leafs were on Golden Warrior territory for a dual NCIC meet and therefore, had to adhere to Sterling's rules which made the difference in the outcome of the varsity boys track meet. The hosts won by a score of 78-69.

The 3200 relay was disqualified despite an okay from an official prior to the event concerning a uniform discrepency. The disqualification made a major difference in the final tally.

The Leafs captured nine first place finishes with Shane McKibbon and Bryan Glass winning a pair of individual events each. McKibbon crossed the finish line first in both the 110 high (:15.6) and 300 intermediate hurdles (:41.82).

Glass won the 3200 (10:28) and 1600 (4:45.9).

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