

Charleston-bound

Four Leafs move on to state meet

Senior Tom Britton and juniors Ben Hahn, Andy Snook and Josh Pierce will represent J.D. Darnall high school in the Class AA state track meet this weekend following high finishes in the sectional meet held Friday, May 22 in Rock Island.

The Leafs placed third in the 14-team meet. Rock Island finished first with 49 and was followed by United Township (45), Geneseo (40), Moline (34-1/2), Ottawa (30), Sterling (25), Quincy (15), Dixon (14), Galesburg (11), Canton (10-1/2), Rock Falls (10), LaSalle-Peru and Streator (2) and Macomb (0).

"The kids really had a great meet. To come within nine points of winning the team title is quite an accomplishment. They were still riding the emotional wave of winning the conference title last week," said Coach Don Fredericks, recalling his team's triumph in the North Central Illinois Conference (N.C.I.C.) meet held Friday, May 15 in Geneseo.

Britton had the meet of his career in Rock Island, winning the triple jump with an effort of 43'9-1/2" and placing second in the long jump with a 21'1/2" leap. Both were personal bests by about one foot. It was also the third best long jump and fourth best triple jump in school history.

"You just don't improve by that much in one meet. What a great meet for Tom," stressed Coach Fredericks.

Hahn blazed to a personal best in the 400 meter dash, winning with a time of 49.9 seconds. The time is a new record for juniors at J.D. Darnall high school and is second on the all-time list.

"Ben broke 50 seconds against a big-time field in the 400. He'll be looking to do it again this weekend and the best thing about it is that he's just a junior. The school record will be something for him to shoot for in the future," said Coach Fredericks.

Hahn also posted a respectable time of 11.2 seconds in the 100, good for fifth place.

Pierce nabbed second place in his specialty, the 800, posting a personal best time of 1:58.9. "We've been waiting all season for Josh to run like this and he couldn't have done it at a better time. This was a big breakthrough for him," according to Coach Fredericks.

Snook, still battling the effects of a cold, finished second in the 3200 with a time of 9:44.2, 4.1 seconds behind Steve Cunningham of Moline. Cunningham caught a fading Snook on the last lap.

Though the four Leaf tracksters named above were the only ones to advance to state, several team members turned in outstanding efforts in Rock Island.

Senior weighman Jim Van Acker tied his personal best with a 50'5" heave in the shot put. Van Acker stood second heading into the last round of throws before being passed by two competitors.

"Jim equalled his conference-winning and personal best throw in the shot put. It is hard to ask for more than that," said Coach Fredericks.

Junior pole vaulter Chad Sager placed fourth in the event, clearing a personal best 13'0". Sager snapped his pole in four places while attempting to clear 12'6", tearing a tendon in his knuckle in the process. He refused to quit, however, and went on to clear 12'6" and later 13'0" with a backup pole and the injured hand.

"It was one of the guttiest performances I've ever witnessed," noted Coach Fredericks.

The 800 meter relay team of Eric Newton, Jon Smith, Jeremy Holke and Nick Sable also performed well, posting a time of 1:32.1, good for fourth place. It was the group's season best by two seconds and the third fastest time in school history.

Also turning in good efforts in the meet were Nate Durick in the triple jump (43'1/4", third), Eric Misfeldt in the 1600 (4:37, fourth) and Andy Snyder (10:10.7, fifth in the 3200).

The Class AA preliminaries will start at 9 a.m. Friday, May 29 on the campus of Eastern Illinois University, Charleston. Class A competition will begin at 1 p.m.

Coach Fredericks will be looking for improved times and distances from Britton, Hahn, Pierce and Snook this weekend.

"All the kids need to focus on is showing improvement; things will take care of themselves if they can do that. If they can improve on their season best, an all-state medal is a possibility and that is the goal of anybody who puts on the green and white jersey of Geneseo," concluded Coach Fredericks.

Athletes who finish in the top eight at state earn all-state medals.



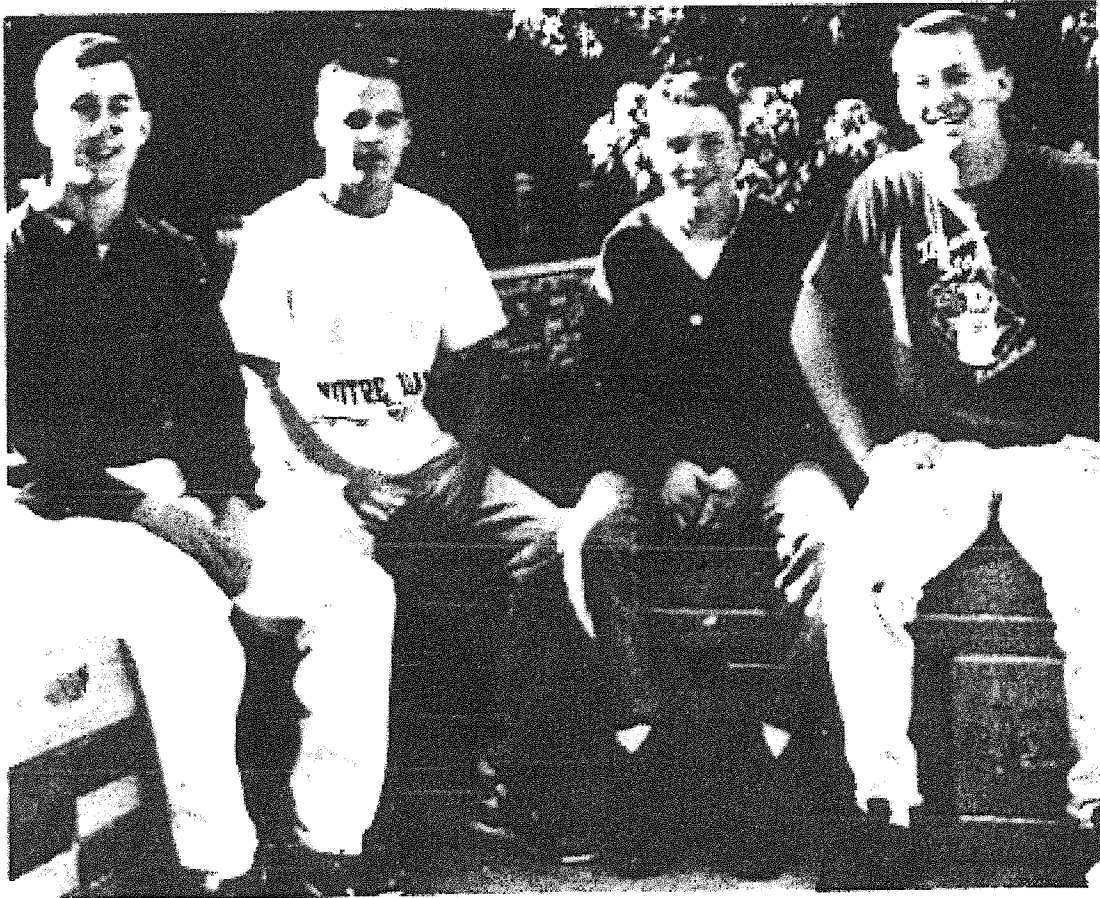
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PACKED IN. Geneseo distance ace Andy Snook (middle), despite being hampered by a cold, finished second to Moline's Steve Cunningham (front right) in the 3200 meter race in the Rock Island Sectional meet held Friday, May 22. The runner-up finish earned Snook a berth in the state track meet Friday and Saturday, May 29-30 in Charleston. See the adjoining story for details.



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DOWN THE BACKSTRETCH. Josh Pierce (left) was nipped by Chris Rodriguez of Rock Falls (right) in the 800 meter race in the Rock Island Sectional on Friday, May 22 but his second place finish was good enough to qualify him for the Class AA state final this weekend in Charleston. Pierce's time of 1:58.9 was a season best. For more on the meet, see the accompanying story.





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ON TO CHARLESTON. Geneseo trackmen Ben Hahn (left), Josh Pierce, Andy Snook and Tom Britton will be competing in the Class AA state finals this weekend following top two finishes in the sectional meet held Friday, May 22 in Rock Island. For more information, see the adjoining story.

Sectionals

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Shot 2

(4th) Van Acker 50-5 Culbertson 48-9

Disc 3

Graham 134-8 Porter 97-0

H.J. 4

Britton 5-11 Gradert N.H.

P.V. 5

(4th) Sager 13-0 Rasmussen 12-0

L.J. 6

(2nd) Britton 21-0 1/2 Lavery 19-4

T.J. 7

(1st) Britton 43-9 1/2 (3rd) Durick 43-0 1/4

3200R. 8

X None

400R. 9

53.49 Wright 14.01 Smith 16.9 Sable 11.53 Hahn 11.05 (missed handoff 1-2)

3200 10

(2nd) Snook 9:44.2 64-2:18-3:36-4:51-???

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(5th) Snyder 10:10.7 65-2:20-3:40-4:55-??-??

110 H4 12

Newton 15.5 15.5 Johnson 16.3 16.2

800 13

(5th) Hahn 11.2 11.2 Sable 11.4

800 14

(2nd) Pierce 1:58.9 (57) Anderson 2:04.0 (56)

800R. 15

(4th) 1:32.1 Newton 23.5 Smith 24.2 Holke 22.4 Sable 21.97

400 16

(1st) Hahn 49.9 Neumann 54.8

300TH 17

Newton 42.3 Wright 43.6

1600 18

(4th) Mistfeldt 4:37.0 63-2:14-3:23- Snook X

200 19

Smith 23.7 Campbell 24.0

1600R. 20

(3rd) 3:28.3 Sable 52.1 Pierce 53.4 Farmer 52.21 Hahn 49.8

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SECTIONAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET
ROCK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS STADIUM
MAY 22. 1992

Long Jump

1. Chris Coleman	Q	21' 8-1/4"
2. Tom Britton	GE	21' 1/2"
3. Chris Ramage	GA	20' 8-1/2"
4. John Denny	C	20' 4-3/4"
5. Chuck Garrett	D	19' 10-1/2"
First two qualify		

Discus

1. Brian Roper	OT	162' 11"
2. Brent Fisher	RI	159'
3. Andy Edmonson	SG	149' 7"
4. Steve Dekker	SR	149' 5"
5. Pete Suarez	LP	147' 2"
First two qualify		

High Jump

1. Phil Hilton	OT	6'5"
2. Stony Funderberg	RF	6'5"
3. Joe Ryan	SG	6'3"
4. John Hammock	Q	6'1"
5. Jeremy Kilday	LP	6'1"
First two qualify		

Pole Vault

1. Chris Potti	OT	13' 6"
2. Kris Wolf	SG	13' 6"
3. Tracy Mix	OT	13' 6"
4. Chad Sager	GE	13' 0"
5. Tony Leal	SG	13' 0"
First three qualify		

Shot Put

1. Dameon Dunbar	UT	52' 1-1/4"
2. Kenton Mustain	GA	51' 11"
3. Brent Fisher	RI	51' 8"
4. Jim Van Acker	GE	50' 5"
5. Marcus Mays	RI	50' 4"
First two qualify		

3200 m Relay

1. Mark Johnson Brad St. Clair Mark Holcomb Brian Sisson	SG	8:04.7
2. Bob Schwarz Shawn Coffey Justin Gillam Eric Collier	D	8:05.8
3.	RI	8:09.6
4.	UT	8:11.5
5.	Q	8:19.2
First two qualify		

400 m Relay

1.	James Porter Souk Kongkousonh Roman Hamilton Maceo Strickland	UT	42.2
2.	Chris Hornback Shawn Clay Matt Franklin Greg Cook	MO	43.3
3.		SG	43.3
4.		RI	43.4
5.		GA	43.8

First two qualify

3200 m Run

1.	Steve Cunningham	MO	9:40.1
2.	Andy Snook	GE	9:44.2
3.	John Roehr	MO	9:56.6
4.	Brad Wilson	RI	10:09.3
5.	Andy Snyder	GE	10:10.7

First two qualify

110 m High Hurdles

1.	Devon Larsen	DT New Record--	14.1
2.	Roman Hamilton	UT	14.2
3.	Adrian Dunbar	RI	14.5
4.	Zach Stengel	RI	14.9
5.	James Harris	GA	15.2

First three qualify

800 m Run

1.	Chris Rodriguez	RF	1:57.9
2.	Josh Pierce	GE	1:58.9
3.	Rick Babcock	MO	2:00.8
4.	DaShawn Fennell	RI	2:01.4
5.	Nick Presson	RI	2:02.9

First two qualify

100 m Dash

1.	Maceo Strickland	UT	10.6
2.	Tito Veasey	RI	10.8
3.	Kendrick Bailey	C	10.9
4.	Aaron Taylor	RI	11.0
5.	Ben Hahn	GE	11.2

First two qualify

800 m Relay

1.	James Porter Souk Kongkousonh Roman Hamilton Maceo Strickland	UT	1:29.5
2.	Antone Perry Aaron Taylor Amos Johnson Tito Veasey	RI	1:30.1
3.	Chris Hornback Shawn Clay Matt Franklin Greg Cook	MO	1:30.1
4.		GE	1:32.1
5.		SG	1:32.5

First three qualify

400 m Dash		
1. Ben Hahn	GE	49.9
2. Shawn Clay	MO	50.5
2. Kent Bailey	C	50.5
4. Tim Barham	UT	52.6
5. Marcus Nixon	Q	52.8
First two qualify		

300 m Intermediate Hurdles		
1. Zach Stengel	RI	39.2
2. Eric Collier	D	40.0
3. Devon Larsen	OT	40.0
4. Adrian Dunbar	RI	40.2
5. Courtney Ford	SG	40.6
First three qualify		

Triple Jump		
1. Tom Britton	GE	43' 9-1/2"
2. Josh Crisp	UT	43' 6-1/4"
3. Nate Durick	GE	43' 1/4"
4. James Harris	GA	42' 11-1/2"
5. Courtney Ford	SG	42' 8-3/4"
First two qualify		

200 m Dash		
1. Maceo Strickland	UT	21.6
2. Aaron Taylor	RI	22.2
3. Roman Hamilton	UT	22.2
4. Kendrick Bailey	C	22.9
5. Nate Tate	Q	23.2

1600 m Run		
1. Jamie Verstraete	MO	4:28.7
2. Tim Kerr	Q	4:31.1
3. Heath Wood	D	4:34.7
4. Eric Misfeldt	GE	4:37
5. Mark Johnson	SG	4:38.2

1600 m Relay		
1. Chris Hornback	MO	3:24.4
Greg Cook		
Steve Cunningham		
Shawn Clay		
2. Zach Stengel	RI	3:27.6
DaShawn Pernell		
Marcus Williams		
Nick Presson		
3.	GE	3:28.3
4.	D	3:28.8
5.	SG	3:30.1

TEAM RESULTS

1. Rock Island--49	8. Dixon--14
2. UTHS--45	9. Galesburg--11
3. Geneseo--40	10. Canton--10-1/2
4. Moline--34-1/2	11. Rock Falls--10
5. Ottawa--30	12. LaSalle-Peru--2
6. Sterling--25	13. Streator--2
7. Quincy--15	14. Macomb--0