Early eye-opener

Leaf tracksters dealt setback at Sterling

Sterling's Golden Warriors gave an early indication that they will be a team to be reckoned with this season, posting wins over Geneseo and Freeport in a triangular meet held Tuesday, March 24 at the Westwood Sports Complex, Sterling.

The Warriors amassed 84 points to finish ahead of the Leafs (68) and Pretzels (15).

Geneseo Coach Don Fredericks was quick to praise the Sterling team but also noted that the meet could help his squad down the road.

"Sterling is a favorite in the conference this season and they showed why in this meet. They have over 100 kids on the team and have talented athletes in every event. With the good indoor facility they have to work with, they should be a little ahead of us and we knew this would be a tough meet.

"I think this will serve as a wake up call for our kids. Though it is an early season meet, we don't like to lose and I

think it will help us raise our intensity level a little bit," stated Coach Fredericks.

Geneseo junior distance ace Andy Snook had a big day, capturing firsts in two events. Snook won the 1600 with a time of 4:42.4 and the 3200 with a 9:52.5 clocking.

Three Leafs claimed single wins in the meet. Tom Britton won the triple jump with a 40'1-1/2" effort, Eric Misfeldt placed first in the 800 with a time of 2:09.7 and Ben Hahn was clocked at 53.35 seconds in the 400.

Claiming second place for the Leafs were Darin Lavery in the long jump, Nate Durick in the triple jump, Eric Newton in the 55-meter intermediate and high hurdles, Hahn in the 55 and 200-meter dashes, Eric Anderson in the 800 and Josh Pierce in the 400.

Also nabbing runner-up finishes were the 800 relay team of John Smith, Nick Sable, Newton and Hahn and the 1600 relay team of Sable, Misfeldt, Pierce and Newton.

Third place finishers, for the Leafs were Nate Culbertson in the shot put, Brady Rasmussen in the pole vault, Derek Wright in the triple jump and 55-meter intermediate and high hurdles and Karl Taets in the 1600.

The Geneseo frosh-soph boys team, which had several of its team competing at the varsity level, finished a distant second to Sterling. The Warriors totalled 94 points, followed by Geneseo (47) and Freeport (24). No Leaflets finished first in the meet.

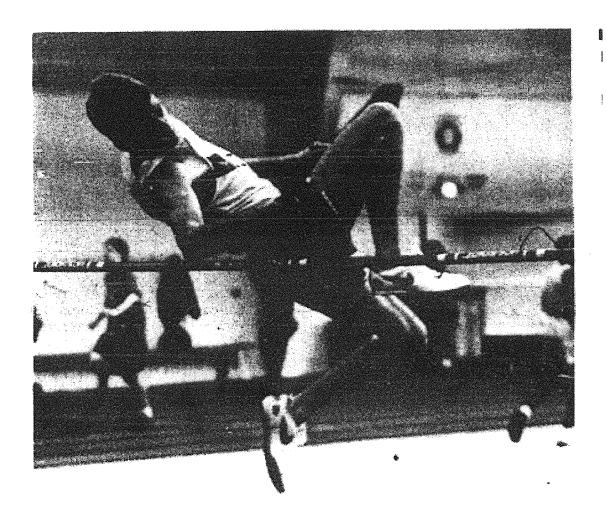
Claiming seconds for Geneseo were Mike Poppen in the shot put, Jeremiah Shoemaker in the long jump, Jeff Causemaker in the triple jump and 55-meter high hurdles, Nathan Andon in the 800, Dan Flood in the 400 and Jeremiah Waggoner in the 1600.

Also finishing second were the 1600 relay team of Poppen, Spiro Liras, Steve Jerbi and Phil Smith and the 3200 team of Waggoner, Joe Loftus, Andon and Chad Sellman.

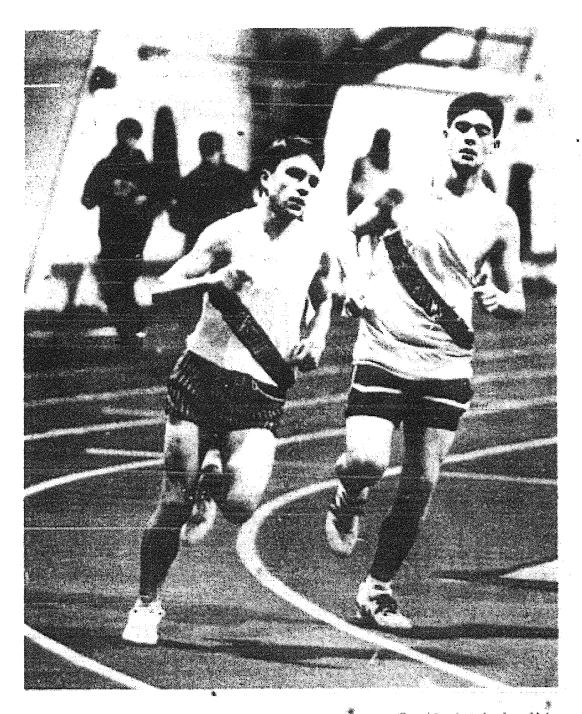
Third place finishers for the Leaflets were Troy Boelens in the high jump and triple jump, Andy Nissen in the pole vault, Brad Johnson in the 55-meter high hurdles. Shoemaker in the 55-meter dash, Sellman in the 800, Smith in the 400 and Causemaker in the 55-meter intermediate hurdles.

The Leafs and Leaflets will be back in action Tuesday, March 31 when they battle United Township and Orion at the Soule Bowl in East Moline.

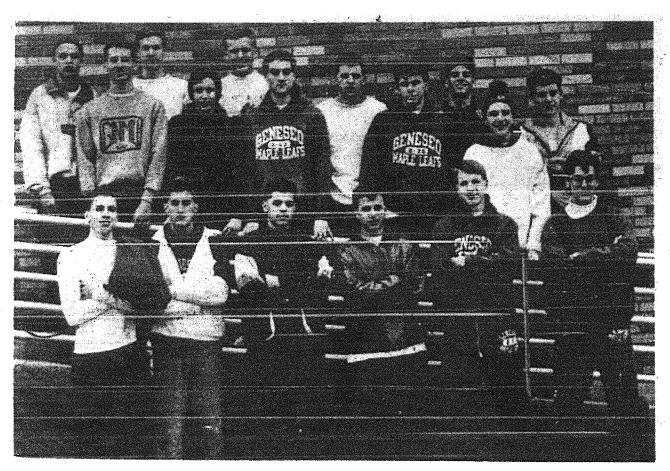
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UP AND OVER. Leaf trackster Bill Campbell sails safely over the high jump bar during the Tuesday, March 24 triangular meet against Sterling and Freeport in Sterling. The Golden Warriors placed first in the meet. For details, see the adjoining story.



DOUBLE WINNER. Andy Snook (left) captured both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs to help Geneseo to a second place finish in a triangular meet held Tuesday, March 24 in Sterling. The Warriors placed first, followed by the Leafs and Freeport. See the accompanying story for details.



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RETURNING TRACKMEN. Expected to lead the charge for the Geneseo varsity boys track team are a group of 17 returning letterwinners. Shown above are, first row, from the left, Nate Durick, Ben Hahn, Nick Sable. Chad Sager, Eric Newton and Brady Rasmussen; second row, Tom Britton, Karl Taets, Darin Lavery, David Farmer and Andy Snook; third row, Josh Pierce, Nathan Culbertson, Andy Porter, Jeremy Holke, Mitch Pray and Seth Graham. The Leafs finished second in a meet against Sterling and Freeport this past week. See the adjoining story for details.

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