

# Running in circles

## Maple Leaf boys track team heads into new season

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Coach Mel Snook, entering his fourth year as head track coach and 21st year in the program, is starting out with more runners for his Maple Leaf track team than what he finished the season with last year.

"We have 65 out this year, which is more than at the end of the season last year," Coach Snook replied. "We're expecting to pick up even more after the varsity boys basketball season is over."

"There are some freshmen who are still undecided. We are trying to remain flexible because we want them to come out and have some fun without any pressure. We want to be able to keep them out for track."

Despite losing some "big point getters" from last year's squad, Coach Snook is remaining open to some big possibilities.

"The sophomore group from last year who are now juniors are a strong group," said Coach Snook. "They have grown and gotten stronger."

"Our field events will be junior-dominated, and we have one pole vaulter back who was a freshman last year who was really coming on pretty good at the end of the season."

Another big asset, according to Coach Snook, is the big crop of juniors who are coming out for track for the first time.

"We have some juniors who have never been out for track before," he replied. "They are trying to improve their speed for football."

"That is agreeable for me. It helps them out, which is good, and if it helps us out, that's great, too!"

He added this group of juniors should assist the team in the relays.

One move Coach Snook made last year which he feels will help this team was keeping the frosh-soph together for the conference meet.

"The frosh-soph kids came very close to winning the conference last year," he stated. "Sterling came back and nipped them in the last event by one point."

Add that to a strong freshman group coming in and Coach Snook feels he has a good team.

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—Coach Snook

"We will have a lot of balance and will be much improved this year," he said. "The freshman group was one of the best eighth grade track teams I have seen. They came through and dominated all the way up and down the line."

"There are some good athletes in that group. I know how they will help us in the distance events. They proved that in cross country with the number of young kids we had on varsity. We will wait and see about sprints."

Coach Snook is also hoping this group stays together throughout their four years of high school.

"If they stick together, they could be one of the best track teams Geneseo High School has ever seen," he replied.

Sterling appears to be the early favorite for a repeat of the confer-

ence title, but second place is up for grabs.

"We are going to try and make a run at the conference race, but I don't see how anybody can catch Sterling with their depth," commented Coach Snook. "There will be a fight for the runner-up spot."

"Ottawa is right there with some great athletes and Dixon was close last year. Kewanee and Princeton have some excellent distance runners, so there will be a good battle for the number two spot."

There are also a few new meets added onto the schedule this year, including the Shipley Invitational in Moline.

"We want to give the kids a chance to compete early," said Coach Snook. "We want to get the kids some experience."

"We have a couple of indoor meets, but those are just feeling out practice meets to see how the kids perform under competition."

And the main goal for Coach Snook's squad is to try and peak at the right time, just in time for the state meet.

"We tell the kids just to keep working," he replied. "Their peak is supposed to come in May."

"The key is to peak for conference and then we want to get as many on to state as possible. May is when it counts."

The weather has interfered recently for the Leafs, who are trying to get as many outside workouts in as they can.

"We have had some pretty good weather to work with so far," Coach Snook remarked. "But we have a cold spell coming."

"We will have to wait and see what it brings us."

# On the right track

## Leafs run in triangular indoor meet

Maple Leaf boys track began with a triangular meet Tuesday, March 12 against Dixon and Rochelle at Westwood in Sterling.

Geneseo was second in the meet with 52 points. The winner was the Dukes with 85 points while the Hubs were in third place with 30.

"I am very pleased with our effort," commented Coach Mel Snook. "We had some really competitive efforts. We have a much better picture where things are going to fall.

"I am very confident in this group. They are competitive and are not going to give up."

Jon Esche grabbed a pair of first place finishes in the 55 meter low hurdles and the 55 meter high hurdles. His times were 7.93 seconds and 8.31 seconds, respectively.

"I'm pleased with the way Jon Esche ran in the hurdles," commented Coach Snook. "He ran some good races."

Chris Studer grabbed first place in the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:56.3.

"Chris did a nice job in the 3200 meter run," Coach Snook added.

Steve Schaaf won the 55 meter dash in 6.83 seconds and Adam Forest was the winner in the 800 meter run in 2:10.83.

Schaaf was also second in the long jump with a leap of 19'6" with Chad Frank fourth at 18'7".

Troy Collins placed second in the triple jump with a 36'6" mark and Andy Esche was third at 36'5-1/2".

The 800 meter relay team of Schaaf, Bart Reed, Collins and Del Lamont placed second in 1:44.23. The winning time by Dixon was

1:41.85.

Jason Gray was third in the 3200 meter run in 11:24.28 while David Cryder was right behind in fourth at 11:24.91.

Ben Forest placed third in the 400 meter dash with a time of 55.51 seconds while Doug Patchin was fourth in 56.49 seconds.

Adam Forest came in third in the 1600 meter run in 5:06 and Lamont was third in the 200 meter dash in 25.87 seconds.

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Bob Bowling was third in the shot put with a toss of 44'9-1/2" and Frank was fourth in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5'6".

The 1600 meter relay team of Nathan Price, Ben Forest, Patchin and Chris Farmer was third with a time of 3:56.53 while the team of Farmer, Justin Fluck, Ben Forest and Patchin was third in the 3200 meter relay in 9:06.53.

In frosh-soph action the Leaflets ran away with the meet with 70 points followed by Rochelle with 52 and Dixon with 38.

Mark Keplinger won the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:16.25 and also the 1600 meter run. No time was available for the 1600.

David Whisker won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:20.73 and Mike Dumolien won the 200 meter dash in 24.52 seconds.

The 800 meter relay team of Matt Fuelling, Nick DePauw, Kyle Misfeldt and Dumolien won in 1:44.09.

The 1600 meter relay team crossed

the line first in 4:07.8. Team members were Brendan O'Rourke, Bjorn Myhre, Nick Henthorn and DePauw.

The 3200 meter relay team of Myhre, Neil Russell, Andy Ryman and Bill Curnyn placed second in 10:01.

J.J. Hazelett was third in the 55 meter low hurdles in 9.0 seconds and DePauw was fourth in 9.26.

Dumolien was second in the 55 meter dash in 6.9 seconds and Fuelling was third in 7.22.

Myrhe came in second in the 800 meter run in 2:21.48 followed by Adam Anderson in third in 2:23.07.

Curnyn was second in the 400 meter dash in 59.2 seconds and O'Rourke was third in 59.45.

Whisker took second in the 1600 meter run and Anderson was third. No times were available.

Fuelling placed third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.98 seconds.

Hazelett was third in the long jump, leaping 16' even and Whisker was second in the high jump, clearing 5'4" while Josh Stohl was third with the same mark.

Henthorn placed second in the pole vault, clearing the bar at 8'6" and Tom Anderson was second in the triple jump with a mark of 33'9" for the Leaflets.

"It is still a learning process for the freshmen," Coach Snook remarked. "After this meet, we have a better grasp of where the younger kids are at.

"We have a better idea of what level we want to place them at."

Geneseo's next meet will be Tuesday, March 19 back at Westwood in Sterling for an indoor meet against Sterling, Freeport and Rockton Hononegah.

"We have another indoor meet to get a look at everyone," said Coach Snook. "When the outdoor season rolls along, we should be able to piece everything together.









"This meet will be a real test for us. We'll see how the kids respond to this quality of competition."

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Relay

# SUMMARY

EVENT	DISTANCE HEIGHT TIME	FIRST Place Points <u>5</u>		SECOND Place Points <u>3</u>		THIRD Place Points <u>2</u>		FOURTH Place Points <u>1</u>		FIFTH Place Points <u>0</u>	
		COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL
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100 Dash	8:52	Petrie	Dix	Monnell	8:77	Hazelett	9:00	DePauw	9:20		
100 Dash	9.11	Petrie	Dixon								
200 Dash	11:16.5	Keplinger	Gen	Christiansen	12:32.00	Eslerday	13:22.53				
200 Dash	6:89	Modellering	Roc	Dumolien	6:90	Fuelling	7:22	Brainerd	7:23		
200 Dash	2:20.73	Whisker	Gen	myhre	2:21.48	Anderson	2:23.07	Kissack	2:24.03		
200 Dash	1:44.09	Whisker	Gen	Roch	1:45.89						
400 Dash	58.2	Filliman	Roch	Corman	59.2	Ordurke	59.45	Reynolds	1:02.17		
400 Dash		Keplinger	Gen	Whisker	Gen	Anderson	Gen	Cagle	Roch		
400 Dash	2:45.2	Dumolien	Gen	Mollenig	35.26	Fuelling	26.98	Mannell	28.16		
400 Dash	4:01.8		Gen	Roch	4:09.9	Dixon	4:15.80				
400 Dash	18'4"	Muelhenig	Roch	Brainard	17'	Hozellett	16'	Rodriguez	15'2"	Hughes	13'2"
400 Dash	5'6"	Filliman	R	Whisker	5'4"	Stohl	5'4"	Shiras	D		
400 Dash	10"	Petrie	D	Hewthord	8'10"	Brainard	8'10"	Przyucha	7'10"		80
400 Dash	36'12"	Przyucha	Dix	Anderson	32'9"	Rodriguez	31'9"				
400 Dash	37'7"	Hughes	R	Shiras	36'	Tommien	35'	McBurke	34'16"		



Dixon + Rochelle (Var)

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**NOTE:** enter 1-10 swim points in upper section and total running - 40 in lower section of score box.

FIFTH Place Points									
COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	DIXON	Rockville	Glenview	Roller				
		95	33	30	-				
		87	23	20					
		512	22	16					
		8	3	12					
		3	0	8					
		18	6	10					
		23	4	25					
		3	3	5					
		26	7	30					
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		531	7	33					
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		6	3	24					
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		5	3	0					
		5	21	10					
		7	4	1					
		5	3	1					
		5	1	5					
		3	4	1					
		67	14	50					
		75	30	52					
		108	50	10					
<b>TOTAL TEAM POINTS</b>		85	39	52					
<b>TEAM STANDINGS</b>		1	3	2					

(F/S)

<b>TOTAL TEAM POINTS</b>						38	52	70	
<b>TEAM STANDINGS</b>									

V		F/S	
200 DASH	LAMONT 25.89 REED 26.21	FUELLING 26.98 DUMOLIEN 24.52	
1600 RE	PRICE 57.76 B. FOREST 60.08 PATCHIN 58.93 FARMER 59.42 TIME 3:56.52 KANKE 58.34 CLEMENTZ 61.9 PIERCE 58.37 COLLINS 68.73 TIME 4:07.34 CROZIER 62.62 BUECHLER 59.76 S. HANSON 62.76 WEINERT 64.91 TIME 4:10.05 SALINAS 59.86 HACKWITH 66.11 SLEAFORD 68.82 LANG 63.78 TIME 4:18.71 A. ESCHÉ FRANK GILLIS	O'Rourke 59.61 MYHRE 60.46 HENTHORN 62.08 DEPAUW 65.39 TIME 4:07.54 HAZELETT 68.62 MISFELDT 66.51 LURNYN 62.97 NOARD 65.05 TIME 4:23.22 SCHMITZ 74.72 HUGHES 74.62 STOHL 62.78 T. ANDERSON 61.67 TIME 4:24.46	

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V		F/S	
3200 RE	FARMER 30 62 2:13.28 FLUCK 31 66 2:18.6 B. FOREST 31 65 2:14.9 PATCHIN 32 66 2:19.75 TIME 9:06.33	MYHRE 30 63 2:14.86 RUSSELL 31 81 2:44.9 RYMAN 33 72 2:44.77 CURRYN 33 70 2:22 TIME 10:01	
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3200	CROZIER 35 1:15 2:37 4:04 5:32 7:00 8:28 9:57 11 STUDER 34 1:12 2:34 3:59 5:21 6:45 8:11 9:36 10 GRAY 35 1:15 2:37 4:04 5:32 7:00 8:28 9:57 11 KEPLINGER 35 1:15 2:32 4:04 5:32 7:00 8:28 9:57 11 FLEHING		
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V		F/S	
800 RUN	FARMER 0.33 1:06 2:15.05 A. FOREST 0.32 1:05 2:10.53 SLEAFORD 0.32 1:16 2:47.47 LAW 6.32 1:15 2:35.08	A. ANDERSON 0.33 1:10 2:23.4 WHISKER 0.33 1:09 2:20.4 MYHRE 0.32 1:05 2:21.4	

800 RE.	SCHAAF 25.8 REED 24.50 COLLINS 25.08 LAMONT 26.2 TIME 1:44.23	FUELLING 27.36 DEPAUW 25.66 MISFELDT 27.19 DUMOLIEN 23.81 TIME 1:44.09
2 KANKE 25.52 1. PIERCE 32 26.59 4 PRICE 1:33 3 CLEMENTZ 26.68 TIME 1:44		

400 DASH	B. FOREST 55.51 PATCHIN 56.99	O'Rourke 59.45 CURRYN 59.2
1600 RUN	CROZIER 35 1:15 2:41 4:05 5:24 STUDER 35 1:12 2:34 4:06 5:19 FLUCK 34 1:11 2:31 3:57 5:15.6 A. FOREST 34 1:10 2:28 3:49 5:06 GRAY 35 1:15 2:41 4:06 5:32 F/S WHISKER 2:38 4:02 F/S FLEHING 2:55 4:30 F/S RUSSELL 3:57 5:22 F/S KEPLINGER 2:32 3:54 F/S A. ANDERSON 2:35 4:08 F/S RYMAN 2:57 4:39	

V		F/S	
LONG JUMP	FRANK - 18' 7" SCHAAF - 19' 6" GALLERS - 16'	HAZELETT - 16' HUGHES - 13' 2"	
TRIPLE J.	COLLINS - 36' 6" A. ESCHÉ - 36' 5 1/2" HACKWITH - 34' 1 1/2"	T. ANDERSON - 33' 9"	
HIGH JUMP	FRANK - 5' 6"	HAZELETT - 5' O'Rourke - 4' 10" WHISKER - 5' 4" STOHL - 5' 4"	
POLE V.		HENTHORN - 8' 6"	
SHOT	BOWLING - 44' 9 1/2" HANSON - 36' 3/4" SHIPP - 38' 7 1/2" WALSH - 37' 10" SCRANTON - 33' 2" MICKLEY - 36' 1/2" HILLMAN - 32' 5 1/2" HUTCHINSON - 27' 7" WILCOX - 36' 6"	POSSIN - 28' 1 1/2" SCHMITZ - 22' 11" VAN ACKER - 24' 7 1/2" NOARD - 29' 11" FREEMAN - 26' 10" LUEFFLER - 29' 7"	

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