

On the cinders

Boys track works toward season "peak"

Goals of the boys' track team remain the same from year to year, according to Coach Mel Snook.

"We always point to the end of the season and try to prepare our athletes to peak for the McCormick Invitational, N.C.I.C. meet and try to qualify as many individuals to the state meet as possible," stated Coach Snook.

Hopes this year are to improve the team's seventh place finish in last year's N.C.I.C. meet.

"That seems to be attainable with the help of the athletes who were members of our frosh/soph team which finished a strong third at last year's N.C.I.C. meet," he continued. "We always expect our seniors to assume the roles of team leaders and even though it's still early, we're seeing that develop which makes this season look even brighter."

The track team this year fields a roster of 73.

Returning varsity letterwinners are seniors Andy Esche, Adam Forest, Ben Forest, Doug Patchin, Bart Reed, Steve Schaaf and Corbin Shipp; juniors Matt Fuelling, Nick Henthorn and Bjorn Myhre; and sophomores Justin Fluck, Mark Keplinger and Chris Studer.

Coach Snook pointed out leading team members in each event. In individual events, Corbin Shipp will be the player to beat in the shot put and discus, with help from senior Lance Hackwith in the discus. In the jumps, the leader will be senior long jumper Steve Schaaf, junior pole vaulter Nick Henthorn and newcomer senior Ryan Scherer in the high jump.

The hurdle crew is in capable hands, noted Coach Snook, with

senior Andy Esche and junior Nick DePauw. Senior sprinters Steve Schaaf and Bart Reed will be assisted from last year's N.C.I.C. frosh-soph 200-meter champion Matt Fuelling. Seniors Ben Forest and Doug Patchin along with junior Bjorn Myhre and sophomore Mark Keplinger, who finished one-two in the N.C.I.C. frosh-soph 800 last year will be the 400/800 specialists, noted Coach Snook.

The 1600/3200 races will be handled by senior Adam Forest, junior Jason Gray and sophomores Justin Fluck and Chris Studer, who finished first and second, respectively, in the N.C.I.C. 3200 last year. Justin then came back to win the 1600 and make himself a double N.C.I.C. frosh-soph champ.

"We have 18 seniors, juniors and sophomores out for track this year for the first time, along with 25 enthusiastic freshmen," Coach Snook summed up. "There is a lot of talent in this group and many of them will be making their mark as the season progresses. Coaches Denny Dierickx, Jon Murray, Don Fredericks, Chad Allman and myself are looking forward to an exciting season and invite everyone to our home opener on April 1."

Team managers are Marlisa Myers, Heather Pobanz, Mariassa Swagger and Tori Zeidler.

The team finished second in a triangular with Dixon and Rochelle in its first meet of the year Tuesday, March 18 at Westwood. Dixon had 80 points; Geneseo had 40 and Rochelle, 37. The frosh-soph team won with 80 points to Rochelle's 62; Dixon had 8. The second meet will be with Sterling, Freeport and Honouegah Tuesday, March 25, also at Westwood.

Geneseo will host a triangular with Princeton and Sherrard Tuesday, April 1 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Hit the track

Varsity boys start year with triangular meet

Andy Esche and Chris Studer were the only two first-place finishers in the opening meet of the 1996-97 track season for Geneseo Tuesday, March 18. The Leafs traveled to the Westwood indoor track, Sterling, for a triangular with Dixon and Rochelle, earning second place overall.

Esche took the 55 meter low hurdles in 8.18 for first place while Studer covered the 3200 meter run in 10:18 for his gold.

Dixon dominated the field, taking 11 events for a team score of 84 points. Geneseo tallied 40 while Rochelle scored 37.

Second place finishes for Geneseo were earned by Corbin Shipp, shot put; Mark Keplinger, 800 meter run; the 3200 meter relay team of Adam Forest, Keplinger, Doug Patchin and

Ben Forest and the 1600-meter relay squad of Ben Forest, Keplinger, Bjorn Myhre and Patchin.

Steve Schaaf placed third in the long jump and Studer claimed third in the 1600 meter dash. A bronze was also earned by the 800-meter relay team of Steve Schaaf, Esche, Nick Henthorn and Bart Reed.

Claiming fourth place for the Leafs were Seth Hanson, low hurdles; Esche, 55-meter high hurdles; Schaaf, 55 meter dash; Adam Anderson, 3200 run; and Jason Gray, 1600-meter dash.

Geneseo returned to Westwood for a quadrangular meet with Sterling, Freeport and Hononegah on Tuesday, March 25. The Leafs will host the first home meet Tuesday, April 1 beginning at 4:30 p.m. with Princeton and Sherrard.

Team scoring was done with first place earning five points; second, three; third, two and fourth place, one point with relays tallying five points for first, three for second and zero points for a third-place finish.

On right track

F/S cindermen win first meet of '97 season

Ten first-place victories and a couple of stacked events boosted the Geneseo Frosh-Soph track team to victory Tuesday, March 18.

The Leafrosh tallied 80 points to take Dixon and Rochelle in a triangular held at the Westwood indoor track in Sterling.

Rochelle finished with 62 points while Dixon mustered a mere 8.

Geneseo claimed the first two slots in both the long jump and the 55-meter dash. Jason Marquis covered the dash in 6.81 for first followed closely by teammate George Ofslager in 6.82. Scott Lambin cleared 16'3" in the long jump for the gold while Brendan O'Rourke kept it close, taking second with a height of 16'2.5".

Other first-place finishes were recorded by Andy Beuster, 3200 run, 12:20; Dave Whisker, 800 run, 2:18; Jeff Bowling, shot put, 41'5"; Beuster, 1600 run, 5:11.82 and Marquis, 200 dash, 24.81.

The 3200, 800 and 1600-meter

relay teams also took the tape. Running a combined 9:43.16 in the 3200 were Matt McGaugh, Jared Andersen, Joel Madsen and David Whisker. Covering the course in 1:44.7 for the 800 event were George Ofslager, Bill Curnyn, Grant Venema and Jason Marquis. Andersen, Grant Venema, Curnyn and Whisker teamed for the 1600 relay and finished in 4:01.09.

Corey Parish and Aaron Anderson were part of a three-way tie for second place in the high jump. Both leapers cleared 5'; the winning jump was at 5'2".

Anderson also took a second in the triple jump.

Other second places were recorded from Lambin in the 55-meter low hurdles and O'Rourke in the 55-meter high hurdles.

Third places were earned by Curnyn, low hurdles; O'Rourke, 400 dash; Jake VerStraete, shot put; Ofslager, 200 dash and O'Rourke, triple jump. Finishing fourth were Dave Bopp, 800 run; McGaugh, 1600 run and Eric Schmitz, triple jump.

First place earned five points while second earns three, third, two and fourth, one point towards the team total.

Dixon Triangular

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EVENT	DISTANCE HEIGHT TIME	FIRST		SECOND		THIRD	
		PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS
		COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL
3200 Relay	8:38.50	Bryson, Shaw, Allen, Wiseman	DIX	851.03	G		
55 LH	8.18	Esche	G	Helfrich 8.41	Dix	Meyer 8.59	R
Shot Put	46.1	Shiaras	Dix	Shipp 44.06	G	Tomman 40.6	Dix
55 HH	8.62	Helfrich	Dix	meyer 8.89	R	Ekland 9.30	R
High Jump	6'5"	Young	Dix	Lefevre 5'10"	Dix	St. Louis 5'10"	R
55 Dash	6.67	LeFevre	Dix	6.73	R	6.78	R
Long Jump	19.10%	Sayles	Dix	Moellering 19.8	R	Schoof 17'	G
3200 Run	10:18	CHRIS STUDER	G	JOEL FOSTER 10:3	DIX	JASON GRAY 10:40	G
800 Run	2:12	Thompson	R	MARK KEPLINGER 2:13	G	Bryson 2:13.8	D
800 Relay	1:39.13	Bellows, Lefevre, Stedinger	Dix	1:42.51	R	1:46.15	G
400 Dash	53.82	Tolan	R	Brainerd 54.94	Dix	5:22	D
Pole Vault	12'0	Brainerd	Dix	Stedinger 12.0'	Dix	12.5'	Dix
1600 Dash	4:45.87	Wiseman	Dix	Allen 4:47.76	Dix	Studer 4:59	G
Triple Jump	42'9'	Young	Dix	Brainerd 38.9'	Dix	Sayles 37'10"	Dix
200 Dash	24.20	Moellering	R	Tolan 24.25	R	Lefevre 24.76	Dix
1600 Relay	3:43.04	Jon Stedinger, Bryson, Brainerd, Young	Dix	3:57.40	G	4:02.28	G

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FOURTH PLACE POINTS		Dixon	Geneseo	Richelle	
COMPETITOR	SCHOOL				
3200 R	Hanson				
55 L H	Hanson	5	3	0	
5 P	Hanson	5	3	0	
55 H H	Esche G	51	57	13	
HJ	Saylos 5'8" Dix	6	6	3	
55	SCHAAF 6'93 G	5	5	4	
LJ	Goodman 15'10 R	3	20	11	
3200	ADAM ANDERSON 12:24 CI	3	3	7	
800	Anaya 2:13.5 R	2	3	6	
800 R		5	3	0	
400	Foster 56.59 Dix	1	0	2	
PV	McCormack 10'6" Dix	1	0	2	
1600	Gray 5:05.99 CI	3	3	2	
TJ	Filliman 36'11" R	7	3	2	
200	Bellows 25.09 Dix	7	3	8	
1600 R	R	5	0	3	
		8	4	3	
TOTAL TEAM POINTS		8	40	37	
TEAM STANDINGS		1	2	3	

Dixon + Rochelle (F-5)

EVENT	DISTANCE HEIGHT TIME	FIRST ^{R-5} PLACE POINTS <u>5</u>		SECOND ³ PLACE POINTS <u>3</u>		THIRD ⁵ PLACE POINTS <u>2</u>	
		COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL	COMPETITOR	SCHOOL
3200 Relay	9:43.16		G	10:36	R		
55 LH	8.31	Mannel	R	SCOTT 9.86 Lambin	G	BILL 10.68 Curnyn	G
55 HH	8.71	Mannel	R	BRENDAN 10.76 O'Rourke	G	Jennings 10.96	R
3200 RUN	11:01	ANDY Beuster	G	BOBBIE RISTAU	G	NEIL KUHLMAN	G
55 DASH	6.81	JASON MARQUIS	G	GEORGE OFSTAGER	G	7.18	R
Long Jump	16' 3"	SCOTT Lambin	G	16' 25" O'Rourke	G	15' 11" Hardin	D
800 RUN	2:18	DAVE 2:18 Whisker	G	2:19 Reynolds	R	2:20 Rodriguez	R
800 Relay	1:44.7		G	1:48.28	R		
400 DASH	56.73	Horner	R	Kissir 52.62	R	58.81 O'Rourke	G
Shot Put	41' 5"	JEFF Bowling	G	39' 4" Probst	D	38' 5 1/2" JAKE Verstraete	G
1600 Run	5:11.82	Beuster	G	5:16.12 Reynolds	R	5:22.56 Rodriguez	R
200 DASH	24.81	Marquis	G	26.13 Rodriguez	R	26.37 Ofstager	G
1600 Relay	4:01.02		G	4:05.34 AARON Anderson	R	BRENDAN O'Rourke 3:57 1/2"	G
Triple Jump	34' 3"	Horner	R	31' 1/2" Anderson	G	30' 7 1/2" Brendan O'Rourke	G
High Jump	5' 2"	Bryant	R	5' 0" Hardin	D	5' 0" Parish	R
			1st	COREY Parish 5' 0"	G		
			2nd	AARON Anderson 5' 0"	G		

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TOTAL TEAM POINTS						9	88	57	
TEAM STANDINGS						3	1	2	

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55 DASH VARSITY

S. Schaaf	6.93
B. Reed	6.98 - ?

55 DASH F/S

G. Olslager	6.82
J. Marquis	6.81
C. Curran	7.37
Lambin	7.25
Schmitt	7.23
	7.53 ?

400 DASH VARSITY

D. Patchin	57.7

400 DASH F/S

B. D'Eauve	55.17
Aaron Anderson	55.30

800 RUN VARSITY 2nd Final

C. Basken	32	19.2	2:40
C. Bulman	32	19.8	2:37
H. Keplinger	32	20.5	2:42
B. Hyhre	31	19.5	2:43.75

800 RUN F/S

S. Schaaf			2:20
C. Bulman			
H. Keplinger			
P. Schmitt	34		
L. Lambin			
S. Scherer	33		2:18
J. Anderson	34		

800 RELAY VARSITY

S. Schaaf	25.48
A. Esche	52.85
N. Henneman	1:20.13
B. Reed	1:15.16

800 RELAY F/S

S. Olslager	2:02.25
E. Curran	52.67
S. Verema	1:19.77
J. Marquis	1:49.11

1600 RUN VARSITY & F/S

	1600	1600	1600	1600
A. Forest	1:11.49	2:01.72	3:51.11	5:07.34
J. Gray	1:11.05	2:02.30	3:46.66	5:05.80
C. Studer	1:10.66	2:02.07	3:47.11	4:58.95
A. Anderson	1:11.93	2:03.1	3:55.53	5:12.79
A. Boster	1:11.63	2:02.00	3:53.82	5:11.77
T. Nelson		2:01		5:07.00
B. Ristau		2:04.20	4:04.31	5:07.12
H. Travis		2:58.50		6:08.80
L. Gashman			4:12.1	5:13.82
N. Korman				5:01.00
J. Lake			4:28.24	5:35.11
P. Schmitt	1:24.09			6:04.00
Inc. Gash	1:13.50	2:05.68	4:03.11	5:25.76

200 DASH VARSITY

S. Schaaf	26.55
B. Reed	26.55

200 DASH F/S

S. Schaaf	25.76
B. Reed	25.76

Dixon - Roeth

(A) 1600 RELAY VARSITY

B. Forest	56.69
H. Keplinger	57.71
B. Hyhre	58.47
D. Patchin	69.58

4 L. Hackwith	1:06.12
1 A. Wachtel	1:01.65
2 S. Hanson	1:01.58
3 H. Couwels	1:03.16

(E) R. Scherer	59.71
C. Bulman	1:03.52
N. Henneman	1:04.64
C. Basken	1:05.25

(A) 1600 RELAY F/S

J. Anderson	64.16
G. Verema	61.11
C. Curran	57.21
D. Visker	57.11
	4:31.66

(B) J. Henry	63.79
Aaron Anderson	64.16
D. Esop	61.66
Joni Hansen	61.65

(C) M. Roethers	1:12.29
N. Conrad	70.61
L. Patchin	70.61
S. Lambin	62.4

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