

J. McCormick annual meet set for May 10

Fourteen track and field teams are slated to participate in the John McCormick Invitational Saturday, May 10 at the J. D. Darnall High School oval. Field events will begin at 5 p.m. while the running events are slated to start at 5:30 p.m.

Schools expected to field athletes in addition to Geneseo are Canton, Dixon, Peoria Richwoods, Galesburg, Hall, Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Metamora, Ottawa, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Falls and Rock Island Allerton.

Richwoods won last year's event, tallying 101 points to overpower the rest of the field. Ottawa took second with 69 followed by Metamora, 54.5; Dixon, 48; Galesburg, 42; LaSalle-Peru, 34 and Geneseo, 33.

The sole gold for Geneseo came from Bob Bowling in the discus event. His 154'5" throw was almost three feet farther than his competitors. Ben Forest also placed within the top three finishers in his event, taking second in the 800 run in 2:02.84.

Three records were set at last year's McCormick invite. Seth Langley of Ottawa set the 100-meter dash at 10.70; Jason Abbot of Kewanee re-established the 800-meter run mark at 1:56.77 and the 400-meter varsity relay team from Galesburg, with members Derek Cropp, Brance Turner, Rich Johnson and Mike Hunigan, set a record of 43.37.

Other records up for grabs this year are the 200-meter dash, set in 1979 by Ted Nehrkorn of Rock Falls at 22.1; 400-meter dash, set by Ben Hahn of Geneseo in 1992 at 50.10; 1600-meter run, set in 1992 by John Weigel of Metamora, 4:20.06; 3200-meter run, set by Tim Broe of East Peoria in 1994 at 9:08.69; 300 intermediate hurdles, which was set by Phil Hilton of Ottawa in 1994 at 39.23 and the 110 high hurdles, currently held by Tony Smith of Galesburg and set in 1985 at 14.2.

East Moline currently holds the 800-meter relay record of 1:30.79 set in 1987. Members of the team were Robert Taylor, Mike Barnett, Chris Palmer and Brad McCorkle. An East Moline contingent of Mitch Smith, Terry Toliver, Jason Branch and Brad McCorkle holds the 1600-meter relay record, also set in 1987, with a time of 3:25.03.

Geneseo runners Jeff Renihan, Bryan Colbert, Dave Paxson and Keith Kincaid hold the 3200-meter relay mark at 8:04.8 which was set in 1980.

Standing field event records

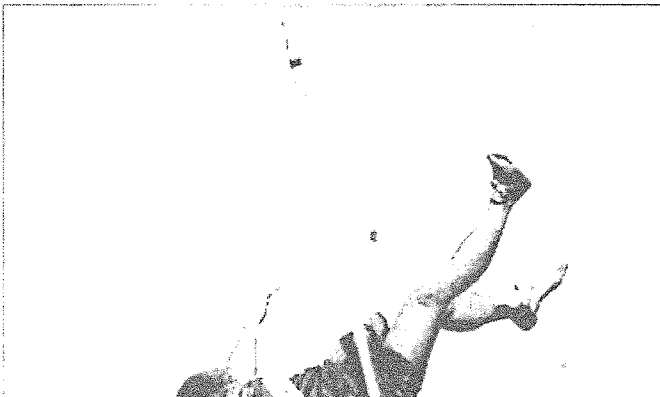
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Standing field event records include 189'1" discus record, set in 1991 by Greg Groat of Princeton; 61'1" shot put mark set in 1977 by McKillip of Galesburg; high jump mark of 6'8" set in 1994 by Phil Hilton of Ottawa; 21'10" long jump distance by Finley of Galesburg, set in 1977; 45'6-1/4" triple jump mark set in 1995 by Chad Lambert of LaSalle-Peru and the pole vault mark of 15'6" set in 1987 by Greg Fenza of Ottawa.



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FROM TAKE OFF. . . Steve Schaaf propels forward during the jumping events at the John McCormick.



Taking treasure

Ottawa edges Metamora for McCormick title

Justin Young of Dixon cleared 68-1/4" in the 1997 John McCormick Invitational Friday, May 9 to set a new high jump record. The former record was of 6'8" was set in 1994 by Phil Hilton of Ottawa.

Ottawa won this year's event, scoring 70 points to edge out Metamora which claimed second with 69.

Fourteen schools fielded athletes at the annual invite. Canton took third with 60 points; Peoria Richwoods, 54; Rochelle, 52; Dixon, 47; Galesburg, 45; Kewanee, 44; Rock Falls, 43 and Geneseo, 28. The remaining teams were Princeton (25), LaSalle-Peru (12), Spring Valley Hall (8) and Rock Island Alleman.

Ben Forest collected the only win for the Leafs in a come-from-behind finish in the 800 run.

Chris Studer was the only other individual finisher for Geneseo, taking second in the 3200 run and sixth in the 1600. The Leafs 3200-meter and the 800-meter relay teams tallied fourths for the team standings.

Under windy and cold-weather conditions, B. Forest covered the 800-meter run in 2:05.25 for the win. Al Thompson of Rochelle placed second in 2:05.76. It was close quarters in the third and fourth-place slots as well. Josh Bird of Kewanee was third in 2:06.53 while Nate Rucker of Rock Falls was fourth in 2:06.64.

Studer earned a silver for the Leafs with a 10:06.15 time in the 3200-meter run. Justin Young of Richwoods took the tape in 9:50.11. Two Metamora runners placed third and fourth, Sean Morrison clocking in at 10:18.16 and Paul Hoppe at

10:22.88.

B. Forest was joined by Mark Keplinger, Dave Whisker and Adam Forest in the 3200 relay and finished in fourth with a time of 8:42.52. Metamora claimed the win in 8:29.07 with Kewanee in second, 8:31.86 and Ottawa, third, 8:39.26.

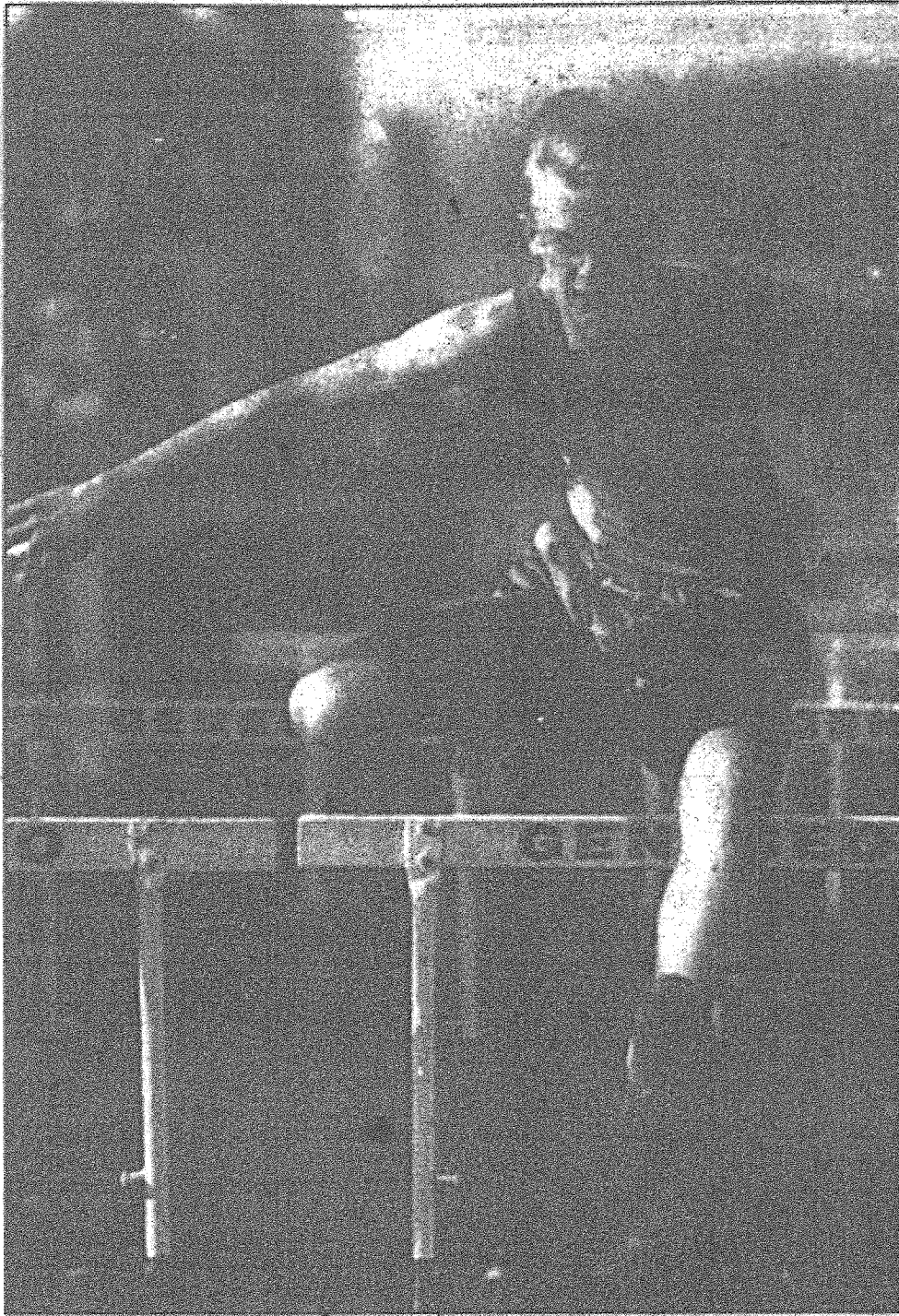
Matt Fueling, Ryan Scherer, Steve Schaaf and Jason Marquis finished the 800-meter relay in 1:38.31 for a fourth-place finish to edge out Kewanee which took fifth in 1:38.39. Galesburg won the event in 1:33.92 followed by Metamora, 1:36.51 and Rochelle, 1:37.71.

Geneseo athletes also combined efforts for the fourth in the Big Boy Relay for weightmen. Gabe Possin, Jeff Bowling, Corbin Shipp and Marshall Freeman finished in 52.03 for fourth. A Dixon foursome won in 48.03 while Ottawa was second, 49.93; Rock Falls, third, 51.30 and Hall, fifth, 55.81.

Nick DePauw came through with a sixth in the 100-meter high hurdles for the Leafs. DePauw covered the course in 16.36; Jaymie Gunderson of Metamora won at 15.23. Other finishers in the event were Seth Frey, Rock Falls, 15.53; Nate Beal, Canton, 15.60; Jacobaz Yanez, Canton, 15.66 and Mark Niemuth, Princeton, 15.95.

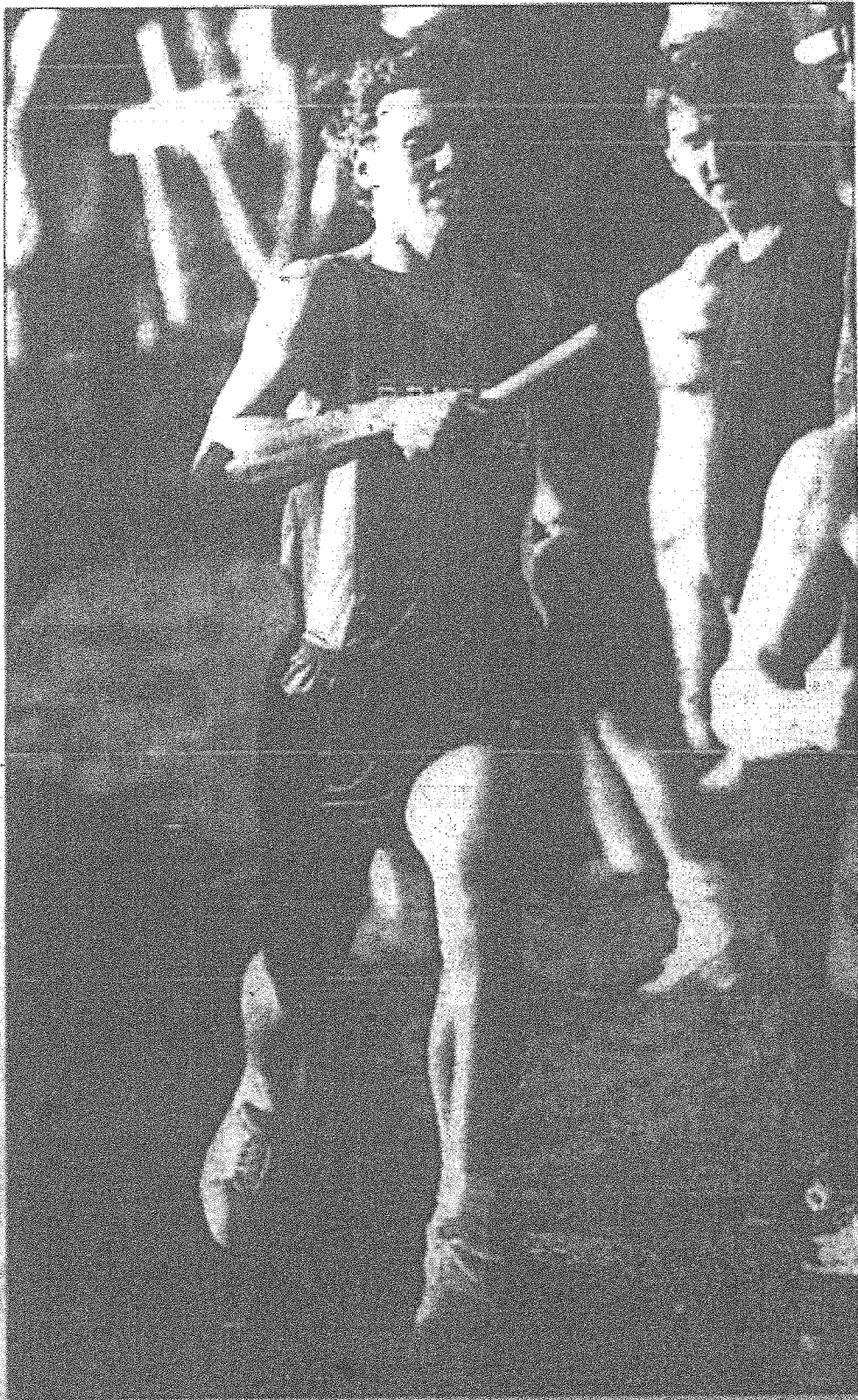
Studer also claimed a sixth spot for Geneseo, covering the 1600-meter run in 4:39.34. It was a tight finish for Richwoods' Justin Young as he took the tape in 4:28.46 just ahead of Garey Driscoll of Metamora, 4:28.48. Bond of Ottawa was third at 4:33.89 while Joel Bourque of Kewanee finished in fourth at 4:35.02 and Kevin Hodel of Metamora in fifth at 4:37.61.

Nineteen events were held at the annual McCormick Invitational. It was the last regular season event for Geneseo before the NCIC meet this Friday, May 16, at 3 p.m. in Rochelle.



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ROOM TO SPARE. Leaf hurdler Nick DePauw clears the hurdle with ease during the 110 high hurdles event at the McCormick track meet. Geneseo hosted the annual event Friday, May 9. DePauw covered the course in 16.36 for sixth place in the event.



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NICE AND EASY. David Whisker makes his leg of the 3200-meter relay look effortless during the McCormick Invita Friday. The relay team placed fourth with a time of 8:42.52.



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TAKE IT AND RUN. Steve Schaaf takes the baton from Matt Fuelling in the 800 relay at the McCormick Invitational Friday, May 9. The Leaf runners, teamed with Ryan Scherer and Jason Marquis, clocked a 1:38.31 fifth-place finish.



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MAJOR INTENSITY. Andy Esche puts 110% into his hurdles effort at Friday's McCormick Invitational. The Leafs travel to Rochelle this Friday, May 16 for the NCIC meet which begins at 3 p.m.

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John McCormick Invitational

TEAM SCORES

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|------------|----------------|---------|
| 1st place | OTTAWA | Pts. 70 |
| 2nd place | METAMORA | Pts. 69 |
| 3rd place | CANTON | Pts. 60 |
| 4th place | RICHWOODS | Pts. 54 |
| 5th place | ROCHELLE | Pts. 52 |
| 6th place | DIXON | Pts. 47 |
| 7th place | GALESBURG | Pts. 45 |
| 8th place | KEWANEE | Pts. 44 |
| 9th place | ROCK FALLS | Pts. 43 |
| 10th place | GENESEO | Pts. 28 |
| 11th place | PRINCETON | Pts. 25 |
| 12th place | LA SALLE -PERU | Pts. 12 |
| 13th place | HALL | Pts. 8 |
| 14th place | ALLEMAN | Pts. 0 |

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John McCormick Invitational
Geneseo, IL

3200m Relay

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|----|--|-----------|---------|
| 1. | Garey Driscoll, Kevin Hodel, Chris Hicks, Jeff Weigel | METAMORA | 8:29.07 |
| 2. | Bourque, Park, Bird, Bourque | KEWANEE | 8:31.86 |
| 3. | Ghafoor, Kozsidy, Munter, Bond | OTTAWA | 8:39.26 |
| 4. | Forest, Keplinger, Whisker, Forest | GENESEO | 8:42.52 |
| 5. | Foster, Brainerd, Steder, Wiseman | DIXON | 8:46.75 |
| 6. | Gross, Lisanby, Shoemaker, Anders | RICHWOODS | 8:46.81 |

400m Relay

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|----|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. | Haase, Wazolowski, Fields, Schillings | OTTAWA | 45:25 |
| 2. | | GALESBURG | 45.61 |
| 3. | | CANTON | 46.29 |
| 4. | | METAMORA | 46.49 |
| 5. | | LA SALLE | 46.71 |
| 6. | | DIXON | 46.87 |

3200m Run

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|----|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. | Justin Young | RICHWOODS | 9:50.11 |
| 2. | Chris Studer | GENESEO | 10:06.15 |
| 3. | Sean Morrison | METAMORA | 10:18.16 |
| 4. | Paul Hoppe | METAMORA | 10:22.88 |
| 5. | Aaron Matheson | RICHWOODS | 10:32.96 |
| 6. | Nick Conklin | CANTON | 10:43.42 |

110m High Hurdles

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|----|------------------|------------|-------|
| 1. | Jaymie Gunderson | METAMORA | 15:23 |
| 2. | Seth Frey | ROCK FALLS | 15.53 |
| 3. | Nat Beal | CANTON | 15.60 |
| 4. | Giacobaz Yanez | CANTON | 15.66 |
| 5. | Mark Niemuth | PRINCETON | 15.95 |
| 6. | Nick DePauw | GENESEO | 16.36 |

100m Dash

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|----|----------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. | Lucas Buckley | CANTON | 10.73 |
| 2. | Mark Moelering | ROCHELLE | 10.92 |
| 3. | Adam Haase | OTTAWA | 11.07 |
| 4. | Peter Bartusek | GALESBURG | 11.24 |
| 5. | Yaw Anakwa | RICHWOODS | 11.47 |
| 6. | | | |

800m Run

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|----|-------------|------------|---------|
| 1. | Ben Forest | GENESEO | 2:05.25 |
| 2. | Al Thompson | ROCHELLE | 2:05.76 |
| 3. | Josh Bird | KEWANEE | 2:06.53 |
| 4. | Nate Rucker | ROCK FALLS | 2:06.64 |
| 5. | Chris Hicks | METAMORA | 2:07.71 |
| 6. | Lisanby | RICHWOODS | 2:09.71 |

800m Relay

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|----|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 1. | Bartusek, Lindstrom, Hodge, Pugh | GALESBURG | 1:33.92 |
| 2. | | METAMORA | 1:36.51 |
| 3. | | ROCHELLE | 1:37.71 |
| 4. | | GENESEO | 1:38.31 |
| 5. | | KEWANEE | 1:38.39 |
| 6. | | DIXON | 1:38.67 |

400m Dash

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|----|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1. | Lucas Buckley | CANTON | 50.13 |
| 2. | Jay Tolan | ROCHELLE | 50.90 |
| 3. | Dean Munter | OTTAWA | 51.98 |
| 4. | Jason Wiseman | DIXON | 53.92 |
| 5. | Mike Filliman | ROCHELLE | 54.38 |
| 6. | Brian Blahnik | METAMORA | 54.50 |

Long Jump

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|----|--------------|------------|--------|
| 1. | Nate Norman | PRINCETON | 21'2½" |
| 2. | Alfonso Pugh | GALESBURG | 19'8" |
| 3. | Nate Daniels | KEWANEE | 19'5" |
| 4. | Jim Swanson | ROCK FALLS | 19'0" |
| 5. | Semaj Allen | METAMORA | 18'5" |
| 6. | Dan Stone | PRINCETON | 18'4" |

Triple Jump

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|----|----------------|-----------|---------|
| 1. | Justin Young | DIXON | 45'3" |
| 2. | Michael Walker | KEWANEE | 44'3½" |
| 3. | Kelly Brown | GALESBURG | 42'0" |
| 4. | Adam Kubiak | LA SALLE | 41'10½" |
| 5. | Dan Stone | PRINCETON | 41'7½" |
| 6. | Billy Diebel | METAMORA | 41'2" |

Pole Vault

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|----|---------------|------------|-------|
| 1. | Jake Engel | OTTAWA | 13'6" |
| 2. | Jason Nielsen | ROCK FALLS | 13'0" |
| 3. | Justin Sheley | DIXON | 12'6" |
| 4. | Ratha Chum | OTTAWA | 12'0" |
| 5. | Brett Pont | KEWANEE | 11'6" |
| 6. | Luke Brainerd | DIXON | 11'6" |

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300m Intermediate Hurdles

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|----|------------------|------------|-------|
| 1. | Nat Beal | CANTON | 40.81 |
| 2. | Seth Frey | ROCK FALLS | 41.67 |
| 3. | Yaw Anakwa | RICHWOODS | 42.13 |
| 4. | Ryan Emlen | METAMORA | 42.35 |
| 5. | Nick Rapp | PRINCETON | 42.60 |
| 6. | Jaymie Gunderson | METAMORA | 42.78 |

1600m Run

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|----|----------------|-----------|---------|
| 1. | Justin Young | RICHWOODS | 4:28.46 |
| 2. | Garey Driscoll | METAMORA | 4:28.48 |
| 3. | Bond | OTTAWA | 4:33.89 |
| 4. | Joel Bourque | KEWANEE | 4:35.02 |
| 5. | Kevin Hodel | METAMORA | 4:37.61 |
| 6. | Chris Studer | GENESEO | 4:39.34 |

200m Dash

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|----|-------------------|------------|-------|
| 1. | Mark Moellering | ROCHELLE | 22.60 |
| 2. | Lucas Buckley | CANTON | 22.71 |
| 3. | Jeremy Schillings | OTTAWA | 23.10 |
| 4. | Yaw Anakwa | RICHWOODS | 23.18 |
| 5. | Range | GALESBURG | 23.21 |
| 6. | Mederic Hall | ROCK FALLS | 23.80 |

Big Boy Relay

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|----|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| 1. | Helfrich, Welker, Shiaras, Byrnes | DIXON | 48.03 |
| 2. | | OTTAWA | 49.93 |
| 3. | | ROCK FALLS | 51.30 |
| 4. | | GENESEO | 52.03 |
| 5. | | HALL | 55.81 |
| 6. | | | |

Discus
~~1600m Relay~~

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|----|----------------|------------|--------|
| 1. | Henry Lee | RICHWOODS | 162'3" |
| 2. | Mike Ori | PRINCETON | 141'4" |
| 3. | Justin Hart | ROCK FALLS | 136'6" |
| 4. | Scott Bloom | GALESBURG | 136'6" |
| 5. | Paul Shiaras | DIXON | 135'4" |
| 6. | Derrick Nelson | CANTON | 133'6" |

Shot Put

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|----|--------------|------------|--------|
| 1. | Kyle Jakubek | OTTAWA | 60'6" |
| 2. | Henry Lee | RICHWOODS | 52'11" |
| 3. | Nathan Sell | LA SALLE | 46'¼" |
| 4. | Chris Neal | ROCK FALLS | 45'1½" |
| 5. | Dave Davis | KEWANEE | 44'9" |
| 6. | Paul Shiaras | DIXON | 44'0" |

1600m Relay
Discus

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| 1. | Jay Tolan, Mike Filliman, Alistar Thompson, Mark Moellering | ROCHELLE | 3:30.64 |
| 2. | | DIXON | 3:31.55 |
| 3. | | OTTAWA | 3:32.17 |
| 4. | | METAMORA | 3:34.34 |
| 5. | | GALESBURG | 3:36.37 |
| 6. | | KEWANEE | 3:38.45 |

High Jump

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|-----|----|--------------|-----------|-------|
| *** | 1. | Justin Young | DIXON | 6'8¼" |
| | 2. | D.J. Glynn | HALL | 6'6" |
| | 3. | Mark Brady | KEWANEE | 6'6" |
| | 4. | Nat Beal | CANTON | 6'4" |
| | 5. | Ryan Emlen | METAMORA | 6'0" |
| | 6. | Travis Howe | GALESBURG | 6'0" |

Team Split Page

MEET MCCORMICK INV.

400 RELAY

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|----------|-------|
| Reed | 12.21 |
| Furlong | 12.21 |
| W. Wolf | 12.21 |
| Margolis | 12.21 |
| | 48.84 |

110 HH

| | P | S | F |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Reed | 16.36 | 16.33 | 16.33 |
| Furlong | 16.36 | 16.33 | |
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| B. Kelly | 12.22 |
| Bowling | 12.52 |
| Posselt | 12.48 |
| Freeman | 12.47 |
| | 51.87 |

100 DASH

| | P | S | F |
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| Furlong | 11.7 | 11.95 | |
| Schaefer | 11.7 | 11.8 | |
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200 DASH

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| Furlong | 11.51 |
| Schaefer | |
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400 DASH

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| Verone | 55.73 |
| G. Anderson | 55.89 |
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800 RELAY

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| Furlong | 26.17 |
| Schaefer | 26.50 |
| Schaefer | 25.73 |
| Margolis | 23.53 |
| | 1:38.89 |

1600 RELAY

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|-------------|---------|
| G. Anderson | 55.57 |
| Margolis | 56.40 |
| Verone | 56.33 |
| B. Freeman | 52.93 |
| | 2:40.93 |

300 IH

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| Verone | 44 |
| Furlong | 45.16 |
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MEET MCCORMICK INV.

3200 RELAY

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|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. Miller | 1:02.57 | 1:07.14 | 2:10.29 |
| W. S. Ker | 1:02.58 | 1:07.29 | 2:10.20 |
| Kr. P. Ker | 1:02.58 | 1:07.11 | 2:10.28 |
| 1. Miller | 1:00.57 | 1:09.78 | 2:10.17 |
| | | | 8:09.53 |

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2:10.20
1:02.58
1:07.11
2:10.28
1:00.57
1:09.78
2:10.17
8:09.53

3200 RUN

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|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Miller | 1:01 | 2:20 | 3:36 | 4:53 | 6:10 | 7:28 | 8:45 | 10:02 |
| Kr. P. Ker | 1:01 | 2:20 | 3:36 | 4:53 | 6:10 | 7:28 | 8:45 | 10:02 |
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800 RUN

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| Miller | 1:02.13 | 2:04.71 |
| Kr. P. Ker | 1:02.13 | 2:04.71 |
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1600 RUN

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|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Miller | 1:05.00 | 1:10.47 | 1:16.95 | 1:23.41 |
| Kr. P. Ker | 1:05.00 | 1:10.47 | 1:16.95 | 1:23.41 |
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MEET MCCORMICK INV.

SHOT PUT

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| Miller | 42' 7 1/2" |
| Kr. P. Ker | 42' 7 1/2" |
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DISCUS

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| Miller | 116' |
| Kr. P. Ker | 102' |
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HIGH JUMP

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| Miller | 5' 5" |
| Kr. P. Ker | 5' 5" |
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TRIPLE JUMP

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| T. Miller | 38' 5" |
| Kr. P. Ker | 37' 5" |
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POLE VAULT

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| Miller | NH |
| Kr. P. Ker | NH |
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LONG JUMP

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| Miller | 17' |
| Kr. P. Ker | 15' |
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