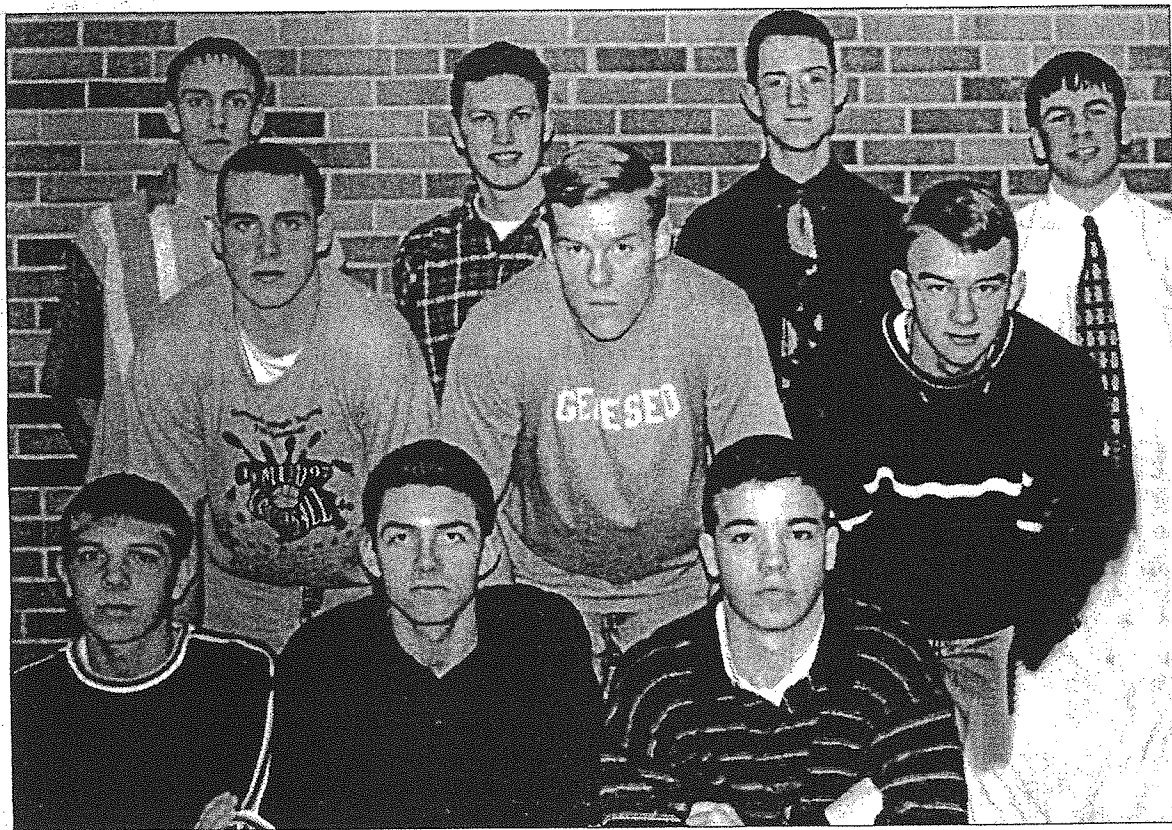


Getting on track



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BACK FOR '98. The J. D. Darnall High School boys track and field team will hold its first home meet Tuesday, March 31 against Princeton and Sherrard. Varsity letterwinners returning for the 1998 season are, from left to right; front row, Andy Beuster, Matt Fuelling and Adam Anderson; middle row, Marshall Freeman, Tom Anderson and Nick DePauw; back row, Neil Russell, Mark Keplinger, Chris Studer and Justin Fluck.

Varsity track team takes third in season opener

Dixon was the winner of the Dixon-Rochelle-Geneseo triangular track meet Tuesday, March 17. Held at Westwood in Sterling, Dixon scored 87 points to take the top slot. Rochelle placed second with 53 while Geneseo scored 26.

It was the season opener for the Leafs who earned first place in two events, the 3200 and 1600 runs. Both were run by Junior Justin Fluck.

Fluck clocked in at 4:35.31 to take the tape in the 1600 run. His time of 9:44.16 was tops in the 3200. Teammate Chris Studer also placed in the event, taking third with a time of 10:25.52.

The only second-place finish recorded for Geneseo came in the high jump as Neil Russell cleared the bar at 6', just two inches shy of the winning mark.

Six third places were earned by the Leafs in the 15-event meet, taking the bronze position in the 55-meter low hurdles, 55-meter dash, 800 run, 200-meter dash and long jump as well as Studer placing in the 3200 run.

Russell's time of 8.11 earned him third in the low hurdles; a Rochelle runner clocked at 7.91 took first. Russell also earned third in the long jump, reaching 17'7". The winning distance was 18'9-1/2".

Mark Keplinger earned another third for Geneseo, clocking in at 2:10.91 in the 800 run. It was a tight race as the winner, from Dixon, finished at 2:10.22 and the second-place finisher was timed at 2:10.59. Keplinger was over five seconds ahead of the fourth-place runner.

George Ofslager and Nick Catour placed three-four in the 200-meter dash. Ofslager clocked in at 25.31 while Catour followed in 26.02. The winning time for the event was 23.50.

Catour also earned a third place in Tuesday's event, taking the 55-meter dash in 6.99. It was another tight race for the Leafs as the winner finished in 6.55; second was clocked at 6.62 and fourth came in at 7.02.

Other fourth-place finishes for Geneseo were earned by Russell (55-meter high hurdles) and Bill Curnyn (400-meter dash).

Other events held include the 3200-meter relay, 800-meter relay, 1600-meter relay and the triple jump.

The first home meet for the Leafs is slated for Tuesday, March 31 against Princeton and Sherrard, beginning at 4:30 pm.

The only other time the varsity tracksters will see action on the home track will be the John McCormick Invitational on Friday, May 8.

Of the athletes placing for Geneseo in Tuesday's event, all but one were juniors, senior Nick Catour.

The varsity squad placed fourth at

last year's NCIC event behind the 3200-meter title earned by Studer. Studer also won the 3200 meter at sectional to earn a berth at the state track meet.

Adam Anderson, now a senior on the Leaf roster, ran as a member of the 3200 relay squad at sectionals as did Keplinger, a junior this year.

Four of the returning players received All-Conference Academic Team recognition last year, Tom Anderson, Henthorn, Myhre and Wachtel.

DePauw earned Most Improved Athlete honors following the 1997 season while Most Inspirational honors went to Andy Beuster, a sophomore member of this year's squad.

Studer was dubbed Most Valuable Player and was one of three captains of the 1997 team.

Senior members on this year's squad are Adam Anderson, Tom Anderson, Nick Catour, Jason Dahl, Nick DePauw, Nick Emmerson, Matt Fuelling, Jason Gray, Nick Henthorn, Kyle Misfeldt, Bjorn Myhre and Aaron Wachtel.

Leafs who are juniors include Jason Carton, Bill Curnyn, Josh Fleming, Justin Fluck, Marshall Freeman, J. J. Hazelett, Mark Keplinger, Joel Madsen, Tyler Marc, Brian Mosher, Brendan O'Rourke, George Ofslager, Gabe Possin, Neil Russell, Chris Schwigen, Matt Simosky, Chris Studer, Jared Van Acker and Ben Willet.

Track and field

At Sterling

Team results

1. Dixon 87; 2. Rochelle 53; 3. Geneseo 26

Individual results

3,200 relay - 1. Dixon 8:45.5; 2. Rochelle 8:45.8

55 low hurdles - 1. Mannell (Rochelle) 7.91; 2. Meyers (Rochelle) 8.07; 3. Russell (Geneseo) 8.11

55 high hurdles - 1. Meyers (Rochelle) 8.28; 2. Petrie (Dixon) 8.34; 3. Mannell (Rochelle) 8.47

3,200 meters - 1. Fluck (Geneseo) 9:44.16; 2. Allen (Dixon) 10:07.59; 3. Studer (Geneseo) 10:25.52

55 - 1. Moellering (Rochelle) 6.55; 2. LeFevre (Dixon) 6.62; 3. Catour (Geneseo) 6.99

800 - 1. Brainerd (Dixon) 2:10.22; 2. Thompson (Rochelle) 2:10.59; 3. Keplinger (Geneseo) 2:10.91

800 relay - 1. Dixon 1:38.36; 2. Rochelle 1:39.20

400 - 1. Foster (Dixon) 54.87; 2. Kissock (Rochelle) 55.34; 3. Filliman (Rochelle) 55.67

1,600 - 1. Fluck (Geneseo) 4:35.31; 2. Allen (Dixon) 4:44.63; 3. Thompson (Rochelle) 4:52.63

200 - 1. LeFevre (Dixon) 23.58; 2. Moellering (Rochelle) 23.70; 3. Ofslager (Geneseo) 25.31

1,600 relay - 1. Dixon 3:45.35; 2. Rochelle 3:50.39

Long jump - 1. Bellows (Dixon) 18-9/2; 2. Sayles (Dixon) 18-4 1/2; 3. Russell (Geneseo) 17-7

Shot put - 1. Shiarias (Dixon) 48-10 1/2; 2. Byrnes (Dixon) 43-2; 3. Weigle (Dixon) 41-8

High jump - 1. LeFevre (Dixon) 6-2; 2. Russell (Geneseo) 6-0; 3. Meyers (Rochelle) 6-0

Triple jump - 1. Sayles (Dixon) 39-11 1/2; 2. Hornek (Rochelle) 39-2 1/2; 3. Przysuchi (Dixon) 39-1

BOYS TRACK
MEET - GENESEO / ROCHELLE / DIXON
3/17/98 @ WESTWOOD

FROSH / SOPH
 GENESEO-100.5 ROCHELLE-47.5 DIXON-16

VARSITY
 DIXON - 87 ROCHELLE - 53 GENESEO - 26

3200 RE 1. GENESEO (BEUSTER, BOPP, McCOMBS, VENEMA)
 9:07.5

55 LH 1. PARRISH(G) - 8.46 2. BERGESON(R) - 8.91
 3. BERGESON(R) - 8.92 4. GOWEN(D) - 9.19

55 HH 1. PARRISH(G) - 9.36 2. BERGESON(R) - 9.8
 3. BERGESON(R) - 10.03

3200 1. BEAN(G) - 11:32 1 LAP SHORT
 2. NELSON(G) - 11:32 1 LAP SHORT
 3. TONEY(D) - 12:45

55 1. SWEGER(R) - 6.95 2. AA. ANDERSON(G) - 7.19
 3. McBRIDE(R) - 7.37 4. WICKENS(D) - 7.5

800 1. BOPP(G) - 2:14.66 2. LAKE(G) - 2:15
 3. ANDERSON(D) - 2:19 4. SANDOVAL(G) - 2:31

800 RE 1. ROCHELLE - 1:46
 2. GENESEO - 1:47
 (PARRISH, ZERULL, DRUMMOND, AA. ANDERSON)

400 1. VENEMA(G) - 55.32 2. McBRIDE(R) - 57.85
 3. J. CURNYN(G) - 58.65 4. ERTMAN(R) - 1:03.2

1600 1. BEUSTER(G) - 4:52 2. McCOMBS(G) - 5:20
 3. ABDALLAH(R) - 5:38 4. BEAN(G) - 5:44

200 1. SWEGER(R) - 25.21 2. AA. ANDERSON(G) - 26.3
 3. ZERULL(G) - 27.76 4. ZORRALLO(R) - 28.22

1600 RE 1. GENESEO - 4:01
 (J. CURNYN, P. SCHWIGEN, VENEMA, BOPP)
 2. DIXON - 4:14

SHOT 1. VERSTRAETE(G) - 43' 1" 2. BOWLING(G) - 42' 10"
 PUT 3. CAMPOS(R) - 40' 11" 4. WILLIAMS(D) - 40' 6"

HIGH 1. AA. ANDERSON(G) - 5' 7" 2. PARRISH(G) - 5' 6"
 JUMP 3. READE(G) - 5' 2" 4. MOELLERING(R) - 5' 2"

LONG 1. READE(G) - 16' 1" 2. WATSON(G) - 16' 1"
 JUMP 3. SANDOVAL(G) - 15' 10" 4. GOURIN(D) - 15' 7"

TRIPLE 1. READE(G) - 37' 9.5" 2. MOELLERING(R) - 35' 1.5"
 JUMP 3. BERGESON(R) - 33' 5.25" 4. MAPES(G) - 31' 8"

POLE 1. BRAINARD(D) - 9' 2. A. HENRY(G) - 9'
 VAULT 3. INMAN(R) - 8'

3200 RE 1. DIXON - 8:45.5 2. ROCHELLE - 8:45.8

55 LH 1. MANNEL(R) - 7.91 2. MEYERS(R) - 8:07
 3. RUSSELL(G) - 8.11 4. PETRIE(D) - 8.34

55 HH 1. MEYERS(R) - 8.28 2. PETRIE(D) - 8.34
 3. MANNEL(R) - 8.47 4. RUSSELL(G) - 8.85

3200 1. FLUCK(G) - 9:44.16 2. ALLEN(D) - 10:07.59
 3. STUDER(G) - 10:25.52 4. BERGESON(R) - 10:44.3

55 1. MOELLERING(R) - 6.55 2. LEFEVRE(D) - 6.62
 3. CATOUR(G) - 6.99 4. BELLOWS(D) - 7.02

800 1. BRAINARD(D) - 2:10.22 2. THOMPSON(R) - 2:10.6
 3. KEPLINGER(G) - 2:10.91 4. DEPOIS(R) - 2:16

800 RE 1. DIXON - 1:38.36
 2. ROCHELLE - 1:39.2

400 1. FOSTER(D) - 54.87 2. KISSACK(R) - 55.34
 3. FILLIMAN(R) - 55.67 4. B. CURNYN(G) - 56.88

1600 1. FLUCK(G) - 4:35.31 2. ALLEN(D) - 4:44.63
 3. THOMPSON(R) - 4:52.63 4. BERGESON(R) - 4:58.6

200 1. LEFEVRE(D) - 23.50 2. MOELLERING(R) - 23.70
 3. OFSLAGER(G) - 25.31 4. CATOUR(G) - 26.02

1600 RE 1. DIXON - 3:45.35
 2. ROCHELLE - 3:50.39

SHOT 1. SHIARAS(D) - 48' 10.5" 2. BYRNES(D) - 43' 2"
 PUT 3. WEIGLE(D) - 41' 8" 4. TOMMAN(D) - 41' 2.5"

HIGH 1. LEFEVRE(D) - 6' 2" 2. RUSSELL(G) - 6'
 JUMP 3. MEYERS(R) - 6' 4. SAYLES(D) - 5' 10"

LONG 1. BELLOWS(D) - 18' 9.5" 2. SAYLES(D) - 18' 4.5"
 JUMP 3. RUSSELL(G) - 17' 7" 4. RODRIQUEZ(R) - 16' 4.5"

TRIPLE 1. SAYLES(D) - 39' 11.5" 2. HORNEK(R) - 39' 2.5"
 JUMP 3. PRZYSUCHI(D) - 39' 1" 4. FILLIMAN(R) - 38' 9.5"

POLE 1.
 VAULT