

Hosting a party

Annual McCormick Boys Track Invite stated Friday, May 8

The J. D. Dornall High School varsity boys track team is preparing to host the annual John McCormick Invitational set for Friday, May 8. It is one of two home stands for the varsity Leafs this season. The first meet was Tuesday, March 31 with Princeton and Sherrard which was called early due to rain.

Thirteen teams have been invited to the annual meet which will begin with field events at 4:30 p.m. The running events will kick off at 5 p.m. In addition to the Geneseo athletes, students from Canton, Dixon, Peoria Richwoods, Galesburg, Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Metamora, Ottawa, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Falls and Rock Island Alleman have been asked to participate.

Nineteen events will be featured at this year's event including a weightman's 400-meter relay.

A traveling trophy will be awarded to the first-place team. First, second and third-place team trophies will also be presented.

Individual medals will be given for places one through three in individual events while ribbons will be awarded for fourth, fifth and sixth.

Individual medals will also be presented for first place in the relay

events while second through sixth places will be given ribbons.

Included in the field events are the long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put and discus.

Running events will include the 100 dash, 200 dash, 400 dash, 800 run, 1600 run, 3200 run, 110 high hurdles, 300 intermediate hurdles, 400 relay, 800 relay, 1600 relay, 3200 relay and the "Big Boy" weightman's relay.

Of the 18 events recorded (no weightman's record has been kept), Geneseo holds the invitational title for just two events, the 400-meter dash and the 3200-meter relay.

In 1980, Jeff Renihan, Bryan Colbert, Dave Paxson and Keith Kincaid ran the 3200 relay in 8:04.80 to set the record which has stood for nearly two decades.

Ben Hahn holds the 400-dash record of 50.10, set in 1992.

At the 1997 meet, Justin Young of Dixon set the current high jump record of 6'8.25".

In the team standings, Ottawa won last year's meet with 70 points. Geneseo's athletes earned 28. Ben Forest was the only Leaf to earn first place at the McCormick, taking the 800-meter run title in a come-from-behind finish.

The McCormick is the last regular season event for the varsity Leafs before the NCIC meet. This year's conference event will be held Friday, May 15 in Princeton.

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Cindermen better, threaten records at McCormick Invite

Friday, May 8 was a day for the record books. And the annual John McCormick Invite in Geneseo was the place to be.

Four records were bested in the meet and several others were threatened as the J. D. Damall varsity boys track team hosted 13 teams in the annual track and field event.

On the track, records were set in the 200 and 400-meter dashes and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles. In the field events, the long jump has a new title holder.

Lucas Buckley of Canton set the 400-meter dash record at 48.77 to better Ben Hahn's mark of 50.10 set in 1992 by the Geneseo runner.

The second-place runner, Kissack from Rochelle, came in at 51.63 while Brainard of Dixon was third at 51.77. Grant Venema finished at fifth for Geneseo with a time of 52.77.

In the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, Seth Frey of Rock falls set the new mark at 39.15. The old mark, set by Phil Hilton of Ottawa in 1994, was 39.23. Glaco Yanez of Canton took second in 39.79 while Nick DePauw of Geneseo cleared the track in 40.79 for third.

Lucas Buckley of Canton covered the 200-meter dash in the record setting time of 22.00 shaving a tenth off the old record set by Ted Nehrkorn of Rock Falls in 1979 at 22.10.

Moellering of Rochelle took second at 22.25 and Yaw Anakwa of Richwoods finished in third at 22.73.

Princeton's Nate Norman set the long jump record at 22'4" to better the old mark by more than six inches. In 1977, Finley of Galesburg set the mark at 21'10".

Second in the jump went to Michael Walker of Kewanee at 21'8" and third to Tom Gilbert of Rock Falls at 21'.

Canton won the overall team competition, scoring 85.5 points to lead the field. Kewanee was a close second, tallying 82.5 while Dixon fin-

ished third with 53 points.

The Leafs took fourth overall, earning 52 points.

Other team standings include Rochelle, 46.5; Metamora, 44; Galesburg and Rock Falls, 42; Richwoods, 33.5; Princeton, 33; Ottawa, 24; Alleman, 12 and LaSalle-Peru, 8 points.

In the 1997 event, Canton placed third behind Ottawa and Metamora in the 14-team event. The Leafs took 10th overall in last year's event.

Geneseo took first in the 3200-meter relay event, the only gold for the Leafs that day. Andy Beuster, Dave Bopp, Mark Keplinger and Grant Venema covered the course in 8:13.50 for the win. Rochelle took second at 8:16.98 followed by Metamora in third in 8:17.77.

Justin Fluck took second for the Leafs in the 3200-meter run, clocking in at 9:55.10 behind first-place thinciad Joel Bourque of Kewanee at 9:39.84. Fluck finished ahead of Aaron Matheson of Richwoods with a time of 10:03.08.

Of the 18 events offered in the meet, Leafs placed within the top six in nine of them.

Adam Anderson and Tom Anderson took third and fourth, respectively, in the 800-meter run with times of 2:02.06 and 2:02.21. Jon Bourque of Kewanee won the event in 1:58.82 while second went to Mike Mudge of LP, 2:00.58.

DePauw not only took third in the intermediate hurdles, but earned a fourth in the 110 high hurdles. Yanez of Canton and Frey of Rock Falls switched positions, taking first and second respectively with time of 14.51 and 15.00. DePauw crossed the line at 15.52 for fourth. Calvin Opgenorth of Galesburg claimed third in 15.25.

Beuster earned a fourth for Geneseo in the 1600-meter run, finishing with a time of 4:42.47. Joel Bourque of Kewanee won at 4:35.28 with Chase Crabtree of Kewanee in second, 4:39.55. Taking third was Chris Hicks of Metamora with a time of 4:41.34.

Another fourth was earned by the

1600-meter relay with thinciad Venema, A. Anderson; Brendan O'Rourke and T. Anderson taking the course for Geneseo. The foursome took fourth in 3:30.80 behind Galesburg, first, 3:25.97; Rochelle, second, 3:28.22 and Dixon, third, 3:29.79.

There were only two heights reached in the high jump between the top six placers. It was a three-way tie at the top with Travis Howe of Galesburg, Walker of Kewanee and LeFevre of Dixon all clearing 6'4" Harley Piercy of Ottawa, Neil Russell of Geneseo and Meyers of Rochelle all reached 5'10" to round out the field. Russell joined Venema in earning a fifth-place ribbon.

Other events held during the annual invitational were the 400-meter relay, 100-meter dash, 800 relay, discus, shot put, triple jump and pole vault.

Canton (43.97), Metamora (44.38) and Galesburg (44.92) went one-two-three in the 400 relay. Canton's Burckley added a gold in the 100-meter dash as well, taking the course in 10.80. Moellering of Rochelle clocked in second at 11:02 followed by Anakwa of Richwoods in 11:03.

The top three in the 800 relay were Metamora (1:32.64), Kewanee (1:33.28) and Galesburg (1:33.55).

Paul Shiaras of Dixon reached 168'5" in the discus to take the title followed by Dallas Richardson of Canton, 151'3" and Mike Ori of Princeton, 149'2".

Richardson beat out Shiaras in the shot put, the pair having throws of 58'10" and 53'11" respectively. Dixon's Byrnes was third at 51'8".

Walker of Kewanee earned the triple jump medal with a leap of 43'10" and was followed by Billy Diebel of Metamora, 43'1-1/2" and Brian Lovingood of Richwoods, 41'4".

Larry Burns of Ottawa vaulted 14'6" to take the pole vault event with teammate Ratha Chum in second with a 14' effort. Dustin Westbrook wrapped up third at 13'.

The Leafs will travel to Princeton Friday, May 15 for the N.C.I.C. meet at 3 p.m. Sectional competition begins Friday, May 22.

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Geneseo finds where it stands, , now hopes to deliver at NCIC

By Ryan Dieckman

Staff sports writer

GENESE0 — In perhaps a sneak preview of next Friday's NCIC meet, the frontrunners set the pace for what looks to be a tight race.

Canton, a Mid-Illini foe, scored 85.5 points to win Friday's John McCormick Invitational at Geneseo's J.D. Darnall Field.

But packed tightly behind Canton and rounding out the top five teams were NCIC members Kewanee (82), Dixon (53), Geneseo (52) and Rochelle (46.5).

"This invite is a great chance for us to see where we stand against other NCIC schools — especially

only a week before the conference meet," Maple Leafs coach Mel Snook said.

"I was definitely pleased with our performance. I don't know if we can win it (NCIC title), but we'll shake some things up. It should be a dog fight (at Princeton) next Friday."

Completing the 13-team competition was Metamora in sixth with 44 points, followed by a tie between Rock Falls and Galesburg (42), Richwoods (33.5), Princeton (33), Ottawa (24), Alleman (12) and LaSalle-Peru (8).

Highlighting Geneseo's solid performance on the night was the 3200

relay squad taking home the gold with a 8:13.50 clocking. That foursome included Andy Beuster, Mark Keplinger, Dave Bopp and Grant Venema.

Besides winning, the efforts were remarkable in the fact that Snook juggled the lineup around and took out Tom and Adam Anderson in order to have them run in the 800 open.

"Venema's sub-2:00 mark in his leg was unbelievable," Snook said about the nice dilemma on whether or not to place the Andersons back in the relay.

"We're looking good in the 3200

Leafs coach said.

Others contributing to a successful night for Geneseo was Nick DePauw in the 300 and 110 hurdles with third and fourth-place finishes; Adam and Tom Anderson with 3-4 tape-crossings in the 800; Chris Studer's fifth in the 800; and Beuster with a fourth-place showing in the 1600.

For Alleman coach Jackie Lesage, the McCormick is a good test heading into the big Western Big 6 meet at Quincy next Friday.

"I was very pleased and we had some guys have personal bests," the first-year Pioneer coach said.

"Facing good competition like we did here will help us. It's very similar to when we go against the WB6 schools next week."

The Pioneers were led by Mark Creger's fourth in the 3200, which cut his 2-mile run down a whopping 15 seconds from last week at Sherard.

"It's amazing that Boomer lowered his time in the two-mile like that," Lesage added.

John Arnold placed again for Alleman in the discus toss with a fourth-place finish while Rob Kargl placed 5th in the 800 despite nagging injuries.

TRACK & FIELD

Prep boys

John McCormick Invite

At J.D. Darnall Field, Geneseo

Team results

1. Canton 85.5, 2. Kewanee 82, 3. Dixon 53, 4. Geneseo 52, 5. Rochelle 46.5, 6. Metamora 44, 7. (tie) Rock Falls and Galesburg 42, 9. Richwoods 33.5, 10. Princeton 33, 11. Ottawa 24, 12. Alleman 12, 13. LaSalle-Peru 8.

Individual results

High jump — 1. Howe, GA, 6-4, 2. Walker, KW, 6-4, 3. LeFevre, DX, 6-4, 4. Piercy, OT, 5-10, 5. Russell, GE, 5-10, 6. Meyers, RO, 5-10.

Triple jump — 1. Walker, KW, 43-10, 2. Diebel, MT, 43-1½, 3. Lovingood, RI, 41-4, 4. Frey, RF, 41-2, 5. Shumaker, CA, 40-10, 6. Dishroom, MT, 40-7.

Discus — 1. Shiaras, DX, 163-5, 2. Richardson, CA, 151-3, 3. Ori, PR, 148-5, 4. Arnold, AL, 146-9, 5. Doddroe, KW, 144-1, 6. Nena, RI, 143-4, 7. Long, MT, 135-2.

Shot — 1. Richardson, CA, 58-10, 2. Shiaras, DX, 53-11, 3. Byrnes, DX, 51-8, 4. Moon, RI, 49-3, 5. Nena, RI, 48-10, 6. Ori, PR, 46-10, 7. Bowling, GE, 46-4.

Long jump — 1. Norman, PR, 22-4 (meet record), 2. Walker, KW, 21-8, 3. Gilbert, RF, 21-0, 4. Moellering, RO, 20-6½, 5. Powe, KW, 20-4, 6. Bellows, DX, 20-3½, 7. Shumaker, CA, 20-0.

Pole vault — 1. Burns, OT, 14-6, 2. Chum, OT, 14-0, 3. Westbrook, RF, 13-9, 4. Bonucci, PR, 12-6, 5. Brarner, DX, 12-6, 6. Dana, KW, 12-0, 7. Reynolds, RO, 11-6.

110 high hurdles — 1. Yanez, CA, 14.51, 2. Frey, RF, 15.00, 3. Oppenorth, GA, 15.25, 4. DePauw, GE, 15.52, 5. Lovingood, RI, 15.53, 6. Imhoff, MT, 15.99.

300 intermediate hurdles — 1. Frey, RF, 39.15 (meet record), 2. Yanez, CA, 39.79, 3. DePauw, GE, 40.79, 4. Piercy, OT, 40.80, 5. Bruketta, CA, 41.50, 6. Emlen, MT, 42.09.

100 — 1. Buckley, CA, 10.80, 2. Moellering, RO, 11.02, 3. Anakwa, RI, 11.03, 4. Norman, PR, 11.13, 5. LeFevre, DX, 11.39, 6. Barke, MT, 11.66.

3200 — 1. Joel Bourque, KW, 9:39.84, 2. Fluck, GE, 9:55.10, 3. Mattheson, RI, 10:03.00, 4. Creger, AL, 10:03.18, 5. Studer, GE, 10:04.40, 6. Hopky, MT, 10:04.60.

800 — 1. John Bourque, KW, 1:58.82, 2. Mudge, LP, 2:00.58, 3. Anderson, GE, 2:02.06, 4. T. Anderson, GE, 2:02.21, 5. Kargl, AL, 2:03.27, 6. Blahnik, MT, 2:04.88.

400 relay — 1. Canton (Yanez, Rabe, Roth, Buckley) 43.97, 2. Metamora 44.38, 3. Galesburg 44.92, 4. Kewanee 44.99, 5. Rock Falls 45.43, 6. Princeton 45.97.

3200 relay — 1. Geneseo (Andy Bauster, Mark Keplinger, Dave Burp, Grant Venema) 8:13.50, 2. Rochelle 8:16.98, 3. Metamora 8:17.77, 4. Dixon 8:19.90, 5. Richwoods 8:27.66, 6. Kewanee 8:40.82.

800 relay — 1. Metamora (Barke, Allen, Dishroom, Diebel) 1:32.64, 2. Kewanee 1:33.28, 3. Galesburg 1:33.55, 4. Canton 1:34.09, 5. Dixon 1:34.66, 6. Princeton 1:36.71.

400 — 1. Buckley, CA, 48.77 (meet record), 2. Kissack, RO, 51.63, 3. Brainard, DX, 51.77, 4. Lindstrom, GA, 52.21, 5. Venema, GE, 52.77, 6. Laas, RO, 53.00.

1600 — 1. Joel Bourque, KW, 4:35.28, 2. Orabtree, KW, 4:39.55, 3. Hicks, MT, 4:41.34, 4. Bauster, GE, 4:42.41, 5. Rivera, RF, 4:44.47, 6. Shoemaker, RI, 4:44.90.

200 — 1. Buckley, CA, 22.00 (meet record), 2. Moellering, RO, 22.25, 3. Anakwa, RI, 22.73, 4. Gilbert, RF, 23.05, 5. Schilling, OT, 23.22, 6. (tie) Emery, KW, and Arabe, CA, 23.49.

1600 relay — 1. Galesburg (Justin Brown, Pierre Woods, Lorenzo Pugh, Doug Lindstrom) 3:25.97, 2. Rochelle 3:28.22, 3. Dixon 3:29.79, 4. Geneseo 3:30.80, 5. Alleman 3:34.30, 6. Canton 3:34.41.

Big boy relay — (no points) 1. Dixon 48.37, 2. Ottawa 53.38, 3. Rock Falls 53.39.

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4:35.2, 2. Nick Ariaya, RO, 4:35.3, 3. Andy Bauster, GE, 4:36.5, 4. Reed Patterson, MO, 4:41.1, 5. Brian Marshall, MI, 4:42.3. (Top two advance to state).

200 (SQ 22.2) — 1. Danny Tutskey, RI, 21.6, 2. (tie) Mark Moellering, ST, and Adam Hill, RI, 21.8, 4. Jeremy Schillings, OT, 22.7, 5. Adam Eaton, DK, 22.8. (Top three advance to state).

4 x 400 (SQ 3:24.5) — 1. Galesburg (J. Brown, L. Pugh, P. Woods, D. Lindstrom) 3:26.1, 2. Sterling (A. Barajas, J. Fargher, M. Eissens, D. Sherman) 3:27.6, 3. Rochelle (M. Fillman, K. Kissack, D. Horner, A. Thompson) 3:28.9, 4. Dixon (B. LeFevre, J. Foster, B. Bellows, L. Brainerd) 3:29.9, 5. Moline (T. McDonald, J. Estell, A. Rhyne, J. Manning) 3:32.7. (Top two advance to state).

John McCormick Boys Track Invitational - Geneseo, IL.

May 8, 1998 - RESULTS (* NEW RECORD)

3200 RELAY	1. GENESEO - 8:13.50 (BEUSTER, BOPP, KEPLINGER, VENEMA) 2. ROCHELLE - 8:16.98 3. METEAMORA - 8:17.77 4. DIXON - 8:19.90 5. PRINCETON - 8:27.66 6. KEWANEE - 8:40.82	* 400 DASH	1. Lucas Buckley(CA)-48:77 2. Kissack(RO)-51.63 3. Brainard(DX)-51.77 4. Doug Lindstrom(GA)-52.21 5. Grant Venema(GE)-52.77 6. Laas(RO)-53.00
400 RELAY	1. CANTON - 43.97 (YANEZ, RABE, ROTH, BUCKLEY) 2. METAMORA - 44.38 3. GALESBURG - 44.92 4. KEWANEE - 44.99 5. ROCK FALLS - 45.43 6. PRINCETON - 45.97	*300 IH	1. Seth Frey(RF)-39.15 2. Giaco Yanez(CA)-39.79 3. Nick DePauw(GE)-40.79 4. Harley Piercy(OT)-40.80 5. Jim Bruketta(CA)-41.50 6. Ryan Emlen(MT)-42.09
3200 RUN	1. Joel Bourque (KW)-9:39.84 2. Justin Fluck (GE)-9:55.10 3. Aaron Matheson(RI)-10:03.08 4. Boomer Creger(AL)-10:03.18 5. Chris Studer(GE)-10:04.40 6. Paul Hoppe(MT)-10:04.60	1600 RUN	1. Joel Bourque(KW)-4:35.28 2. Chase Crabtree(KW)-4:39.55 3. Chris Hicks(MT)-4:41.34 4. Andy Beuster(GE)-4:42.47 5. Nic Rivera(RF)-4:44.47 6. Austin Shoemaker(RI)-4:44.9
110 HH	1. Giaco Yanez(CA)-14.51 2. Seth Frey(RF)-15.00 3. Calvin Opgenorth(GA)-15.25 4. Nick DePauw(GE)-15.52 5. Brian Lovingood(RI)-15.53 6. Nick Imhoff(MT)-15.99	*200 DASH	1. Lucas Buckley(CA)-22.00 2. Moellering(RO)-22.25 3. Yaw Anakwa(RI)-22.73 4. Tom Gilbert(RF)-23.05 5. Jeremy Schilling(OT)-23.22 6. Steve Emery(KW)-23.49 6. Justin Rabe(CA)-23.49
100 DASH	1. Lucas Buckley(CA)-10.80 2. Moellering(RO)-11.02 3. Yaw Anakwa(RI)-11.03 4. Nate Norman(PR)-11.13 5. LeFevre(DX)-11.39 6. Travis Barke(MT)-11.66	1600 RELAY	1. GALESBURG - 3:25.97 (BROWN, WOODS, PUGH, LINDSTROM) 2. ROCHELLE - 3:28.22 3. DIXON - 3:29.79 4. GENESEO - 3:30.80 (VENEMA, A. ANDERSON, O'ROURKE, T. ANDERSON) 5. ALLEMAN - 3:34.30 6. CANTON - 3:34.41
800 RUN	1. Jon Bourque(KW)-1:58.82 2. Mike Mudge(LP)-2:00.58 3. Adam Anderson(GE)-2:02.06 4. Tom Anderson(GE)-2:02.21 5. Rob Kargl(AL)-2:03.27 6. Bill Blahnik(MT)-2:04.88	DISCUS	1. Paul Shiaras(DX)-168' 5" 2. Dallas Richardson(CA)-151' 3" 3. Mike Ori(PR)-149' 2" 4. John Arnold(AL)-146' 9" 5. Pat Doddroe(KW)-144' 1" 6. Justin Nena(RI)-143' 4"
800 RELAY	1. METAMORA - 1:32.64 (BARKE, ALLEN, DISHROOM, DIEBEL) 2. KEWANEE - 1:33.28 3. GALESBURG - 1:33.55 4. CANTON - 1:34.09 5. DIXON - 1:34.66 6. PRINCETON - 1:36.71	SHOT PUT	1. Dallas Richardson(CA)-58' 10" 2. Paul Shiaras(DX)-53' 11" 3. Byrnes(DX)-51' 8" 4. Cavan Moon(RI)-49' 3" 5. Justin Nena(RI)-48' 10" 6. Mike Ori(PR)-46' 10"

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LONG JUMP

1. Nate Norman(PR)-22' 4"
2. Michael Walker(KW)-21' 8"
3. Tom Gilbert(RF)-21'
4. Brian Bellows(DX)-20' 3 1/2"
5. Mark Moellering(RO)-20' 6 1/2"
6. Denniko Powe(KW)-20' 4"

HIGH JUMP

1. Michael Walker(KW)-43' 10"
2. Billy Diebel(MT)-43' 1 1/2"
3. Brian Lovingood(RI)-41' 4"
4. Seth Frey(RF)-41' 2"
5. Bill Shumaker(CA)-40' 10"
6. Jamie Dishroom(MT)-40' 7"

3H JUMP

1. Travis Howe(GA)-6' 4"
2. Michael Walker(KW)-6' 4"
3. LeFevre(DX)-6' 4"
4. Harley Piercy(OT)-5' 10"
5. Neil Russell(GE)-5' 10"
6. Meyers(RO)-5' 10"

POLE VAULT

1. Larry Burns(OT)-14' 6"
2. Ratha Chum(OT)-14'
3. Dustin Westbrook(RF)-13'
4. Tony Bonucci(PR)-12' 6"
5. Lucas Brainard(DX)-12' 6"
6. Nick Dana(KW)-12'

TEAM SCORES

CANTON	85.5
KEWANEE	82.5
DIXON	53
GENESE0	52
ROCHELLE	46.5
METAMORA	44
GALESBURG	42
ROCK FALLS	42
RICHWOODS	33.5
PRINCETON	33
OTTAWA	24
ALLEMAN	12
LaSALLE/PERU	8