

Ten to the top

Leafs win home triangular meet by 30-plus points

J. D. Darnall High School's varsity boys track team dished out defeats at their first home meet of 1999 season.

The Leafs tallied 93 points followed by Princeton, 61 and Sherrard 32.

Ten first places were captured by Geneseo with all three relays taking the gold. Jeff Bowling and Neil Russell were double victors in the meet.

Andy Beuster, Brendan O'Rourke, Will McComb and Dave Bopp kicked off the 3200-meter relay in 8:46.68 to take the tape. Princeton finished in second place with a time of 9:21.57.

Winning the 800-meter relay event for the Leafs were George Ofslager, Dallas Drummond, Justin Watson and Derek Speller. The foursome combined for a time of 1:42.71 and took the win.

The other relay, the 1600-meter event, was run by O'Rourke, Aaron Anderson, Beuster and Bopp. The squad finished in 3:43.80 for the win with Princeton in second at 3:47.42.

Russell brought home two firsts, the 110 high hurdles and the 300-meter low hurdles. In the high hurdle event, Russell took the tape in 15.73. Cory Parrish was the second man through, claiming the silver for the Leafs with a time of 17.36.

In the low hurdles, Russell was the only Geneseo finisher within the top four, taking the ribbon in 44.07. His closest competitor finished at 45.04.

The other dual winner, Bowling, took firsts in the discus and shot put.

Bowling gave the discus a whirl of 134.0' for the top position. The second-place throw was shy by nearly three feet. Leaf Jake VerStraete also competed in the discus event, taking third with a distance of 122'9".

Bowling took the shot event with his 50'9" effort. VerStraete took third in this event as well, clearing 46'1/2" while the second place hurler reached 48'9-1/2".

Other Leaf cindermen earning individual firsts were Justin Fluck,

Studer and Ofslager.

Fluck took the tape in the 1600-meter run in 4:42.87 to best the field. Two other Leafs also finished in the top four. Chris Studer followed the second-place Princeton runner (5:05.81) with his time of 5:11.34 while Chris Cashman scored in the fourth slot with a time of 5:20.25.

Ofslager won his title in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.84. On his heels was Lynden of Sterling who took second in 24.92.

Studer and Cashman packed the top two positions in the 3200-meter run in the Leafs' effort. Studer clocked in at 10:41.69 while Cashman followed in 11:16.43.

The 3200-meter event is Studer's strong suit. Last year was his second consecutive trip to the state meet in the event.

Geneseo may not have taken first in the remaining eight events, but the Leaf athletes packed in place finishers over the rest of the field to score a win.

The Leafs' 400-meter relay took second to Princeton with a time of 47.48 with members Ofslager, Drummond, Watson and Speller. Princeton clocked in at 46.52.

Russell claimed second in the triple jump for the Leafs, reaching 38'7" behind the winning effort of 39'9". The third place jumper was taped at 37'5".

Russell also claimed the silver medal position in the high jump clearing 5'8", just two inches shy of the winning mark. Anderson also made a leap for the Leafs, taking fourth at 5'4".

Speller and Ofslager tied up second and third in the 100-meter dash, earning Geneseo even more points.

Though a Princeton runner edged the field in 11.68 for the title, Speller came through at 11.65 and Ofslager followed in 11.92. The fourth place man finished at 12.03.

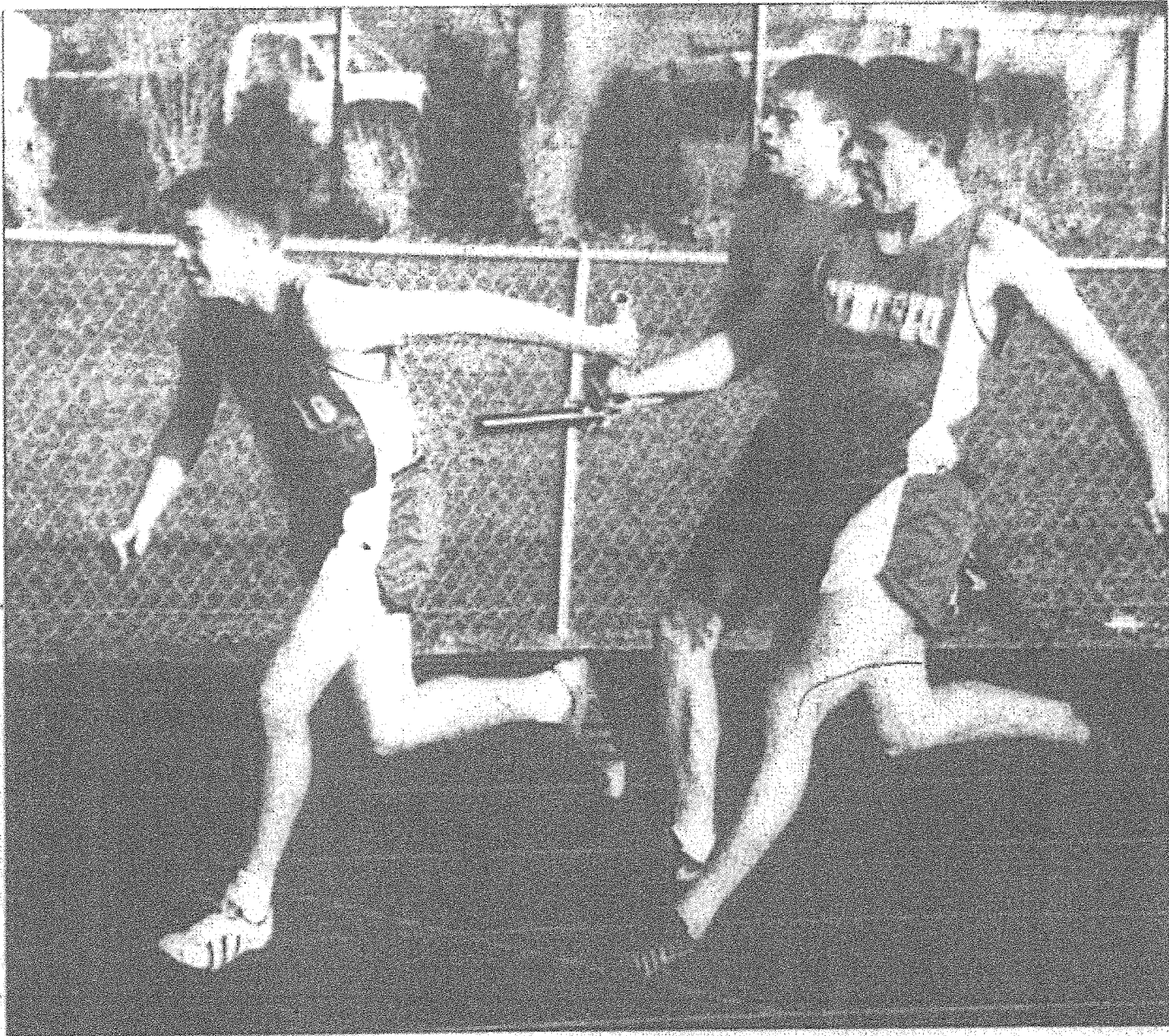
Speller also earned second in the long jump, reaching 17'7". He was followed in fourth position by fellow Leaf Anderson who cleared 17'4", four inches better than the next competitor. A distance of 18'5" won the event.

In the pole vault event, Mike Windy wrapped up second place for the Leafs, clearing 8'6" behind the

winner's mark of 9'.

O'Rourke claimed a top three finish for Geneseo in the 400-meter run, taking third in 54.79. The winning time was 54.11. The Sterling runner who finished behind O'Rourke was clocked at 1:06.84.

This Saturday, April 3, the Leafs will take part in the Shipley Invitational in Moline, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Last year, the Leafs took fifth place in the event, bettering their team standings by six places over 1997's 11th place finish.



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TAKING THE WAND. Dallas Drummond, left, accepts the hand-off from teammate George Ofslager in the varsity triangular Tuesday, March 30 between Geneseo, Princeton and Sherrard. Ofslager is the first leg while Drummond is the second in both the 400 and 800-meter relay events for Geneseo. On Tuesday, the 800 won while the 400 relay placed second. The Leafs took the overall victory.



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SIGN OF RELIEF. Justin Fluck takes the tape in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:42.87 to easily defeat the field on Tuesday, March 30. The Leals took first in 10 of 18 events to win the triangular.



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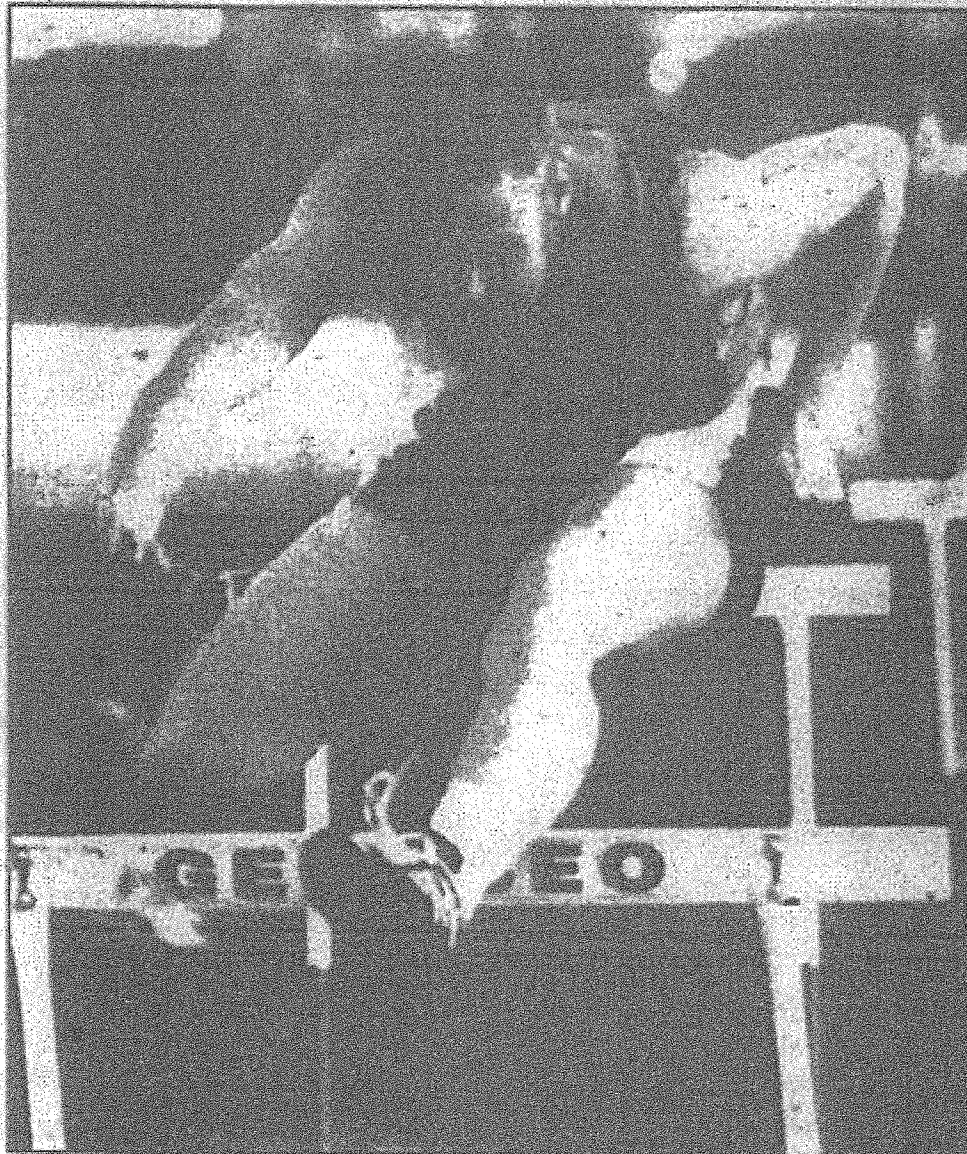
PHEW! Jake Willet gives a sigh of relief after his throw in the shot put event on Tuesday, March 30. Willet earned fifth in the frosh-soph event with a distance of 31'11-1/2".



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FULL CONCENTRATION. Brandon Sandoval gives his full concentration as the third leg of Geneseo's frosh-soph 3200-meter relay team. Sandoval, teamed with Dave Mattie, Bill Bean and Mike Strohman, took first place over Princeton with a time of 8:46.68. The Leafrosh hosted Princeton and Sherrard in their first meet of the season on Tuesday, March 30. Geneseo dominated the field, earning the victory with 127 points. Princeton was second with 26 while Sherrard scored 15.

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BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH. Neil Russell clears the hurdles during the 110 high hurdle event on Tuesday afternoon, March 30. Russell was a double winner, taking the title in both the 110 high and 300 lows during Geneseo's triangular meet with Princeton and Sherrard.

VARSITY PRINCETON/SHERRARD 3/30/99 **@ GENESEO**

3200 RE - 1. GENESEO 8:46.68
 (BEUSTER, KEPLINGER, McCOMBS, BOPP)
 2. PRINCETON 9:21.57

200 1. OFSLAGER(G) 24.84
 2. LEYDEN(S) 24.92
 3. JONES(S) 24.95
 4. PLOUGH(S) 25.75

400 RE. 1. PRINCETON 46.52
 2. GENESEO 47.48
 (OFSLAGER, DRUMMOND, WATSON, SPELLER)

1600 RE. 1. GENESEO 3:43.80
 (O'ROURKE, ANDERSON, BEUSTER, BOPP)
 2. PRINCETON 3:47.42

110 HH 1. RUSSELL(G) 15.73
 2. PARRISH(G) 17.36
 3. IHRIG(P) 17.87
 4. LESTER(S) 21.62

SHOT PUT 1. BOWLING(G) 50'9"
 2. FETZER(P) 48'9 1/2"
 3. VERSTRAETE(G) 46' 1/2"
 4. ORI(P) 43'6"

3200 1. STUDER(G) 10:41.69
 2. CASHMAN(G) 11:16.43
 3. BREIBY(S) 11:49.58
 4. BELL(S) 11:57.95

HIGH JUMP 1. NORMAN(P) 5'10"
 2. RUSSELL(G) 5'8"
 3. WRIGHT(P) 5'6"
 4. ANDERSON(G) 5'4"

100 1. NORMAN(P) 11.68
 2. SPELLER(G) 11.69
 3. OFSLAGER(G) 11.98
 4. JONES(P) 12.03

POLE VAULT 1. WOODWARD(S) 9'
 2. WINDY(G) 8'6"
 3.
 4.

800 1. HOLMES(P) 2:07.82
 2. BEUSTER(G) 2:08.01
 3. McCOMBS(G) 2:13.34
 4. GREY(P) 2:17.09

TRIPLE JUMP 1. PLOOG(S) 39'9"
 2. RUSSELL(G) 38'7"
 3. IHRIG(P) 37'5"
 4. SLATTERY(S) 37'1"

800 RE. 1. GENESEO 1:42.71
 (OFSLAGER, DRUMMOND, WATSON, SPELLER)
 2.

LONG JUMP 1. PLOOG(S) 18'5"
 2. SPELLER(G) 17'7"
 3. ANDERSON(G) 17'4"
 4. WRIGHT(P) 17'

400 1. ERICSON(P) 54.11
 2. SWANSON(S) 54.24
 3. O'ROURKE(G) 54.79
 4. BENNETT(S) 1:06.84

GENESEO - 93

PRINCETON - 61

SHERRARD - 32

300 IH 1. RUSSELL(G) 44.07
 2. IHRIG(P) 45.04
 3. PATTERSON(S) 49.41
 4. LESTER(S) 52.65

1600 1. FLUCK(G) 4:42.87
 2. BEBEJ(P) 5:05.81
 3. STUDER(G) 5:11.34
 4. CASHMAN(G) 5:20.25

DISCUS 1. BOWLING(G) 134'
 2. ORI(P) 131'7"
 3. VERSTRAETE(G) 122'9"
 4. FETZER(P) 115'6"

F/S PRINCETON/SHERARD 3/30/99

@ GENESEO

3200 RE - 1. GENESEO 9:45.70
(MATTIE,BEAN,SANDOVAL,STROHMAN)
2. SHERRARD 10:30.65

1600 RE. 1. GENESEO 4:04.12
(KEMPHER,STROHMAN,CURNYN,SUNSTROM)

400 RE. 1. GENESEO 50.68
(SULLIVAN,KEMPHER,REYNOLDS,THURMAN)

SHOT PUT
1. SELLITO(P) 42'1"
2. LEHN(P) 38'3 1/2"
3. POSSIN(G) 36'5 1/2"
4. ROYS(G) 32'8 1/2"

110 HH 1. SUNSTROM(G) 16.75
2. HEATON(G) 17.76
3. ALAN(S) 21.02
4. NIXON(S) 24.50

HIGH JUMP
1. HEATON(G) 5'8"
2. GRAY(P) 5'4"
3. READE(G) 5'6"
4. WICKWIRE(G) 4'10"

3200 1. STONE(G) 12:09.07
2. GLEASON(G) 13:05.93
3. ASH(G) 13:05.93
4. THOMPSON(G) 14:11.15

POLE VAULT
1. HEATON(G) 9'
2. BELL(S) 8'6"
3. HAARS(G) 8'

100 1. THURMAN(G) 12.14
2. CURNYN(G) 12.98
3. TURNBULL(S) 13.33
4.

TRIPLE JUMP
1. READE(G) 37'3"
2. WICKWIRE(G) 35' 9"
3. SULLIVAN(G) 35'5"
4. MAPES(G) 35'3"

800 1. EBERHARDT(G) 2:19.98
2. OGLE(G) 2:26.48
3. JACOBSON(S) 2:30.31
4. MOONEY(G) 2:34.65

LONG JUMP
1. KEMPHER(G) 16'4"
2. BROWN(P) 15'5"
3. THURMAN(G) 15'5"
4. KRETSCHMAR(G) 14'5"

800 RE. 1. GENESEO 1:49.25
(SULLIVAN,WICKWIRE, REYNOLDS,READE)
2.

GENESEO - 127

PRINCETON - 26

400 1. STROHMAN(G) 59.07
2. CURNYN(G) 59.09
3. KEMPHER(G) 1:00.52
4. KRETSCHMAR(G) 1:00.91

SHERRARD - 15

1600 1. MATTIE(G) 5:02.30
2. EBERHARDT(G) 5:13.59
3. BEAN(G) 5:16.58
4. WILLEMS(S) 5:23.79

DISCUS - 1. SELLITO(P) 95'1"
2. ROVDSEN(P) 94'4"
3. LEHN(P) 89'7"
4. ROKIS(G) 87'1"

200 1. THURMAN(G) 25.82
2. ADAMS(S) 28.04

300 1A. 1. SUNSTROM(G) 45.76