

Sterling performance

**Two records bested;
Leafs, Leafrosh
top field in second
meet of '99 season**

Two records were set by Geneseo athletics during the Leafs' return trip to Westwood Indoor Track Facility on Tuesday, March 23.

Jeff Bowling hurled the shot put 50'10" to set a new junior record, out-distancing the 1994 record of 50'4-1/2" set by Mike Poppen.

Jeremy Heaton set a new freshmen high jump mark with his jump of 6'1". The old record of 6-even was shared by Todd Akers, Mike Campbell and Marty Frymire and was set during the 1985 season.

The first meet at Westwood was hosted by Dixon and the Dukes ran away with the meet, scoring 72 points to top the field. Geneseo may have taken third place but was just two points behind Rochelle (49-47).

Competition was fierce in this second trip as well, but this time the Leafs took the title, defeating Freeport, Hononegah and Sterling.

Though the Leafs only earned three first-place finishes, local athletes packed in to subsequent slots to boost Geneseo to victory.

Tim Nelson won the 3200-meter run with a time of 10:31.44 with Chris Studer in second at 10:33.81.

Russell was another top finisher, taking the high jump with a leap of 6'. Two jumpers tied for second with 5'10" efforts and another three tied for fourth at 5'8".

Among those in the three-way tie for fourth were two Geneseo athletes, Aaron Anderson and Cory Parrish.

The third medal going to Geneseo was earned by the 3200-meter relay squad of Andy Beuster, Brendan O'Rourke, Mark Keplinger and Dave Bopp. The foursome took the tape in 8:39.68. Their closest competition came from the Hononegah team which clocked through at 8:55.10.

George Ofslager claimed two silver-medal positions for the Leafs, taking second in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.79. The winning time was 6.68. In the 200-meter dash, Ofslager came through with a time of 24.72 behind the first-place finisher at 24.19.

Bowling's record-breaking effort in the shot put earned him second overall as a Freeport hurler bettered the mark at 52'6-3/4".

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Jake VerStraete also competed in the event and wrapped up third place for Geneseo, giving a toss of 47'3".

Bopp took second in the 800-meter run for the Leafs, finishing in 2:06.43. The first-place runner took the course in 2:03.97.

Bopp wasn't the lone Leaf on the track, Will McCombs also competed in the 800 and finished fourth overall with his time of 2:13.62.

Parrish added a third-place effort to his day's statistics when he finished the 55 high hurdles in 8:34. The winning effort was 7.80.

Others taking the bronze-medal position included O'Rourke in the 400-meter run, Russell in the 55 low

hurdles and Beuster in the 1600-meter run.

Beuster finished in 4:48.44 with the top two runners clocking in at 4:42.09 and 4:46.34, respectively.

Russell faced some tight competition in the low hurdles with the second through fifth-place finishers packing it in. A Sterling runner won the event with a time of 7.50 while the second-place finisher from Freeport clocked through at 7.90. Russell's time of 7.92 was good for third while Parrish was in fifth with a time of 7.97.

O'Rourke earned his bronze in the 400 run with a time of 55.37; the winning time was 53.68 and second came through at 54.69.

In the team standings, Geneseo amassed 66 points to top the field. Hononegah finished second, 64 points; Sterling, third, 59 and Freeport, 58.

At the frosh-soph level, Geneseo clearly dominated the field, running away with 107 for the title.

The Leafrosh's closest opponent was Sterling which finished with 50 points followed by Freeport, 49 and Hononegah, 48.

Geneseo packed the field, taking a number of one-two-three finishes.

A total of nine firsts were earned by the Leafrosh. The lone relay title was claimed by the 3200-meter squad of Dave Mattie, Nick Eberhardt, Brandon Sandoval and Mike Stone. The foursome clocked in at 9:34.73 ahead of second-place Hononegah which came through in 9:55.62.

Other gold-medal events include the 3200-meter run, 55 high hurdles, 880 run, triple jump, high jumper, pole vault, 55 low hurdles and 1600-meter run.

Geneseo placed three runners in the top five in the 3200-meter run, Josh Franks leading the charge. Franks finished in 11:09.61 for first followed by Bill Bean in second with a time of 11:20.69. Mark Gleason also competed in the race, wrapping up fourth place with a time of 13:16.97.

Mike Sunstrom and Jeremy Heaton finished one-three for the Leafrosh in the high hurdles event. Sunstrom easily topped the field, clocking in at 8.62. Heaton, who took third, finished in 9.08 while the second place runner was through in 9.05.

Nick Ogle took the medal in the 800-meter run for Geneseo with a time of 2:25. In tight competition, Sandoval was third with his effort of 2:28.18. The Freeport runner who took second came through in 2:27 while the fourth and fifth place runners, both of Hononegah, finished with times of 2:28.42 and 2:29.28, respectively.

The Leafrosh jumped into the top three positions in the triple jump, clearing the field by more than three feet.

Kyle Reade led the trio with a 37'8-3/4" effort followed by Pat Mapes, 35'9-1/4" and Wickwire, 35'2-1/2". The number four finisher had a leap of 32'1-3/4".

Heaton's record-setting high jump

effort of 6'1" put him in title position in the frosh-soph meet. Reade also competed in the event, taking fourth for the Leafrosh with an effort of 5'6".

Heaton added a first in the pole vault event to his day's stats, clearing 9' for first place. The next four vaulters cleared 8' including Mapes and Brian Haars who finished the day in fourth and fifth positions, respectively.

Sunstrom and Heaton tied up the first two positions in the low hurdles event with times of 7.90 and 8.43, respectively.

Mattie was another gold medalist for the Leafrosh, taking first in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:03.32. Joining him in the top five were teammates Bill Bean and Franks who took third and fourth, respectively, with times of 5:19.65 and 5:20.40.

Derek Speller was the top Geneseo finisher in the 55-meter dash. The top finisher clocked in at 6.76 but it was Speller who led the competitive field, clocking through at 6.88. Third and fourth place came in at 6.90 and 6.92.

Thurman's time of 58.80 finished second in the 400-meter run behind a first-place time of 56:34. Joe Curnyn also ran the event, finishing fourth with a time of 59:16.

Two relays scored in the third-place position for the Leafrosh, the 800 and the 1600.

Freeport and Sterling finished one-two in the 800-meter relay with times in the 1:42 range while Geneseo's squad came through in 1:47.80 for third. Competing for Geneseo were Josh Watson, Kempfer, Kyle Sullivan and Thurman.

Curnyn, Kempfer, Thurman and Sunstrom took the 1600-meter relay course and finished in 4:03.46 for third place. Freeport won with a time of 3:57.96 while Hononegah claimed second in 4:00.1.

Top finisher for Geneseo in the 200-meter run was Dallas Drummond who finished fourth with a time of 25.72; the top time was 25.25.

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The only event Geneseo did not have a place finisher was the shot put.

Coach Mel Snook has experienced some roster changes between his first two meets, losing two athletes (Andy Strandmark and Ryan Anderson) and gaining two (freshmen Craig Blean and Jeff Kosman).

Geneseo's track teams will host their first of four home events on Tuesday, March 30. Princeton and Sherrard are slated to compete against the Leafs and Leafrosh beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The only other home events are Galesburg Thursday, April 15; the Geneseo Frosh-Soph Invite slated Monday, April 26 and the John McComrick Invitational on Friday, May 7.

VARSITY STERLING/FREEPORT/HONONEGAH 3/23/99

@ WESTWOOD

3200 RE - 1. GENESEO 8:39.68 (BEUSTER, KEPLINGER, O'ROURKE, BOPP)	1600 RE. 1. HONONEGAH 3:48.87
2. HONONEGAH 8:55.15	2. STERLING 3:52.52
3. STERLING 8:55.92	3. FREEPORT 4:03.33
55 LH 1. KING(S) 7.50	SHOT 1. FELD(F) 52' 6 3/4"
2. DILLARD(F) 7.90	PUT 2. BOWLING(G) 50'10"
3. RUSSELL(G) 7.92	3. VERSTRAETE(G) 47'3"
4. NEAL(S) 7.95	4. LOY(S) 46'3 1/2"
5. PARRISH(G) 7.97	5. MEGLI(S) 45'8 1/2"
55 HH 1. KING(S) 7.80	HIGH 1. RUSSELL(G) 6"
2. RUSSELL (G) 8.15	JUMP 2. BONTZ(S) 5'10"
3. PARRISH(G) 8.34	3. JOHNSON(H) 5'10"
4. DILLARD(F) 8.75	4. DILLARD(F) 5'8"
5. NEAL(S) 8.79	ANDERSON(G) 5'8"
	PARRISH(G) 5'8"
3200 1. NELSON (G) 10:31.44	POLE 1. KING(S) 13'
2. STUDER(G) 10:33.81	VAULT 2. VALKERRA(F) 12'6"
3. KUHN(S) 10:47.62	3. JACKSON(S) 11'6"
4. SOLEANICA(H) 11:30.69	4. FEITHER(H) 11'
5. BOWDEN(F) 12:00.30	5. BONTZ(S) 10'
55 1. HOLLOINS(F) 6.67	TRIPLE 1. CASSENS(S) 38'6 3/4"
2. OFSLAGER(G) 6.79	JUMP 2. BOYLE(H) 38'5 3/4"
3. MARTIN(H) 6.88	3. LYNDE(H) 36'10 3/4"
4. CLARK(F) 6.90	4. JEPSEN(H) 36'2 3/4"
5. LOY(S) 6.94	5. REED(H) 35'8 3/4"
800 1. JORDAN(H) 2:03.97	LONG 1. OSTGOIEN(F) 18'6 3/4"
2. BOPP(G) 2:06.43	JUMP 2. JEPSEN(H) 17'11 3/4"
3. McLARTY(H) 2:11.72	3. PEREZ(S) 17'8"
4. McCOMBS(G) 2:13.62	4. JOHNSON(H) 17'6 1/4"
5. SCHWIGEN(G) 2:15.10	5. CARLSON(H) 17'1 1/2"
800 RE. 1. FREEPORT 1:38.22	GENESEO - 66
2. STERLING 1:39.62	HONONEGAH - 64
3. HONONEGAH 1:40.99	STERLING - 59
400 1. OHLANDER(H) 53.68	FREEPORT - 58
2. WILLIAMS(F) 54.69	
3. O'ROURKE(G) 55.37	
4. CARLSON(H) 56.20	
5. BONTZ(S) 57.65	
1600 1. BRANCH(H) 4:42.09	
2. TRAINOR(F) 4:46.34	
3. BEUSTER(G) 4:48.44	
4. JORDAN(H) 4:53.21	
5. KUHN(S) 4:58.19	
200 1. CLARK(F) 24.19	
2. OFSLAGER(G) 24.72	
3. HOLLANDS(F) 25.06	
4. NEAL(S) 25.09	
5. ANDERSON(G) 25.34	

F/S STERLING/FREEPORT/HONONEGAH 3/23/99

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3200 RE - 1. GENESEO 9:34.73
(MATTIE, EBERHARDT, SANDOVAL, STONE)
2. HONONEGAH 9:55.62
3. STERLING 10:14.61

200 1. MANNING(F) 25.25
2. DEJONGE(S) 25.42
3. YAPP(H) 25.51
4. DRUMMOND(G) 25.72
5. GILMORE(S) 26.01

55 LH 1. SUNSTROM(G) 7.90
2. HEATON(G) 8.43
3. SUGHRONE(H) 8.46
4. AMESQUITA(S) 8.59
5. HENDRIX(S) 8.88

1600 RE. 1. FREEPORT 3:57.96
2. HONONEGAH 4:00.61
3. GENESEO 4:03.46
(CURNYN, KEMPHER, THURMAN, SULLIVAN)

55 HH 1. SUNSTROM(G) 8.62
2. AMESQUITA(S) 9.05
3. HEATON(G) 9.08
4. SUGHRONE(H) 9.09
5. HENDRIX(S) 9.19

SHOT 1. AMESQUITA(S) 35'11"
PUT 2. PFEIFFER(F) 35'6"
3. SAPORITI(H) 35'3"
4. OSTERBERGER(F) 34'10"
5. STURTEVANT(F) 34'9"

3200 1. FRANKS(G) 11:09.61
2. BEAN(G) 11:20.69
3. HARRIS(H) 12:08.41
4. GLEASON(G) 13:16.97
5. CLUVER(S) 14:46.47

HIGH 1. HEATON(G) 6'1"
JUMP 2. YAPP(H) 5'10"
3. DEJONGE(S) 5'8"
4. READE(G) 5'6"
5. SCHMIDT(F) 5'4"

55 1. WHITEHEAD(F) 6.76
2. SPELLER(G) 6.88
3. GRANDON(S) 6.98
4. MANNING(F) 6.92
5. DEJONGE(S) 7.01

POLE 1. HEATON(G) 9'
VAULT 2. SCHOFREN(H) 8'
3. SCHMIDT(F) 8'
4. MAPES(G) 8'
5. HAARS(G) 8'

800 1. OGLE(G) 2:25
2. PRUITT(F) 2:27
3. SANDOVAL(G) 2:28.18
4. McINTYRE(H) 2:28.42
5. PULASKI(H) 2:29.28

TRIPLE 1. READE(G) 37'8 3/4"
JUMP 2. MAPES(G) 35' 9 1/4"
3. WICKWIRE(G) 35' 2 1/2"
4. AMESQUITA(S) 32' 1 3/4"
5. BLUM(S) 32'1 1/4"

800 RE. 1. FREEPORT 1:42.63
2. STERLING 1:42.83
3. GENESEO 1:47.80
(WATSON, KEMPHER, SULLIVAN, THURMAN)

LONG 1. YAPP(H) 18'9 1/4"
JUMP 2. GRANDON(S) 17'11"
3. LARSEN(H) 17'10 3/4"
4. WATSON(G) 17' 8 3/4"
5. BROWN(H) 16'11 3/4"

400 1. MONIGOLD(F) 56
2. THURMAN(G) 58.80
3. GILMORE(S) 58.86
4. CURNYN(G) 59.16
5. BLUMQUIST(H) 59.48

GENESEO - 107

STERLING - 60

1600 1. MATTIE(G) 5:03.32
2. LUTHETHY(H) 5:11.85
3. BEAN(G) 5:19.65
4. FRANKS(G) 5:20.40
5. MUNSON(S) 5:30.42

FREEPORT - 49

HONONEGAH - 48