

Second at invitational

Leafs take second at McCormick

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Under threat of inclement weather the Geneseo Varsity boys track athletes took one first, four seconds, three thirds, two fourths, three fifths and two sixth place finishes to score 76 points at the McCormick Invitational held on Friday, May 4. The Leafs finished in a second place tie with Peoria Richwoods.

Conference rival Dixon scored 143 points to take first place. The Leafs were followed by Rochelle (73), Galesburg (47), LaSalle Peru (40), Princeton (36), Alleman (17), Canton (17),

Metamora (16), Ottawa (13) and Kewanee (6).

Mike Sunstrom took first place for the Leafs in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a time of 39.29.

EVENTS

400 RELAY—1st, Dixon, 44.35. 3rd, Andy Thurman, Sunstrom, Aaron Kuban, Dallas Drummond, Geneseo, 45.19.

3200 RUN—1st, Kylan Dixon, 10:06.11. 4th, Josh Franz, Geneseo, 10:27.68.

110 HIGH HURDLES—1st, Opornorth, Galesburg, 15.13. 2nd, Sunstrom, Geneseo, 15.37.

100 DASH—1st, Smith, Dixon, 11.08. 2nd, Drummond, Geneseo, 11.24. 5th, Thurman, Geneseo, 11.27.

800 RELAY—1st, Dixon, 1:33.17. 4th, Kyle Sullivan,

Kuban, Drummond, Thurman, Geneseo, 1:37.44.

400 DASH—1st, Wheeler, Dixon, 51.43. 5th, Curt Russell, Geneseo, 52.83.

TRIPLE JUMP—1st, Greene, Galesburg, 45'8-1/2". 2nd, Kyle Wickwire, Geneseo, 41'11". 3rd, Kyle Reade, Geneseo, 40'7-1/2".

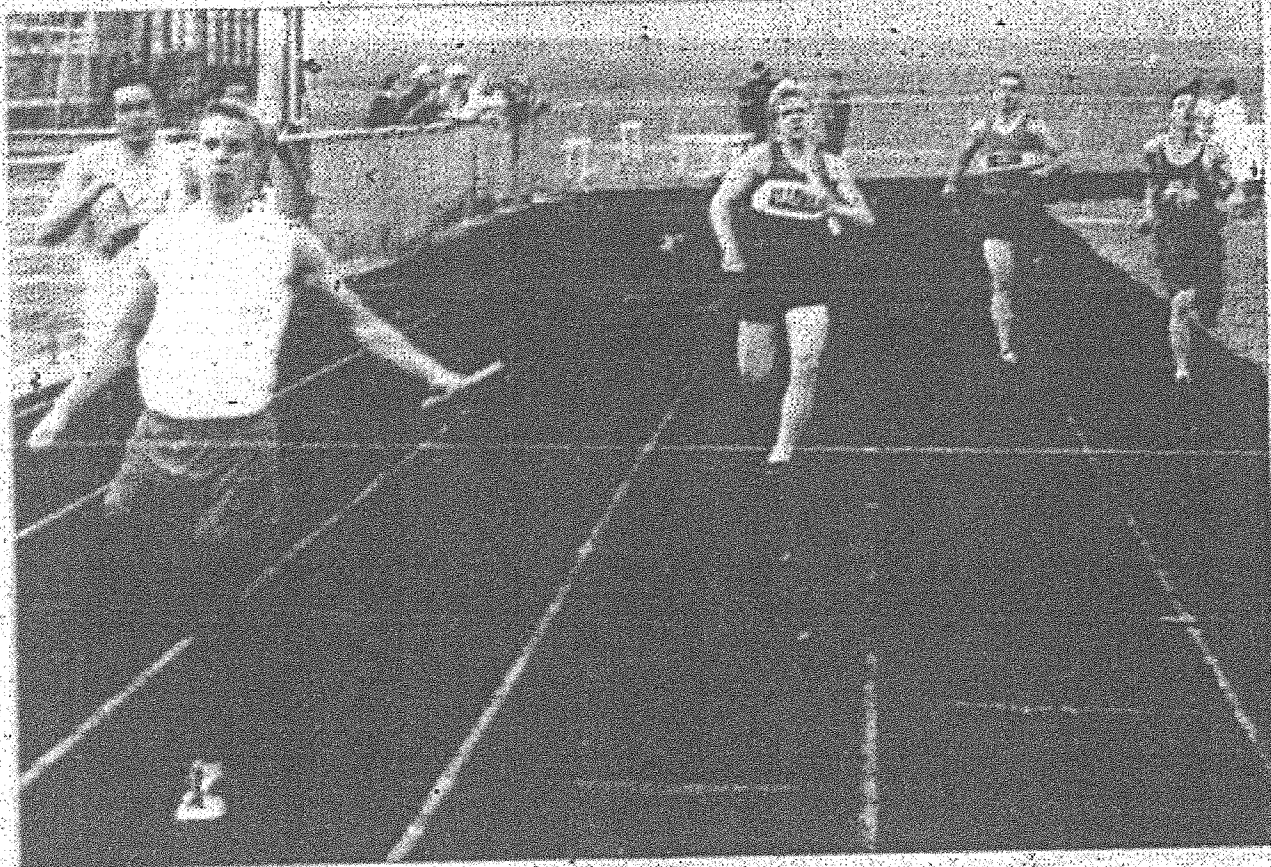
POLE VAULT—1st, Innian, Rochelle, 13'. 5th, Kuban, Geneseo, 11'. 6th, Josh Heaton, Geneseo, 11'.

300 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES—1st, Sunstrom, Geneseo, 39.29.

200 DASH—1st, Smith, Dixon, 22.40. 6th, Drummond, Geneseo, 23.66.

1600 RELAY—1st, Rochelle, 3:31.46. 3rd, Thurman, Nick Eberhardt, Russell, Sunstrom, Geneseo, 3:36.39.

HIGH JUMP—1st, Fomer, LaSalle Peru, 6'2". 2nd, Wickwire, Geneseo, 6'



Republic photo by Nick Wyatt

HITTING THE TAPE. Dallas Drummond hits the finish line ahead of the competition in the 800 relay at the McCormick Relays on Friday, May 4.



Leading photo by Nick Wyant
3200 METER MAN. Josh Franks starts to move past an opponent during the 3200 meter run at the McCormick Invitational on Friday, May 4.

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By Terry Duckett
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GENESEO — Geneseo boys' track and field coach Mel Snook regards the Maple Leaf-hosted John McCormick Invitational as the perfect tune-up for the following week's North Central Illinois Conference Championships.

If that's the case, then the Dixon Dukes and Snook's Maple Leafs will be the teams to beat at next Friday's NCIC meet in Streator after finishing 1-2 at Friday's McCormick Invite on a cool evening at J.D. Darnall Field.

Fueled by a well-balanced team performance, Dixon ran away with the team title with 143 points. Geneseo actually shared second place with Peoria Richwoods, with both teams scoring 76 points to just beat out fourth-place Rochelle (73).

"This is a nice tune-up for the NCIC meet, but it's also a good meet for us with the different schools that compete," said Dixon coach Rich Lawton of the McCormick field, which featured seven NCIC schools along with such teams as Richwoods, Canton and Metamora. "This was a team victory."

Other Quad-Cities' area teams competing at Friday's 12-team event were Galesburg (fifth, 47 points), Alleman (17 points, tied for eighth with Canton) and Kewanee (12th, six points).

Highlighting Alleman's evening was a second-place run by Nick Hird in the 1600, where his time of 4:35 trailed only Richwoods standout Nic Rogers (4:28.63).

The Pioneers' 1600 relay took fourth and their 3200 relay was fifth, while Kile Krol took fifth in the 800 meter run with a 2:04.72 clocking and David Valliere was sixth in the 800 intermediate hurdles (42.69).

The evening was even more enjoyable for the Maple Leafs, however, as Mike Sunstrom gave the hosts their only individual gold medal with a strong run of 39.29 seconds in the 300 intermediate hurdles. He also placed second in the 110 high hurdles with a 15.37 clocking.

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"Last year, Mike set a goal for himself of breaking the school's 300 IH record (39.18, set last spring by Cory Parrish)," said Snook. "Tonight wasn't a clean race for him; he stumbled a bit and hit some hurdles."

"We might be looking at a new school record come next week."

Sunstrom also teamed up with Andy Thurman, Nick Eberhardt and Curt Russell on Geneseo's third-place 1600 relay and joined forces with Thurman, Aaron Kuban and Dallas Drummond on its bronze-medal winning 400 relay.

Thurman, Kuban and Drummond, along with Kyle Sullivan, ran the Leafs' 800 relay to a fourth-place finish.

But while Sunstrom was one of Geneseo's top individuals, he wasn't the only contributor. In the field events, Kyle Wickwire scored second-place finishes in both the high jump (6-0) and the triple jump (41-11). Teammate Kyle Reade was third in the triple jump with a 40-7 1/2 leap.

"Wickwire did an excellent job," Snook stated. "In the triple jump and high jump, he scored 16 points for us."

Also scoring medals for the Leafs in field events were pole vaulters Kuban and Jeremy Heaton, who finished fifth and sixth, respectively, by clearing the bar at 11 feet.

On the track, Drummond turned in a strong second-place run in the 100 meter dash with a clocking of 11.24 seconds while placing sixth in the 200 with a 23.66 clocking.

Teammates Russell and Thurman were fifth in the 400 (54.83) and 100 (11.27), respectively, while Josh Franks took fourth in the 3200 (10:27.68).

All in all, it was a performance that has Snook and his Leafs looking forward to next Friday's two-hour trip to Streator and the NCIC challenge.

"We found out some things tonight," said the veteran Geneseo coach. "Like I said before, this is always a prelude to the NCIC meet. The only school not here that could make a difference (next Friday) is Sterling, and everybody knows Dixon's a power in the conference."

"I'm very pleased with all of our kids. You've got to be happy with the way we ran."

TRACK & FIELD

Prep boys

John McCormick Invitational

At Geneseo High School Team results

1. Dixon 143. 2. (tie), Geneseo and Peoria Richwoods 76. 4. Rochelle 73. 5. Galesburg 47. 6. LaSalle-Peru 40. 7. Princeton 36. 8. (tie), Alleman and Canton 17. 10. Metamora 16. 11. Ottawa 13. 12. Kewanee 6.

Individual results

High jump — 1. Folmer, LP, 6-2. 2. Wickwire, Gen., 6-0. 3. Gray, Prin., 6-0. 4. DeBates, Dixon, 5-10. 5. Ziel, Ott., 5-10. 6. Edgcomb, LP, 5-8.

Long jump — 1. Wright, PR, 20-6 5/8. 2. Riva, LP, 19-11 1/2. 3. Slichter, Dixon, 19-10 3/8. 4. Wagner, Gales, 18-9 3/4. 5. Maksimovich, Met., 18-7. 6. Slover, Met., 18-3.

Triple jump — 1. Grejme, Gales, 45-8 1/2 (meet record). 2. Wickwire, Gen., 41-11. 3. Reade, Gen., 40-7 1/2. 4. Risetter, Roch., 39-11. 5. Wickens, Dixon, 39-9 1/2. 6. Goodyear, Met., 39-7 1/2.

Pole vault — 1. Imman, Roch., 13-0. 2. Dier, Dixon, 12-6. 3. Blazier, Prin., 12-0. 4. Hess, Ott., 11-6. 5. Kuban, Gen., 11-0. 6. Heaton, Gen., 11-0.

Shot put — 1. Matha, Dixon, 56-9 1/2. 2. Fletcher, LP, 54-2. 3. Sheridan, Dixon, 53-9. 4. Cook, Can., 52-3. 5. Shaw, PR, 50-4 1/2. 6. Harding, Ott., 45-5 1/2.

Discus — 1. Young, PR, 163-9. 2. Matha, Dixon, 161-9. 3. Sheridan, Dixon, 158-9. 4. Fletcher, LP, 154-8. 5. Shaw, PR, 146-4. 6. Wornick, Met., 145-1.

3200 relay — 1. Rochelle (David Bergeson, Dale Bergeson, Nass, Lima) 8:21.90. 2. Dixon 8:31.43. 3. Galesburg 8:39.50. 4. Kewanee 8:41.74. 5. Alleman 8:42.00. 6. Princeton 8:45.52.

400 relay — 1. Dixon (Wheeler, Cor, Ross, Bond) 44.35. 2. Richwoods 45.18. 3. Geneseo 45.19. 4. Rochelle 45.20. 5. Canton 45.80. 6. Princeton 46.06.

3200 — 1. Kuhn, Dixon, 10:06.11. 2. Jonigenus, PR, 10:18.91. 3. Rassi, Met., 10:19.80. 4. Franks, Gen., 10:27.68. 5. McKinney, Roch., 10:35.79. 6. Jacobson, Roch., 10:37.23.

110 high hurdles — 1. Oppenorth, Gales, 15.13. 2. Sunstrom, Gen., 15.37. 3. Vanloon, Gales, 15.38. 4. Slover, Met., 15.89. 5. Arch, Kew., 16.03. 6. Alba, Dixon, 16.29.

100 — 1. Smith, Ott., 11.08. 2. Drummond, PR, 11.25. 3. Franks, Gen., 11.27. 4. Thurman, Gen., 11.27. 5. Thurman, Gen., 11.27. 6. Thurman, Gen., 11.27.

800 — 1. Rogers, PR, 1:59.75. 2. Hammers, LP, 2:02.14. 3. Lima, Roch., 2:02.35. 4. Carusona, Ott., 2:04.20. 5. Krol, All., 2:04.72. 6. Perez, Can., 2:06.82.

800 relay — 1. Dixon (Davidson, Anderson, Rock, Smith) 1:33.17. 2. Richwoods 1:34.89. 3. Canton 1:37.31. 4. Geneseo 1:37.44. 5. Rochelle 1:37.66. 6. Metamora 1:38.70.

400 — 1. Wheeler, Dixon, 51.43. 2. Wright, PR, 52.07. 3. Miller, PR, 52.09. 4. Nass, Roch., 52.59. 5. Russell, Gen., 52.83. 6. Cameron, Ott., 53.13.

300 intermediate hurdles — 1. Sunstrom, Gen., 39.29. 2. Dale Bergeson, Roch., 41.47. 3. Oppenorth, Gales., 41.58. 4. Alba, Dixon, 41.70. 5. Vanloon, Gales., 42.16. 6. Valliere, All., 42.69.

1600 — 1. Rogers, PR, 4:28.63. 2. Hird, All., 4:35.00. 3. D.D. Bergeson, Roch., 4:38.03. 4. Kuhn, Dixon, 4:38.80. 5. Long, Can., 4:38.86. 6. Hammers, LP, 4:40.16.

200 — 1. Smith, Dixon, 22.40. 2. Davidson, Dixon, 22.46. 3. Sweger, Roch., 22.72. 4. Towery, Can., 22.87. 5. Pegues, PR, 23.08. 6. Drummond, Gen., 23.66.

1600 relay — 1. Rochelle (Bergeson, Lima, Daugherty, Nass) 3:31.46. 2. Dixon 3:32.63. 3. Geneseo 3:36.39. 4. Alleman 3:37.80. 5. Princeton 3:38.06. 6. Ottawa 3:40.60.

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Geneseo, IL

3200m Relay

1.	RO (Bergeson, Bergeson, Nass, Lima)	8:21.90
2.	DX	8:31.43
3.	GA	8:39.50
4.	KE	8:41.74
5.	AL	8:42.00
6.	PR	8:45.52

400m Relay

1.	DX (Wheeler, Cox, Ross, Bond)	44.35
2.	RI	45:18
3.	GE <i>THURMAN, SUNSTRAM, KUBAN, DRUMMOND</i>	45:19
4.	RO	45:20
5.	CA	45:80
6.	PR	46:06

3200m Run

1.	Kuhn	DX	10:06.11
2.	Jongerius	RI	10:18.91
3.	Rassi	MT	10:19.80
4.	Franks	GE	10:27.68
5.	McKinney	RO	10:35.79
6.	Jacobson	RO	10:37.23

110m High Hurdles

1.	Opernorth	GA	15:13
2.	Sundstrom	GE	15:37
3.	Vanloon	GA	15:38
4.	Slover	MT	15:89
5.	Arch	KE	16:03
6.	Alba	DX	16:29

100m Dash

1.	Smith	DX	11:08
2.	Drummond	GE	11:24
3.	Ellwood	RI	11:25
4.	Pegues	RI	11:26
5.	Thurman	GE	11:27
6.	Cowser	PR	11:65

800m Run

1.	Rogers	RI	1:59.75
2.	Hammers	LP	2:02.14
3.	Lima	RO	2:02.35
4.	Carusona	OT	2:04.20
5.	Krol	AL	2:04.72
6.	Perez	CA	2:06.62

800m Relay

1.	DX (Davidson, Anderson, Bock, Smith)	1:33.17
2.	RI	1:34.89
3.	CA	1:37.31
4.	GE THURMAN, SULLIVAN, KUBAN, DRUMMOND	1:37.44
5.	RO	1:37.66
6.	MT	1:38.70

400m Dash

1.	Wheeler	DX	51:43
2.	Wright	PR	52:07
3.	Miller	RI	52:09
4.	Nass	RO	52:59
5.	Russell	GE	52:83
6.	Cameron	OT	53:13

Long Jump

1.	Wright	PR	20'5/8"
2.	Riva	LP	19'11½"
3.	Stichter	DX	19'10 3/8"
4.	Wagner	GA	18'9 3/4"
5.	Maksimovich	MT	18'7"
6.	Slover	18'3"	

Triple Jump

* 1.	Greene	GA	45'8½"	*
2.	Wickwire	GE	41'11"	
3.	Reade	GE	40'7½"	
4.	Risetter	RO	39'11"	
5.	Wickens	DX	39'9½"	
6.	Goodyear	MT	39'7½"	

Pole Vault

1.	Inman	RO	13'
2.	Didier	DX	12'6"
3.	Blazier	PR	12'
4.	Hess	OT	11'6"
5.	Kuban	GE	11'
6.	Heaton	GE	11'

300m Intermediate Hurdles

1.	Sundstrom	GE	39:29
2.	Dl. Bergeson	RO	41:47
3.	Oppenorth	GA	41:58
4.	Alba	DX	41:70
5.	Vanloon	GA	42:16
6.	Valliere	AL	42:69

1600m Run

1.	Rogers	RI	4:28.63
2.	Hird	AL	4:35.00
3.	DD. Bergeson	RO	4:38.03
4.	Kuhn	DX	4:38.80
5.	Long	CA	4:38.86
6.	Hammers	LP	4:40.16

200m Dash

1.	Smith	DX	22:40
2.	Davidson	DX	22:46
3.	Sweger	RO	22:72
4.	Towery	CA	22:87
5.	Pegues	RI	23:08
6.	Drummond	GE	23:66

1600m Relay

1.	RO	(Bergeson, Lima, Daugherty, Nass)	3:31.46
2.	DX		3:32.63
3.	GE	THURMAN, EBERHARDT, RUSSELL, SUVSTROM	3:36.39
4.	AL		3:37.80
5.	PR		3:38.06
6.	OT		3:40.60

Shot Put

1.	Matha	DX	56'9½"
2.	Fletcher	LP	54'2"
3.	Sheridan	DX	53'9"
4.	Cook	CA	52'3"
5.	Shaw	RI	50'4½"
6.	Harding	OT	45'5½"

Discus

1.	Young	RI	163'9"
2.	Matha	DX	161'9"
3.	Sheridan	DX	158'9"
4.	Fletcher	LP	154'8"
5.	Shaw	RI	146'4"
6.	Worrick	MT	145'1"

High Jump

1.	Folmer	LP	6'2"
2.	Wickwire	GE	6'
3.	Gray	PR	6'
4.	Debates	DX	5'10"
5.	Ziel	OT	5'10"
6.	Edgcomb	LP	5'8"

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TEAM SCORES

1st place	DIXON	Pts. 143
2nd place	GENESEO	Pts. 76
2nd place	RICHWOODS	Pts. 76
4th place	ROCHELLE	Pts. 73
5th place	GALESBURG	Pts. 47
6th place	LA SALLE PERU	Pts. 40
7th place	PRINCETON	Pts. 36
8th place	ALLEMAN	Pts. 17
8th place	CANTON	Pts. 17
10th place	METAMORA	Pts. 16
11th place	OTTAWA	Pts. 13
12th place	KEWANEE	Pts. 6
13th place		Pts.
14th place		Pts.