

# Time to heal injuries

## Leaf boys head back to track today after an eight-day layoff

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This week has been a welcome time off for the Geneseo boys track and field team.

It's been eight days since the Maple Leafs were in competition. Today, they return to the track in the Rock Island Invitational.

"Our kids will get in there and mix it up," Snook said of today's meet. "There's a lot of top teams in the meet, but if our relays and sprinters can score, that'll be an ace in the hole for us."

The meet, which mixes local schools against a slew of teams from the suburban Chicago area, is one of the stronger

ones in the Leafs' schedule.

Geneseo has finished third in the meet before, but Snook admitted that finish was achieved before the importation of suburban teams.

Last Thursday, they knocked off Galesburg in a home dual meet by the closest of margins, defeating the Streaks, 73-72.

"We're still improving, but we're glad to get the time off," head coach Mel Snook said. "We're coming on, but the guys will have time to heal a bit."

"We've got some guys like Jeremy Heaton, who're overcoming shin splints. He'll have some time to savor this win."

The meet was one where several athletes made

breakthroughs in their chosen events, including senior Heaton, who cleared 13 feet in the pole vault for the first time this year after a sluggish outdoor season start due to those shin splints.

Senior Kyle Wickwire also broke new ground in the jumps, clearing 6-2 in the high jump for the first time this year, and going beyond the 42-foot mark in the triple jump. His high jump was good enough for a victory in that event.

Sophomore Curt Russell posted the fastest 400-meter dash time in any meet Geneseo has competed in this year, running a 51.95-second clocking in that event.

And junior Brian Blank

became the first Maple Leaf shot putter to break the 47-foot mark in the shot, taking first in that event.

"Every time out, we're getting outstanding performances. The kids keep coming on, and it's catching everybody throughout the team," Snook said.

The Leafs also got firsts from sophomore Christian Rowlands (3,200), sophomore Justin Trujillo (800) and the 400-meter relay.

"Our kids are not going to be in awe of anybody," Snook said. "They feel they can compete with anybody. They'll be rested and ready to go (today). I'm looking forward to it."



"800 on da line"



# F/S wins easily

Sophomore hurdler Luke Thompson and freshman jumper Greg Reiling each won a pair of individual events to lift the Geneseo frosh-soph track team to an easy 98-50 home dual-meet victory last Thursday against Galesburg.

Thompson swept the hurdles events, finishing the 110 highs in a time of 17.51 seconds, his best of the season in that event, and won the 300 intermediates in 44.93, also a personal best.

Reiling won the long jump

with a 17-foot, 6-inch effort, and took first in the triple jump with a leap of 36 feet even.

The Leafs also got individual event victories from Luke Reschke in the high jump, Shane VerStraete in the shot put, Scott Mapes in the discus, Augie Anderson in the 400, Eric Darwin in the pole vault and Brad Mattan in the 1,600.

Geneseo also picked off a first-place finish in the 3,200 relay, finishing with a time of 10:23.74.

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meet

Thursday, April 11  
At GHS Track  
Varsity

**MAPLE LEAFS 73,  
GALESBURG 72**

## Individual events

**3,200 relay:** 1. Galesburg, 9:05.08; 2. LEAFS, 9:28.02.

**400 relay:** 1. LEAFS (Luke Steinkopf, Jake Swanson, Aaron Kuban, Curt Russell), 45.51; 2. Galesburg, 49.07.

**3,200:** 1. Christian Rowlands (LEAFS), 11:08.61; 2. Jaun (Galesburg), 11:27; 3. Nathan Schlindwein (LEAFS), 11:33.4.

**110 high hurdles:** 1. VanLoon (Galesburg), 15.51; 2. Panther (Galesburg), 15.95.

**100:** 1. Smith (Galesburg), 11.20; 2. Gross (Galesburg), 11.28; 3. Curt Russell (LEAFS), 11.41.

**Long jump:** 1. Greene (Galesburg), 19-2 3/4; 2. Dylan Kenney (LEAFS), 19-1; 3. Smith (Galesburg), 18-9 3/4.

**Triple jump:** 1. Greene (Galesburg), 43-8 1/2; 2. Kyle Wickwire (LEAFS), 42-3; 3. Josh Reschke (LEAFS), 41-11.

**800:** 1. Justin Trujillo (LEAFS), 2:04.61; 2. King (Galesburg), 2:07.6; 3. Brandenburg (Galesburg), 2:14.42.

**800 relay:** 1. LEAFS (Dylan Kenney, Jake Swanson, Aaron Kuban, Luke Steinkopf), 1:35.06; 2. Galesburg, 1:35.6.

**High jump:** 1. Kyle Wickwire (LEAFS), 6-2; 2. Josh Reschke (LEAFS), 5-8; 3. Dylan Kenney (LEAFS), 5-6.

**400:** 1. Curt Russell (LEAFS), 51.95; 2. Johnson (Galesburg), 52.62; 3. Garrick Wayne (LEAFS), 56.95.

**Shot put:** 1. Brian Blank (LEAFS), 47- 1/2; 2. Kory Klemmer (LEAFS), 45-11; 3. Guerrero (Galesburg), 45-7.

**300 intermediate hurdles:** 1. VanLoon (Galesburg), 43.14; 2. Jeremy Heaton (LEAFS), 43.22; 3. Panther (Galesburg), 44.13.

**Discus:** 1. Werkheiser (Galesburg), 126-10; 2. Anthony Rokis (LEAFS), 120-7; 3. Mason (Galesburg), 118-3.

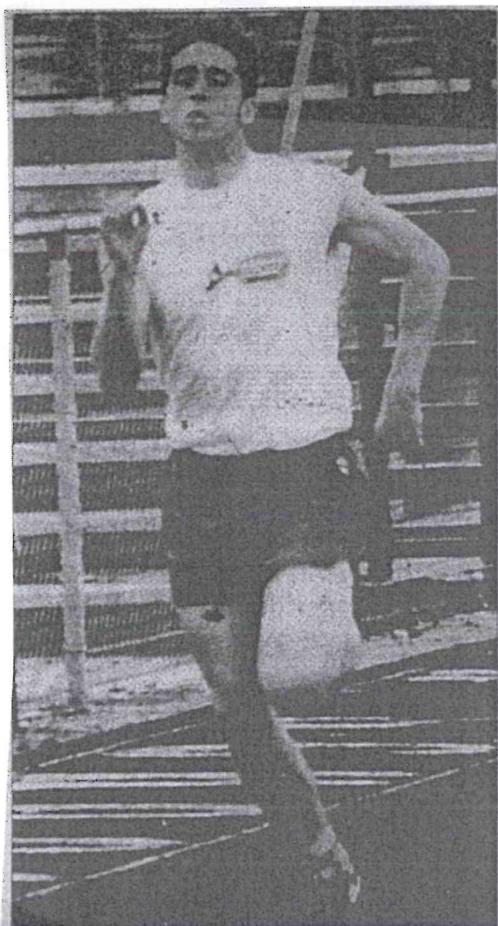
**1,600:** 1. King (Galesburg), 5:00.00; 2. Kyle Fluck (LEAFS), 5:00.34; 3. Jaun (Galesburg), 5:24.59.

**Pole vault:** 1. Jeremy Heaton (LEAFS), 13-0; 2. Aaron Kuban (LEAFS), 11-6; 3. Doug Henry (LEAFS), 8-6.

**200:** 1. Smith (Galesburg), 23.88; 2. Luke Steinkopf (LEAFS), 24.53; 3. Ralston (Galesburg), 24.78.

**1,600 relay:** 1. Galesburg, 3:38.67; 2. LEAFS (), 3:42.93.

**Next meet:** LEAFS at Rock Island Invitational, today, 4 p.m.



Republic photo by Shannon Heaton  
**STRIVING FOR THE FINISH:** Junior Aaron Kuban sprints toward the tape in the varsity 200-meter dash in last Thursday's dual meet between Geneseo and Galesburg.



# Galesburg Dual

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RELAYS

EVENT	PERF.	FIRST	TEAM	SECOND	TEAM	THIRD	TEAM
3200 RE	9:05.08	Galesburg		Geneseo	9:28.02	TRUJILLO, FLUCK, BALSAR, WAYNE	
400 RE	45.51	Geneseo		Galesburg	49.07		
3200	11:08.61	Rowlands	Gen	Taun	11:57	Schindwein	Gen
110 HH	15.51	Vanloon	Gals	Panther	15.95		
100	11.20	Smith	Gals	Gross	11.28	RUSSELL	Gen
Long Jump	19'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	Greene	Gals	Kenney	19'1"	Smith	Gals
Triple Jump	43'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Greene	Gals	Wickwire	42'3"	J. Reschke	Gen
800	2:04.10	Trujillo	Gen	King	2:07.6	BRANDENBERG	Gals
800 Relay	1:35.06	Geneseo		Galesburg	1:35.6		
High Jump	6'2"	Wickwire	Gen	J. Reschke	6'8"	Kenney	Gen
400	51.95	Russell	Gen	Johnson	52.62	Wayne	Gen
Shot put	47'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Blank	Gen	Klemmer	45'11"	Greene	Gals
300 TH	43.14	VAN LOON	Gals	Heaton	43.22	Panther	Gals
Discus	126'10"	Werkheiser	Gals	Rokis	120'7"	Mason	Gals
1600	5:00.00	King	Gals	Fluck	5:00.34	Taun	Gals
Pole Vault	13'	Heaton	Gen	Kuban	11'6"	Henke	Gen
250	23.88	Smith	Gals	Steinkopf	24.53	Ralston	Gals
1600	3:38.67	Galesburg		Geneseo	3:42.93	KENNEY, WAYNE, RUSSELL, WICKWIRE	

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VARSITY

# Galesburg Dual

## F/S

SCORING

5-3-1

INDIVIDUAL

5-0 RELAYS

EVENT	PERF.	FIRST	TEAM	SECOND	TEAM	THIRD	TEAM
3200 Relay	10:23.74	MATTAN, BARTON, WEBER, WAYNE Geneseo	Gen	—	—	—	—
400 Relay	48.41	Galesburg	Gal	49.19 Geneseo	THOMPSON, BRIESER, KUSHMER, A. ANDERS Gen	—	—
3200	11:39.5	Hall	Gal	12:43.3 Fehlman	Gen	12:45.7 Ogilvie	Gen
110 HH	17.51	Thompson	Gen	18.34 Barton	Gal	20.22 Cushman	Gen
LJ	17'6"	Reiling	Gen	17' 3/4" Reschke	Gen	—	—
TJ	36'0"	Reiling	Gen	32'3" Stanley	Gen	32'0" Wahlheim	Gen
100	11.85	Williams	Gal	11.90 Anderson	Gen	12.18 Reschke	Gen
800	2:28.32	Brown	Gal	2:31.75 Wayne	Gen	2:34.60 Wallace	Gen
HJ	5'4"	L. Reschke	Gen	5'2" Stanley	Gen	—	—
800 Relay	1:44.24	Galesburg	Gal	1:49.53 Geneseo	REILING, R. ANDERSON, BRIESER Gen	—	NORIN
Shot Put	44'8"	Verstraete	Gen	40'2 1/2" Paulson	Gen	39'5 1/2" Turner	Gen
Discus	102'2"	Mapes	Gen	89'4" Glazier	Gen	85'2" Wight	Gal
300 IH	44.93	Thompson	Gen	45.81 Barton	Gal	50.29 Cushman	Gen
400	57.59	Anderson	Gen	58.53 Grimmings	Gal	1:00.81 KUSHMER	Gen
Pole Vault	9'0"	Darwin	Gen	8'0" Britton	Gal	8'0" Friel	Gal
1600	5:27.74	Mattan	Gen	5:28.37 Webber	Gen	5:32.59 Hall	Gal
200	25.14	Williams	Gal	25.62 Reschke	Gen	26.98 A. Anderson	Gen
1600 Relay	4:00.16	Galesburg	Gal	THOMPSON, R. ANDERSON, LYNN KUSHMER Geneseo 4:05.56	Gen	SCHLINDWEIN, HAARS, TAUBE L. WAYNE Geneseo 4:21.81	Gen

GALESBURG @ GENESEO

4/11/02

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# Team Scores

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