

Discus thrills could top meet

By Keith Strake

Fans arriving early at Friday night's Maple Leaf Classic track meet would do well to keep right on walking - past the stands to the discus ring.

The best discus throwers in and around the Quad-Cities will be on display in this meet, which starts at 6 p.m. in Geneseo Stadium.

Four teams from Iowa - North Scott, Pleasant Valley, Camanche and Davenport Assumption, will join Illinois schools Rock Island Alleman, Rockridge, Kewanee, and hosting Geneseo.

Steve Schaaf of Camanche has the best discus throw entering the meet - 160 feet, 11 inches. Dave Lingner of Alleman is the best thrower in the Quad-City Metro Conference with a 151-foot toss to his credit. North Scott's Keith Janssen has also thrown 151 feet.

Geneseo's Brian Gernant has a best of 147 feet, and Assumption's Dan Eyrmeier has a best of 146 feet, 11 inches.

On the track, milers Pete Ffitch of Alleman and Mark

Nordman of Geneseo have bests under 4:40, and Greg Strobbe of North Scott and Jim Brimeyer of Pleasant Valley have best times just over 4:40.

Alleman and North Scott should be the prime challengers for Geneseo. The Leafs lost this meet for the first time ever last season, to Rock Falls, but the Rockets won't be back, as Geneseo officials continue to change the Classic's format.

Alleman has intentions of winning this meet, after placing second to Geneseo in the Northwest Relays earlier this season. In that meet, Geneseo won six of the seven relays, which were worth 10 points each. The relays are again worth 10 points in this meet.

And Geneseo is eyeing two hurdle shuttle relays, a real pain in the backside for Alleman, which simply can't match Geneseo in hurdling ability this season. The Iowa schools, though, may have some hurdlers, and the Iowa schools definitely have sprinters and middle distance runners.

No admission is charged for the Maple Leaf Classic.

MAPLE LEAF CLASSIC RECORDS

100 . . . Krone, Alleman, Taylor, Kewanee	:10.3
220 . . . Krone, Alleman	:23.0
440 . . . Verdick, Kewanee	:51.7
880 . . . Todd, Geneseo	1:58.7
Mile . . . Hepner, Ottawa	4:34.1
Two-mile . . . Schultz, Rock Falls	9:48.8
320 High Hurdle Shuttle . . . Geneseo	:42.1
480 Low Hurdle Shuttle . . . Geneseo	:55.6
880 Relay . . . Alleman	1:33.2
Mile Relay . . . Rockridge	3:33.7
Two-Mile Relay . . . Alleman	8:28.4
Frosh-Soph 440 Relay . . . Geneseo	:47.0
Varsity 440 Relay . . . Rock Falls	:45.5
High Jump . . . Smith, Kewanee	6-4 1/4
Long Jump . . . Harvey, Kewanee	22-7 1/2
Triple Jump . . . Veasey, Ottawa	43- 1/2
Shot Put . . . Dobberstein, Ottawa	55-7 3/4
Discus . . . Boblett, Geneseo	163-7
Pole Vault . . . Garman, Rock Falls	14-0

LEAF CLASSIC: FINE MEET

We felt last Friday's Maple Leaf Classic was a good, solid track meet, and certainly an enjoyable one.

The weather made it unpleasant for spectators. It was cool, and rain forced a 45-minute delay at the top of the meet. The competition between Geneseo and Davenport Assumption, though, warmed things up.

Assumption is a young team, loaded with sprinters. Geneseo also has sprinters, and the Leafs have more depth than the Knights, and that was the reason for Geneseo's 11-point win. If Friday's performance was at all indicative of the caliber of Assumption's athletic teams, we'd like to see the Knights more often.

The expected big show in the discus ring never really materialized. Six throwers came in with bests beyond 145 feet, four of them beyond 150 feet, including one beyond 160 feet.

A wet ring seemed to hamper the performers though, and winner Dan Burgmeir of Assumption was the only thrower to go beyond 150 feet. Lane Boblett of Geneseo set the meet record last season — and it may stand a while. Lane's throw, 163 feet, 7 inches, is Geneseo's school record. And it's quite a poke for a mid-season meet.

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Maple Leaf Classic

Field events provide margin for team title

Overall depth and strength in the field events enabled Geneseo to beat Davenport Assumption for the team championship in the annual Maple Leaf Classic last Friday night in Geneseo.

Geneseo scored 95 points on a wet, cold night, compared with 84 by Assumption and 65 by North Scott. Eight teams — four from Iowa and four from Illinois — participated.

Assumption, paced by a corps of fine young sprinters, won eight of the 19 events, compared with just three wins by the Maple Leafs. However, Geneseo was second in seven events and third in six others, while the Knights were second in just one event and third in three.

Assumption outscored Geneseo 70-67 on the track, but the Leafs' outpointed the Davenport school 28-14 in the field events.

"We ran well in everything," said Leaf Coach Bob Reade. "Assumption has some sprinters, but so do we, and we were solid second to them in some races.

Geneseo won the 320-yard high hurdle shuttle relay in :42.7, getting an exceptional anchor run from senior Paul DePauw. Geneseo's top hurdler trailed by three yards at the start of his leg, but won easily. His teammates were Gary Ong, Dave Stevens, and Jon Peterson.

Geneseo coaches felt junior Mark Nordstrom might do better in the mile than in the 880-yard run, but Nordstrom won the 880, and with a fine time, especially considering the cool, damp weather conditions.

Nordstrom pulled away in the final backstretch and won easily in 2:01.1, Geneseo's best time in an open 880 this season by about five seconds. Nordstrom had a previous best of 2:02.2, that coming in a relay event.

"I haven't been running that well this season, and I have to start doing better somewhere," said Nordstrom.

Nordstrom said he was getting boxed in with about three-quarters of a lap remaining. "I had to get out of there," he said, offering an explanation of his burst in the backstretch which gave him a big lead.

Wet surfaces seemed to bother some performers in the field events, but Neal Rasmussen seemed oblivious to it all as he won the triple jump, his first win in that event. Neal leaped 39 feet, 6 1/2 inches, not his best this season, but good enough to win this meet.

An expected strong showing by the entire field never quite materialized in the discus, which featured the top throwers from in and around the Quad-Cities. A wet ring seemed to bother several performers, although Geneseo's Brian Gernant said he wasn't complaining about anything after getting a fine second place finish with a throw of 144 feet. Dan Burgmeier of Assumption won with a throw of 152 feet, 4 inches. Jay Schauf of Camanche, who had a best of more than 160 feet entering the meet, placed fourth, and Dave Lingner of Alleman, top thrower in the Quad-Cities, was fifth.

Wayne Strader snapped a two-week slump in the shot put by throwing 50 feet, 10 1/4 inches, good enough for second place.

Strader has been showing improved speed in the relay races, and turned in a :24.5 220 leg in the 880 relay before handing to Pete Poulos, who ran a sizzling :23.0, according to unofficial watches. Shawn Hart and anchor Dave R. Anderson couldn't combine on a smooth baton exchange, though, and Geneseo saw a possible win turn into a third-place finish in 1:36.6, more than 2 minutes off Assumption's pace.

Geneseo's 440 relay team turned in its best time of the season, :45.15, but still finished second to a strong Assumption quartet which ran :44.8 for a meet record. Geneseo runners were Strader, Poulos, DePauw and Anderson, and their baton exchanges seemed as crisp as they've been all season. Geneseo was well under the old meet record of :45.5. Geneseo led at the last exchange, but a fine anchor run by Assumption's Tim Ewen produced the Knight victory.

Geneseo's two mile relay team continued to improve, and posted its best time, 8:25.2, in placing third. Alleman's 11-year-old record in this event tumbled, and Geneseo was also under the former meet record. Leaf runners were Doug Longman, Dean Verplaetse, Jeff Fitzgerald and Sid Anderson.

Geneseo placed third in the mile relay, but once again ran its best time of the season, 3:35.9. Runners were Dave R. Anderson, Sid Anderson, Poulos and DePauw.

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DePauw nearly pulled off another stunning come-from-behind win in the 480-yard low hurdle shuttle relay. Trailing by three yards, DePauw would have needed one more hurdle to beat North Scott's LaVern Keeney, who barely held on for a Lancer win. Other Geneseo hurdlers were Stevens, Ong, and Hart.

Poulos was second in the open 220 with a :24.05 time. Dave R. Anderson was second in the 100-yard dash, and sophomore Larry Boyles placed second in the pole vault. Gary Cathelyn was third in the high jump, and Frank Gardner was third in the long jump for Geneseo.

In all, five meet records were broken, all in the running events, and four of them by Assumption.

TEAM POINTS

Geneseo 95, Assumption 84, North Scott 65, Alleman 41, Pleasant Valley 33, Kewanee 32, Rockridge 27, Camanche 25.

SUMMARY

Two-mile relay — 1. North Scott (Roger Freiderichs - Terry Jones - Rick Engler - Gregg Strobbe). 2. Alleman. 3. Geneseo (Doug Longman - Dean Verplaetse - Jeff Fitzgerald - Sid Anderson). 4. Pleasant Valley. 5. Camanche. 8:17.2. (Record; old mark 8:28.4, Alleman, 1965.)

Two-mile — 1. Pat Hahrahan, AL 2. Mick Peterson, K. 3. Jeff Harm, PV. 4. Dan Fitzgerald, G. 5. Jody Whiteside, RR. 10:01.8.

Shot put — 1. Nel Blaser, RR. 2. Wayne Strader, G. 3. Marty Wenthe, RR. 4. Keith Jansen, NS. 5. Tim Felske, G. 53 feet, 6 inches.

220 — 1. Jeff Jansen, As. 2. Pete Poulos, G. 3. Vince Viren, All. 4. Roger Freiderichs, NS. 5. John Michaletti, All. :24.0.

320-yard hurdle shuttle — 1. Geneseo (Gary Ong, Dave Stevens - Jon Peterson - Paul DePauw). 2. North Scott. 3. Assumption. 4. Kewanee. 5. Rockridge. :42.7.

Discus — 1. Dan Burgmeier, As. 2. Brian Gernant, G. 3. Rich Forwer, As. 4. Jay Schaaf, C. 5. Dave Lingner, All. 152 feet, 4 inches.

Triple jump — 1. Neal Rasmussen, G. 2. Jim Hart, K. 3. John Michaletti, All. 4. Dennis Robertson, G. 5. LaVern Keeney, NS. 39 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

100 — 1. Tim Ewen, As. 2. David R. Anderson, G. 3. Steve Mitchell, A. 4. Jon Hartsell, C. 5. David F. Anderson, G. :10.6.

880 — 1. Mark Nordstrom, G. 2. Jack Schlindwein, K. 2. Rich Heaton, RR. 4. Keith Huntley, RR. 5. Joel McCubbin, NS. 2:01.1.

High jump — 1. Bill Tunney, K. 2. Matt Widdell, All. 3. Gary Cathelyn, G. 4. tie, Frank Gardner, G., Matt Sottos, All. and Brian Carter, NS. 5 feet, 10 inches.

440 frosh-soph relay — 1. Assumption (Chris Whitehead - Grant Leese - Paul Quinn - Jeff Jansen). 2. North Scott. 3. Geneseo (Kurt Farber - Bob Johnson - Randy Russell - David F. Anderson). 4. Camanche. 5. Kewanee. :46.4. (Record; old mark :47.0, Geneseo, 1975).

440 varsity relay — 1. Assumption (Kevin Perry - Rick Siegfried - Jeff Jansen - Tim Ewen). 2. Geneseo (Wayne Strader - Pete Poulos - Paul DePauw - David R. Anderson). 3. Pleasant Valley. 4. North Scott. 5. Kewanee. :44.8. (Record; old mark :45.5, Rock Falls, 1975.)

Long jump — 1. Kyle Matlick, RR. 2. Kevin Perry, As. 3. Frank Gardner, G. 4. Jim Hart, K. 5. John Kadavy, As. 20 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

880 relay — 1. Assumption (Tom McDermott - John Kadavy - Tim Ewen - Rick Siegfried). 2. Pleasant Valley. 3. Geneseo (Wayne Strader - Pete Poulos - Shawn Hart - David R. Anderson). 4. Camanche. 5. Rockridge. 1:34.3.

440 — 1. Roger Freiderichs, NS. 2. Vince Viren, All. 3. Tom Luedke, NS. 4. Mark Reese, C. 5. Mike Bubenyak, C. :52.3.

Pole vault — 1. Randy Lage, NS. 2. Larry Boyles, G. 3. tie, Jason Taylor, PV., Steve Bark, C., Brian Wienke, PV. 12 feet.

480-yard low hurdle shuttle — 1. North Scott (Brian Carter - Terry Griggs - Chuck Mohr - LaVern Keeney). 2. Geneseo (Dave Stevens - Gary Ong - Shawn Hart - Paul DePauw). 3. Assumption. 4. Kewanee. 5. Camanche. :57.5.

Mile — 1, Gene McGivern, Az.
2, Pete Fitch, All. 3, Gregg
Strobbe, NS. 4, Rick Heaton,
RR. 4, Mitch Ern, All. 4:31.4.
(Record; old mark 4:34.1,
Hepner, Ottawa, 1975).

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mark 3:33.7, Rockridge, 1974).