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Another record coming

Geneseo senior Sid Anderson has pulled away from Dixon's anchor runner helping the Maple Leafs to a school record in the two-mile relay during the Geneseo Night Relays Tuesday night, May 25.

Anderson, a fine performer for Geneseo this year, teamed with Doug Longman, Jeff Fitzgerald and Dean Verplaetse for an 8:17.9 time, shaving off two seconds for a new school and meet record.

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Republic Sports Editor

If Neal Rasmussen tells you he ate gunpowder prior to Tuesday's Geneseo Night Relays, he might not be pulling your leg.

Rasmussen almost went to the moon. He triple jumped 44 feet, 4 inches. That's even farther than Forrest Lowes jumped way back in 1893.

Sterling won the eight-team Night Relays with 82 points. Galesburg beat Geneseo 66-64 to win a battle for second place. Dixon was fourth with 62 points. East Moline and Rock Island were not strong without their full squads and finished well back. As usual, the 39th Night Relays were for non-qualifiers to the State Meet.

Rasmussen's jump was a winner, of course. His former school record was 42 feet, 7 inches, set last Friday night at the district meet in Moline. Neal had another jump over 43 feet Tuesday night.

Oh, yeah. In case you didn't scour the Republic a couple weeks back Editor Jim Terry wrote a story about rocket Lowes, who won two state

championships for Geneseo in 1893, including the triple jump with a 43-foot-plus leap. That mark never was included in the Geneseo record books, but now it doesn't have to be, anyway. Rasmussen is the best, this century and last.

Something else that was the best was Geneseo's two-mile relay team. Doug Long, Jeff

Fitzgerald, Dean Verplaetse and Sid Anderson ran 8:17.9, beating the meet and school record by two full seconds. Verplaetse gave Geneseo the lead, and Anderson pulled away from Dixon the last 330 yards. Geneseo improved all season in this event.

Gary Cathelyn was Geneseo's third winner, taking the high jump with a six-foot leap.

Freshman Andy Russell long jumped 20 feet, 2 inches, to take second. Gary Ong was fourth in the high hurdles and ran his best time, :15.7, recorded in the preliminaries. Gary, a junior, reduced his time in this event 1.2 seconds this season.

Senior Dave Stevens continued to improve in his final meet. He took fourth in the 330-yard low hurdles with his best time ever, :40.5.

Geneseo got third place finishes from Tim Felske in the shot put, and from the mile medley and sprint medley relay teams.

teams.

Sterling 82, Galesburg 68,
Geneseo 64, Dixon 62, East
Moline 46, Rock Falls 27, Rock
Island 24, Kewanee 15.

Summary

Shot put - 1, Mike Johnson,
RI. 2, Gibson, GA. 3, Tim
Felske, Ge. 4, Melchi, S. 5,
Simmons, EM. 52 feet, 3 1/4
inches.

Long jump - 1, Jeff Webb, D.
2, Randy Russell, Ge. 3, Lewis,
EM. 4, Frank Gardner, Ge. 5,
Peugh, RF. 20 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Discus - 1, Brian Vos, S. 2,
Larkey, RF. 3, Melchi, S. 4, Bell,
Ga. 5, Platt, RI. 150 feet, 7
inches.

High jump - 1, Gary Cathelyn,
Ge. 2, tie. Caldwell, RI.,
Donegan, D. and Harts, S. 5,
Frank Gardner, Ge. 6 feet.

Pole vault - 1, Tom Griffith,
Ga. 2, Peugh, RF. 3, Erdman,
Ga. 4, DePuy, S. 5, Mike
Oliveira, Ge. 12 feet, 6 inches.

Two-mile run - 1, Duane
Cowley, D. 2, Cross, S. 3, Evans,
EM. 4, Dan Fitzgerald, Ge. 5,
Pierman, EM. 9:51.9 (Record;
old mark 9:58.3 by Sedig,
Sterling, 1971.)

Two-mile relay - 1, Geneseo
(Doug Longman - Jeff Fitzgerald
Dean Verplaetse - Sid
Anderson). 2, Dixon. 3, Sterling.
4, Kewanee. 5, Rock Island.
8:17.9. (New meet and Geneseo
record; old mark 8:19.9 by Mark
Redell - Scott Lodge - Mark
Leamen - Greg Ziles, 1970.)

Triple jump - 1, Neal
Rasmussen, Ge. 2, Peterson, RI.
3, Schumann, Ga. 4, Gary Ong,
Ge. 5, McCoy, S. 44 feet, 4
inches. (New meet and Geneseo
record. Old meet mark 41-4 by
Hart, Kewanee, 1971. Old school
mark 42-7 by Rasmussen, 1976.)

330-yard low hurdles - 1, Ed
Tholin, K. 2, Hayen, S. 3, Winn
S. 4, Dave Stevens, Ge. 5, Dew,
EM. :39.3 (Record; old mark
:39.9 by Hart, Kewanee, 1975.)

100 - 1, Mike Knapp, RF. 2,
Mullery, D. 3, Dave R.
Anderson, Ge. 4, Pete Poulos,
Ge. 5, Schumann, Ga. :10.3.

Mile medley - 1, Dixon (Mike

Mile medley - 1, Dixon (Mike LeBlanc - Louis Apple - Greg Weigle - Doug Stouffer), 2, Sterling. 3, Geneseo. 4, East Moline. 5, Rock Falls. 3:43.5.

220 - 1, Greg Loveless, Ga. 2, Mullery, D. 3, Stotmeister, EM. 4, Dave R. Anderson, Ge. 5, Parker, EM. :23.3.

Frosh-soph 440 relay - 1, Galesburg. (Jeff Bailey - Chris Wignall - Mike Flater - Larouque Allen). 2, Sterling. 3, Rock Falls. 4, East Moline. 5, tie, Geneseo and Kewanee. :46.1.

Varsity 440 relay - 1, Galesburg (Tony Schumann - Tim Lloyd - Greg Loveless - Don McKillip). 2, Sterling. 3, Dixon. 4, Rock Falls. 5, tie, East Moline and Geneseo. :45.0.

Distance medley - 1, East Moline (Pete Passairi - John Nache - Don Dowell - Darron Evans). 2, Sterling. 3, Dixon. 4, Galesburg. 5, Rock Island. 11:01. (Record; old mark 11:02 by Sterling, 1974.)

120-yard high hurdles - 1, Ron Cline, RI. 2, Tholin, K. 3, Webb, D. 4, Gary Ong, Ge. 5, Allen, Ga. :15.0.

Sprint medley - 1, Galesburg (Tim Lloyd - Tony Schumann - Greg Loveless - Jack German). 2, Sterling. 3, Geneseo. 4, East Moline. 5, Dixon. 1:38.3.

880 relay - 1, East Moline (Irving Parker - Bob Lewis - Clark Anderson - Randy Stotmeister). 2, Sterling. 3, Galesburg. 4, Dixon. 5, Geneseo. 1:34.2.

doubt it will happen in the very near future.

HERE AND THERE

Leaf sophomore Dave R. Anderson became a 100-points plus scorer for the varsity track team with his performances Tuesday at the Night Relays. . . .

The 1976 track team is involved with more school records than all but two teams in Geneseo's history. This year's Leafs have set four new marks, and tied one other, and it would be five new marks if Paul DePauw can run better than :14.8 in the 120-yard high hurdles this weekend at the State Meet . . . and six if Wayne Strader can beat the shot put record. . . .

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