

Geneseo wins Northwest relays

Leafs win six relays to clinch victory

By Keith Brake

When the relay races count 10 points for the winner, a track team can make things easy for itself by winning them.

There were seven 10-point relays in the Northwest Relays Tuesday, and Geneseo won six.

Geneseo won the team title handily, scoring 101½ points, compared with 68½ by second place Alleman. Ten schools competed in the annual event at the Geneseo High School stadium.

Geneseo didn't have to score heavily in the 12 non-relay events to win this meet, although the Leafs scored in more events than any other team. Geneseo scored in 17 events; Alleman counted points in 14. The Pioneers outscored Geneseo by nine points in the non-relay events, but were no match for the Leafs in the relays.

The biggest difference was in the hurdles. Geneseo rarely loses a shuttle hurdle race, and the Leafs won both of those races handily Tuesday. Alleman failed to place in either. Still, the Pioneers trailed by just 10 points after 13 of the 19 events. But the next event, the 880-yard relay, decided the issue, if there had been any doubt. Geneseo won it; Alleman again failed to place.

Geneseo awarded T-shirts to the winners in this meet - the first time that's been done in this meet. The Leafs have a bunch of new clothes - and Paul DePauw has four new shirts.

The versatile senior anchored both winning hurdle teams, and ran on the 440-yard relay team. DePauw was Geneseo's only individual winner. He won the triple jump on his final attempt, going 41 feet for first place honors.

The weather was almost perfect for this meet, and records were either broken or set in three events, and Geneseo athletes were involved in one new mark. The frosh-soph 440 relay team of Larry Boyles, Bob Johnson, Randy Russell and Dave Anderson (the freshman), ran 47.6 to knock a tenth of a second off the old record, set last year by Fulton.

Geneseo won the 320-yard high hurdle shuttle relay easily, with Gary Ong, Dave Stevens, Jon Peterson and DePauw clocking :42.9. Stevens, Shawn Hart, Ong and DePauw had an even easier time in the 480-yard low hurdle shuttle, winning in :58.1.

Sophomore Dave Anderson, DePauw, Brian Johnson and Pete Poulos, who transferred to Geneseo from Dixon, won the varsity 440 relay in :45.9. Wayne Strader, Dave Anderson, Johnson and Poulos won the 880 relay in 1:36.7.

Geneseo knocked about three seconds off its opening meet time in the mile relay, when Dave Anderson, Sid Anderson, Stevens and Poulos won in 3:30.3.

Wayne Strader and Rockridge's Mel Blaser locked in a shot put duel that seemed as tense mentally as it was explosive physically. Blaser won with a dandy throw of 55 feet, 7 inches, but Strader's throw of 51 feet, 5 1/4 inches was about two feet better than he had thrown in the opening meet against Monmouth and Hall.

Brian Gernant threw a bit beyond 144 feet in the discus to place second. Dan Fitzgerald was second for Geneseo in the two-mile run, and sophomore Dave Anderson clocked :19.5 for second in the 100.

Mike Oliveira placed third for Geneseo in the pole vault, and Poulos was third in the 220.

Overall, Geneseo showed balance by placing well in so many events. Combined with convincing first-place power in a number of events, the Leafs gave indication they will quite a force once again in the larger, multi-school meets, especially those with specialty events, such as hurdle shuttles.

TEAM STANDINGS

Geneseo 12 1/2, Alleman 8 1/2, Rockridge 51, Wethersfield 42, Morrison 42, Prophetstown 22, Sterling Newman 17 1/2, Fulton 16 1/2, Galva 14, Riverdale 11.

EVENTS

Two-mile relay — 1, Alleman (Pete Fritch - Steve Glancy - Chris Hayes - Garon Grigsby). 2, Geneseo. 3, Prophetstown. 4, Newman. 5, Galva. 8:32.4 (Record: new event.) Geneseo runners — Doug Longman - Dean Verplaetse - Sid Anderson - Jeff Fitzgerald.

Two mile run — 1, Pat Hanrahan (A). 2, Dan Fitzgerald (Ge). 3, Kapp (N). 4, Karn (P). 5, Shipp (P).

100 — 1, Paul Klont (M). 2, Dave Anderson (Ge). 3, Warden (W). 4, Hurry (R). 5, Mitchell (A). :10.4.

Long jump — 1, Dickie Warden (W). 2, Sipe (P). 3, Matlick (RR). 4, Kettler (F). 5, Neal Rasmussen (Ge). 22 feet, 1 1/2 inches. (Record: old record 21-9 1/4 by Miller, Fulton, 1975.)

Shot put — 1, Mel Blaser (RR). 2, Wayne Strader (Ge). 3, Wenthe (RR). 4, Kelly (N). 5, McGuire (A). 53 feet, 7 inches.

320-yard high hurdle shuttle — 1, Geneseo (Gary Ong - Dave Stevens - Jon Peterson - Paul DePauw). 2, Wethersfield. 3, Morrison. 4, Prophetstown. 5, Newman. :42.9.

High jump — 1, Jim Nagel (F). 2, tie, Zahnlee (F) and Widdell (A). 4, Gary Cathelyn (Ge). 5, Larden (W). 6 feet.

220 — 1, Vince Viren (A). 2, Bodine (W). 3, Pete Poulos (Ge). 4, tie, Thompson (Ga), Milnes (M) and Hurry (R). :23.7.

Discus — 1, Dave Lingner (A). 2, Brian Gernant (Ge). 3, Wenthe (RR). 4, Hauen (F). 5, Dennis Brooks (Ge). 151 feet, 5 inches.

880 — 1, Rich Heaton (RR). 2, Huntley (RR). 3, Zahnlee (F). 4, Kuehl (M). 5, Doug Longman (Ge). 2:04.0.

440 frosh-soph relay — 1, Geneseo (Larry Boyles - Bob Johnson - Randy Russell - Dave Anderson). 2, Alleman. 3, Galva. 4, Wethersfield. 5, Morrison. :47.6. (Record: old record :47.7 by Fulton, 1975.)

440 varsity relay — 1, Geneseo (Dave Anderson - Paul DePauw - Brian Johnson - Pete Poulos). 2, Wethersfield. 3, Alleman. 4, Riverdale. 5, Prophetstown. :45.9.

440 — 1, Chris Georatz (R). 2, Viren (A). 3, Anderson (W). 4, Snelling (R). 5, Hurley (M). :51.8.

880 relay — 1, Geneseo (Wayne Strader - Dave Anderson - Brian Johnson - Pete Poulos). 2, Morrison. 3, Rockridge. 4, Wethersfield. 5, Prophetstown. 1:36.2.

480 yard low hurdle shuttle — 1, Geneseo (Dave Stevens - Shawn Hart - Gary Ong - Paul DePauw). 2, Rockridge. 3, Morrison. 4, Wethersfield. 5, Galva. :58.1.

Pole vault — 1, Dusty Harmon (N). 2, Guzzo (A). 3, Mike Oliveira (Ge). 4, Williams (R). 5, Larry Boyles (Ge). 11 feet.

Triple jump — 1, Paul DePauw (Ge). 2, Michaelotti (A). 3, Verhost (P). 4, Matlick (RR). 5, Witte (W). 41 feet.

Mile — 1, Pete Fritch (A). 2, Heaton (RR). 3, Cronien (Ge). 4, Sharer (P). 5, Eyn (A). 4:41.3.

Mile relay — 1, Geneseo (Dave Anderson - Sid Anderson - Dave Stevens - Pete Poulos). 2, Prophetstown. 3, Rockridge. 4, Morrison. 5, Alleman. 2:38.3.