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Paul DePauw churns away with the baton from Pete Poulos in the 440 relay.

Geneseo placed second in the event at the Princeton Invitational.

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Princeton INV.

By Keith Braks

Geneseo's track teams have a busy week coming up next week, highlighted by a pair of boys meets - the Princeton Invitational Tuesday at Bryant Field, and the Maple Leaf Classic starting at 6 Friday night in Geneseo.

We have been putting out some incorrect information about Geneseo's track schedule in recent weeks, and we wish to apologize for many inconveniences. The track schedules the high school sent us were done last fall, and there were some revisions made during the winter, apparently. We didn't obtain a new schedule from the high school until after we'd made a few mistakes.

For example, we had Tuesday's Geneseo-Sterling meet at Sterling, instead of Geneseo, and we had the Leafs listed as going to the Monmouth Relays, when they in fact did not.

Also, there were two matinee meets this past week, which were arranged for 2 p.m. quite recently, apparently. The girls meet with Sterling and Princeton Monday was moved from

4:15 to 2 p.m., as was the Sterling-Geneseo boys meet on Tuesday. School was out both days because of the Easter break.

High school officials said the meets were moved to 2 p.m. "in order that people could get home earlier."

Some athletes from all schools were out of town. We know of some parents who were not able to attend at 2 p.m. because they were not able to get away from work. Attendance at Monday's girls meet was better than at Tuesday's boys meet, but the weather Monday was much better, too. The girls were at home for the first time Monday.

The Princeton Invitational long has been one of our favorite track meets. It involves the six schools in the southwest division of the NCIC - Princeton, Hall, Rochelle, Mendota, Rock Falls, and Geneseo.

The Mendota frosh-soph meet Monday involves the same six. These meets help Geneseo coaches evaluate the program every year against schools of similar size. The relative ability of the schools usually remains pretty constant. The Leafs

dominated the Princeton meet for a half-dozen years before last year, when Geneseo skidded to fourth. Geneseo should be a prime contender this season, along with Mendota, Princeton, and perhaps Rochelle. It's too close to call.

The Maple Leaf Classic is run at night Friday, which will give even more fans a chance to see

the Leafs run. The caliber of competition has been improved greatly in this meet in recent years by inviting larger schools.

Princeton wins, Leafs 2nd in NCIC southwest division

By Keith Brake

Quality, not quantity

Princeton's track team isn't large in numbers, but what the Tigers have is very good. Princeton dusted Geneseo and the rest of the NCIC's southwest division schools Tuesday night in the annual Princeton Invitational at Bryant Field.

The Tigers scored 80 points to win their own meet for the second straight year. Geneseo was second with 63½. The Leafs have won 14 of the 25 Tiger invites, and had won the last six until Princeton won last season. Rock Falls was a distant third Tuesday with 45½ points.

This meet was billed as the first all-metric high school meet

ever in Illinois, and only the second such prep event in the United States. All races were measured in meters, and all heights and distances in the field events were measured in meters. The only other place in the country where this has been tried at the high school level is Sanger, California. And maybe Princeton, Geneseo sources said the Tigers sent up a trial balloon by running a metric triangular earlier this season.

Princeton took the all-metric meet all the way downtown. It was a Bicentennial event, and the ribbons awarded the place finishers were red, white and blue, with a Bicentennial emblem. That same emblem was on the red, white and blue press box.

"The state has told us to incorporate the metric system into classroom work, and we're really trying to push the metric system in track," said Tiger Coach Gary Coate. "We've spent several weeks and several weekends measuring the track. It's been hellish."

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Geneseo was second to Princeton in the 3,200-meter relay, but the Leafs and Princeton were about 220 yards - er, 200 meters - ahead of third place.

Two old records were broken. Lowdermilk and Larry Ide of Mendota both high jumped 6 feet, 5¾ inches, Ide winning on fewer misses. Tim Dassing of Mendota triple jumped 41 feet, ¾ inch for the other mark. Princeton's Tim Conkling put the shot 56 feet, 4 inches.

A "heavy 100" is run at Princeton each season. It's for weightmen only, and it doesn't count in the team standings.

This season, six fullbacks, linebackers, and other assorted heavies took part in the slightly-longer 100-meter race.

The six were quite a sight chugging down the track, raising dust behind them and shaking the earth ahead of them while trying to stay in their own lanes.

Henson of Rock Falls won in 12.42 seconds, the same as an 11.57 100 yards. Princeton's Tim Conkling and Geneseo's Dennis

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Paul DePauw won the 110-meter high hurdles in :15.4 seconds, which, we're told, is the same as :15.4 in the 120-yard race. Gary Ong was third in this event.

Geneseo's 800-meter relay team won in 1:36.49, about the same as 1:37.2 over 880 yards. Wayne Strader ran a fine leg, and handed off to Pete Poulos, who gave to Brian Johnson. Dave Anderson had a five-yard deficit to make up when he got the baton, but he won with a fine anchor leg.

DePauw was about even with Princeton's Pat Hodge as they went over the final barrier in the 300-meter low hurdles. DePauw didn't clear the hurdle smoothly, though, and stumbled at the finish and fell. Hodge ran right through, and was credited with the win in :40.98, while DePauw was second in :41.6.

Princeton 400-meter anchor Dave Lowdermilk was five yards behind Dave Anderson, but the NCIC sprint champ won the race for the Tigers by an eyelash.

Anderson ran the 200 meters in the 220-yard equivalent of :23.8 seconds, his best time, but was beaten by Jim Hassler of Hall. Mark Nordstrom of Geneseo was second in the 1,500 meters, or metric mile.

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Princeton 30, Geneseo 62½,
Rock Falls 45½, Mendota 42,
Rochelle 35, Hall 22.

SUMMARY

3200 meter relay — 1, Princeton. 2, Geneseo (Doug Longman - Jeff Fitzgerald - Sid Anderson - Mark Nordstrom). 3, Hall. 4, Rock Falls. 5, Rochelle. 8:18.2.

Shot put — 1, Conkling (P). 2, Putzstuck (R). Shipp (P). 4, Nelson (R). 5, Tim Felske (G). 17.11 meters.

400 meter relay — 1, Princeton. 2, Geneseo (Wayne Strader - Pete Poulos - Paul DePauw - Dave Anderson). 3, Rock Falls. 4, Rochelle. 5, Hall. :45.5.

High jump — 1, Ide (M). 2, Lowdermilk (P). 3, Brumbly (RF). 4, Friestad (R). 5, Gary Cathelyn (G). 1.96 meters. (Record; equals 6-5¼).

Discus — 1, Brian Gernant (G). 2, Munson (P). 3, Dennis Brooks (G). 4, Larky (RF). 5, Babb (R). 44.81 meters.

3000 meter run — 1, Schuldt (RF). 2, Arch (P). 3, Fouke (M). 4, Robbins (P). 5, Dan Fitzgerald (G). 9:08.0.

110 meter high hurdles — 1, Paul DePauw (G). 2, McNitt (RF). 3, Gary Ong (G). 4, Butterfield (P). 5, Parniari (H). :15.42.

100 meter dash — 1, Lowdermilk (P). 2, Hassler (H). 3, Knapp (RF). 4, Dave Anderson (G). 5, Pete Poulos (G).

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Pole vault — 1, Colbert (R). 2, Bradley (M). 3, Brushaber (RF). 4, Hoffer (P). 5, tie, Oliveira (G) and Peugh (RF). 3.81 meters.

800 meters — 1, Pat Hodge (P). 2, Wind (M). 3, Scott (P). 4, Doug Longman (G). 5, Hott (RF). 1:58.15.

800 meter relay — 1, Geneseo (Wayne Strader - Pete Poulos - Brian Johnson - Dave Anderson). 2, Rochelle. 3, Princeton. 4, Rock Falls. 5, Hall. 1:36.49.

Heavy 100 — 1, Henson (RF). 2, Conkling (P). 3, Dennis Brooks (G). 4, Nelson (R). 5, Spelich (H). :12.42.

Triple jump — 1, Dessing (M). 2, Ide (M). 3, Neal Rasmussen (G). 4, Friestad (R). 5, Vorhies (P). 12.51 meters. (Record; equals 41¾.)

400 meter dash — 1, Williams (RF). 2, Hassler (H). 3, Thompson (P). 4, Babb (R). 5, Brown (RF). :51.12.

Long jump — 1, Dessing (M). 2, Ide (M). 3, Friestad (R). 4, Frank Gardner (G). 5, Vorhies (P). 6.17 meters.

300 meter low hurdles — 1, Hodge (P). 2, Paul DePauw (G). 3, Call (R). 4, McNitt (RF). 5, Butterfield (P). 40.98.

Metric mile — (15:;) — 1, Schuldt (RF). 2, Mark Nordstrom (G). 3, Arch (P). 4, Makransky (P). 5, Beazly (H). 4:19.67.

200 meter dash — 1, Hassler (H). 2, Dave Anderson (G). 3, Brian Johnson (G). 4, Wyatt (R). 5, McConville (M).

1600 meter relay — 1, Princeton. 2, Mendota. 3, Rochelle. 4, Geneseo (Pete Poulos - Sid Anderson - Larry Boyles - Paul DePauw). 5, Rock Falls. 8:38.01.