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Photo finish

Pete Poulos, left, of Geneseo, sprints through the wire only a few feet in front of his Sterling opponent. Pete ran the anchor leg in the 440 relay Tuesday, April 20.

The dual meet was held on the Leaf's home turf.

Consult Keith Brake's article elsewhere on the sports page for complete details.

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"Jaws" in form of rain and Sterling stops Leaf runners

By Keith Brake

Had the water gotten much deeper, "Jaws" might have lurked in one of the puddles and munched some unsuspecting runner!

Well, the water at Tuesday's rainy Geneseo - Sterling track meet didn't get wet enough for sharks - not great white sharks, anyway.

It got too deep for track people, though, and the varsity meet was called after 10 of 18 varsity events had been run.

Up to that point, Geneseo had been doing quite well in the running events. The Maple Leafs won both relays, and outscored Sterling 21-16 in five running events. In five field events, though, Sterling dunked the Leafs 37-8, thus Sterling led 53-29 overall when the second downpour of the afternoon forced officials to halt proceedings. The meet will not be rescheduled.

Geneseo's two-mile relay medley team of Doug Longman, Jeff Fitzgerald, Sid Anderson and Mark Nordstrom won easily and

clocked 8:35.2 before the rains came.

The 440 relay also was run before the first heavy shower, and it was a dandy race. Wayne Strader and sophomore Dave Anderson had a bit of a timing problem on the first baton pass, otherwise this race might not have been close at the finish. Anderson and Paul DePauw clicked on a beautiful baton exchange, then DePauw ran a strong leg and handed off sharply to Pete Poulos, who held off Sterling's anchor runner to win in :46.0.

Runners seemed to be leaping a bit too high and a bit too soon in the 120-yard high hurdles, as a Sterling runner hit two hurdles and bit the asphalt in the frosh-soph competition, and a Leaf wiped out in the varsity race. Paul DePauw ran a strong race and won it in :15.7. DePauw hit the tape about the same instant the heavens opened the first time, causing most everyone to head for the shed under the stands. "We almost needed scuba gear out there!" laughed DePauw, his uniform glued to

his body by the rain.

The 100 looked like a hydrofoil race, with Leaf sophomore Anderson winning it with a lean at the finish and a time of :10.7. The redheaded Anderson (there are two Dave Andersons, you know) has a best of :10.3, and said his goal this season is :10.1.

Anderson ran varsity as a freshman, and his times have improved as he's grown older and a bit larger. He promises to add a real dimension of speed to the football team's backfield, and in track, he appears to be perhaps the first real threat to the oldest Geneseo track record - Roger McKenzie's 10-flat 100 in 1937.

In the field events, Neal Rasmussen and Wayne Strader were the only Leafs who kept their heads above water. Rasmussen was second in the high jump, and third in the long jump and triple jump, while Strader placed second in the shot put. Kent Carl of Sterling won the shot put with one of the longest throws ever in Geneseo, 57 feet, 2 inches.

In the frosh-soph meet,

Geneseo's Dennis Robertson broke his own frosh-soph school record with a leap of 40 feet, 1 inch in the triple jump. He placed second in the event.

Larry Boyles, Bob Johnson and Randy Farrell swept the high hurdles, and Greg Himmelman won the discus for the Leafs.

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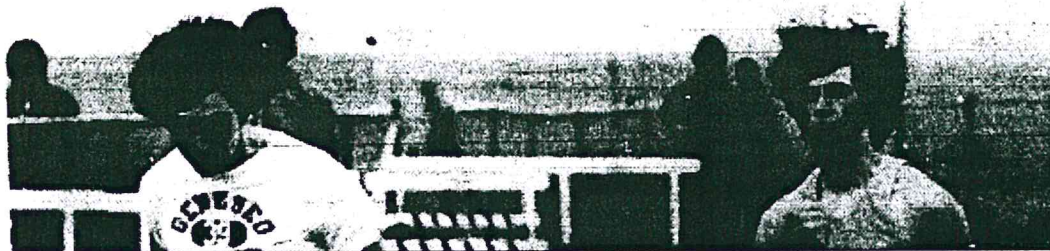
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Reynolds (S). 3. Hutton (S).
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120 high hurdles — 1. Larry
Boyles (G). 2. Bob Johnson (G).
3. Randy Farrell (G). :18.0.

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"Fuji" Larson (G). 3. Barry
Kincaid (G).

Shot put — 1. Wise (S). 2.
Nafsigger (S). 3. Jeff Wachtel
(G). 41-1.

Discus — 1. Greg Himmelman
(G). 2. Wise (S). 3. Chris Ford
(G). 127-3.

Triple jump — 1. McGoy (S).
2. Dennis Robertson (G). 3.
Penaflor (S). 41-5½. (Dennis
Robertson of the Leafs jumped
40 feet, 1 inch, for a new GHS
frosh-soph record.)