

# Three Leafs qualify for state meet in Charleston

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Geneseo qualified three boys for this weekend's State Meet in Charleston, but in general last Friday's District track and field meet at Moline was a luckless affair for the Maple Leaf track team.

The Leafs scored 12½ points to place seventh in a 14-school field. Geneseo had no championship aspirations, but the Leafs had figured to score more heavily, and hoped to qualify more performers for the State Meet.

The meet itself lived up to expectations, as Sterling won its first Black Hawk District championship since 1951. The Golden Warriors, showing fine balance throughout their squad, scored 59 points to outlast Rock Island, which scored 54.

The Leafs who qualified for the State Meet are senior Mark Nordstrom in the 880-yard run, senior Frank Gardner in the high jump, and sophomore Dave Anderson in the triple jump.

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the curve and back straight. Nordstrom got behind the leader Ron Willems of Moline, then passed the Maroon runner. The pair dueled on the final curve, sophomore Willems winning that battle and passing Nordstrom. The Leaf senior hung tough, though, and took second place.

Willems' winning time was 1:56.9; Nordstrom logged 1:58.0, which is a school record, breaking the former mark of 1:58.3 set by Curt Clark in the 1972 District Meet at Rock Island. Winner Willems will not compete in the State Meet, according to Moline Coach Gene Shipley.

Earlier Nordstrom led off for the Geneseo two-mile relay team, which placed fourth in 8:15.88, a new school record. He was joined by Kirk Hodgson, freshman Keith Kincaid, and senior Doug Longman.

Senior high jumper Frank Gardner picked the District Meet to come up with his best effort of the season. Jumping well early, Frank eventually cleared 6 feet, 2 inches, the qualifying height, and tied Bill Tunney of Kewanee for fifth place.

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Third and fourth places in the race were timed at :44.0, the time needed to qualify for state. Thus, the Leafs appeared to have a state berth clinched until the unfortunate occurrence. The other runners were Wayne Strader, Pete Poulos, and Red Anderson.



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## On to state

Geneseo senior Mark Nordstrom ran the race of his life at the district meet in Moline last Friday night and qualified for this weekend's state meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Mark placed second in the 880-yard run, in school-record time of 1:58.0. Other Leafs who qualified for state were senior Frank Gardner in the high jump, and sophomore Dave Anderson in the triple jump. Here, Mark runs on Geneseo's record-setting two-mile relay team.

It was an especially gratifying meet for Nordstrom, who broke the school record with his second finish in the 880-yard run and helped the two-mile relay team re-set a school mark it has broken once already earlier in the season.

Nordstrom, who's had his ups and downs on the track, went out and ran the race of his life in the 880. It was a different sort of race for him. Normally, Nordstrom tries to establish an early lead, and hold it as long as he can. This time, he quickly dropped to last place, while the rest of the field remained bunched. He was running easily, and remained in good position to move up throughout the first 440-yard lap.

About 400 yards into the race, on the straightaway, Nordstrom broke to the outside and started to move up. Passing runners on

place.

Gardner barely missed at 6-4. Sophomore Dave Anderson placed second in the triple jump, equaling his best distance of the season, 43 feet, 9 inches. He was the third Leaf to qualify for the State Meet.

Leaf athletes experienced some heartbreaking near misses. Senior Gary Ong took fourth place in the 120-yard high hurdles. To qualify for state, he needed a time of :15.0. He was clocked in at :15.07.

Some of Geneseo's steam was lost early in the evening when the 440-yard relay team, probably Geneseo's greatest bet for a trip to state, suffered a mishap. Sophomore Dave Anderson appeared to have fourth place locked up; perhaps even third, when he dropped the baton 10 yards from the finish.

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### TEAM POINTS

Sterling 39, Rock Island 34, Moline 29, Galesburg 23, United Township of East Moline 25, Rock Falls 16, Galesburg 12 1/2, Macomb 7, Dixon 4, Princeton 4, LaSalle-Peru 4, Rock Island Alesman 2, Kewanee 2 1/2, Mendota 2

### RESULTS

#### Field Events

Shot put — 1. Don Cumberworth, Moline, Distance, 57-5 1/2; 2. Dean McKillop, Galesburg, 57-1 1/2; 3. Howard Melch, Ster, 52-1 1/2; 4. Steve Gibson, Galesburg, 50-9; 5. Alec Mientke, Dix, 51-11 1/2. (Top 4 qualify).

Long jump — 1. Walt Divers, Ster, Distance, 21-10 1/2; 2. Sterlyn Berry, UTHS, 21-5 1/2; 3. Dean McKillop, Galesburg, 20-10 1/2; 4. Monte Eldert, Ster, 20-2; 5. Terry Irwin, RF, 19-10 1/2. (Top 2 qualify).

Discus — 1. Dean McKillop, Galesburg, Distance, 145-5; 2. Don Cumberworth, Moline, 157-7; 3. Howard Melch, Ster, 154-8; 4. Mike Johnson, RI, 153-11; 5. Paul Shalev, Ster, 152-7. (All qualify).

Pole vault — 1. Jim Pierce, Ster, Height, 12-6; 2. Tom Peterson, RI, 12-4; 3. Kevin Toomil, UTHS, 12-4; 4. Marty Seyler, Kew, 12-0; 5. Jeff Mason, Moline, 12-8. (Top 2 qualify).

Triple jump — 1. Sterlyn Berry, UTHS, Distance, 44-1 1/2. (Record, old mark 44-0 1/2 by Willie Jones, RI, 1975); 2. Dave M. Anderson, Gen, 42-4; 3. Tom Parnis, L.P., 42-7 1/2; 4. Tony Schumann, Galesburg, 42-4; 5. Jody Nabel, UTHS, 41-11. (Top 3 qualify).

High jump — 1. Dennis Strickland, RI, Height, 6-4; 2. Mark Brumbly, RF, 6-4; 3. Paul Smith, Dix, 6-2; 4. Mark Swanson, Moline, 6-2; 5. (tie) Bill Turner, Kew, and Frank Gardner, Gen, 6-2. (All qualify).

#### Running Events

Two-mile — 1. Pat Cross, Ster, Time, 9:19.7 (record, old mark 9:28.4 by Dave Vanvooren, Moline, 1974); 2. Larry Schuler, RF, 9:21.5; 3. Steve Arch, Prie, 9:30.0; 4. Jerry Bellmyer, Moline, 9:30.1; 5. Pete Hitch, All, 9:35. (All qualify).

120 High hurdles — 1. Ron Cline, RI, Time, 14.2; 2. Rob Johnson, Moline, 14.8; 3. LaToque Allen, Galesburg, 14.8; 4. Gary Ong, Gen, 15.1; 5. Mark Schmeckert, L.P., 16. (Top 3 qualify).

100 — 1. Vince Morrow, RI, Time, 10; 2. Ted Nehrkorn, RF, 10; 3. Monte Eldert, Ster, 10.1; 4. Mike Sterling, RI, 10.2; 5. Steve Mitchell, All, 10.4. (Top 2 qualify).

200 — 1. Ron Willems, Moline, Time, 1:34.9; 2. Mark Nordstrom, Gen, 1:38; 3. Jon Dristano, Moline, 1:58.3; 4. Dan Dowell, UTHS, 1:59.5; 5. Gordon Ginsby, All, 1:59.6. (Top 2 qualify).

440 — 1. Tom Sparkman, RI, Time, 50.1; 2. Randy Stotmeister, UTHS, 50.8; 3. Sergio Saleto, Ster, 50.9; 4. Greg Parmenter, Galesburg, 51.3; 5. Jeff Parmenter, Galesburg, 51.4. (Top 3 qualify).

300 low hurdles — 1. Rob Johnson, Moline, Time, 28.2 (record, old mark 28.7 by Robert Johnson, RI, 1976); 2. Ron Haven, Ster, 28.9; 3. Chris Wignall, Galesburg, 29.5; 4. Steve Darby, UTHS, 29.6; 5. Tim Sparkman, RI, 29.7. (Top 2 qualify).

400 — 1. Ron Willems, Moline, Time, 1:19.4; 2. Pat Cross, Ster, 1:21.4; 3. Mike Henkel, Moline, 1:23.8; 4. Jerry Bellmyer, Moline, 1:26.4; 5. Steve Arch, Prie, 1:26.6. (All qualify).

220 — 1. Monte Eldert, Ster, Time, 22.5; 2. Mike Sterling, RI, 22.6; 3. Vince Morrow, RI, 22.8; 4. Ted Nehrkorn, RF, 22.9; 5. Kent Wallstrom, Moline, 23. (Top 2 qualify).

#### Relays

Two-mile — 1. Moline (Bill Bartz, John Dombek, Dave Strom, Rich Edlund), Time, 7:59.2 (record, old mark 8:02.1 by Rock Island — Jon Morrison, Don Thomas, Dan Wills, John Hall, 1976); 2. Rock Island (Jon Morrison, Kurt Radenbo, Donnie Thomas, Dan Wills, 8:02.7; 3. Sterling, 8:12.2; 4. Geneseo, 8:15.88; 5. United Township, 8:22.3. (Top 2 qualify).

440 — 1. Sterling (Monte Eldert, Ron Haven, Walt Divers, Rod Anderson), Time, 43.3; 2. Rock Island (Tim Sparkman, Tom Sparkman, Mike Sterling, Vince Morrow), 43.7; 3. Galesburg (Chris Wignall, Tony Schumann, LaToque Allen, Jeff Parmenter), 44; 4. Moline (Mike Roche, Gary Parks, Ron Engle, Rob Johnson), 44; 5. Rock Falls, 44.3. (Top 4 qualify).

400 — 1. Rock Island (Dan Wills, Jon Morrison, Kurt Radenbo, Tom Sparkman), Time, 1:24; 2. Galesburg (Scott Gorman, Greg Parmenter, Jeff Parmenter, Frank Goodman), 1:24.2; 3. Sterling (Rob Anderson, Ron Haven, Walt Divers, Sergio Saleto), 1:24.3; 4. United Township (Irving Parker, Steve Darby, Marcell Reasby, Randy Stotmeister), 1:25; 5. Moline (Ron Engle, Dave Strom, Rob Johnson, Bill Bartz), 1:25.8. (All qualify).



DISTRICT TRACK MEET  
Moline, Illinois  
May 20, 1977

RESULTS

100 Yard Dash

1. Morrow	Rock Island	10.0
2. Nehr Korn	Rock Falls	10.0
3. Elder	Sterling	10.1
4. Sterling	Rock Island	10.3
5. Mitchell	Alleman	10.4

220 Yard Dash

1. Eldert	Sterling	22.5
2. Sterling	Rock Island	22.6
3. Morrow	Rock Island	22.8
4. Nehr Korn	Rock Falls	22.9
5. Walstrom	Macomb	23.0

440 Yard Dash

1. Sparkman	Rock Island	50.1
2. Stotmeister	East Moline	50.8
3. Sotello	Sterling	50.9
4. Parmenter	Galesburg	51.3
5. Parmenter	Galesburg	51.4

800 Yard Run

1. Willems	Moline	1:56.9
2. Nordstrom	Geneseo	1:58.0
3. Distefano	Macomb	1:58.3
4. Dowell	East Moline	1:59.5
5. Grigsby	Alleman	1:59.6

One Mile Run

1. Willems	Moline	4:19.4
2. Cross	Sterling	4:21.4
3. Helwig	Macomb	4:23.8
4. Bellmyer	Moline	4:26.4
5. Arch	Princeton	4:26.6

Two Mile Run (NEW RECORD)

1. Cross	Sterling	9:19.7
2. Schmidt	Rock Falls	9:21.5
3. Arch	Princeton	9:30.0
4. Bellmyer	Moline	9:30.1
5. Ffitch	Alleman	9:35.0

120 High Hurdles

1. Cline	Rock Island	14.7
2. Johnson	Moline	14.8
3. Allen	Galesburg	14.8
4. Ong	Geneseo	15.1
5. Schweikert	LaSalle-Peru	16.0

330 Low Hurdles (NEW RECORD)

1. Johnson	Moline	38.2
2. Hayen	Sterling	38.9
3. Wignall	Galesburg	39.5
4. Darby	East Moline	39.6
5. Sparkman	Rock Island	39.7

440 Yard Relay

1. Sterling - Eldert, Hayen Divers, Anderson	43.3
2. Rock Island	43.7
3. Galesburg	44.0
4. Moline	44.0
5. Rock Falls	44.3

One Mile Relay

1. Rock Island - Wittig, Morri- son, Redenbo, Sparkman	3:24.0
2. Galesburg	3:24.2
3. Sterling	3:24.3
4. East Moline	3:25.0
5. Moline	3:25.8

Two Mile Relay (NEW RECORD)

1. Moline - Bartz, Dombek Strom, Edlund	7:59.2
2. Rock Island	8:02.9
3. Sterling	8:12.2
4. Geneseo	8:15.9
5. East Moline	8:33.3

Shot Put

1. Cumberworth	Moline	57'5 1/2"
2. Mckillip	Galesburg	57'1 3/4"
3. Melchi	Sterling	52'1 1/2"
4. Gibson	Galesburg	52' 1/2"
5. Mienke	Dixon	51'11 1/4"

Discus Throw

1. Mckillip	Galesburg	160'5"
2. Cumberworth	Moline	157'7"
3. Melchi	Sterling	154'0"
4. Johnson	Rock Island	153'11"
5. Sheley	Sterling	152'7"



## 1977 DISTRICT TRACK RESULTS-2

Long Jump

1. Divers	Sterling	21'10 1/2"
2. Berry	East Moline	21'5 1/2"
3. McKillip	Galesburg	20'10 1/2"
4. Eldert	Sterling	20'2"
5. Irwin	Rock Falls	19'10 3/4"

Triple Jump (NEW RECORD)

1. Berry	East Moline	46'1 1/4"
2. Anderson	Geneseo	43'9"
3. Pomije	LaSalle-Peru	43'7 1/2"
4. Schumann	Galesburg	42'0"
5. Nagel	East Moline	41'11"

High Jump

1. Strickland	Rock Island	6'4"
2. Brumbly	Rock Falls	6'4"
3. Smith	Dixon	6'2"
4. Swanson	Moline	6'2"
5. Tunney	Kewanee	6'2"
e)5. Gardner	Galesburg	6'2"

Pole Vault

1. Pierce	Sterling	13'6"
2. Peterson	Rock Island	12'6"
3. Togami	East Moline	12'6"
4. Seyller	Kewanee	12'0"
5. Mason	Moline	12'0"

TEAM STANDINGS - 1977

1. Sterling	59
2. Rock Island	54
3. Moline	48
4. Galesburg	33
5. East Moline	25
6. Rock Falls	16
7. Geneseo	12 1/2
8. Macomb	7
9. Dixon	4
10. LaSalle-Peru	4
11. Princeton	4
12. Rock Island Alleman	3
13.. Kewanee	2 1/2
14. Mendota	0