

Spring is here! Leafs host Northwest relays

The Easter ice storm of 1978 forced postponement of Geneseo's first scheduled spring sports event—an INDOOR girls track meet at Sterling, which had been scheduled for last Saturday morning in Westwood Tennis Club.

Geneseo's team was on the bus and ready to roll when word was received from Sterling that the meet had been called. Icy roads were the reason for the postponement. The meet was run Wednesday night of this week.

But Geneseo's outdoor spring

sports season SHOULD get started this week.

This Friday evening, Coach Bob Reade's boys track team takes on Monmouth and Hall Township in the annual lid-lifter for the Leaf cindersmen.

Sprints and hurdles, and possibly the middle distance events, figure to be early-season strengths for Geneseo.

On Tuesday, April 4, the first big boys' meet is on tap, with Geneseo hosting the annual Northwest Relays. That meet starts at 4:15 p.m. on the Geneseo track.

Thursday, April 6, will see all of Geneseo's squads in action.

The Geneseo girls softball team, coached this year by Tim Wilson and Al Ringenberg, will take on Rochelle in a 4:15 p.m. game at Bollen Field.

The girls track team will start its outdoor season with a triangular meet against Erie and Morrison at Erie, and the boys will ride over to Streator to take on the Bulldogs and Sterling.



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Explosive start

Geneseo senior Dave "Red" Anderson, left, pops out of the blocks against a Rockridge opponent during a heat of the 100-yard dash in the Northwest Relays. Anderson's specialty this year appears to

be the 440, where he's already clocked a winning time of :52.1. In addition, he's anchoring Geneseo's promising mile relay team to some impressive showings.

Cindermen sail to opening track meet win

Northwest Relays are piece of cake for Maple Leaf runners

BY KEITH BRAKE

Geneseo's track team proved it was deep in its opening triangular against Monmouth and Hall last Friday.

But Tuesday, in the Northwest Relays, the Leafs showed evidence of having some first place wallop, too.

Coach Bob Reade's team won nine of 19 events, scored in 18, and placed third or higher in 16 in rolling to an easy win in the annual Northwest Relays, the first of five major meets on the Geneseo track this spring.

The Leafs racked up 121 points, almost doubling second-place Rockridge, which scored 61 points.

Geneseo was one of 10 teams in the meet, but the Leafs scored 30 percent of the points.

Relays counted 10 points for a win in this meet, and Geneseo won five of the seven relays.

Three records fell in the meet, and the Leafs were responsible for one of those.

Geneseo had its easiest time in the hurdle shuttle races, as the quartet of Barry Roberts,

Kevin DeBlieck, Lance Hofer and Bruce Borkgren roared to one-sided wins in both hurdle races.

Geneseo's record came in the frosh-soph 440-yard relay, when Kevin DeBlieck, Ron Farrell, Brad Fleming and Scott Rink ran :47.2 to win handily. Crisp handoffs highlighted the effort.

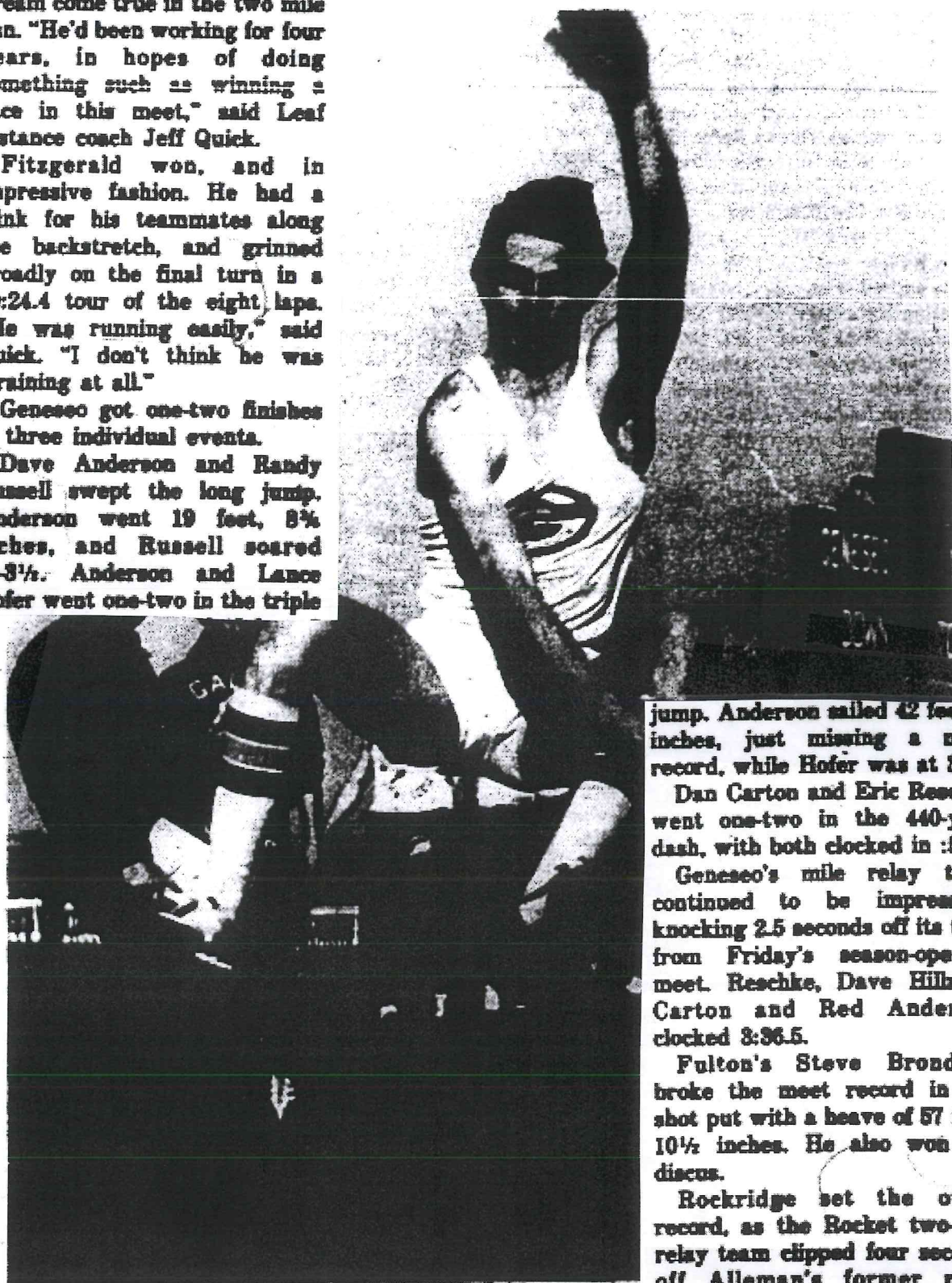
The varsity's handoffs in the sprint races were about as smooth as elephant hide, but the Leafs won the 880 relay anyway, with Jeff Chad, Rink, Red Anderson and Dave Anderson clocking 1:36.0. Anderson's lean at the tape nipped a Morrison runner in a photo finish. The Andersons managed to avert disaster on the backstretch, Red diving to get the baton to Dave before the duo passed out of the exchange zone.

Senior Dan Fitzgerald saw a dream come true in the two mile run. "He'd been working for four years, in hopes of doing something such as winning a race in this meet," said Leaf distance coach Jeff Quick.

Fitzgerald won, and in impressive fashion. He had a wink for his teammates along the backstretch, and grinned broadly on the final turn in a 10:24.4 tour of the eight laps. "He was running easily," said Quick. "I don't think he was straining at all."

Geneseo got one-two finishes in three individual events.

Dave Anderson and Randy Russell swept the long jump. Anderson went 19 feet, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and Russell soared 19-3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Anderson and Lance Hofer went one-two in the triple



jump. Anderson sailed 42 feet, 3 inches, just missing a meet record, while Hofer was at 39-3.

Dan Carton and Eric Reschke went one-two in the 440-yard dash, with both clocked in :54.2.

Geneseo's mile relay team continued to be impressive, knocking 2.5 seconds off its time from Friday's season-opening meet. Reschke, Dave Hillman, Carton and Red Anderson clocked 3:36.5.

Fulton's Steve Brondyke broke the meet record in the shot put with a heave of 57 feet, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. He also won the discus.

Rockridge set the other record, as the Rocket two-mile relay team clipped four seconds off Alleman's former meet record.

Airborne

Randy Russell's assignment was to go take a flying leap, and the Maple Leaf junior made it a good one, soaring 19 feet, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches to place second to teammate Dave M. Anderson in Tuesday's Northwest Relays in Geneseo. Russell

won the long jump last Friday against Hall and Monmouth in Geneseo's first meet of the season. At left in the photo is Geneseo's Bob VonKerrebreeck, who judged the event Tuesday in the Northwest Relays.



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Explosion coming

Geneseo junior Chris Stohl strains as he nears the explosion point in the shot put. Chris cast the 12-pound ball 45 feet, 2½ inches to top the field against Hall

and Monmouth last Friday. Geneseo failed to place in the event in Tuesday's Northwest Relays.

NORTHWEST RELAYS RESULTS

Tuesday, April 4, 1978

TEAM SCORES

Geneseo 110
Rockridge 61
Morrison 45
Newman 45
Wethersfield 45

Fulton 30
Alleman 26
Prophetstown 23
Riverdale 16
Galva 5

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS2 Mile Relay

1. Rockridge 8:28.2
2. Newman 8:52.7
3. Geneseo 8:54.3
4. Alleman 8:57.2
5. Fulton 9:02.2

880 Relay

1. Geneseo 1:36.0
2. Rockridge 1:36.05
3. Newman 1:38.7
4. Wethersfield 1:40.0
5. Prophetstown 1:41.35

480 Low Hurdle Relay

1. Geneseo 57.3
2. Morrison 59.5
3. Riverdale 1:00.17
4. Prophetstown 1:00.7
5. Newman 1:00.95

320 Yd. High Hurdle Relay

1. Geneseo 43.8
2. Morrison 45.1
3. Prophetstown 47.6
4. Wethersfield 47.7
5. Newman 49.6

880 Yd. Run

1. Grigsby (A) 1:59.1
2. Heaton (R'ridge) 2:02.3
3. Kincaid (Gen) 2:06.0
4. Alvarez (New) 2:08.6
5. Otto (R'ridge) 2:10.4

One Mile

1. Whiteside (R'ridge) 4:38.1
2. Ern (A) 4:48.1
3. DeNeve (Gen) 4:51.3
4. Ramirez (New) 4:51.4
5. Cade (P) 4:51.5

2 Mile Run

1. Fitzgerald (Gen) 10:24.4
2. Shipp (P) 10:26.4
3. Colbert (Gen) 10:39.1
4. Ern (A) 10:41.7
5. Hill (P) 10:48.1

High Jump

1. Nagel (F) 6'
2. Foster (R'ridge) 6'
3. Brooks (Gal) 6'
4. Singbush (Gen) 5'10"
5. Shipman (P) 5'10"

Mile Relay

1. Geneseo 3:36.5
2. Alleman 3:36.8
3. Fulton 3:39.6
4. R'ridge 3:40.2
5. W'field 3:42.7

220 Yd. Dash

1. Sowars (New) 23.77
2. DeClerck (R'ridge) 23.81
3. Chadd (Gen) 24.3
4. Franois (P) 24.7
5. Ward (M) 24.7

440 Varsity Relay

1. W'field 46.06
2. R'ridge 46.07
3. Geneseo 46.10
4. Newman 46.72
5. Fulton 47.67

Pole Vault

1. Williams (Riv) 12'
2. Wancket (Riv)
3. Korthals (Gen)
4. Jackson (P)
5. Grau (M)

440 (S-F) R

1. Geneseo 47.2
2. W'field 48.1
3. Morrison 48.3
4. R'ridge 49.2
5. Fulton 49.3

1140 Yd. Dash

1. Culpou (Gen) 54.15
2. Heaton (R'ridge) 54.19
3. Newell (New) 54.25
4. Patterson (Gal) 55.9
5. Osborn (M) 57.6

Discus

1. Brondyke (F) 146'5 1/2"
2. Miller (M)
3. Ford (Gen)
4. Beswick (M)
5. Salvatori (New)

Triple Jump

1. Anderson (Gen) 42'3"
2. Hofer (Gen)
3. Ryan (New)
4. Schroeder (M)
5. Fell (M)

Long Jump

1. Anderson (Gen) 19' 8 3/4"
2. Russell (Gen)
3. Ryan (New)
4. Vock (New)

Shot Put

1. Brondyke, (F) 57'10 1/2"
2. Miller (M)
3. Beswick (M)
4. Lingner (A)
5. Sier (New)