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Leafs win night relays

This year's spring weather played havoc with the boy's track season. The Leafs opened the season by winning their own Northwest Relays. Three days later they ran all over the Silver Streak of Galesburg. But after that the rain and cold cancelled meets right and left. A triangular with Sterling and Streator was cancelled as were the Maple Leaf Classic and the Princeton Invitational.

The Leafs were able to get in two triangulars in the month of April. They were defeated by both East Moline and Sterling here and then beat Alleman but finished behind Moline in the other triangular.

May brought good weather and Leaf victories over Dixon and Princeton at Dixon. Also in May the Leafs hosted their own Geneseo Invitational where some of the best track talent in the area is shown off. The nine-team meet turned out to be a dual between LaSalle-Peru and Geneseo. The Leafs beat L-P 85-82 when Bruce Borkgren won the pole vault in the last event of the night. The combined girls and boys teams buried all competition at the Kewanee Brockman Relays on May 8. Their combined scores put them over *ninety points higher* than their nearest competitor.

On May 11, the golden anniversary of the NCIC track meet took place at Sterling. The host Golden Warriors ran away with the meet. The LaSalle-Peru Cavaliers earned a measure of revenge when they nipped the Maple Leafs by three points to capture second place. The Leaf's only conference champ was Kevin DeBlick in the 330 yard low hurdles. On May 15, the Leafs showed once again that they were the class of the county when they won the Henry County Meet held here.

The Maple Leafs returned to Sterling to take part in the District track meet on May 18. As a team the Leafs finished ninth out of fifteen teams. No one qualified for state, although Bruce Borkgren and Kevin DeBlick finished third in the pole vault and 330 yard low hurdles respectively. Barry Roberts in the 120 high hurdles and the two-mile relay team of Dave Mitchell, Jeff Renihan, Sander Peterson and Keith Kincaid finished fourth.

In Bob Reade's final track meet as a coach for Geneseo, the Maple Leafs won their own Geneseo Night Relays. The Night Relays is a meet for many of the tracksters who did not make state at district. It is also the last opportunity for the seniors to run in their high school careers.

Both the Geneseo seniors and Coach Reade went out winners.

Pete Carlson and Jerry Reedy

Row 1: Gordon Cox, Dave Colo, Kent Shriver, Jim Earnest, Jeff Renihan, Sander Peterson, Pete Carlson, Dave Mitchell, Keith Kincaid, Tom Stipp, Derrick Skiles, Bryan Colbert, Ron Clifton, Row 2: Terry Sedlacek, Mark Beldin, Tom Hart, Tony Snyder, Brad Fleming, Dan Carton, Scott Rice, Kevin DeBlick, Lance Hofer, Ron Farrell, Bruce Borkgren, Jeff Chadd, Jay Penney. Row 3: Andy Carlson, John Anderson, Keith Copeland, Pat Morrissey, Mike Lodico, Terry VanHyfte, Scott Rink, Dave Paxson, Rick Clary, Kevin Morris, Norm Singbush, Barry Roberts, Curt Wigant, Randy Russell, Dave Anderson.



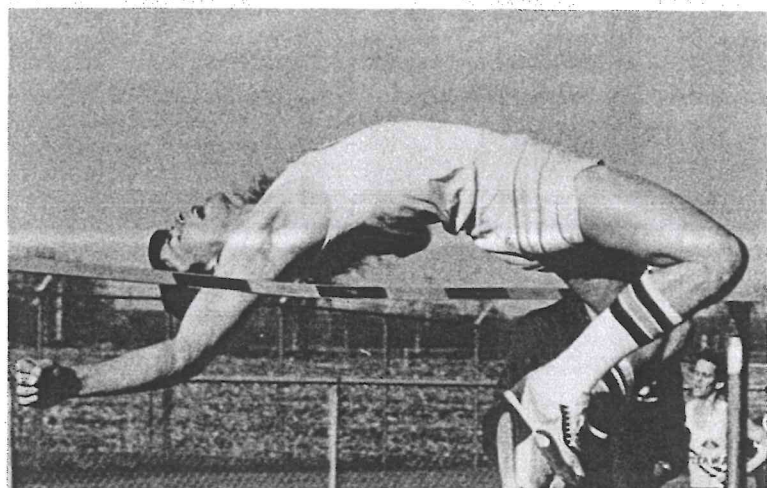
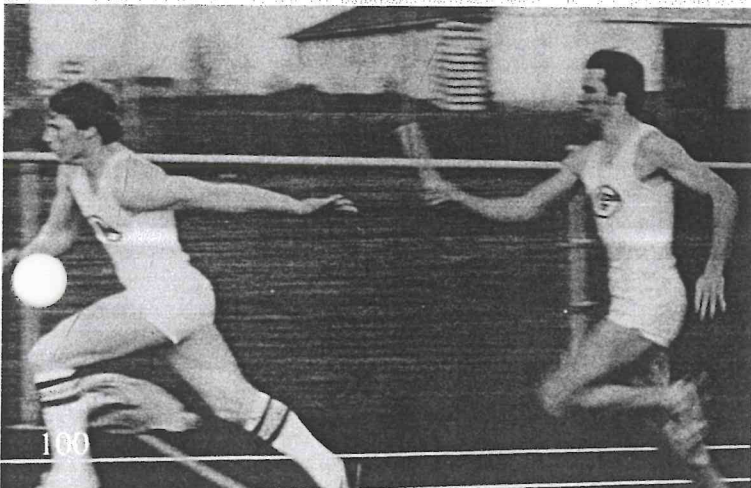
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Row 1: Steve Green, Tom Talbot, Tom Specht, Cory Wirth, Lamar McGinnis, Craig Michels, Ron Fonk, Scott Lohman, Tim Lindell, Eddie Rathgen, Mark Wyffels, Harold Cooper, John Hull, Brian Booth, Rich Werkeiser, Jeff Lampe. Row 2: Mark Bouwens, Dave Emmert, Don Schoemaker, Brian Ropp, Marty VanDoren, Duane Pinkerton, Cary Beil, Chris Schaefer, George Powers, Jeff Timmerman, Roger Cherry, Dave Ford, Mitch Fickling, Steve Watkins, Eric Zeitler. Row 3: Greg Campbell, Brent Andrews, Roger Smith, John Dobbels, Mark Wigrant, Scott Sullivan, Tom Daniels, Matt Wire, Ken Phillips, Kevin Rahn, Bruce Westemeyer, Tim Misfeldt, Jim Blaser.



Row 1: Bob Carroll, Ed Mattan, Keith Grypp, Bruce Waller, Kent Miller, Mike Chandler, Lad Bozzer, Mike Stipp, Row 2: Ed McCann, Mike Derbin, Jim Partain, Lonnie Couchman, Harold Corlett, Doug wilcox, Rich Griffin. Row 3: Todd Roberts, Chris Swain, Bob Collis, Roger Wahlheim, Pat Fortune, Ken Martins, Ken Turner, Mike Welch.



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