



FLYING SCHAADS HIT THE ROAD

Pictured are Cooper Schaad, Malakai Schaad, and G.H.S. Pole Vault Coach Arthur Atwell.
Behind them is the famous Rolling Meadows High School Metal Mustang.

WINDY CITY POLE VAULT SUMMIT

After receiving a unique competitive opportunity Maple Leaf Head Coach Matthew Deets and Leaf Pole Vault Coach Arthur Atwell decided to accept an invitation from Rolling Meadows High School and attend their Windy City Pole Vault Summit. The meet was a Pole Vault-Only competition and was open to any returning Pole Vaulter in the State of Illinois who earned All-State Honors at last year's IHSA STATE FINALS. Unfortunately, the Leafs had another meet on the same day. It was pretty cool to see Coach Atwell, Senior Malakai Schaad, and Sophomore Cooper Schaad attend the Pole Vault competition before hitting the road for a trip to Chicago's Northwest Suburbs.

The field included vaulters from all three Illinois Classes (1A, 2A, and 3A.) Cooper got things started for the Leafs when he entered the competition at 12' 06" . Illinois has gone metric in Track and Field as of last year but this meet was measured in English (I like that A LOT.) Anyway, back to the action, Cooper made things interesting by missing his first two attempts. He needed to clear his final attempt at 12' 06" or his competitive day was over. Fear not, "Mr. Clutch" sailed over the bar and all was well. He then cleared 13' 00" on his first attempt. He needed two jumps at both 13' 06" and 14' 00" but nailed them both. 14' 00" ties Cooper's lifetime best and earned him a tie for 7th place in the highly competitive field. It also tied Malakai's Sophomore School Record of 14' 00" set two years ago. What a way to start his season. Cooper just completed Wrestling season and is a bit rusty to put it mildly so his performance was extremely impressive.

Malakai's came in at 13' 06" and sailed over it on his second attempt. After that he was hoping for a big day but it wasn't to be. He achieved great height but had problems in regard to where his standards should be set and ended up going out of the competition at 14' 00" . Malakai ended up placing 10th overall. The experience that gained was certainly a big plus.

The winning height in the Pole Vault back at Sterling's Gold Medal Invitational was a English conversion of 10' 09" . The opportunity to go head-to-head with some of the State's very best Pole Vaulters was simply too good of an opportunity to pass up. Geneseo Track and Field fans are in for an exciting spring. "da Flyin" Schaads" are going to be turning heads all season long. All the best, Men. Keep dreaming big and backing those dream up with the hard work that excellence demands.

Coach Atwell did a great job of driving them home through some pretty rough weather. You know that spring is in the air. Saturday's daytime high was 70°. Monday we got 3 inches of snow. Go figure. Anyway. Great job, Men!

ATHLETIC.NET MEET RESULTS

Meet: Windy City Pole Vault Summit

Site: Rolling Meadows High School

Date: Saturday, March 5th

Mens Results

Pole Vault Varsity - Finals

1.	12	Charles Cruse	16-0	PR	Normal (Community)
2.	12	Nicholas Fortino	14-9	PR	Batavia
3.	12	Ridge Willard	14-9	PR	Bloomington (Cornerstone...
4.	12	Tim Gale	14-6		Schaumburg
5.	12	Kyle Varga	14-0		Roselle (Lake Park)
5.	10	Paul Migas	14-0		Lake Villa (Lakes)
7.	10	Cooper Schaad	14-0	PR	Geneseo
7.	12	Christian Sobecki	14-0	PR	Oswego
9.	11	Andrew Undesser	14-0		Minooka
10.	12	Malakai Schaad	13-6	SR	Geneseo
11.	11	Drew Fehr	13-0	PR	Fairbury (Prairie Centra...
12.	10	Grayson Burton	12-6		Burlington (Central)
13.	12	Jack Sauder	12-6		Hinsdale (Central)

Cooper

3.81m	12-06	XXO
3.96m	13-00	O
4.11m	13-06	XO
4.26m	14-00	XO
	14-06	XXX

Malakai

4.11m	13-06	XO
	14-00	XXX

Technical Problem
(Standards placement)

- Pole Vault only meet. Invitation to any
vaulter who earned All-State Honors last season.
The field of competitors included 1A, 2A, + 3A athletes