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Yearbook

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

This year's cross country team was the best in recent years. The 1980 team was blessed with a multitude of talent returning from the previous season. Four varsity winners, Rich Werkheiser, **Runner of the Year**; Ron Clifton, **Captain**; Chris Schaefer, **Most Improved**; and Eric Zeitler, returned to provide the nucleus for this year's team. This year, in addition to the lettermen from last year, varsity lettermen were Brian Ropp, Steve Green, Guy DeBoo, Ken Phillips, Tim Renihan, Pat Smith, Jim VanLerberghe, Chris Gomez, and Gai Lac. The team's accomplishments came as a pleasant surprise to Coach Jeff Quick. No other Geneseo team has met these accomplishments in twenty or more years. The year started off good with wins at a North Scott dual meet and the Canton Invitational. Then injuries riddled the team and they stumbled through the season with a 7-5 dual meet record and disappointing invitational performances. As the season came to a close, things started to look up for Coach Quick's runners. When it came time for the conference meet, everyone was healthy. Geneseo was regarded as being a contender for the conference championship, yet pulled a big upset and ran away with the first place title. **This was the first time in twenty years that Geneseo has won the championship.** The best, however, was yet to come.

After the big win at conference, the next stop was the district meet. Geneseo was a heavy favorite to qualify for the sectional meet, but was not considered for the title because of the three Quad City powerhouses (Moline, Rock Island, and East Moline). The team qualified for sectionals and again no one even thought of them qualifying for state, yet they pulled another big upset and qualified. Geneseo closed the year at state with a **22nd** place finish.



Ron Clifton and Pat Smith break away.



Last Stretch for Home.

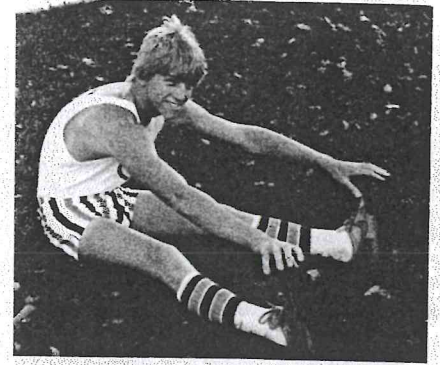


Varsity: Row 1: R. Werkheiser, C. Gomez, S. Green, P. Smith, J. Van L'erberghe. **Row 2:** G. DeBoo, B. Ropp, C. Schaefer, R. Clifton, K. Phillips.

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V.: Row 1: S. Ropp, C. Bouwens, B. Andrews. Row 2: T. Renihan, B. Brummet, J. Delk.



Touch your toes, Brian.



Concentrating on the race.



Stretch, Ken!



Determined to get ahead.

(no roster
or award winners
available)

Girls ??
Nothing
Found
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