

Arnett wins NCIC meet

DIXON — Tim Arnett of Geneseo took individual honors at the NCIC conference cross country meet Saturday, finishing the 3.1-mile course in 16 minutes, 13 seconds. The Geneseo boys' varsity team finished third, as Sterling won the meet.

Priscilla Gomez of Geneseo took second place in the girls' event, with her team finishing third behind Princeton and Sterling.

In boys' freshman-sophomore competition, the LaSalle-Peru team won, and Geneseo finished fourth.

Yet Another Sterling-Geneseo Battle Looms — In Cross Country

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Sterling's boys and girls cross country team have scores to settle in the conference this year.

Both Warriors teams bowed to conference foes last year by disheartening one point scores.

The annual North Central Illinois Conference Cross Country Meet will be held Saturday at Sauk Valley College, hosted by Dixon High School. First race will be the sophomore boys at 10 a.m. with varsity girls and varsity boys to follow.

Up until recently, it has appeared that Sterling's boys would not be much in danger of facing their fate a year ago. Geneseo, defending NCIC crown-holders have finished behind the Warriors in each of their previous meetings.

But Sterling's boys Head Cross Country Coach Mike Sullivan said he is expecting anything by a "cake-walk." Sullivan said he expects the Geneseo team to come out and fight with everything it has. "I don't think our runners realize just how far Geneseo has improved. I have an awful funny feeling that Geneseo is going to do it to us again."

Sullivan said he has worked out a mock finish, taking into account runners from the other conference schools, and recent performances of the Warriors

and Geneseo. The outcome was a slim 55-56 victory for Sterling.

With cross-river rival Rock Falls expected to be pulling its sophomores from the varsity to try to defend its two-time sophomore title, the varsity race would seem only between Sterling and Geneseo. LaSalle-Peru will likely be keeping its sophomores "down" also, since the Cavaliers have maintained a strong team there all year.

What has changed things for Sterling is the fact that senior Brad Onken is out with a leg injury. "With Brad in there it was no problem. We thought we could low-key the conference and concentrate on the state series. Now we are going to be fighting with everything we have at the NCIC," Sullivan said.

Individual runners vying for personal crowns will probably be Geneseo's Tim Arnett, Sterling's Greg Garcia and Hall Township's Brian Schwarting. Other top individuals in the conference are Geneseo's Chris Gomez, Sterling's Bruce Nie, Rochelle's Matt Sandoval, Ottawa's Mike Rocks, Hall's Schwarez, Sterling's Freddy Canas, Mendota's Dave Bergland and Rock Falls' Jay Stanley.

With such a good group of individual runners from other teams in the conference, Sulli-

van said it puts more pressure on all five scorers equally, which may end up hurting the Warriors who will be needing a strong performance from its number five runner.

No Easy Race

The girls race promises to be a shoot-out between the Warriors and Princeton. The Tigers surprised Sterling last year to win 45-46 and are probably a slight favorite coming into the race.

Though Princeton has been plagued by injury most of the season, "they seem to get healed for conference," Sterling girls Coach Don Mekeel said. "We are planning on them being there. We have done well against them in big meets, because I think they have a tendency to get lost in the crowd. But in a small race with head-to-head competition, where they will know where our girls are, I think they will be extremely tough," Mekeel said.

Sterling is off to a disappointing sixth place showing at their own invitational, but Mekeel said he hopes their poor performance will only help to make them stronger. "We've talked about it and I think we've seen some attitude improvement this week," Mekeel said.

Though the conference appears to be a two-team race for the crown, there are several individuals who could take top

honors. Favorite is Kewanee's Amy Reecy. "Though she seems to be fading lately," Mekeel said. "She started the season way ahead of everybody, but now Trisha Mangan (of New- man) has only been a couple of seconds behind her."

Other top individuals will be Dixon's Gwen Sherwood, Geneseo's Precilla Gomez and Sterling's Lory Slusser and Stacey Alba. Princeton's Jennifer Koshbin, Becky Scott and Margo Elliot could also figure in the spoils.

"If she has the right day I think Slusser is capable of winning. It all depends on her frame of mind. I know she wants to have a good race. She didn't run well last week and I couldn't explain it and she couldn't explain it," Mekeel added.

In the frosh-soph boys race, the question will be if Rock Falls can make it three titles in a row. Rock Falls defeated very tough LaSalle-Peru in dual action last week, though the Cavaliers had two men running on the varsity.

"They are preparing themselves," Pat Fortney said. "We are hoping to finish high on both levels. We are looking forward to this race. These guys are used to a lot of adversity, and we've certainly had a lot of that this year. But I think that will make them tough—I think that we can come through."

NCIC CROSS COUNTRY

GIRLS

SCHOOL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	PLACE
Dixon	3	7	14	23	27	28		74	4
Geneseo	2	8	12	24	26	31	33	72	3
Kewanee	1	18	22	29	39	40	41	109	5
Ottawa	32	36	42	44	45	47	48	199	7
Princeton	4	5	9	13	17	21	25	48	1
Rock Falls	30	34	35	37	38	43	46	174	6
Sterling	6	10	11	15	16	19	20	58	2

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GIRLS

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
A. Reecy	Kewanee	12:52
P. Gomez	Geneseo	13:08
G. Sherwood	Dixon	:15
B. Scott	Princeton	:20
J. Khoshbin	Princeton	:21
S. Alba	Sterling	:24
K. Wilhelm	Dixon	:26
L. Deblieck	Geneseo	:27
M. Elliott	Princeton	:32
L. Slusser	Sterling	:44
T. Martinez	Sterling	:54
A. Alexander	Geneseo	:58
B. Wesner	Princeton	14:03
K. Longtin	Dixon	:06
R. Waldschmidt	Sterling	:09
M. Hussung	Sterling	:20
W. Skaggs	Princeton	:23
J. Jagers	Kewanee	:25
L. Hunsberger	Sterling	:29
L. McCaslin	Sterling	:34
G. Halberg	Princeton	:38
L. Hulteen	Kewanee	:42
C. Devoney	Dixon	:43
K. Kinkade	Streator	:46
A. Tyler	Geneseo	:50
A. Allen	Princeton	:52
D. Ryner	Geneseo	:54
A. Tastad	Mendota	:55
T. Stienstra	Dixon	:56
S. Palaschak	Streator	15:00
T. Cumberland	Dixon	:01
J. Dolezal	Kewanee	:04
L. Druien	Rock Falls	:16
K. Wright	Geneseo	:19
K. Russell	Ottawa	:22
K. Meade	Geneseo	:25
K. Grim	Rock Falls	:27
L. Jacobs	Rock Falls	:29
C. Tonielli	Ottawa	:30
T. Simms	Rock Falls	:31
J. Mickelson	Rock Falls	:36
M. Dolieslager	Kewanee	:47
J. Blankenbenler	Kewanee	:51
M. Demay	Kewanee	:55
L. Bayer	Ottawa	:58
B. Simpson	Streator	16:06
P. Castaneva	Rock Falls	:09
D. Kool	Ottawa	:19
L. Ostrowski	Ottawa	:29
J. Portner	Rock Falls	:45
J. Duerksen	Ottawa	17:24
J. Zavada	Streator	:49
J. Nanouski	Ottawa	19:02

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Girls Varsity 10-22-83

Team Results

Princeton	48	Priscilla Gomez & Lorri
Sterling	58	DeBleck all conference
Genesio	72	
Dixon	74	
Kewanee	109	
Rock Falls	174	
O'Hawa	199	

Individual Results

		<u>Time 2.1</u>	<u>mi. 1.5</u>	<u>2 mil</u>
2 nd	Priscilla Gomez	13:08	6:15	12:30
8 th	Lorri DeBleck	13:27	6:24	12:48
12 th	Amy Alexander	13:58	6:39	13:18
25 th	Aimee Tyler	14:50	7:08	14:06
27 th	Denise Ryner	14:54	7:06	14:12
34 th	Kerri Wright	15:19	7:17	14:34
36 th	Kerry Meade	15:25	7:20	14:40

BOYS F/S

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BOYS VARSITY

SCHOOL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	PLACE
Dixon	6	13	45	70	72			143	9
Geneseo	1	14	16	32	44	51	59	107	3
Hall Twp.	3	5	25	46	47	55	66	126	5
Kewanee	23	43	58	64	65	73	76	253	11
LaSalle-Peru	28	33	36	49	54	63	74	200	8
Mendota	29	39	53	62	77			260	12
Ottawa	10	11	17	27	42	68	71	107	3
Princeton	18	35	37	50	52	56	69	192	7
Rochelle	4	26	30	41	78			179	6
Rock Falls	12	15	19	22	24	57	75	92	2
Sterling	2	7	8	9	20	31	34	46	1
Streator	38	40	48	60	61	67		247	10

NCIC CROSS COUNTRY
BOYS VARSITY

NAME	SCHOOL	TIME	NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
T. Arnett	Geneseo	16:13	M. Mickey	Rochelle	1
G. Garcia	Sterling	:18	G. Demoll	Ottawa	:20
B. Schwartina	Hall Twp.	:26	J. Schiltz	Kewanee	:27
M. Sandoval	Rochelle	:37	K. Woodson	Geneseo	:28
A. Suarez	Hall Twp.	:40	W. Hoy	Dixon	:30
S. Aurand	Dixon	:41	D. Rivara	Hall Twp.	:30
B. Nie	Sterling	:43	M. Williams	Hall Twp.	:30
F. Cavas	Sterling	:57	J. Kinkade	Streator	:37
M. Musselmann	Sterling	:58	A. Kohl	LaSalle-Peru	:38
P. Ledbetter	Ottawa	17:05	M. Wedding	Princeton	:39
M. Rooks	Ottawa	:08	K. Fincher	Geneseo	:40
J. Davis	Rock Falls	:10	A. Williams	Princeton	:40
B. Bushman	Dixon	:11	B. Huchstetter	Mendota	:47
M. Hamek	Geneseo	:16	B. Mathews	LaSalle-Peru	:50
J. Stanley	Rock Falls	:18	K. Herrmann	Hall Twp.	:50
G. Gomez	Geneseo	:24	R. Francis	Princeton	:50
D. Hearn	Ottawa	:25	C. Janssen	Rock Falls	:57
N. Khoshbin	Princeton	:33	M. Luehmann	Kewanee	:58
D. Ivey	Rock Falls	:34	J. Werkheiser	Geneseo	:59
P. Lynch	Sterling	:35	M. Pfalzgraf	Streator	19:00
D. Bergland	Mendota	:36	D. Spangler	Streator	:07
M. Truesdell	Rock Falls	:37	B. Bergland	Mendota	:08
C. Beauprez	Kewanee	:43	M. Hahne	LaSalle-Peru	:08
R. Cain	Rock Falls	:45	R. Vrquanmhr	Kewanee	:10
S. Schwarting	Hall Twp.	:47	M. Halterman	Kewanee	:11
C. Ramos	Rochelle	:52	E. Bertalot	Hall Twp.	:11
G. Anderson	Ottawa	:54	C. Abdnour	Streator	:11
D. Kaniphuis	LaSalle-Peru	:55	G. Streul	Ottawa	:17
J. King	Mendota	:57	T. McCutchen	Princeton	:20
B. Kinkel	Rochelle	:58	T. Snyder	Dixon	:27
K. Sproul	Sterling	:59	S. Klein	Ottawa	:37
C. Castelein	Geneseo	18:06	B. Dixon	Dixon	:47
S. Almaraz	LaSalle-Peru	:08	J. Dolezal	Kewanee	20:07
E. Lopez	Sterling	:10	P. Carus	LaSalle-Peru	
D. Larson	Princeton	:14	T. Barajas	Rock Falls	:20
B. Prybylinski	LaSalle-Peru	:15	S. Magalhaes	Kewanee	:28
B. Wittwer	Princeton	:16	C. Tastad	Mendota	21:20
T. Hurtadd	Streator	:17	J. Wetzel	Rochelle	:27
M. Kirby	Mendota	:19			
L. Berry	Streator	:23			

Rain - 51°

N.C.I.C. Boys Varsity 10-22-83

Sterling 46

Rock Falls 92

Geneseo 107

Ottawa 107 1st Tim Arnett 16:13 5:13 15:39

Hall 126 14th Mark Hamer 17:16 5:34 16:42

Dixon 143 16th Chris Gomez 17:24 5:36 16:48

Rochelle 179 32nd Cam Castelein 18:06 5:50 17:30

Princeton 192 44th Kevin Woodson 18:29 5:57 17:51

L-P 200 51st Kevin Fincher 18:43 6:02 18:06

Streator 247 59th Jim Werkheiser 18:59 6:07 18:21

Kewanee 253

Mendota 260 Tim Arnett - all-conference

Boys F-S

L-P 51

Individual Results

Rock Falls 73 Time 2.1 miles 3mi

Dixon 118 7th Cliff Harker 11:56 5:40 17:00

Geneseo 121 9th Whitney Sieben 12:00 5:42 17:06

Kewanee 122 33rd John Huyvaert 12:42 6:03 18:09

Ottawa 137 37th Todd Puckett 12:50 6:07 18:21

Princeton 164 38th Frank Lorr 12:52 6:08 18:24

Streator 190 48th Scott Johnson 13:20 6:21 19:03

Sterling 191 61st John DeGrande 13:48 6:34 19:42

Mendota 241

Hall 323