

Leafs shoot for state

GENESEO — Geneseo has never qualified its girls and boys cross country teams for the state meet during the same year.

But, the Maple Leafs have a real chance to do it this year when the sectional meets get under way Saturday morning in Sterling.

A total of 20 teams from four regionals, representing the Quad-Cities, Peoria and Rockford areas, and the area in between, will be on Sterling's Woodlawn School course.

The top five teams in each race will advance to next weekend's state meet in Peoria, as well as the top seven individual runners who are not members of one of the qualifying teams.

The girls race will start at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with the boys taking off at 11 a.m. The Woodlawn School is in northeast Sterling. Take Route 2, and turn right a block before reaching McDonald's, and you'll run right into it.

Geneseo's girls are the defending sectional champions, and they've won the meet four times in five years. They could do it again, but they'll have their toughest fight yet.

Fredericks said Belvidere, Rockford Guilford, Peoria Richwoods, Galesburg and United Township all will contend for team honors along with the Leafs.

"But we're not going with the thought of just qualifying," Fredericks said. "When you do that, often you'll be at home when the state meet starts. We're excited to be in a position to win it, and that's what we'll try to do."

Leafs Gail Perkins and Kirstin Kemmis have been battling illness this week. But, Geneseo runners Wendy Wassell and Brandi Hilton weren't feeling well during last Saturday's regionals, and they figure to be better this week.

Geneseo's runners include Karmen Roehrs, Wassell, Perkins, Hilton, Renee Clifton, Kim Chapman and Kemmis, with Kelli Miller as first sub.

In the boys race, coach Jeff Quick's third-rated Moline team is the favorite, with ninth-ranked Peoria Richwoods expected to grab the runnerup spot.

"It's up for grabs after that," Fredericks said, listing Belvidere Rockford Guilford, Rockford East Metamora, Pontiac, Rock Island and his own Leafs as contenders for the remaining three spots.

"We don't need to run a super race," Fredericks said. "We just need to run up to where we've been running. Sometimes, if you feel you have put forth a super-human effort, you end up badly disappointed."

Geneseo's runners include Jason VanVooren, Brad Baker, Adam Boardman, Bryan Glass, Brian Walst, Cubby Orwig and Justin VanVooren.

The girls will run a 2.1-mile course while the boys will cover 3 miles. The course is a flat clone of the state meet course in Peoria's Detweiller Park.

Cross country capsule

Boys and girls sectionals Class AA

TIME & PLACE — Saturday at Woodlawn School in Sterling. The 2.1-mile girls meet is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., with the boys 3-miler to follow at 11 a.m.

AT STAKE — The top five boys and girls teams, along with the top seven individuals from each race not on a qualifying team, will advance to next Saturday's state meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

TEAMS QUALIFIED — Girls — From RI Regional: Geneseo, United Township, Galesburg, Sterling and Moline. From Pontiac Regional: Oswego, Ottawa, Plainfield, Pontiac, Yorkville. From Peoria Regional: Pekin, Peoria Notre Dame, Peoria H.S., Peoria Richwoods, Washington. From Rockford Regional: Belvidere, Freeport, Rockford Boylan, Rockford East, Rockford Guilford.

Boys — From RI Regional: Moline, Geneseo, Rock Island, Galesburg. From Pontiac Regional: LaSalle-Peru, Oswego, Pontiac, Yorkville. From Peoria Regional: Metamora, Pekin, Peoria H.S., Peoria Richwoods. From Rockford Regional: Belvidere, Rockford East, Rockford Guilford, Rockton (Hononégah).

LOCAL INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS — Girls — From Rock Island: Kris Braet, Priscilla Perez, Saleta Vesey, Shelly Reed.

DEFENDING TEAM CHAMPIONS — Geneseo won the girls title here last year, while Pontiac won the boys championship.

1987 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS — Leslie Pottinger, Belvidere, won the girls individual title, while Rock Island's Mario Vesey won the boys crown. Both are seniors and will be back to defend their titles.

COURSE RECORDS — Dave Halle, Rockford Guilford, set the boys record with a 14:34 clocking in 1983. Galesburg's Kris Watters holds the girls record of 12:01 set in 1985.

ITEMS — Rock Island's Mario Vesey will be out to keep his 1988 undefeated string alive this Saturday. The talented senior has been in a class all by himself this season and could be very tough to catch. Last year he won the sectional title with a 14:52 clocking and could challenge for the course record Saturday.

- Moline's boys, an odds-on favorite for the team title, were ranked third in the final state-wide power rankings released this week.

- Geneseo's girls, one of the favorites in the girls' race, finished the season ranked ninth. Moline's girls were ranked 18th, while United Township's girls were ranked 21st.

— By SportsDay's Tom Johnston

Sky's the limit for red-hot Moline boys cross-country crew

By Tom Johnston
Staff sports writer

At the start of the 1988 cross country season, Moline's boys and girls teams were at different ends of the spectrum.

The boys were looked to as a powerhouse that could contend for the state title, while the girls were little more than a collection of question marks with a very uncertain future.

But this Saturday both will be in action at the state cross country meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

The boys, who run at 12:45 p.m.,

still have their hopes for a high finish, while the girls, whose 2.1-miler begins at 11:30, have been coming on strong but aren't entertaining any serious title hopes. But both teams, if they are to be successful, will have to follow similar game plans.

"The key to our girls will be the first three runners," said Moline coach Jeff Quick. "I think I'd have to say the same thing about our boys, though, too."

For the boys, the big three will be seniors Joe Perez, Eric Edmunds and Rob Harvey. They have been the leaders of this team all year and they all finished in the top five at sectionals last week. Perez and Edmunds are returning all-state performers.



Joe Perez

"The sky's the limit for the guys," said Quick. "Everybody's picking Schaumburg as the odds-on favorite and that's fine. For us to have a shot at the state championship, all three of those guys have to beat Schaumburg's No. 1 runner."

It's a long shot, but the trio has done it once this season at an earlier meet. And they must get the support from the rest of the team.

"We need Dave Krauel, Cesar Lopez and Tauwon Taylor all in the 7 to 15 spots, along with the other three up there," said Quick.

Moline is bunched with Schaumburg, Stagg and York in the hunt for the team title, and the runners think they are in a position to win the thing.

"After today, we have the confidence we need to go out and win state," said Perez after Saturday's sectional blowout.

For the girls, their first three finishers will be most critical. If phenomenal freshman Trista Lester, senior Jane Johnson and junior Trisha Rounds all get high individual finishes, Quick thinks the team can place in the top 10 teams.

Lester, the Western Big 6 and Rock Island Regional champ, along with Johnson have the best shots at all-state honors that go to the top 25 finishers.

"At state, the tendency is for first-year teams to succumb to the pressure," said Quick. "If we run good we can be 13, 14 or 15. If we put it all together, we can be in the top 10."

Geneseo Pack Leads Girls Teams

By Mike Davis
Illinois Best Times

Geneseo's Maple Leafs girls team, which has dominated the area this season, heads into today's competition as the team to beat. The Maple Leafs are led by Karmen Roehrs, Gail Perkins, and Renee Clifton, all who placed in the top 10 at the Rock Island Regional a week ago.

The Maple Leafs have maintained their top 10 ranking all year long, having easily outpaced their competition in the early going. The field seems to be balancing out now, however, as other teams appear to be taking strides at closing the gap. At the Rock Island Regional a week ago, East Moline United Township finished just 14 points back.

Formidable competition has also shaped up from the Rockford Boylan Regional as Rockford Guilford and Belvidere have steadily improved. Guilford, with 34 points, squeaked by Belvidere by two points a week ago.

Peoria Richwoods, winner of the Peoria Manual Regional, also has made improvement this season. Look for the girls team race to be a real dog fight.

Individually, Trista Lester of Moline, Sterling's Shawn Loos, and Roehrs are among those to watch, along with Belvidere's Leslie Pottinger, Guilford's Kocent and Chapman, and Peoria's Kris Hahn. Oswego's Michelle Silagi and Pekin's Angela Cody also figure to vie for top places today.

Today's Race At A Glance

Course: 2.1 Miles

Teams: 20

Feeding Regionals: Rock Island, Rockford Boylan, Peoria Manual, Pontiac

Advancement: Top 5 teams; Top 7 individuals not qualifying on teams.

Course Record: 11:34 (Chris Waters, Galesburg, 1984)

Best Bets: (Teams) - Geneseo, Rockford Guilford, Belvidere, Peoria Richwoods, United Township, Galesburg, Sterling.

Best Bets: (Individuals) - Trista Lester, Moline; Shawn Loos, Sterling; Michelle Silagi, Oswego; Kris Hahn, Peoria; Angela Cody, Pekin; Karmen Roehrs, Geneseo.

Moline Tops Field In Boys Race

By Mike Davis
Illinois Best Times

It will take a Herculean performance for any of today's contending teams to knock off highly favored Moline. The Maroons, who easily turned back formidable Geneseo and Rock Island at the Rock Island Regional last week, could be flurting with a state championship, having been ranked first or second all season. The Maroons nipped highly rated Schaumburg by a single point in the 7-man Crete-Monee Invitational earlier in the year.

Both Geneseo and Rock Island have flirted with the rankings this season and are to be considered strong berth contenders.

Coming out of the Peoria Manual Regional is Peoria Richwoods, which has dominated meets this year in the central portion of the state and has been ranked in the top 10 all season. Metamora's strong second place performance last week makes it a dark-horse candidate to qualify. Pontiac, which totaled just 36 points to win its own Regional last week also is capable of earning a berth to state.

Belvidere, which continues to improve, turned in an impressive performance to win the Rockford Boylan Regional with just 41 points. Perennially tough Rockford Guilford needed its sixth runner to break a tie with cross-town rival Rockford East in that contest. Both teams are capable of earning a berth to state through a good performance today.

Look for Rock Island's Mario Vesey to run away with individual honors. Vesey shattered the Saukie Golf Course record last week in 14:57. The old mark had been 16:10. Moline's Joe Perez and Eric Edmunds should figure well, as should Canton's Darin Bishop, winner of the Peoria Manual Regional in 15:18, and Brian Perry of Guilford, winner of the Rockford Boyland Regional in 15:18. Top runner at Pontiac was Oswego's Pete Plauck in 15:43.

Today's Race At A Glance

Course: 3.0 Miles

Teams: 16

Feeding Regionals: Rock Island, Rockford Boylan, Pontiac, Peoria Manual

Advancement: Top 5 teams; Top 7 individuals not on qualifying teams.

Course Record: 14:34 (David Halle, Rockford Guilford, 1983)

Best Bets: (Teams) - Moline, Geneseo, Peoria Richwoods, Belvidere, Rock Island, Rockford East, Rockford Guilford, Pontiac, Metamora.

Best Best: (Individuals) - Mario Vesey, Rock Island; Joe Perez, Moline; Eric Edmunds, Moline; Brian Perry, Rockford Guilford; Derron Bishop, Canton, Pete Plauck, Oswego.

Elusive sectional title now goal of Moline harriers

By Tom Johnston
Staff sports writer

In the past three years, there have been conference titles and regional championships for the Moline boys cross country team.

But there's been one title that has been especially elusive. The Maroons have not been able to capture a sectional title these last three years and they're hoping to end that streak in a big way this Saturday.

Once again, the Maroons will be favored going into the three-mile Sterling Sectional meet at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Elementary School in Sterling. They'll be carrying the same favorites tag as they did last year when they were also one of the state's top-ranked teams.

This year, though, the Maroons are hoping for better results than last year's disappointing fourth-place finish. It was enough to get them a ticket to state, but it also started their season-ending slide that left only bitterness to an otherwise successful season.

"We want sectionals," said senior Joe Perez earlier this season. "Sectional and state is what we've been shooting for."

Looking forward to sectionals and state has been Moline's motivators all season.

"We just want to get the monkey off our back," said Moline coach Jeff Quick. "This group of seniors has never won it and that is one of their biggest goals. They have been

driven for an entire year; It's something they haven't done and they want it."

Perez will anchor the senior trio of team leaders that also includes Eric Edmunds and Rob Harvey. Also playing key roles for the Maroons will be Cesar Lopez, Dave Krauel, Tauwon Taylor and Carlos Rivera.

That pack of Maroons will again be favored and it looks like Rock Island and Geneseo — both familiar foes — could be in the hunt for one of the top five finishes. Peoria Richwoods could also contend.

"We're the favorites, there's no way around that," said Quick of the sectionals. "I feel we have a much stronger case for winning this year than we did last year when we were also favored. I really feel that we'll be right there to win."

Moline's 23-point winning regional total was the lowest of any team feeding into the Sterling Sectional. By most accounts, the Rock Island Regional was the toughest of the four sectional feeders.

"To be honest, I feel that we really are in the drivers' seat and control our own destiny," said Quick. "If our kids run up to their potential, then we'll see a better Moline team. They're a little more driven for this meet."

The Maroons are hoping that this year's sectional crown is their ticket to state.



Joe Perez



Eric Edmunds



Rob Harvey



Cesar Lopez

Boys, girls teams headed to state

By KEITH BRAKE
NewsLife Editor

STERLING — The efforts had been maximum; that alone made Geneseo High School cross country coach Don Fredericks happy.

But, the results were there, too, and that just blew him away.

For the first time ever, Geneseo has qualified both its girls and boys teams for the state final meet in Peoria.

The state meet will be this Saturday; the Leafs earned the trip during last Saturday's sectional meet in Sterling.

In order to qualify as a team, a squad had to place among the first five teams at the sectionals.

The boys did it with flying colors, shocking many on hand with a superb second-place finish to talented and heavily-favored Moline.

For the girls, it was a different story. Slightly favored to win their fourth sectional in five years, the Leafs got away to a fast start in the two-mile race. "After a half-mile, we had it won," Fredericks said.

Then, three-quarters of a mile out, one of Geneseo's top runners, a flu-stricken Gail Perkins, collapsed. She had been ill all week. She couldn't finish - and now, a battle for the team title, and for the Leafs, survival — was on.

Thanks to their depth and great effort, the Leafs finished in the fifth and final qualifying spot. It was a blanket finish; any of the first seven teams could have won the race.

"The entire girls team was devastated by illness all week," Fredericks said. "I'm just praising the Lord we've got another weekend."

Like at the regional meet the week before, the day was perfect for cross country. It was cool, with only a slight wind and scattered clouds. The runners had a fast course to run on — and, if the race were not so important, one that could mesmerize with its beauty.

Sterling's Hoover Park layout is flat and fast, like the Detweiller Park course at the state meet will be this weekend. Half of it lies within a woods, where a 10-foot path has been

cut for the runners. At the back of the woods: a marsh, then Rock River; in the woods, towering oaks and every possible hue of autumn color.

The guys felt great

Geneseo's boys aren't blessed with quite as much depth as the girls. The Leafs have a powerful front four: Jason VanVooren, Brad Baker, Bryan Glass and Adam Boardman run together; all are capable of being the team leader on a given day.

In a big meet like sectional, they go for the front, then hope someone will emerge from the group of Brian Walsh, Justin VanVooren and Cubby Orwig to give the team a solid fifth-place finish.

Friday night, Jason VanVooren's stomach was giving him doubts about his status for Saturday's race. "I ate, and didn't feel good, and I still didn't feel good this morning," VanVooren said. "Maybe I should have said something, but I didn't. At the starting line, I didn't feel bad."

And, the rest of the team must have felt great, before, during and after.

Moline is state-ranked, and coach Jeff Quick's squad easily defeated the rest of the 16-team field. But Geneseo's first four packed toward the front of the 126-runner field early on, and stayed there.

Before the race, Fredericks was concerned about a half-dozen teams, including Peoria Richwoods, Rock Island, Rockford Guilford, Pontiac and Belvidere.

But it quickly became apparent that if Geneseo could get a decent fifth-place finish from Orwig, Walsh, or Justin VanVooren, qualifying for state would be no problem.

And, the Leafs got that big fifth-place finish, from Justin VanVooren.

"We told those three to pack it up, and for whoever feels good with a mile to go to go out at that point," Fredericks said.

Toward the front, Glass, a sophomore, broke away from the rest of the Leaf pack and finished 11th as an individual, covering the three miles in 15:43. Then came Jason VanVooren, 16th in 15:46; Baker, 18th in

15:48, and Boardman, 23rd in 15:54. Justin VanVooren was 69th, in 16:40.

Rock Island's Mario Vesey again was the individual winner, clocking 15:05 to beat Moline's Joe Perez by seven seconds.

Moline's team total was 38 points. Geneseo's total was 110, edging the 121 posted by third-place Richwoods.

Clifton to the rescue

The girls race began a half hour before the guys took off, and Fredericks didn't see much of it after Perkins went down. He rushed to her side; meanwhile, some of the Leafs saw it happen, and knew what it meant.

In particular, junior Renee Clifton did something about it. Sophomore Wendy Wassell, who hadn't felt well the week before, was better Saturday, and was up with the leaders when Perkins went down. Freshman Brandi Hilton went out with the leaders, too, but wasn't feeling well Saturday, and began to fall back.

"I knew we needed someone up there," Clifton said.

"She ran the race of her life," Fredericks praised. Clifton, a junior, was Geneseo's number two runner in this race.

Wassell led for a time, as the runners passed through the woods for the second of three times. She wound up in seventh place overall, just 15 seconds behind the winner, Pottinger of Belvidere, who clocked two miles in 12:25.

Clifton was 24th in 13:03, then came Karmen Rochrs, 28th in 13:17; Hilton, 45th in 13:24, Kirstin Kemmis, 48th in 13:25, and Kim Chapman, 69th in 13:45.

In big meets, each team may enter seven runners; the first five count in the team scoring.

How might this race have been different had Perkins been healthy and run her usual time?

"Well, I think you can look at the results and draw your own conclusions," Fredericks said.

A Geneseo victory, probably an



Headed for Peoria

Sophomore Adam Boardman is one of 14 Geneseo cross country runners who'll compete in the state cross country meet in Peoria on Saturday. Here, he's in front of two other members of Geneseo's stalwart "front four," Brad Baker and Jason VanVooren.

—NewsLife photo

easy one, despite competing with a team on which all seven runners had colds or flu during the week, is one obvious conclusion. But, winning the sectional will get you nothing at the state meet; everyone starts over. And Fredericks thinks there may be some long-term benefits for the girls in

coming so close to not making it this time around.

"I think perhaps now our girls can appreciate a little more where our boys have been the last three years — on the bubble.

"But, our girls didn't give up on this

today," Fredericks said. "They competed. They were all exhausted in the finish chute."

"I just know," Fredericks said, "that we're better when we're healthy. And being healthy is our goal for Saturday."



Trista Lester



Kris Braet

Moline, UT, Leaf girls run to state

By Tom Johnston
Staff sports writer

STERLING — Give the Moline, United Township and Geneseo girls cross teams an 'A' for effort in Saturday's Sterling Sectional cross country meet.

Also give them all another 'A' — as in Advancing to the state meet next week at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

Moline finished fifth in last week's regional and was lucky to even be in the sectional. United Township just put it on cruise again Saturday, and Geneseo team members battled a flu bug that moved through school this week and ran sick. But Saturday they all managed to do enough to get a ticket to state.

The Maroons surprised everyone with their 131-point, third-place team finish behind champion Peoria Richwoods and runnerup Belvidere, who finished with 123 and 128 points, respectively. UT and Geneseo followed with 133 and 142 points, respectively, to round out the top 5.

Rock Island's Kris Braet also qualified for the state meet as an individual. The junior will be making a return trip to state after finishing 12th overall and grabbing the seventh, and final, individual qualifying spot with a 12:53 two-mile time.

Nothing came easy for the three qualifying teams. Moline's freshman standout Trista Lester got caught in some bumping early in the race and then was unintentionally knocked down at the midway point. Geneseo had to finish with just six runners after Gail Perkins, out of school all week with the flu, had to drop out after the first 1/2-mile. UT ran without senior Carmen Gonzalez, while freshman Kim Gelande — the team's top runner most of the sea-

son — was the team's fifth runner, in 72nd place.

Saturday was a testament to how far guts and desire can carry an athlete.

"When I got knocked down, it made me mad," said Lester. "I just wanted to get up and run even harder." Last week's regional champ did just that and finished third overall in 12:31 and just six seconds behind the winner.

Lester had plenty of support as senior Jane Johnson finished 15th in the team event in 12:59 and junior Trisha Rounds was 17th with a 13:04 clocking. Junior Laura Clark finished 40th and sophomore Jennifer Arnett was 56th.

"We had one girl in our top five this year that ran cross country last year," said Moline coach Jeff Quick. "I'm going to have to call these kids the 'Miracle Babies.'"

UT coach Bob Feller's youngsters also came through with big efforts. Sophomore Chris Lammers led the

Panthers with a fifth-place finish with a 12:28 clocking and was followed closely by teammate Amber Turf who was eighth with a time of 12:41. Senior Julie Giers added a 13th-place finish (12:57), while soph-

omore Kris Hunter was 43rd (13:25).

"We really thought we had a chance to win this thing," said Feller. "But we're happy that we qualified for state. I still feel we have a championship team."

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Moline dominates cross country meets

Moline boys win easily

By Brent Forbes
FOR THE TIMES

The Moline boys cross country team dominated the competition Saturday in the Illinois state sectionals at Sterling and will advance to Peoria for the state meet on Nov. 5.

The Maroons captured three of the top five places and five of the top 18 to finish with 38 points. Scoring is determined by totaling the top five places from each team.

Joe Perez led Moline with a sec-

ond place finish, followed by Rob Harvey, 4; Eric Edmunds, 5; Dave Krauel, 9; and Cesar Lopez, 18.

"Only one day counts," said Moline coach Jeff Quick. "And that is the state championship."

Joining Moline in Peoria will be Rock Island, after finishing in fourth place with a score of 162.

Mario Vesey led the Rocks by finishing first overall with a time of 15:05 on the three mile course.

"I tried to go out fast," Vesey

said, "But I had to lay back and Joe (Perez), Rob (Harvey), and Eric (Edmunds) caught up with me. Then, when I hit the two mile, I just took off."

Rock Island coach John Coolidge said "We knew it would be tight. Our goal was to be able to go to state with the entire team, not just individuals."

Geneseo finished second, with Peoria Richwoods, 3; and Rockford Guilford, 5; to advance to the state meet.

3rd place sends girls to state meet

By Brent Forbes
FOR THE TIMES

The Moline girls will follow their boys' squad to the cross country state meet after a third place finish at the Sterling sectionals.

Led by freshman runner Trista

Lester, who finished in third place, the Maroons received a score of 131 to advance to Peoria on Nov. 5.

Despite falling during the race, Lester finished six seconds behind the winner.

Moline coach John Quick said the performances of his team had

improved in the last seven weeks.

With the top five teams advancing to the state meet, Belvidere with second place, United Township, 4; and Geneseo, 5; will enter teams at Peoria.

The top ten individuals, not including those advancing with teams, also will advance.



Joe Perez



Mario Vesey

Moline boys prove point with title

By Tom Johnston

Staff sports writer

STERLING — The Moline boys' cross country team had something to prove here Saturday at the Sterling Sectional cross country meet. With the help of some friendly competition, the Maroons convincingly proved their point.

The Maroons, paced by top five finishes from seniors Joe Perez, Rob Harvey and Eric Edmunds, dominated the 16-team field to win going away. It was the first sectional win for this talented bunch of seniors after falling short the last two years despite being favored.

The help they got came in the form of Rock Island standouts Mario Vesey and Steve Tanner. Vesey, who won the individual title, carried Moline's senior troop along with him the first $\frac{2}{3}$ of the 3-mile race, while Tanner was pushing them from behind.

As it turned out, it worked out for the best for both teams. With the five seniors pacing their clubs, both qualified for next Saturday's state meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria. Rock Island qualified as the fourth team entry.

The youthful Geneseo boys, in a very surprising development, finished second to the Maroons and also qualified for state.

On paper heading into the meet, Moline was the odds-on favorite for the team title. Saturday they transferred all the paperwork to reality as they ran away from the field. The Maroons' 38-point, first-place effort not only showed great talent, but also great team depth. Geneseo took second with 110 points, followed by Peoria Richwoods (121), Rocky (162) and Rockford Guilford (179).

In the team race, individual placers on non-qualifying teams results are not figured in. That means the same person could finish fifth overall, but third in the team competition.

Harvey's contribution may have been the biggest of all. Last year at sectionals and state he was sick and not able to help the team much. That motivated him for Saturday.

"I finished 40-something last year and I had something to prove — that I could do it," said Harvey, "I really didn't support them last year and I felt that I just had to go out and do it."

Vesey and Tanner were also on the spot to perform for the Rocks. The two Rocky aces had to have good runs in order to get the team to state, and they did. Well, at least good enough.

For Vesey, it was an average run that got the job done.

"I never could get my body working," said the senior, who remained unbeaten this season. "When Joe, Rob and Eric were all staying with me, I got a little worried."

But Vesey was not about to let down. Like he has done all year, he found that extra boost and broke away from the field. Saturday it came at the two-mile mark and he left Perez behind, winning by over 50 meters in 15:05.

Tanner shook off last week's sub-par regional run to finish seventh overall, fifth in team competition.

Marlon Hall was the 22nd runner

"I think we had a lot to prove to ourselves this year," said Moline's Edmunds, who finished fifth, behind Vesey, Perez, Rockford Guilford's Brian Perry and Harvey. "We went into this meet the last two years and just didn't finish it up."

"We had a lot to prove that we don't choke," said Perez.

"Right now, I feel real good about the team," added Edmunds. "We won with 38 points and everybody else was over 100. That's a big gap."

Saturday the Maroons left nothing to chance. Behind the senior trio were Dave Krauel in ninth place in the team race and Cesar Lopez in 18th.

in the team event across the finish line, followed by sophomore Mike Gustafson in 52nd and junior Greg Wilkening in 80th.

But the biggest surprise of the day was turned in by Coach Don Fredericks' Maple Leaf crew, who finished behind only Moline and qualified for state with four sophomores, two juniors and a senior.

GIRLS SECT. RESULTS

WINNING TIME: 12:25

1 . RICHWOODS	123	(- 14- 18- 25- 32- 34- 36- 74-)
2 . BELVIDERE	128	(- 1- 12- 31- 35- 49- 57- 75-)
3 . MOLINE	131	(- 3- 15- 17- 40- 56- 63- 81-)
4 . UNITED	133	(- 5- 8- 13- 43- 64- 71- 78-)
5 . GENESEO	142	(- 7- 22- 28- 41- 44- 61- 0-)
6 . GUILFORD	151	(- 9- 11- 19- 42- 70- 87- 105-)
7 . OSWEGO	161	(- 2- 4- 48- 53- 54- 59- 76-)
8 . GALESBURG	185	(- 20- 21- 37- 39- 68- 106- 0-)
9 . STERLING	210	(- 6- 26- 47- 62- 63- 73- 77-)
10 . PEORIA	233	(- 10- 33- 46- 65- 79- 80- 88-)
11 . NOTRE DAME	291	(- 23- 30- 51- 91- 96- 103- 109-)
12 . PEKIN	323	(- 27- 45- 60- 90- 101- 104- 110-)
13 . WASHINGTON	391	(- 38- 72- 84- 89- 108- 115- 121-)
14 . PLAINFIELD	406	(- 16- 52- 85- 125- 128- 0- 0-)
15 . OTTAWA	406	(- 29- 66- 97- 102- 112- 0- 0-)
16 . EAST	429	(- 50- 58- 86- 113- 122- 0- 0-)
17 . PONTIAC	460	(- 67- 83- 93- 100- 117- 123- 124-)
18 . FREEPORT	473	(- 55- 98- 99- 107- 114- 118- 0-)
19 . BOYLAN	481	(- 24- 82- 119- 127- 129- 130- 0-)
20 . YORKVILLE	508	(- 92- 94- 95- 111- 116- 120- 126-)

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1 POTTINGER		1 12:25	BELVIDERE
2 HEINZER	11:54	2 12:27	OSWEGO
3 LESTER		3 12:31	MOLINE
4 SILAGI		4 12:32	OSWEGO
5 LAMAMERS		5 12:38	UNITED
6 LOOS		6 12:39	STERLING
7 WASSELL		7 12:40	GENESEO
8 TURF		8 12:41	UNITED
9 KOCENT		9 12:42	GUILFORD
10 HAHN		10 12:46	PEORIA
11 CHAPMAN		11 12:47	GUILFORD
12 *BRAET		--- 12:53	ROCK ISLAND
13 QUITNO		12 12:54	BELVIDERE
14 *DEKING		--- 12:55	HARLEM
15 GIERS		13 12:57	UNITED
16 JOHNSON	12:22	14 12:57	RICHWOODS
17 JOHNSON		15 12:59	MOLINE
18 LISY		16 13:03	PLAINFIELD
19 ROUNDS	12:26	17 13:04	MOLINE
20 SCHMIDT		18 13:05	RICHWOODS
21 DAHLIN		19 13:08	GUILFORD
22 WATTERS		20 13:08	GALESBURG
23 OLSON		21 13:08	GALESBURG
24 CLIFTON		22 13:09	GENESEO
25 HENEHANA		23 13:09	NOTRE DAME
26 LEWIS		24 13:10	BOYLAN
27 *KONCOR		--- 13:13	STREATOR
28 CAMAPBELL		25 13:14	RICHWOODS
29 ZOLLI		26 13:16	STERLING
30 CODY		27 13:16	PEKIN
31 ROEHRS		28 13:17	GENESEO
32 PAUL		29 13:18	OTTAWA
33 SMITH		30 13:19	NOTRE DAME
34 GORDON		31 13:19	BELVIDERE
35 DALTON		32 13:19	RICHWOODS
36 HEIPLE		33 13:20	PEORIA
37 SCHROFF		34 13:20	RICHWOODS
38 BYERS		35 13:21	BELVIDERE
39 KELLEY		36 13:22	RICHWOODS
40 CLAY		37 13:22	GALESBURG
41 WRIGHT		38 13:22	WASHINGTON
42 HARDY		39 13:23	GALESBURG
43 CLARK	12:44	40 13:23	MOLINE
44 *MEYER		--- 13:24	CANTON
45 HILTON		41 13:24	GENESEO
46 CLAWSON		42 13:25	GUILFORD
47 HUNTER		43 13:25	UNITED
48 KEMMIS		44 13:25	GENESEO
49 TILLMAN		45 13:27	PEKIN
50 SHEIKH		46 13:29	PEORIA
51 KENT		47 13:30	STERLING
52 BLANTON		48 13:31	OSWEGO
53 LAWLER		49 13:31	BELVIDERE
54 HALL		50 13:33	EAST
55 *PEREZ		--- 13:34	ROCK ISLAND
56 KNECHT		51 13:34	NOTRE DAME

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57 BUIKEMA		52 13:38	PLAINFIELD
58 PATTERSON		53 13:39	OSWEGO
59 BUNDY		54 13:39	OSWEGO
60 THAYER		55 13:39	FREEPORT
61 ARNETT 13:00	6:30	56 13:40	MOLINE
62 GROVER		57 13:41	BELVIDERE
63 *MAHAN		--- 13:42	AUBURN
64 LEWIS		58 13:42	EAST
65 BUCKLEY		59 13:43	OSWEGO
66 HILL		60 13:43	PEKIN
67 *REED		--- 13:43	ROCK ISLAND
68 *LESLIE		--- 13:44	METAMORA
69 CHAPMAN		61 13:45	GENESEO
70 LONG		62 13:46	STERLING
71 GENRY 13:06	6:33	63 13:47	MOLINE
72 GELANDE		64 13:49	UNITED
73 WINGET		65 13:50	PEORIA
74 FOX		66 13:51	OTTAWA
75 ZELLER		67 13:52	PONTIAC
76 THOMPSON		68 13:52	GALESBURG
77 SCHUETZ		69 13:53	STERLING
78 GEDKO		70 13:53	GUILFORD
79 MOHR		71 13:55	UNITED
80 *HUGHES		--- 13:56	HONONEGAH
81 *OLSON		--- 13:57	ROCK FALLS
82 SHIPMANA		72 14:02	WASHINGTON
83 BENTERS		73 14:04	STERLING
84 LACROIX		74 14:04	RICHWOODS
85 KING		75 14:05	BELVIDERE
86 BURGESS		76 14:05	OSWEGO
87 HESS		77 14:06	STERLING
88 DAVIS		78 14:07	UNITED
89 MUWALLIF		79 14:07	PEORIA
90 TYLR		80 14:07	PEORIA
91 WOODS 13:28	6:44	81 14:08	MOLINE
92 *SCHEIRER		--- 14:09	METAMORA
93 STENGER		82 14:11	BOYLAN
94 *SCHLAPPI		--- 14:12	MORTON
95 CERMAK		83 14:13	PONTIAC
96 HAHN		84 14:14	WASHINGTON
97 *VESEY		--- 14:15	ROCK ISLAND
98 LARSON		85 14:15	PLAINFIELD
99 ROTHERMEL		86 14:19	EAST
100 MUNSON		87 14:19	GUILFORD
101 MUWALLIF		88 14:22	PEORIA
102 MARKAS		89 14:23	WASHINGTON
103 HANES		90 14:23	PEKIN
104 BOLAND		91 14:24	NOTRE DAME
105 TORHERK		92 14:24	YORKVILLE
106 ESKESEN		93 14:25	PONTIAC
107 JANUCHOWSKI		94 14:25	YORKVILLE
108 JANUCHOWSKI, R		95 14:26	YORKVILLE
109 SCHMITZ		96 14:27	NOTRE DAME
110 JONES		97 14:27	OTTAWA
111 LEVERTON		98 14:27	FREEPORT
112 CLARK		99 14:28	FREEPORT

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113 RIS	100	14:29	PONTIAC
114 EGLI	101	14:29	PEKIN
115 HIEGGELKE	102	14:30	OTTAWA
116 SMITH	103	14:30	NOTRE DAME
117 *LORR	---	14:31	HONONEGAH
118 HANSON	104	14:34	PEKIN
119 *KASIK	---	14:35	HONONEGAH
120 FRAKES	105	14:36	GUILFORD
121 BRUINGTON	106	14:38	GALESBURG
122 DEFAEPE	107	14:46	FREEPORT
123 BLOMSTROM	108	14:46	WASHINGTON
124 GRIMM	109	14:47	NOTRE DAME
125 SOKOLOWSKI	110	14:59	PEKIN
126 *HAYES	---	15:06	MINOOKA
127 *SIMMONS	---	15:08	STREATOR
128 MILLER	111	15:14	YORKVILLE
129 JONES	112	15:15	OTTAWA
130 LAWSON	113	15:16	EAST
131 MASTROIANNI	114	15:55	FREEPORT
132 *SCHIEBERT	---	16:02	MINOOKA
133 LIPE	115	16:05	WASHINGTON
134 *JORDAN	---	16:06	STREATOR
135 JACKSON	116	16:25	YORKVILLE
136 LOPEMAN	117	16:37	PONTIAC
137 GRAVES	118	16:41	FREEPORT
138 HAMER	119	16:44	BOYLAN
139 SULLIVAN	120	17:03	YORKVILLE
140 SHURTLEFF	121	17:07	WASHINGTON
141 MYERS	122	17:19	EAST
142 PURNELL	123	17:25	PONTIAC
143 SCHMIDT	124	17:47	PONTIAC
144 WOZNICK	125	17:58	PLAINFIELD
145 COX	126	17:59	YORKVILLE
146 CHAPUT	127	18:00	BOYLAN
147 SCHOLTES	128	18:00	PLAINFIELD
148 STENGER	129	18:00	BOYLAN
149 ANDERSON	130	18:00	BOYLAN

BOYS SECT. RESULTS

WINNING TIME: 15:05

1 . MOLINE	38	(- 2- 4- 5- 9- 18- 22- 37-)
2 . GENESEO	110	(- 8- 12- 14- 19- 57- 63- 95-)
3 . RICHWOODS	121	(- 13- 20- 26- 28- 34- 50- 84-)
4 . ROCK ISLAND	162	(- 1- 6- 23- 52- 80- 92- 98-)
5 . GUILFORD	179	(- 3- 36- 38- 44- 58- 66- 70-)
6 . PONTIAC	208	(- 21- 29- 45- 48- 65- 83- 104-)
7 . METAMORA	208	(- 16- 27- 33- 42- 90- 97- 100-)
8 . EAST	220	(- 17- 30- 43- 56- 74- 75- 87-)
9 . BELVIDERE	222	(- 7- 46- 53- 55- 61- 81- 0-)
10 . OSWEGO	228	(- 11- 39- 40- 60- 78- 79- 86-)
11 . PEORIA	239	(- 31- 32- 49- 63- 64- 72- 105-)
12 . PEKIN	278	(- 10- 54- 59- 67- 88- 93- 0-)
13 . LP	287	(- 24- 41- 68- 71- 83- 99- 102-)
14 . GALESBURG	288	(- 25- 51- 62- 73- 77- 96- 109-)
15 . HONONEGAH	326	(- 15- 47- 76- 85- 103- 107- 108-)
16 . YORKVILLE	403	(- 35- 82- 91- 94- 101- 106- 0-)

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1 VESEY	1	15:05	ROCK ISLAND
2 PEREZ 5:04	2	15:12	MOLINE
3 PERRY	3	15:20	GUILFORD
4 HARVEY 5:08	4	15:24	MOLINE
5 EDMUNDS 5:08.6	5	15:26	MOLINE
6 *BISHOP	---	15:31	CANTON
7 TANNER	6	15:40	ROCK ISLAND
8 *MCENROE	---	15:41	NOTRE DAME
9 JONSSON	7	15:43	BELVIDERE
10 *WILKINSON	---	15:43	STERLING
11 GLASS	8	15:43	GENESEO
12 *YAUN	---	15:44	FREEPORT
13 KRAUEL 15:14.6	9	15:44	MOLINE
14 HORCHEM	10	15:45	PEKIN
15 PLAUCK	11	15:46	OSWEGO
16 VANAVOOREN	12	15:46	GENESEO
17 TUROW	13	15:47	RICHWOODS
18 BAKER	14	15:48	GENESEO
19 CHRISTENSON	15	15:49	HONONEGAH
20 WEIGEL	16	15:50	METAMORA
21 JOHNS	17	15:52	EAST
22 LOPEZ 5:18	18	15:54	MOLINE
23 BOARDMAN	19	15:54	GENESEO
24 *HAHN	---	15:55	WASHINGTON
25 MONGE	20	15:57	RICHWOODS
26 *MITCHELL	---	15:57	ROCHELLE
27 BLACK	21	15:58	PONTIAC
28 TAYLOR 5:20	22	16:00	MOLINE
29 HALL	23	16:03	ROCK ISLAND
30 ALMARAZ	24	16:04	LP
31 PONCE	25	16:06	GALESBURG
32 THANNERT	26	16:06	RICHWOODS
33 MILLER	27	16:07	METAMORA
34 WOOD	28	16:08	RICHWOODS
35 BALOTA	29	16:10	PONTIAC
36 DORMAN	30	16:11	EAST
37 *PORTS	---	16:12	STERLING
38 BRIGHT	31	16:12	PEORIA
39 *ARNE	---	16:13	ROCHELLE
40 SCHELLENBERG	32	16:13	PEORIA
41 WEIGEL	33	16:14	METAMORA
42 PETERSON	34	16:15	RICHWOODS
43 BRYANT	35	16:15	YORKVILLE
44 BLOCK	36	16:15	GUILFORD
45 RIVERA 5:24	37	16:16	MOLINE
46 DEHLN	38	16:20	GUILFORD
47 SCHNABLE	39	16:20	OSWEGO
48 *KLYPCHAK	---	16:21	MORTON
49 *DITTBENNER	---	16:21	BOYLAN
50 COX	40	16:23	OSWEGO
51 *DICKERSON	---	16:23	NOTRE DAME
52 CARRGON	41	16:24	LP
53 *SANDERS	---	16:25	MINOOKA
54 ADAMI	42	16:26	METAMORA
55 YATES	43	16:26	EAST
56 JIMENEZ	44	16:27	GUILFORD

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57 ROTH	45	16:28	PONTIAC
58 JONSSON	46	16:29	BELVIDERE
59 LOR	47	16:30	HONONEGAH
60 LAVORGNA	48	16:31	PONTIAC
61 DUROLE	49	16:33	PEORIA
62 KUHN	50	16:33	RICHWOODS
63 LOCKE	51	16:36	GALESBURG
64 GUSTAFSON	52	16:37	ROCK ISLAND
65 BYERS	53	16:37	BELVIDERE
66 MCCART	54	16:38	PEKIN
67 CHAPMAN	55	16:39	BELVIDERE
68 RYDER	56	16:39	EAST
69 VANVOOREN	57	16:40	GENESEO
70 WHITEHOUSE	58	16:41	GUILFORD
71 DURBIN	59	16:41	PEKIN
72 *MUSTRED	---	16:42	OTTAWA
73 LIETOKE	60	16:45	OSWEGO
74 THOMPSON	61	16:46	BELVIDERE
75 SCHWARZ	62	16:47	GALESBURG
76 MOULTON	63	16:48	PEORIA
77 MURTHA	64	16:48	PEORIA
78 ROTH	65	16:49	PONTIAC
79 HETLICH	66	16:49	GUILFORD
80 WILLIAMS	67	16:50	PEKIN
81 ALMARAZ	68	16:50	LP
82 WALSH	69	16:51	GENESEO
83 MCGRAW	70	16:52	GUILFORD
84 MCCONNELL	71	16:53	LP
85 DORSEY	72	16:53	PEORIA
86 MASTERSON	73	16:54	GALESBURG
87 KELLY	74	16:55	EAST
88 WALLIN	75	16:56	EAST
89 *TOPE	---	16:57	JEFFERSON
90 MARZANO	76	17:02	HONONEGAH
91 DUBOIS	77	17:03	GALESBURG
92 WILLIAMS	78	17:04	OSWEGO
93 *HENNING	---	17:05	HARLEM
94 WILLE	79	17:05	OSWEGO
95 WILKENING	80	17:06	ROCK ISLAND
96 RIPPLINGER	81	17:07	BELVIDERE
97 JACKSON	82	17:07	YORKVILLE
98 GROVE	83	17:08	LP
99 FRIEDMAN	84	17:08	RICHWOODS
100 FUCHS	85	17:10	HONONEGAH
101 AIRD	86	17:12	OSWEGO
102 CLUTTER	87	17:14	EAST
103 MARUSO	88	17:15	PEKIN
104 PETERSON	89	17:15	PONTIAC
105 DRISCOLL	90	17:16	METAMORA
106 MUNCY	91	17:17	YORKVILLE
107 HELMS	92	17:18	ROCK ISLAND
108 SAPP	93	17:22	PEKIN
109 COLLINS	94	17:23	YORKVILLE
110 CUBBY	95	17:23	GENESEO
111 HAWORTH	96	17:29	GALESBURG
112 FULLER	97	17:33	METAMORA

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113 *PIFER	---	17:37	MINOOKA
114 WOODS	98	17:37	ROCK ISLAND
115 *HARVEY	---	17:38	OTTAWA
116 ZACK	99	17:39	LP
117 KAUFFMAN	100	17:40	METAMORA
118 DUFFY	101	17:42	YORKVILLE
119 LERSTTE	102	17:43	LP
120 HARPER	103	17:43	HONONEGAH
121 JORDAN	104	17:47	PONTIAC
122 SAHN	105	17:54	PEORIA
123 COX	106	18:24	YORKVILLE
124 MCLARTY	107	18:49	HONONEGAH
125 DICKSON	108	19:14	HONONEGAH
126 CHAMBERS	109	20:00	GALESBURG