Geneseo sweeps NCIC harrier crowns

PRINCETON — Saturday was a good day for both the Geneseo boys and girls cross country teams, as they took both ends of the North Central Illinois Conference championship meet here.

The Maple Leaf boys outdistanced second-place Sterling 31 to 68, while the girls just edged a heavily favored Sterling squad 42 to 45 at Princeton's City County Park.

For the boys, this year's championship is the seventh consecutive conference crown at Geneseo, an NCIC record. For the girls, this is the seventh championship in the past eight years.

"These were both big wins, but especially for the girls," said Geneseo coach Don Fredericks. "Coming in, Sterling was the heavy favorite, and for us to beat them is really very special."

In the boys race, not only did Geneseo claim the team crown, but the Leafs boasted an individual winner as well, in the form of Andy Snook, who posted a time of 15:55 to nose out Rock Falls' Chris Rodriguez by four seconds.

The Maple Leafs also placed four other runners in the top 10, those being third-placer Josh Pierce, eighth-place Andy Snyder, ninth-place Chris Pobanz and 10th-place Karl Taets.

On the girls' side, the highest-finishing Leaf was fourth-placer Kristy Windy, whose time of 14:58 put her 30 seconds off the winning pace set by Sterling's Jacqui Vasquez. Fifth-place finisher



Andy Snook

Mary Stancliff, ninth-placer Angie Smith and tenth-place runner Dawn Yarger were other Leaf harriers in the top 10. Mindy Patten rounded out the Geneseo top five by coming in 14th.

"Hopefully, we can continue to make progress during the regionals (to be held at Sterling High School next Saturday)," said Fredericks. "We're doing better race by race, and it can get better from here."



Republic photo by Jerry H (second from right), Josh Pierce (third from right) and Andy Snook (third from left) loosen up during the early stages of the N.C.I.C. cross-coun meet held Saturday, October 19 in Princeton. Geneseo claimed first in the varsity and frosh-soph bc and varsity girls races. For more information, see the adjoining story.

Clean sweep

Cross country teams claim conference crowns

It was a day to remember in the history of Geneseo cross-country as the J.D. Darnall high school boys and girls teams each earned North Central Illinois Conference (N.C.I.C.) crowns Saturday, October 19 at City-County Park, Princeton.

The varsity boys claimed their seventh consecutive conference crown, the varsity girls won for the seventh time in the last eight years and the froshsoph boys won their sixth consecutive N.C.I.C. title. All of this success had Coach Don Fredericks heaping praise upon his harriers.

"Every kid on the team contributed in one way or another and I just can't say enough about how they performed in this meet. All of Geneseo can be very proud ofwhat these athletes accomplished," he said.

Coming into the meet, the varsity girls seemed to have the biggest challenge ahead of them. With five freshmen and two sophomores comprising the Lady Leaf squad and a Sterling team which had defeated them soundly (21-34) just last month in the field, it seemed a second place finish would have been respectable. Instead, the Lady Leafs came through when it mattered most and shocked the heavily favored Golden Girls to claim the team title.

"It was the biggest upset in all of my years in coaching. The kids have been improving each week but a win in this race was almost too much to expect. Each of the girls just ran great races," said Coach Fredericks.

Teams and scores in the varsity girls race were Geneseo (42), Sterling (45), Ottawa (79), Kewanee (93), Dixon (110), Princeton (150) and Mendota (191).

Lady Leaf runners, as well as times and places, were Kristy Windy (14:58, fourth), Mary Stancliff (15:07, fifth), Angie Smith (15:19, ninth), Dawn Yarger (15:23, 10th), Mindy Patten (15:29, 14th), Noel Meyers (16:10, 23rd) and Sara Terronez (16:39, 31st).

Sterling freshman Jacqui Vasquez was first overall with a time of 14:28.

The Geneseo varsity boys team, a prerace favorite, lived up to those expectations with a resounding victory. Teams and scores in the boys race were Geneseo (31), Sterling (68), Rock Falls (82), Princeton (89), Kewanee (134), Dixon (165), Rochelle (169), Ottawa (209) and Mendota (246).

Andy Snook, who finished third a year ago and was the top returning performer coming into the boys race, earned first overall with a time of 15:55, nosing second place Chris Rodriguez of Rock Falls by four seconds. Josh Pierce of Geneseo, competing in his first year of high school cross-country, was third with a time of 16:15

Rounding out the Leaf squad were Andy Snyder (16:42, eighth), Chris Pobanz (16:44, ninth), Karl Taets (16:47, 10th), Mitch Pray (17:12, 20th) and Chad Sager (17:44, 29th).

"After we won the girls race, the boys were so excited. Everything just kind of fell into place after that," noted Coach Fredericks.

The Geneseo frosh-soph boys had opened the competition by posting a victory in their race. Teams and scores were Geneseo (34), Sterling (40), Ottawa (78), Kewanee (87) and Princeton (92).

Eric Misfeldt led the Leaflets with a time of 13:05, good for second overall. He was followed by Ryan Carter (13:20, third), Josh Inch (13:26, seventh), Adam Radicic (14:01, 14th), Joe Loftus (14:08, 18th), Mike Stancliff (15:43, 39th) and Derek Betcher (15:44, 40th).

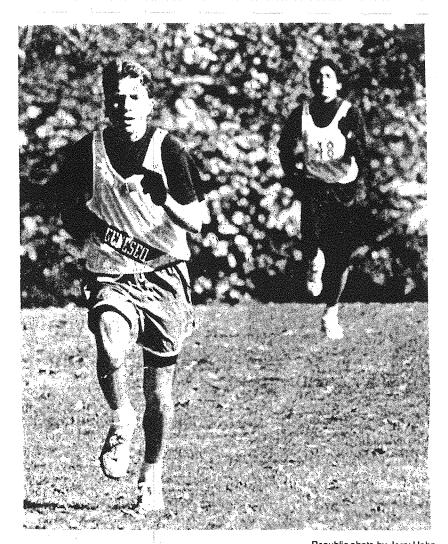
Randy Bell of Ottawa earned top honors in the frosh-soph boys race with a time of 12:40.

A total of 14 Leaf and Lady Leaf runners participated in an open race. They were Scott Durian (13:45, second), Ben Hahn (13:53, third), David Farmer (14:01, fourth), Darin Lavery (14:22, seventh), Chad Weinzierl (15:07, 12th), Becky Grier (16:15, 20th), Amy Ghys (16:37, 23rd), Lea Nissen (16:43, 24th), Dee Ann Olson (16:52, 28th), Traci Brewer (16:53, 29th), Julie Upchurch (17:38, 35th), Lynn Zwica (18:37, 43rd), Sara Williamsen (19:17, 48th) and Chrissy Kanke (22:40, 54th).

Grier was the first girl across the finish line in the race.

Next up for the Leafs and Lady Leafs is the regional meet to be held Saturday, October 26 in Sterling. The top five teams and five individuals not on advancing teams advance to sectional competition Saturday, November 2 in Peoria.

"All we want to do is move on and I feel both teams have very good chances of doing so. Our boys and girls are both performing very well right now," said Coach Fredericks.



Republic photo by Jerry Hahn CONFERENCE CHAMPION. Andy Snook (left) cruises home ahead of second place Chris Rodriguez of Rock Falls in the North Central Illinois Conference (N.C.I.C.) cross-country meet held Saturday, October 19 in Princeton. Snook placed first individually in the varsity boys race and Geneseo recorded a clean sweep in the team events.

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