

# Three of four

## Harriers Lake, Fluck, Ristau earn wins for Geneseo

Geneseo is fast becoming known for its lake . . . Jenny Lake, that is. Lake earned yet another title as she took first in the Tuesday, September 16 meet with United Township of East Moline and Dixon.

Running under hot and humid conditions, Lake completed the 2-mile course at Northeast Park in East Moline in 11:35. Teammate Natalie Myers earned second place with a time of 12:58.

But Lake wasn't the only Geneseo harrier to earn the spotlight. Out of the four divisions (varsity boys, varsity girls, junior varsity girls and junior varsity boys), Geneseo took three of the titles.

Justin Fluck covered the 2.71-mile varsity boys race in 14:31 for the title. Stacking the results in Geneseo's favor, Leaf runners Chris Studer and Jason Gray went second and third, respectively, with times of 14:36 and 14:43.

The top five slots were earned by Geneseo harriers in the boys' frosh-soph race. Bobby Ristau took first in the 2-mile race in 11:59 followed by teammates Neil Kuhlman (12:07), Luke Owens (12:12), Matt Travis (12:18) and Bill Bean (12:20).

Showing what focus can do for you the varsity girls beat United Township 25-32 and Dixon 18-45 in the team competition. This brings the Lady Leafs' record to 7-1 for the season.

Three other varsity girls finished in the top 10 for Geneseo, Andrea Blondell (sixth, 13:31), Rhonda Loftus (ninth, 13:56) and Rachael Williams (tenth, 14:10).

Packing the field, Geneseo also claimed the 11th through 14th slots.

Becky Riewerts started the sequence, clocking in at 14:21 with Alysa Snyder (14:29), Chris Kempher (14:41) and Amy Schneider (14:41) following.

Jill Hinrichs also ran the course for Geneseo, taking 19th overall with a time of 15:43. A total of 30 girls were timed in the event.

At the varsity boys level, Geneseo also took a double win, downing U.T. 19-36 and Dixon 21-50. The victories put the Leafs at 5-0 for the 1997 season.

In addition to Fluck, Studer and Gray, four other varsity harriers finished within the top 10 for the field. Andy Beuster took seventh in 15:28; Mark Keplinger, seventh, 15:37; Grant Venema, ninth, 15:51 and Tim Nelson, tenth, 15:52.

Josh Fleming also competed for the Leafs, finishing in 20th place with a time of 17:33. A total of 25 runners were timed in the varsity division.

Even though Geneseo did not place a runner in the first slot of the junior varsity girls' division, seven Lady Leaflets did finish within the top 10. Overall, the Geneseo girls beat United Township 21-39 and moved to 3-1 for the season.

Taking second overall was Lady Leaflet Mary Terronez with a time of 16:04. Hope Davenport of U.T. won the event in a time of 16:01.

Geneseo had runners in third, fourth and fifth positions as well. Kelli O'Dell led the way with a time of 16:08 followed by Codi Hultman, 16:29 and Kari Reagin, 16:30. Heidi Lathy of U.T. and Beth Bos of Geneseo each clocked in at 16:45 with Lathy taking sixth place and Bos earning seventh. At number eight was Lady Leaflet Dawn Miller with a time of 16:58, the same time marked by Sara Lundeen of U.T. who earned ninth overall. Taking tenth place was Jaime Gunnison of

Geneseo with a time of 17:22.

Also covering the course for Geneseo were Joy Gray, 13th, 17:50; Angie Swagger, 15th, 18:00; Jennifer Vermost, 18th, 20:36; Megan Irish, 19th, 21:46; Nikki Thompson, 20th, 22:36; Sherry Erwin, 21st, 22:39 and Jody Thompson, 22nd, 23:05.

Two miles were also run by the boys' frosh-soph teams on Tuesday. Geneseo pretty much took control of the top ten slots, with just one U.T. runner and one from Dixon allowed into the elite group.

With Ristau, Kuhlman, Owens, Travis and Bean topping the field, Geneseo also had three others earning a top-10 slot. Mike Heitzler earned seventh overall with a time of 13:03 with teammate Brandon Sandoval close behind in 13:05 for eighth. Mike Skelton took ninth place with a time of 13:28.

Also competing for the Leafrosh were Jared Betcher (15th, 14:01), Nathan Thompson (18th, 14:16), Ryan Cathelyn (22nd, 14:54), Mike Gallant (23rd, 15:16), Billy Johnson, (25th, 15:24), Adam Kuban (26th, 15:32) and Mike Stone (27th, 16:04). Twenty-eight runners were timed in the frosh-soph division.

Three of the sophomore runners competed at the varsity level. In addition, four did not compete, Mike Brown, Chris Cashman, Mark Gleason and Charles Peters.

In the team scoring, Geneseo took United Township, 15-39 and Dixon 15-50. The wins put the Leafrosh at 8-0 for the year.

Saturday, September 20, the cross country teams will travel to Peoria for the Notre Dame Invitational at 9 a.m. The squads will then travel to Ottawa Tuesday, September 23 for a 4:30 p.m. contest.



Todd Mizener / staff

The talent on the Alleman's girls cross country team is tightly packed. They are, front from left, Aaron Shemek, Jaimee Layer, Natalie Circello and Katrina Hird; and back, April Piasecki, Carly Anderson and Kelly Ceurvorst. The top four, Shemek, Layer, Circello and Hird are this week's Pacesetters.

## Packed and ready for state?

Alleman harriers look primed for postseason

By Ray Opiola

Staff sports writer

Call them the young bunch. And certainly call them winners.

But however you refer to them, this week's Pacesetters for The Dispatch and The Rock Island Argus stick together, especially when they run.

The Alleman girls cross country team has been running extremely well as a team, winning the powerful Class A Peoria Woodruff Invitational last Saturday and toting a 5-0 dual meet record.

The team is led by the Pacesetter quartet of sophomore Natalie Circello, juniors Katrina Hird and

Aaron Shemek and freshman Jaimee Layer. The rest of the talented squad is made up of sophomores April Piasecki and Carly Anderson and the lone senior, team captain Kelly Ceurvorst.

"I look forward to practice because these girls make it fun," said Alleman cross country coach Mike Ethington. "Not only that, but they are not afraid to work hard and all of them have a positive attitude toward running."

An example of how close knit these girls are on the course comes from their Woodruff Invite victory. Circello, Hird, Shemek and Layer all finished within two seconds of each other to take the

### PACESETTERS

■ **Natalie Circello, soph.**

Parents: Tom and Peggy Circello, Moline.

■ **Katrina Hird, junior**

Parents: Rik and Toni Hird, Rock Island.

■ **Aaron Shemek, junior**

Parents: Pat and Flavian Shemek, Coal Valley.

■ **Jaimee Layer, freshman**

Parents: Steve and Christy Layer, East Moline.

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12th through 15th places overall.

"One reason they are running well as a pack is because this year they are more patient and using a better pace to achieve their goal times," said Ethington.

The girls are not only close on the course, but off as well.

"We go out to dinner a lot," said Ceurvorst of her team. "We hang out all of the time and have a real good time running together as well."

Just recently, a few of the girls went to the homecoming dance in a group and took a team picture in

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their dresses and their running shoes.

Though these Pioneers have fun does not mean they are short-sighted on what they want to accomplish this season and beyond.

"We're dedicated to win the Western Big 6, which has never been done by our school (girls) cross country team," said Hird.

"This year we have worked real hard and we are really close and that makes up push each other," said Circello. "We can go far this season, and the next few, too."

Piasecki also thinks her team's success lies in their togetherness.

"We stick together so we can do well and that makes us better than other teams," she said. "And if we do that, we'll be successful."

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With such a young team, the Pioneers can contend for a state crown this year and for years to come.

"Our program is flourishing under our young runners and they are our key to success," said Ethington. "And with Kelly's natural leadership to guide the younger girls who look up to her, that gives us an advantage."

The younger runners, especially Layer, are happy that the team has that close-knit bond because it makes them feel more comfortable adapting to varsity sports.

"Even though I'm a freshman, adapting to high school sports is easier because it is so much fun," said Layer.

This group has made some waves

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that can be felt throughout the state. Alleman was ranked ninth in the preseason poll. In the Woodruff Invite, it beat No. 2-ranked Delavan-Tremont by a whopping 47 points.

Ethington believes his team is a force to be reckoned with.

"We beat the No. 2 team handily and that shows me these girls are ready to run," he said.

Not only do the girls support each other, they receive a lot of help from their parents in fundraising.

"Fundraising with the parents has enabled us to buy the girls new warmups and new uniforms and that gives the girls a boost. It shows them that they are a unique team and gives them a better identity," said Ethington.

Only dual  
meet loss  
Ladies

# Geneseo Cross-Country Results

**Competing Schools:** East Moline (United Township) & Dixon

**Site:** Northeast Park **Date:** 09/16/97 **Conditions:** 86....Hot and Humid

**Girl's Varsity Race** (Racing Distance: 2.00 miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Jenny Lake	09	Geneseo	11:35	(5:27)
2.	Natalie Myers	12	Geneseo	12:58	(6:12)
3.	Beth Broby	09	U.T.	13:06	
4.	Jess Whight	10	U.T.	13:25	
5.	Marie Shafer	11	Dixon	13:27	
6.	Andrea Blondell	10	Geneseo	13:31	(6:21)
7.	Kristin Garcia	12	U.T.	13:36	
8.	Jessie Hess	11	U.T.	13:38	
9.	Rhonda Loftus	10	Geneseo	13:56	(6:32)
10.	Rachael Williams	10	Geneseo	14:10	(6:47)
11.	Becky Riewerts	12	Geneseo	14:21	(6:43)
12.	Alysa Snyder	10	Geneseo	14:29	(6:52)
13.	Chris Kempfer	12	Geneseo	14:41	(7:24)
14.	Amy Schneider	12	Geneseo	14:41	(6:47)
15.	Tara Lynch	12	U.T.	14:52	
16.	Kelli Ruggiro	11	Dixon	15:04	
17.	Eliz Schauuff	10	Dixon	15:06	
18.	Sara Atkin	12	U.T.	15:14	
19.	Jill Hinrichs	11	Geneseo	15:43	(7:30)
20.	Jacki Boss	09	Dixon	15:46	
21.	Angie Martin	12	Dixon	15:46	
22.	Liz Andersen	12	U.T.	15:47	
23.	Natalie Fract	10	Dixon	15:48	
24.	Kristi Frey	11	Dixon	15:49	
25.	Suz Winter	12	U.T.	16:03	
26.	?? Wheeler	11	Dixon	16:23	
27.	Michelle Brischop	11	Dixon	18:19	
28.	Kim Duffy	12	Dixon	18:56	
29.	Leah Johnson	12	U.T.	19:02	
30.	Kristy Vershaw	12	U.T.	19:35	

Leader: 5:27

## Prep girls

### UTHS Triangular

at Northwest Park  
2.00 miles  
GENESEO 25, UTHS 32  
GENESEO 18, DIXON 45  
UTHS 18, DIXON 39  
Winner — Jenny Lake, G. 11:35.  
Geneseo — 1. Lake 11:35, Natalie Myers  
12:58, 6. Andrea Blondell 13:31, 9. Rhonda  
Loftus 13:56, 10. Rachel Williams 14:10.  
UTHS — 3. Beth Broby 13:06, Jessica Wright  
13:25, 7. Krista Garcia 13:36, Jessica Hess  
13:38, Tara Lynch 14:52, Samantha Akin  
15:14, Liz Anderson 15:47.

### United Township triangular

Geneseo had five runners finish in the  
top 10 as the Maple Leafs defeated both  
United Township and Dixon at Northeast  
Park in East Moline.

**Team standings** — Geneseo 25, United  
Township 32; Geneseo 18, Dixon 45; United  
Township 18, Dixon 39.

**Top 10 Individuals** — 1. Jenny Lake (G)  
11:35; 2. Natalie Myers (G) 12:58; 3. Beth  
Broby (UT) 13:06; 4. Jessica Wright (UT)  
13:25; 5. Marie Shafer (D) 13:27; 6. Andrea  
Blondell (G) 13:31; 7. Krista Garcia (UT)  
13:36; 8. Jessica Hess (UT) 13:38; 9.  
Rhonda Loftus (G) 13:56; 10. Rachel  
Williams (G) 14:10.

**United Township** — Tara Lynch 14:52;  
Samantha Akin 15:14; Liz Anderson 15:47.  
**Dixon** — Kelli Ruggiero 15:04; Elizabeth  
Schauuff 15:06; Jacki Boss 15:46; Angie  
Martin 15:46; Natalie Friel 15:49; Kristi Frey  
15:49.

**Sophomore results** — Geneseo 21,  
United Township 39.

**Sophomore winner** — Hope Davenport  
(D) 16:01.

### Prep cross country

■ **UTMS Triangular:** Both the Geneseo boys and girls squads, led by their respective stars, picked up wins over United Township and Dixon at Northeast Park.

Freshman sensation Jenny Lake easily finished first, with a sizzling time of 11:35 over the 2-mile course. Teammate Natalie Meyers was second (12:58) while Lady Leaf Andrea Blondell placed sixth (13:31). The Panthers were paced by Beth Brorby's third place (13:06) while teammate Jessica Wright was fourth, with a clocking of 13:25.

In the boys portion of the meet, the Leafs dominated by placing seven harriers in the top 10, led by Justin Fluck's winning effort of 14:31. Finishing second and third were Leaf runners Chris Studer (14:36) and Jason Gray (14:43). The Panthers' best finish came from Eric Wesselmann, who took sixth (15:22).

### Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5	2:35
1 through 7	2:54
1 through 10	4:08

Did Not Compete: none

### Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	1	2	5	8	9	25	10	11
United Township	3	4	6	7	12	32	13	14
	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	1	2	4	5	6	18	7	8
Dixon	3	9	10	11	12	45	13	14

Geneseo Varsity Girls' Record: 7 Wins / 1 Losses

## Excellent Efforts on a Hot Afternoon

## Let's stay focused

# Bring on Peoria

# Geneseo Cross-Country Results

**Competing Schools:** East Moline (United Township) & Dixon

**Site:** Northeast Park **Date:** 09/16/97 **Conditions:** 86....Hot and Humid

**Boy's Varsity Race** (Racing Distance: 2.71 miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Justin Fluck	11	Geneseo	14:31	(5:15/11:36)
2.	Chris Studer	11	Geneseo	14:36	(5:15/11:40)
3.	Jason Gray	12	Geneseo	14:43	(5:15/11:45)
4.	Chris Allen	12	Dixon	14:52	
5.	Joel Foster	11	Dixon	15:05	
6.	Eric Wessulman	11	U.T.	15:22	
7.	Andy Beuster	10	Geneseo	15:28	(5:32/12:19)
8.	Mark Keplinger	11	Geneseo	15:37	(5:33/12:36)
9.	Grant Venema	10	Geneseo	15:51	(5:46/12:48)
10.	Tim Nelson	10	Geneseo	15:52	(5:47/12:49)
11.	Josh Miles	10	Dixon	16:00	
12.	Mike Hoeg	12	U.T.	16:15	
13.	Brian Medina	11	U.T.	16:25	
14.	Ben Prickett	11	U.T.	16:27	
15.	?? Paquette	09	U.T.	16:31	
16.	Bret Smith	11	Dixon	16:49	
17.	John Powell	12	U.T.	17:00	
18.	Charlie Bishop	10	Dixon	17:02	
19.	Sud Chillaqura	11	Dixon	17:26	
20.	Josh Fleming	11	Geneseo	17:33	(5:51/13:54)
21.	John Pittman	12	U.T.	17:44	
22.	Mike Toney	09	Dixon	18:00	
23.	Ted Taylor	12	Dixon	19:24	
24.	David Donley	11	U.T.	19:42	
25.	Mike Benson	12	U.T.	20:16	

Leader: 5:15 / 11:36

## Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5            1:06  
 1 through 7            1:21  
 1 through 10          nope

**Did Not Compete:** Matt Carlson, David Rutledge

**United Township triangular**  
 Geneseo finished with seven runners in the top 10 en route to defeating United Township and Dixon.  
**Team scores** — Geneseo 17, United Township 48, Geneseo 19, Dixon 42, Dixon 27, United Township 29.  
**Top 10 individuals** — 1. Justin Fluck (G) 14:31; 2. Chris Studer (G) 14:36; 3. Jason Gray (G) 14:43; 4. Chris Allen (D) 14:52; 5. Joel Foster (D) 15:05; 6. Eric Wessulman (UT) 15:22; 7. Andy Beuster (G) 15:28; 8. Mark Keplinger (G) 15:37; 9. Grant Venema (G) 15:51; 10. Tim Nelson (G) 15:52.  
**United Township** — Mike Hoeg 16:15; Bryan Medina 16:25; Ben Prickett 16:27; Bob Prickett 16:27; Amman Paquette 16:31; John Powell 17:00; John Pittman 17:44.  
**Dixon** — Josh Miles 16:00; Bret Smith 16:49; Charlie Bishop 17:02; Chillaqura 17:26; Mike Toney 18:00.  
**Sophomore scores** — Geneseo 15, United Township 48, United Township 25, Dixon 34, Geneseo 15, Dixon 50.  
**Sophomores overall winner** — Bob Prickett (G) 11:59.

## Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
<b>Geneseo</b>	1	2	3	5	6	<b>19</b>	7	8
Unit Township	4	9	10	11	12	<b>36</b>	13	14
	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
<b>Geneseo</b>	1	2	3	6	7	<b>21</b>	8	9
Dixon	4	5	10	11	12	<b>50</b>	13	14

Geneseo Varsity Boys' Record: 5 Wins / 0 Losses

## Excellent Efforts Men

Let's stay committed to each other

Recovery days  
are just as important for you as your high intensity days.

## Peoria Fever

Make Saturday Count

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### Prep boys

#### UTHS Triangular

at Northwest Park  
2.7 miles

GENESEO 17, UTHS 46  
GENESEO 19, DIXON 42  
DIXON 27, UTHS 29

Winner — Justin Fluck G. 14:31.  
Geneseo — 1. Fluck 14:31, 2. Chris Stader 14:36, 3. Jason Gray 14:43, 7. Andy Beuster 15:28, 8. Mark Keplinger 15:37, 9. Grant Vennema 15:51, 10. Tim Nelson 15:52.  
UTHS — 6. Eric Wesselmann 15:22, Mike 16:15, Bryan Medina 16:25, Ben Prickett 16:27, Amman Paquette 16:31, John Powell 17:00, John Pittman 17:44.

# Geneseo Cross-Country Results

**Competing Schools:** East Moline (United Township) & Dixon

**Site:** Northeast Park **Date:** 09/16/97 **Conditions:** 86....Hot and Humid

**Girl's Junior Varsity Race** (Racing Distance: 2.00 miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Hope Davenport	09	U.T.	16:01	
2.	Mary Terronez	09	Geneseo	16:04	(7:50)
3.	Kelli O'Dell	09	Geneseo	16:08	(7:50)
4.	Codi Hultman	10	Geneseo	16:29	(7:48)
5.	Kari Reagin	09	Geneseo	16:30	(7:50)
6.	Heidi Lathy	10	U.T.	16:45	
7.	Beth Bos	12	Geneseo	16:45	(8:00)
8.	Dawn Miller	11	Geneseo	16:58	(8:00)
9.	Sara Lundeen	09	U.T.	16:58	
10.	Jaime Gunnison	09	Geneseo	17:22	(8:22)
11.	Kim Telgue	09	U.T.	17:32	
12.	Nicci Chierris	10	U.T.	17:39	
13.	Joy Gray	11	Geneseo	17:50	(8:20)
14.	Stephanie Winter	10	U.T.	17:54	
15.	Angie Swagger	10	Geneseo	18:00	(8:13)
16.	Sadie Lee	09	U.T.	18:08	
17.	Erin Sparks	10	U.T.	19:11	
18.	Jennifer Vermost	10	Geneseo	20:36	(9:19)
19.	Megan Irish	09	Geneseo	21:46	(9:35)
20.	Nikki Thompson	10	Geneseo	22:36	(9:35)
21.	Sherry Erwin	10	Geneseo	22:39	(10:40)
22.	Jody Thompson	10	Geneseo	23:05	(10:29)

Leader: 7:43

## Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5            0:41  
1 through 7            1:18  
1 through 10           4:32

**Did Not Compete:** Erin Schneider



## Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	2	3	4	5	7	21	8	10
United Township	1	6	9	11	12	39	13	14

Geneseo Junior Varsity Girls' Record: 3 Wins / 1 Losses

**Excellent Efforts in extremely warm  
conditions!!!!**

**Bring on Peoria**

# Geneseo Cross-Country Results

**Competing Schools:** East Moline (United Township) & Dixon

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**Boy's Frosh-Soph Race** (Racing Distance: 2.00 miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Bobby Ristau	10	Geneseo	11:59	(5:41)
2.	Neil Kuhlman	10	Geneseo	12:07	(5:43)
3.	Luke Owens	10	Geneseo	12:12	(5:47)
4.	Matt Travis	10	Geneseo	12:18	(5:47)
5.	Bill Bean	09	Geneseo	12:20	(5:47)
6.	Cassidy Dehys	10	U.T.	12:42	
7.	Mike Heitzler	10	Geneseo	13:03	(6:16)
8.	Brandon Sandoval	09	Geneseo	13:05	(6:16)
9.	Mike Skelton	10	Geneseo	13:28	(6:21)
10.	Wesley Kane	09	Dixon	13:36	
11.	Andy Meyer	10	Dixon	13:39	
12.	Steve Hemphill	09	U.T.	13:41	
13.	Dave Davile	10	U.T.	13:49	
14.	John Shaw	10	Dixon	14:00	
15.	Jared Betcher	09	Geneseo	14:01	(6:49)
16.	Jason Gavini	09	U.T.	14:08	
17.	Cody Stith	10	U.T.	14:11	
18.	Nathan Thompson	09	Geneseo	14:16	(6:50)
19.	Steven Gates	09	U.T.	14:29	
20.	Zeth Rameriz	10	U.T.	14:41	
21.	Carl Bessert	09	U.T.	14:45	
22.	Ryan Cathelyn	10	Geneseo	14:54	(6:14)
23.	Mike Gallant	10	Geneseo	15:16	(7:05)
24.	Distin Zimmerman	09	Dixon	15:23	
25.	Billy Johnson	10	Geneseo	15:24	(6:13)
26.	Adam Kuban	09	Geneseo	15:32	(7:12)
27.	Mike Stone	09	Geneseo	16:04	(7:31)
28.	Jesse Nicholson	??	Dixon	17:45	

Leader: 5:43

## Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5	0:21
1 through 7	1:06
1 through 10	2:17

**Did Not Compete:** Mike Brown, Chris Cashman, Mark Gleason, & Charles Peters

**Team Scores**

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
<b>Geneseo</b>	1	2	3	4	5	<b>15</b>	7	8
United Township	6	9	10	11	12	<b>39</b>	13	14

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
<b>Geneseo</b>	1	2	3	4	5	<b>15</b>	6	7
Dixon	8	9	10	11	12	<b>50</b>	13	14

**Frosh-Soph Record: 8 Wins / 0 Losses**

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conditions!!!!  
(with 3 soph's on varsity)**

**Bring on Peoria**