

Opening in stride

Harriers open '98 at 3-0; Lake and Bean earn titles

It was the season opener and the first of three meets in six days. But the J. D. Darnall High School cross country members were going to show what type of season they expect. A winning one.

Both the varsity boys and varsity girls took top honors in the Geneseo Triangular, hosting Kewanee and Rock Falls on Thursday, September 3. LaSalle-Peru, also slated to compete, was forced to forfeit due to the teacher's strike.

Hot, muggy conditions and 91° temperatures prevailed as the harriers took to the Richmond Hill course.

Jenny Lake, true to form, won the girls division and led a pack of four Lady Leafs through the finish gate. Lake completed the 2.5-mile course in 16:42. Lake, a sophomore, was followed by two seniors and then another sophomore. Rhonda Loftus took second with a time of 18:09 while Jill Hinrichs, claiming third, came through at 18:33.

Sophomore Taren Komadina claimed the fourth-place position with a time of 19:16. Komadina was noted last year as a stand-out for the Lady Boilermakers of Kewanee and recently moved to Geneseo and joined the Lady Leafs' squad.

"It was a great season opener," Coach Don Fredericks noted, adding the Lady Leafs earned a 3-0 record with the win.

All total, Geneseo had nine finishers within the top 11 positions.

Alysa Snyder started the next

string of Lady Leafs, coming through at 20:16 for seventh place. Right behind here were Andrea Blondell (20:30), Jann Johnson (20:35), Irene Knapp (20:37) and Nicki Sellon (20:41).

It was a day of group efforts for Geneseo. Four more Lady Leafs were added to the top 20 finishers with Kari Reagin (20:58), Krista Wiedenhoef (21:00), Mary Terronez (21:08) and Emily Rowlands (21:36)

taking the 14th through 17th positions.

Kim Zigler and Ashley Paulson finished 20th and 21st, respectively with times of 22:39 and 22:44. Jaime Gunnison finished at 24:15 with Megan Irish right next through the gate in 25:25. Kristina Blankenfeld and Rachel Pobanz also took the course for the Lady Leafs.

In the team standings, Geneseo defeated Kewanee 16-44 and Rock Falls 16-50.

Unable to compete for Geneseo were Karen Skelton, Codi Hultman, Erin Schneider and Angie Swagger.

Though Joel Bourque of Kewanee took the overall field in 17:53 for the win, Geneseo packed finishers in the next four positions to take the victory.

Grant Venema led the Leafs, taking the 3.1-mile course in 18:55 for second place overall. He was followed by Chris Studer, 18:55; Andy Beuster, 19:12 and Tim Nelson, 19:13 to round out the top five finishers for the field.

Matt Travis took eighth overall with a time of 19:52 while Chris Cashman claimed the tenth-place slot with a time of 20:06.

Also competing for the Leafs were Josh Fleming, 12th overall, 20:41;

Mike Skelton, 21st, 22:27 and Bobby Ristau, 26th, 24:54.

For the opening meet, the Leafs were without two of its top harriers, Justin Fluck and Mark Keplinger.

"It was a solid season opener," Coach Fredericks stated. "The boys really kicked into gear despite the nasty conditions."

The Leafs, also, sport a 3-0 record, taking Kewanee 16-44 and Rock Falls, 16-50. The forfeit from LP due to the teacher's strike also earns the Leafs a mark in the victory column.

The frosh-soph boys put in their efforts on a 2.5-mile course around Richmond Hill, taking victories from the visiting squads as well. The 15-48 win over Kewanee and 18-42 defeat of Rock Falls, coupled with the LP forfeit, puts the Leafrosh at 3-0 after the opening meet.

Bill Bean put his first win of the season in the books, taking the course in 15:57 for the win. Teammate Brandon Sandoval followed in second at 16:45.

Robert Lund of Rock Falls may have locked up third with a time of 16:48 but it was Geneseo who finished out the top seventh positions.

Kyle Lichthardt took fourth overall in 16:55 followed by Jared Betcher in fifth, 16:58. Josh Franks and Jeremy Heaton rounded out the pack, coming through at 17:17 and 17:32, respectively.

Mark Gleason finished at 13th with a time of 18:34.

Also competing were Phil Mason, 18:55; Mike Stone, 19:00; Brandon Johnson, 19:47 and Adam Kuban, 20:10.

The Leafrosh opened the 1998 campaign without Nathan Ash, Mike Sunstrom or Nathan Thompson.

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Competing Schools: Kewanee, LaSalle - Peru and Rock Falls

Site: Richmond Hill Park

Date: 09/03/98

Conditions: 91....hot & nasty

Frosh-Soph Boys' Race (Racing Distance: 2.50 miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Bill Bean	10	Geneseo	15:57	(5:58 / 12:38)
2.	Brandon Sandoval	10	Geneseo	16:45	(6:25 / 13:42)
3.	Robert Lund	09	Rock Falls	16:48	
4.	Kyle Lichthardt	09	Geneseo	16:55	(6:41 / 13:47)
5.	Jared Betcher	10	Geneseo	16:58	(6:15 / 13:38)
6.	Josh Franks	10	Geneseo	17:17	(6:26 / 13:49)
7.	Jeremy Heaton	09	Geneseo	17:32	(6:41 / 14:04)
8.	Dan Drddroe	10	Kewanee	17:38	
9.	Eric Bryant	09	Rock Falls	18:01	
10.	Ross Dillon	09	Rock Falls	18:09	
11.	Jacob Mahaffe	10	Kewanee	18:19	
12.	Seth Heim	10	Rock Falls	18:31	
13.	Mark Gleason	10	Geneseo	18:34	(7:15 / 15:14)
14.	Michael Milne	09	Rock Falls	18:42	
15.	Jimmy Gillen	09	Rock Falls	18:52	
16.	Phil Mason	10	Geneseo	18:55	(7:15 / 15:10)
17.	Mike Stone	10	Geneseo	19:00	(7:06 / 15:10)
18.	Devin Jacob	09	Rock Falls	19:43	
19.	Austin Krone	09	Rock Falls	19:44	
20.	Brandon Johnson	09	Geneseo	19:47	(7:38 / 16:16)
21.	Adam Kuban	10	Geneseo	20:10	(7:30 / 16:16)
22.	William Aberle	09	Rock Falls	20:53	
23.	Chad Wolf	09	Rock Falls	21:04	
24.	Michael Wolf	09	Rock Falls	21:42	

Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5	1:20
1 through 7	2:37
1 through 10	3:50

Did Not Compete: Jason Cherry (DNF), Nathan Ash, Mike Sunstrom, Nathan Thompson.

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	9
Kewanee	7	8	10	11	12	48	13	14
Geneseo	1	2	4	5	6	18	7	11
Rock Falls	3	8	9	10	12	42	13	14

Geneseo also wins over L-P (forfeit due to teacher's strike)

Geneseo Frosh-Soph Boys' Record: 3 Wins / 0 Losses

Great Season Opener!!!

Nasty Conditions Men...
You Guys got our season off to a
great start.

Keep Up The Hard Work.

N.C.I.C. Champions??????

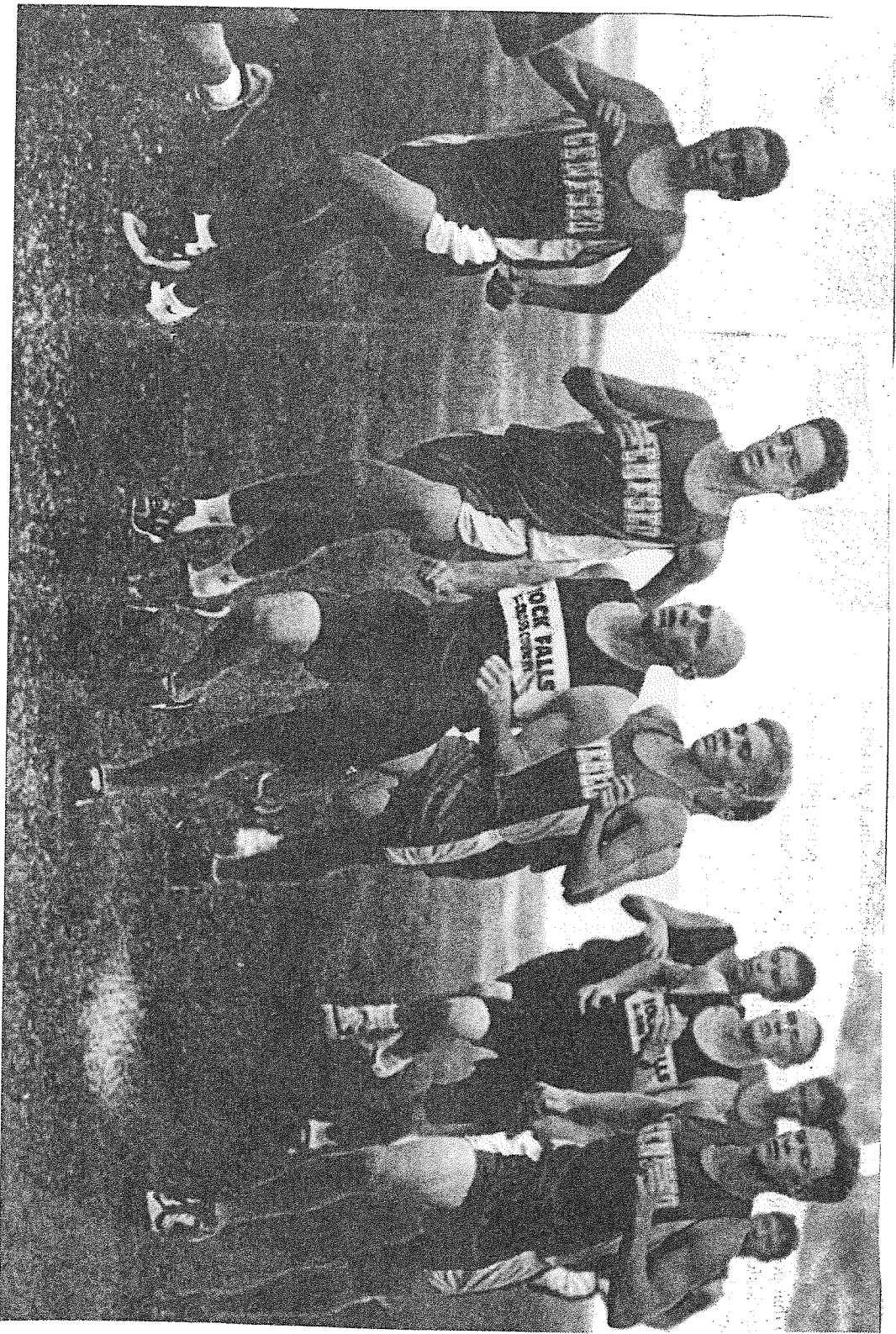
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Drink plenty of water.



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TAKE A NUMBER. Brandon Sandoval comes through the finishing gates following a triangular meet at Richmond Hill on Thursday, September 3. Sandoval took second in the frosh-soph division behind teammate Bill Bean. It was the season opener for the Geneseo cross country teams.



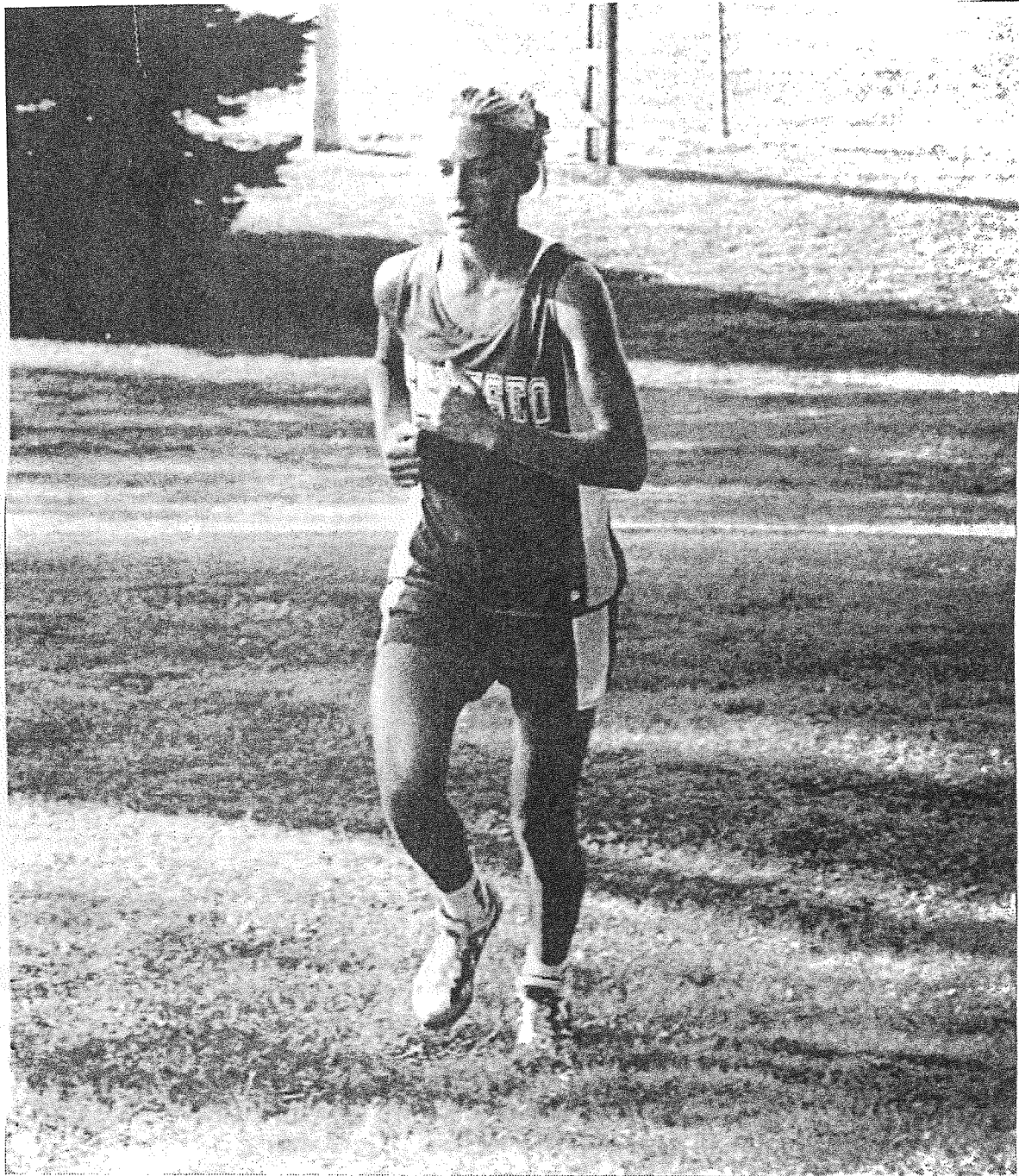
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TITLE COMPETITION. The J. D. Darnall High School cross country teams opened the 1998 season at home with a triangular meet with Rock Falls and Kewanee. The Leafs took the meet, packing four runners within the top five slots. Leaf harriers in the photo are, from left to right; Tim Nelson (fifth place overall), Chris Studer (third), Andy Beuster (fourth) and Grant Venema (second-place). Geneseo's cross country teams will return to Richmond Hill for a home meet on Tuesday, September 15.



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A TEAM UNIT. In the season opener on Thursday, September 3, Lady Leafs stacked their finishes to take an easy victory over Kewanee and Rock Falls. Shown packing the field are, from left to right; Mary Terronez, Nicki Sellon, an unidentified Lady Leaf and Kari Reagin. See the accompanying story for complete details of the varsity girls victory.



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ALONE AT THE TOP. Sophomore runner Jenny Lake has picked up where she left off from the 1997 season, winning title after title for the J. D. Darnall High School Lady Leafs cross country team. Lake set the pace in the season opener at Richmond Hill on Thursday, September 3, winning with a time of 16:42. Since then, she has taken the Galesburg Invitational crown and topped the field in the Mendota quadrangular. The Lady Leafs return to the home course at Richmond Hill next Tuesday, September 15.

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Competing Schools: Kewanee, LaSalle - Peru and Rock Falls

Site: Richmond Hill Park **Date:** 09/03/98 **Conditions:** 91....hot & nasty

Girls' Varsity Race (Racing Distance: 2.50 miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Jenny Lake	10	Geneseo	16:42	(6:25 / 13:24)
2.	Rhonda Loftus	12	Geneseo	18:09	(7:10 / 14:42)
3.	Jill Hinrichs	12	Geneseo	18:33	(7:11 / 14:57)
4.	Taren Komadina	10	Geneseo	19:16	(7:15 / 15:30)
5.	Kelly Huizenga	11	Rock Falls	20:07	
6.	Shely Janey	12	Kewanee	20:09	
7.	Alysa Snyder	11	Geneseo	20:16	(7:40 / 16:27))
8.	Andrea Blondell	11	Geneseo	20:30	(7:09 / 15:53)
9.	Jann Johnson	09	Geneseo	20:35	(7:54 / 16:46))
10.	Irene Knap	09	Geneseo	20:37	(7:46 / 16:40))
11.	Nicki Sellon	10	Geneseo	20:41	(8:04 / 17:00))
12.	Amber Feurer	09	Kewanee	20:43	
13.	Rebecca Davis	11	Kewanee	20:52	
14.	Kari Reagin	10	Geneseo	20:58	(8:04 / 16:52)
15.	Krista Weidenhoeft	09	Geneseo	21:00	(7:55 / 16:51)
16.	Mary Terronez	10	Geneseo	21:08	(8:04 / 16:51)
17.	Emily Rowlands	09	Geneseo	21:36	(8:04 / 17:32)
18.	Bernessa Krone	12	Rock Falls	21:39	
19.	Meggans Gonsiorski	10	Kewanee	22:15	
20.	Kim Zigler	09	Geneseo	22:39	(7:53 / 17:42)
21.	Ashley Paulson	11	Geneseo	22:44	(8:38 / 18:10)
22.	Amanda Zuniga	09	Kewanee	22:47	
23.	Nikki Petersohn	10	Rock Falls	23:56	
24.	Amanda Hopkins	12	Kewanee	23:57	
25.	Dorie Russell	11	Rock Falls	24:03	
26.	Jaime Gunnison	10	Geneseo	24:15	(8:55 / 19:40)
27.	Megan Irish	10	Geneseo	25:25	(9:15 / 20:20)
28.	Jennifer Latchford	12	Rock Falls	27:17	
29.	Kristina Blankenfeld	10	Geneseo	27:39	(10:18 / 22:35)
30.	Rachel Pobanz	09	Geneseo	??:??	(9:50 / 21:02)

Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5 3:34
 1 through 7 3:53
 1 through 10 4:16

Did Not Compete: Karen Skelton, Codi Hultman, Erin Schneider, Angie Swagger

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	6	16	7	8
Kewanee	5	9	10	11	12	44	13	14
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	6	16	7	8
Rock Falls	5	9	10	11	12	50	13	14

Geneseo also wins over L-P (forfeit due to teacher's strike)

Geneseo Varsity Girls' Record: 3 Wins / 0 Losses

Great Season Opener!!!

**Sorry it was so hot ladies...way to
K.I.P. anyway!!!!!!**

Keep Up The Hard Work.

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Boys' Varsity Race (Racing Distance: 3.1 miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Joel Bourque	12	Kewanee	17:53	
2.	Grant Venema	11	Geneseo	18:55	(5:55 / 12:15)
3.	Chris Studer	12	Geneseo	18:55	(5:55 / 12:15)
4.	Andy Beuster	11	Geneseo	19:12	(5:55 / 12:18)
5.	Tim Nelson	11	Geneseo	19:13	(5:55 / 12:16)
6.	Bobby Kibodeaux	11	Rock Falls	19:14	
7.	Jeff Bergren	12	Kewanee	19:27	
8.	Matt Travis	11	Geneseo	19:52	(6:03 / 12:49)
9.	Andrew Keaschal	11	Rock Falls	20:01	
10.	Chris Cashman	11	Geneseo	20:06	(6:00 / 12:52)
11.	Jeff Petty	11	Kewanee	20:22	
12.	Josh Fleming	12	Geneseo	20:41	(6:08 / 13:16)
13.	Bernie Eckhardt	12	Kewanee	20:55	
14.	Jake Ryan	10	Kewanee	21:03	
15.	Brandon Todd	12	Kewanee	21:15	
16.	Frank Angecyk	11	Kewanee	21:24	
17.	Matt Glick	10	Rock Falls	21:42	
18.	Brandon Donoho	10	Rock Falls	22:02	
19.	Andy Bral	11	Kewanee	22:03	
20.	Josh Knowles	11	Rock Falls	22:22	
21.	Mike Skelton	11	Geneseo	22:27	(6:48 / 14:25)
22.	Jason Currier	12	Kewanee	22:33	
23.	Ben Behmlander	11	Rock Falls	23:26	
24.	Matt Sartwell	11	Rock Falls	23:39	
25.	John Kull	11	Kewanee	23:40	
26.	Bobby Ristau	11	Geneseo	24:54	(7:32 / 15:43)

Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5 :57
 1 through 7 1:46
 1 through 10 not enough leafs competed

Did Not Compete: Billy Johnson (DNF), Justin Fluck, Mark Keplinger

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	2	3	4	5	7	16	8	10
Kewanee	1	6	9	11	12	44	13	14
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	6	16	8	9
Rock Falls	5	7	10	11	12	50	13	14

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