

On their mark

Keplinger, Bean take quadrangular titles for Geneseo

The J. D. Darnall High School varsity boys cross country team is on its way to another outstanding year, sporting a 6-0 record following the quadrangular on Tuesday, September 8.

Geneseo took Alleman, 15-42; Rock Falls, 15-46 and Mendota, 15-50.

The meet was held at Mendota Lake Park under 68° temperatures. The varsity ran just shy of a three-mile course while the junior varsity competed on a course just over two miles in length.

Mark Keplinger stepped up to the challenge as the Leaf harriers competed without noted stand-out Justin Fluck.

Keplinger was not only the first Geneseo runner to come through the gate but was the first runner for the field, clocking in at 14:05.

It was clear the Leafs would win when the next four runners to finish were also Geneseo athletes.

Second went to Grant Venema at 14:09 and third to Chris Studer at 14:12. Tim Nelson and Andy Beuster completed the top five positions, Nelson finishing in 14:25 and Beuster in 14:30.

The sixth-place runner, Chris McGraw of Alleman, finished in 14:44.

Of the Geneseo-five, two are

seniors (Keplinger and Studer), the other three are juniors (Venema, Nelson and Beuster).

Chris Cashman finished out the top ten for the field, as the junior from Geneseo finished in 15:04 for the number ten slot.

"They did a nice job of team running," praised Coach Don Fredericks. "It was an aggressive first mile."

Coach Fredericks noted, however, a number of the harriers trained through this meet on top of racing three times in six days.

"They just need to be smart in the coming days in regards to aches and pains," the coach stressed.

Also competing were Josh Fleming, Matt Travis and Bobby Ristau who all finished within the top 20 for the field. Fleming clocked in at 15:16; Travis, 15:20 and Ristau, 15:48.

Mike Skelton of Geneseo finished at 16:22 while Billy Johnson came in at 18:07.

In the junior varsity competition, Geneseo again stacked six runners within the top 10 positions.

Bill Bean took the tape in 12:49 followed by Jared Betcher (12:53) and Mike Sunstrom (12:54) in second and third, respectively.

Number four and five when to Alleman runners but then it was back to the Geneseo contingent.

Three more Leaflet harriers would finish before another Alleman runner could hit the gates.

Brandon Sandoval claimed sixth

place overall with a time of 13:23 and was followed by Josh Franks, 13:28 and Jeremy Heaton, 13:53 in seventh and eighth.

Mark Gleason finished at 13th for Geneseo with a time of 14:44 while Phil Mason and Mike Stone clocked 15:10 and 15:11, respectively, to earn 16th and 17th positions. Brandon Johnson also finished within the top 20 places, taking 19th overall in 15:26.

Nathan Ash wasn't far behind, finishing the course in 15:30. Adam Kuban rounded out the Geneseo competition, clocking a 16:27 race.

Not able to compete in the quadrangular were Jason Cherry, Kyle Lichthardt and Nathan Thompson.

In the team standings, Geneseo defeated Alleman, 19-41; Rock Falls, 15-47 and Mendota 15-50. The Leafrosh exited the meet with a 6-0 record.

Coach Fredericks recognized the accomplishment of the young squad. "They've survived the early season test," he quipped. Three races in six days netting six wins. Not bad!"

Tuesday, September 15, Geneseo will host Dixon and United Township in a 4:30 p.m. meet at Richmond Hill. That will be the last home meet for the Leafs. On Saturday, September 19, the team travels to Detweiller Park in Peoria for the 9 a.m. Notre Dame Invitational.

Stream of wins

Lake takes third title; Lady Leafs advance to 5-1

Calm, cool, collected. It could either be describing the weather or Jenny Lake, sophomore cross country stand-out for J. D. Darnall High School's varsity girls squad.

Lake completed the Mendota Lake Park course in 12:58 to win the quadrangular with Alleman, Mendota and Rock Falls on Tuesday, September 8.

She set the pace for her fellow Lady Leafs who earned five top 10 positions.

Senior Rhonda Loftus took fourth overall and was the second Geneseo harrier through the gates, coming through at 14:03.

The Lady Leafs packed the field, taking seventh, eighth and ninth

places. Senior Jill Hinrichs led the trio in 14:09 with junior Andrea Blondell in eighth place overall, 14:22 and sophomore Taren Komadina in ninth, 14:43.

Alleman took up the remaining slots among top 10 finishers. Jaimee Layer, also a sophomore, finished second in 13:49 while junior Natalie Circello placed third in 14:02.

"It was a good effort from our ladies," noted Coach Don Fredericks. "Alleman could win the Class A state title.

"Plus this was our third race in six days," added Coach Fredericks. "If these girls keep believing in each other, they will go far."

Alysa Snyder, who placed sixth among Geneseo runners, was the 12th-place finisher overall with a time of 15:18.

It was a mad rush of Lady Leafs in the top 20 placers, with Geneseo girls coming in 16th through 20th

followed by three more in 22nd, 23rd and 24th places.

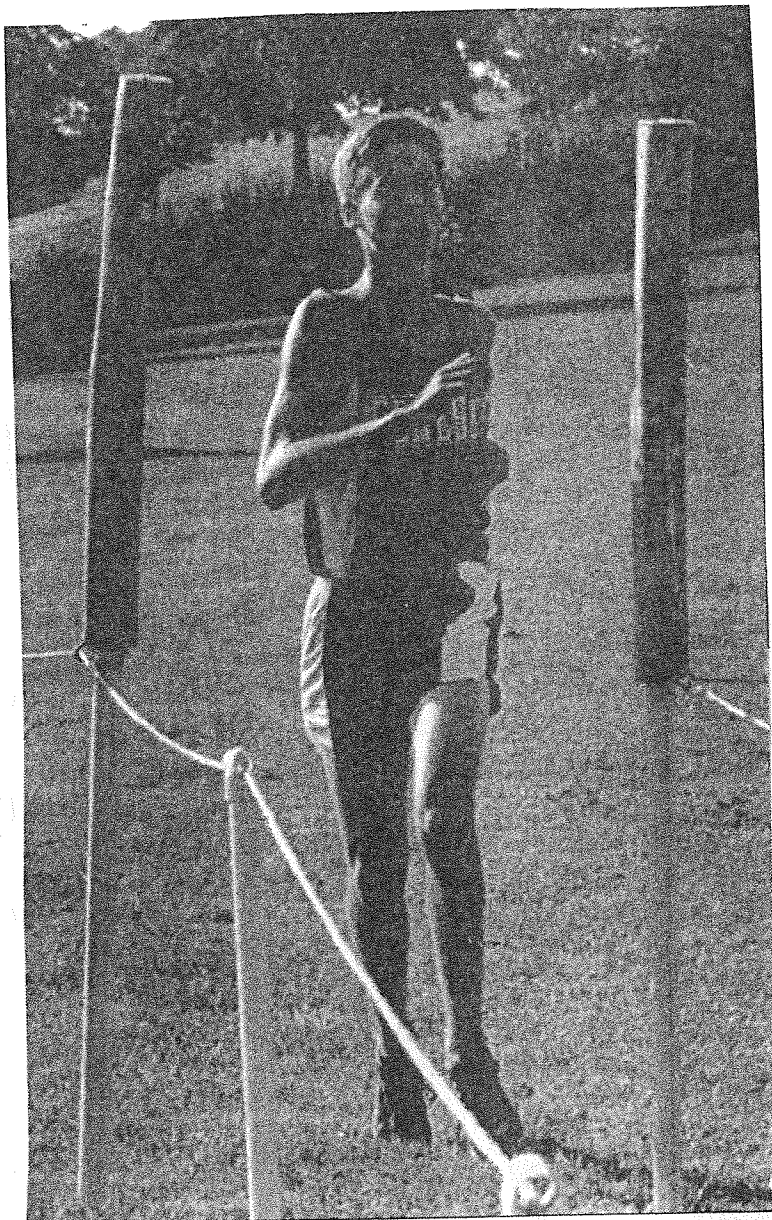
Krista Wiedenhoeft started the trend, clocking through at 15:46. Next was Nicki Sellon at 15:51; Jann Johnson, 15:52; Irene Knapp, 15:55 and Kari Reagin, 15:58. Packing in the next three Geneseo times were Karin Skelton, 16:07, Emily Rowlands, 16:29 and Mary Terronez, 16:32.

Also competing were Lady Leafs Ashley Paulson, 17:09; Jaime Gunnison, 17:55; Megan Irish, 19:30 and Rachel Pobanz, 19:47.

Unable to run the quadrangular were Kristina Blankenfeld, Codi Hultman, Erin Schneider, Angie Swagger and Kim Zigler.

In the team standings, Alleman edged out Geneseo, 26-29. But the Lady Leafs claimed victories over Rock Falls, 15-49 and Mendota, 15-50.

The varsity girls hold a 5-1 record following the meet.



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ALL IN STRIDE. Sophomore Bill Bean takes the frosh-soph division during Geneseo's opening cross country meet on Thursday, September 3. Bean clocked through at 15:57; teammate Brandon Sandoval was second at 16:45. The Leafrosh, Leafs and Lady Leafs all won their respective classes.

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Competing Schools: Alleman, Mendota and Rock Falls

Site: Mendota Lake Park **Date:** 09/08/98 **Conditions:** 68° & calm....perfect

Frosh-Soph Boys' Race (Racing Distance: 2.10??? miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Bill Bean	10	Geneseo	12:49	(6:29?)
2.	Jared Betcher	10	Geneseo	12:53	(6:42?)
3.	Mike Sunstrom	10	Geneseo	12:54	(6:52?)
4.	Ian Burke	10	Alleman	12:58	
5.	Zack Cornelis	10	Alleman	13:03	
6.	Brandon Sandoval	10	Geneseo	13:23	(6:50?)
7.	Josh Franks	10	Geneseo	13:28	(6:55?)
8.	Jeremy Heaton	09	Geneseo	13:53	(7:09?)
9.	Joseph Simpao	10	Alleman	14:09	
10.	Seth Heim	10	Rock Falls	14:21	
11.	Ross Dillon	09	Rock Falls	14:38	
12.	Chad Wolf	09	Rock Falls	14:39	
13.	Mark Gleason	10	Geneseo	14:44	(7:35?)
14.	William Aberle	09	Rock Falls	14:46	
15.	Jimmy Gillen	09	Rock Falls	15:07	
16.	Phil Mason	10	Geneseo	15:10	(7:35?)
17.	Mike Stone	10	Geneseo	15:11	(7:39?)
18.	Andrew Stontz	09	Alleman	15:21	
19.	Brandon Johnson	09	Geneseo	15:26	(7:56?)
20.	Russ Holstine	09	Alleman	15:28	
21.	Nathan Ash	10	Geneseo	15:30	(7:56?)
22.	Devin Jacob	09	Rock Falls	15:40	
23.	Austin Krone	09	Rock Falls	15:48	
24.	Michael Wolf	09	Rock Falls	15:51	
25.	Will Howard	??	Rock Falls	15:59	
26.	Adam Kuban	10	Geneseo	16:27	(7:56?)
27.	Robert Shepard	09	Alleman	16:30	

Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5 :39
 1 through 7 1:55
 1 through 10 2:37

Did Not Compete: Jason Cherry, Kyle Lichthard & Nathan Thompson.

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	1	2	3	6	7	19	8	10
Alleman	4	5	9	11	12	41	13	14
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	11
Rock Falls	7	8	9	11	12	47	13	14
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	7
Mendota	8	9	10	11	12	50	13	14

Geneseo Frosh-Soph Boys' Record: 6 Wins / 0 Losses

Great Efforts Men

**3 Races in 6 Days..... You've
Survived our early season test.**

Keep pulling together as a team.

Together We Can

NCIC Champions?????

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Competing Schools: Alleman, Mendota and Rock Falls

Site: Mendota Lake Park **Date:** 09/08/98 **Conditions:** 68°....cool & calm

Girls' Varsity Race (Racing Distance: 2.10?? miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Jenny Lake	10	Geneseo	12:58	(6:32?)
2.	Jaimee Layer	10	Alleman	13:49	
3.	Natalie Circello	11	Alleman	14:02	
4.	Rhonda Loftus	12	Geneseo	14:03	(7:15?)
5.	Aaron Shemek	12	Alleman	14:04	
6.	Mindy Smith	11	Alleman	14:08	
7.	Jill Hinrichs	12	Geneseo	14:09	(7:09?)
8.	Andrea Blondell	11	Geneseo	14:22	(7:12?)
9.	Taren Komadina	10	Geneseo	14:43	(7:15?)
10.	Julie Haronik	11	Alleman	14:47	
11.	Corinne Kelly	11	Alleman	15:06	
12.	Alysa Snyder	11	Geneseo	15:18	(7:40?)
13.	Kelly Huicenga	11	Rock Falls	15:25	
14.	Lindsey Baker	11	Alleman	15:35	
15.	April Piasecki	11	Alleman	15:42	
16.	Krista Wiedenhoft	09	Geneseo	15:46	(7:58?)
17.	Nicki Sellon	10	Geneseo	15:51	(7:57?)
18.	Jann Johnson	09	Geneseo	15:52	(8:15?)
19.	Irene Knapp	09	Geneseo	15:55	(8:01?)
20.	Kari Reagin	10	Geneseo	15:58	(8:15?)
21.	Megan McGinnis	09	Alleman	16:04	
22.	Karin Skelton	09	Geneseo	16:07	(8:03?)
23.	Emily Rowlands	09	Geneseo	16:29	(8:15?)
24.	Mary Terronez	10	Geneseo	16:32	(8:15?)
25.	Eppie Delgado	??	Rock Falls	16:36	
26.	Nicole Edgecomb	??	Mendota	16:42	
27.	Jorie Russell	11	Rock Falls	16:51	
28.	Bernessa Krone	12	Rock Falls	16:52	
29.	Ashley Paulson	11	Geneseo	17:09	(8:40?)
30.	Victoria Haring	09	Alleman	17:17	
31.	Guinhoute Kier	09	Alleman	17:20	
32.	Lisa Spencer	10	Rock Falls	17:24	
33.	Catie Mandle	10	Alleman	17:25	
34.	Allison Skinner	??	Mendota	17:30	
35.	Jaime Gunnison	10	Geneseo	17:55	(8:50?)
36.	Alecia Logan	12	Alleman	17:59	

37.	Jill Rebholz	??	Mendota	18:11	
38.	Megan McConville	??	Mendota	18:29	
39.	Kate Kilbride	09	Alleman	18:25	
40.	Nikki Petersohn	10	Rock Falls	18:38	
41.	Katie Delcourt	09	Alleman	18:49	
42.	Jennifer Latchford	12	Rock Falls	18:55	
43.	Megan Irish	10	Geneseo	19:30	(9:35?)
44.	Rachel Pobanz	09	Geneseo	19:47	(9:30?)

Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5	1:45
1 through 7	2:48
1 through 10	2:57

Did Not Compete: Kristina Blankenfled, Codi Hultman, Erin Schneider, Angie Swagger & Kim Zigler

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	1	4	7	8	9	29	12	14
Alleman	2	3	5	6	10	26	11	13
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	8
Rock Falls	7	9	10	11	12	49	13	14
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	7
Mendota	8	9	10	11	12	50	13	14

Geneseo Varsity Girls' Record: 5 Wins / 1 Losses

Good Efforts Ladies

Alleman could win the Class A state title and this was your 3rd race in 6 days. Keep Believing in each other.

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Competing Schools: Alleman, Mendota and Rock Falls

Site: Mendota Lake Park **Date:** 09/08/98 **Conditions:** 68°...calm....perfect

Boys' Varsity Race (Racing Distance: 2.70?? miles)

	Name	Grade	School	Time	Splits
1.	Mark Keplinger	12	Geneseo	14:05	(5:53?)
2.	Grant Venema	11	Geneseo	14:09	(6:01?)
3.	Chris Studer	12	Geneseo	14:12	(5:56?)
4.	Tim Nelson	11	Geneseo	14:25	(6:08?)
5.	Andy Beuster	11	Geneseo	14:30	(6:00?)
6.	Chris McGraw	12	Alleman	14:44	
7.	Bobby Kibodeaux	11	Rock Falls	14:47	
8.	Eric VanDeVoorde	10	Alleman	14:55	
9.	Nick Hird	09	Alleman	14:59	
10.	Chris Cashman	11	Geneseo	15:04	(6:23?)
11.	James Harring	11	Alleman	15:05	
12.	Kelley Wescott	12	Rock Falls	15:06	
13.	Chris Lootens	12	Alleman	15:08	
14.	Patrick O'Hearn	09	Alleman	15:09	
15.	Andrew Keaschall	11	Rock Falls	15:10	
16.	Josh Fleming	12	Geneseo	15:16	(6:19?)
17.	Matt Travis	11	Geneseo	15:20	(6:31?)
18.	Ryan Murphy	12	Alleman	15:32	
19.	Robert Lund	09	Rock Falls	15:43	
20.	Bobby Ristau	11	Geneseo	15:48	(6:30)
21.	Brandon Donoho	10	Rock Falls	16:14	
22.	Matt Glick	10	Rock Falls	16:17	
23.	W. Ridley	??	Mendota	16:18	
24.	Mike Skelton	11	Geneseo	16:22	(6:59?)
25.	T. Pinter	??	Mendota	16:22	
26.	R. Henkel	??	Mendota	16:58	
27.	Ben Behmlander	11	Rock Falls	17:13	
28.	Andy Danek	11	Alleman	17:32	
29.	Matt Sartwell	11	Rock Falls	17:54	
30.	J. House	??	Rock Falls	18:07	
31.	Billy Johnson	11	Geneseo	18:07	(7:39?)
32.	Billy Peska	11	Rock Falls	21:13	
33.	B. Janson	??	Mendota	28:27	

Geneseo's Spread:

1 through 5 :25
1 through 7 1:11
1 through 10 2:17

Did Not Compete: Justin Fluck

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	9	13
Alleman	6	7	8	10	11	42	12	14
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	7	10
Rock Falls	6	8	9	11	12	46	13	14
Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	7
Mendota	8	9	10	11	12	50	13	14

Geneseo Varsity Boys' Record: 6 Wins / 0 Losses

**Nice Job of Team Running
with an aggressive
1st mile!!!**

**Several of you trained through this
meet on top of racing 3 times in the
last 6 days...be smart in the coming
days in regard to aches and pains!!!!**