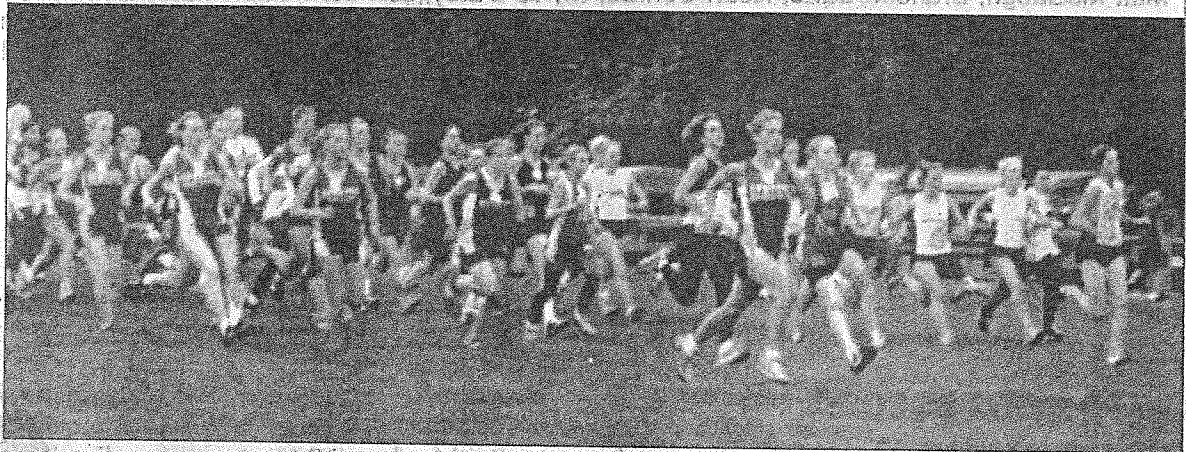




PRE-TITLE WARM UPS. Geneseo's varsity hurriers warm up prior to the conference meet in Sterling Tuesday, October 20. The Leafs took first in the varsity boys division as well as in the junior varsity open and frosh-soph competitions. The NCIC meet, originally scheduled for Saturday, October 17, was postponed until Tuesday due to weather conditions.



A NATURAL LEADER. Jenny Lake kicks her way to the front of the pack at the start of the NCIC conference meet in Sterling Tuesday, October 20. Lake finished in the lead as well, claiming her second consecutive NCIC individual title.



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SUCCESSFUL DEFENDERS. For the third consecutive year, Geneseo's varsity girls cross country team has claimed the NCIC crown. Keeping the streak going were from left, front row; Lady Leafs Jill Hinrichs, Taren Komadina and Alysa Snyder and back row, Andrea Blondell, Rhonda Loftus, Jenny Lake and Nicki Sellon.

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CHAMPIONS

Lake, Loftus lead

Lady Leafs earn 3rd consecutive NCIC crown behind 1-2 punch

Sophomore Jenny Lake has won her second individual conference championship in a row.

In the process, she led the J. D. Darnall High School varsity girl harriers to their third straight NCIC title.

The conference tilt was held Tuesday, October 20 at Woodlawn School in Sterling.

Originally slated for Saturday, October 17, the meet was postponed due to weather conditions. The Geneseo harriers made the trek to Sterling only to have lightning force the remainder of the competition to be rescheduled. The frosh-soph division, which kicked off the meet, was able to finish before competition was halted.

The postponement may have caused Geneseo's younger harriers to miss a couple of meets but it did nothing to stop the varsity contingent.

Coach Don Fredericks attributed strong senior leadership from Rhonda Loftus and Jill Hinrichs, coupled with Lake's efforts, for the victory.

Loftus placed second overall with a time of 16:05 while Hinrichs, the third Lady Leaf through the gate, took fifth overall at 16:16. Sophomore harrier Taren Komadina took sixth overall with a time of 16:21.

Completing Geneseo's line-up were junior harriers Andrea Blondell and Alysa Snyder and sophomore Nicki Sellon.

Blondell took 11th overall in 16:30; Snyder was 21st at 16:59 and Sellon took 23rd, 17:19.

In the team standings, Geneseo tallied 25 points to take the crown.

Rochelle took second at 86 while Sterling was third at 89.

Other team scores include Dixon, 105; LaSalle-Peru, 132; Kewanee, 160; Ottawa, 175; Princeton, 214; Rock falls, 232; Streator, 278 and Mendota, 294.

Rounding out the top five individuals were Trisha Lengfelder of Princeton, 16:10, third and Marie Schafer, Dixon, 16:11, fourth.

The top 15 harriers received All-NCIC honors following Tuesday's meet. Taking recognition for Geneseo were Lake, Loftus, Hinrichs, Komadino and Blondell.

Next stop for the Lady Leafs will be the Galesburg Regional at Lake Storey on Saturday, October 24. The girls will kick off at 1 p.m.

Other teams within the regional

include Dixon, United Township of East Moline, Galesburg, LaSalle-Peru, Moline, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Island High School and Sterling High School.

The top five teams will advance to the Sterling High School Sectionals set for Saturday, October 31. Four regionals feed into the sectional competition including the East Peoria, Pontiac and Rockford Guilford regionals.

Advancing to the state meet on Saturday, November 7 will be the top five teams at the Sterling Sectional.

Geneseo claimed what they call the "High Five" at the NCIC meet on Tuesday.



Jenny Lake

The Lady Leafs claimed the varsity division and the ladies open, the Leafs took the varsity and open competitions and the frosh-soph boys won their portion of the meet as well, giving Geneseo all five titles available for the meet.

"That's a sweep," boasted Coach Fredericks. "Get the brooms out!" he quipped.

"It was exciting. It was fun."

Coach Fredericks noted the team was a little disappointed the frosh-soph level runners had to miss the Galesburg Invite on Monday, October 19 and the Sterling event on Tuesday, October 20 because of the rescheduling.

"But we're not disappointed in yesterday," Coach Fredericks noted in reference to sweeping the conference competition.

"There were three levels of competition and we won those. Plus they offered two opens and we took those as well."

"Not a bad day's work," he concluded.

Geneseo's junior varsity girls showed their depth in the open field. The top five positions were claimed by Lady Leaflets, all freshmen members of this year's squad.

Out of the top 15 positions, Geneseo took nine, leaving only six open for other competitors.

Jann Johnson led the Geneseo charge, taking first with a time of 17:17. Her teammates pushed her

over the 2.50-mile course, following her through the gates in just fractions of seconds.

Kim Zigler claimed second while Irene Knapp took third, both with a time of 17:28. Emily Rowlands tied up the number four position with her time of 17:29. Coming through in fifth was Krista Wiedenhoft who clocked 17:39.

Helping earn Geneseo's open division victory were Kari Reagin, eighth, 18:20; Ashley Paulson, 10th, 18:39; Mary Terronez, 11th, 18:42 and Megan Irish, 12th, 19:02.

Conference champs

Leafrosh take top 3 slots to earn first place

Bill Bean, Kyle Lichthardt and Jared Betcher finished one-two-three in the frosh-soph division of the conference meet Saturday, October 17.

The trio led Geneseo's Leafrosh to its third consecutive conference title.

The frosh-soph division was the only race run at its originally scheduled time, 10:30 a.m. at Woodlawn School in Sterling on Saturday.

As the harriers finished in a torrential downpour and lightning storm, the remainder of the meet was postponed until Tuesday, October 20.

The rain and water-soaked course didn't hinder the Leafrosh's cause as the Geneseo contingent placed five runners among the top 10 finishers.

Bean finished the 2.50-mile course in 14:18 for the title followed by Lichthardt and Betcher, both at

14:25.

Taking fifth overall was Mike Sunstrom at 14:44 followed by Josh Franks in seventh at 14:58. Brandon Sandoval took 18th overall with a time of 15:29 while Jeremy Heaton came through in 22nd place with a time of 15:45.

"Our future looks very bright," Coach Don Fredericks stated, looking at how the frosh-soph harriers packed up the field. "They had tremendous team packing, putting four in the top five."

Lichthardt and Heaton are freshmen members of the 1998 team while Bean, Betcher, Sunstrom, Franks and Sandoval are sophomores.

"It's been a great season," Coach Fredericks reiterated. "They boys have done a great job all year and it gives us a good indication of what the future of distance running in Geneseo may hold. It looks very bright indeed."

By having the rest of the confer-

ence meet postponed until Tuesday, October 20, the frosh-soph harriers had to miss two invitationals.

The younger harriers missed the Galesburg Frosh-Soph Invite on Monday, October 19 and the Sterling JV/Freshman Invitational on Tuesday, October 20.

"We were disappointed they had to miss the invites," Coach Fredericks stated. "But we're not disappointed in how we did overall at the conference meet."

At conference, Geneseo won the frosh-soph boys division as well as the varsity boys, varsity girls and two junior varsity open races.

"That's five conference championships in one day," boasts the harriers' coach. "Well, maybe not one day," he smirked. "But it was one meet."

In the team standings, Geneseo took first with 16 points while Rock Falls was second, 45; Sterling, third, 69 and Rochelle, 102.

The only slot not protected by Leafrosh in the top five positions was number four which went to Ryan Bebej of Princeton with a time of 14:39.

Leaf boys, girls prevail at NCIC cross country

STERLING — The Geneseo boys' and girls' cross country squads had to wait three days for their conference-championship opportunities, but it was well worth the wait.

After the North Central Illinois Conference cross country meet was postponed due to Saturday's heavy rain and lightning, both Geneseo teams dominated the rest of the competition to claim the boys' and girls' team titles Tuesday at Sterling's Hoover Park.

In the girls' competition, the Lady Leafs got a 1-2 finish from Jenny Lake and Rhonda Loftus to rack up 25 points, easily outdistancing second-place Rochelle (86) and third-place Sterling (89). Kewanee (160 points) placed sixth.

The Maple Leaf boys had five of their harriers place in the top 10 as they recorded 36 points, topping Rochelle's Hubs by 12. Dixon was a distant third with 82 points, nine ahead of fourth-place Kewanee.

While Lake dominated the girls' race with her time of 15:07, Loftus' second-place clocking of 16:05 spearheaded a strong effort by the Geneseo pack. Jill Hinrichs was fifth at 16:16, one place and five seconds ahead of teammate Taren Komadina. Andrea Blondell was 11th at 16:30.

"Jenny almost always leads us, but our second through fifth runners really pack it up," said Loftus, a key member of the defending girls' regional and sectional champions.

For the Geneseo boys, Chris Studer led the way with his fifth-place time of 16:34, which put him 45 seconds behind individual winner Joel Bourque of Kewanee. Sixth-place finisher and fellow Maple Leaf Tim Nelson was just three seconds behind Studer. Justin Fluck placed seventh with a 16:40 clocking, two seconds ahead of eighth-place Grant Venema. Mark Keplinger was 10th with a 16:45 clocking.



Jenny Lake



Chris Studer

Kristina Blankenfeld and Nita Prasad also ran the course for Geneseo, taking 22nd and 24th, respectively, with times of 21:46 and 24:02.

At last year's NCIC meet in Ottawa, the Lady Leafs took first, second and third behind the running of Lake, Natalie Myers and Blondell. Myers was lost to graduation.

The course was a little shorter in 1997 and Lake took it in 13:10 for the title.

The Lady Leafs finished their 1997 campaign first in the NCIC, first at regionals and first at sectionals. They would conclude with a 16th-place finish at the state meet.

Lake took All-State honors in 1997 behind her eighth-place state finish. She won both conference and regional titles while taking second at sectional.

Overall Geneseo has won seven regional titles, taking Class A marks from 1984 through 1987. In 1988, 1992 and 1997, the girls took the Class AA regional crown.

At the sectional level, Geneseo has won five titles, three in Class A (1984, 1985 and 1987) and two in Class AA (1996 and 1997).

Since 1979, Geneseo has hosted three conference meets and won 10 NCIC titles. The Lady Leafs swept 1984 through 1989, then came back to win in 1991. They picked up their streak in 1996 to win the next three titles.

Only three other teams have earned the right to be conference champs. Rock Falls won in 1979 and Princeton won in 1982 and 1983.

Other than that, Sterling has taken every title Geneseo has not.

Individual titles have been claimed by three Lady Leafs over the years. Priscilla Gomez took first in 1984 and in 1985; Connie Gradert won in 1987 and Lake who has won in 1997 and 1998.

Geneseo qualified its lady harriers for the Class A state meet in 1984 through 1997, taking fifth, ninth, tenth and seventh, respectively.

In 1988, Geneseo was bumped up to Class AA, qualifying in 1988, 1996 and 1997. The lady harriers finished, 20th, 23rd and 16th, respectively.

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Meet: N.C.I.C. Finals
Site: Woodlawn School
Date: 10/20/98
Conditions: 50....nice
Racing Distance: 2.50 miles

Varsity Boys'

	Name	Place	Race	Time	Splits
1.	Bill Bean	01	F.S. Boys	14:18	(5:22/11:26)
2.	Kyle Lichthardt	02	F.S. Boys	14:25	(5:30/11:41)
3.	Jared Betcher	03	F.S. Boys	14:25	(5:30/11:37)
4.	Mike Sunstrom	05	F.S. Boys	14:44	(5:35/11:54)
5.	Josh Franks	07	F.S. Boys	14:58	(5:43/12:00)
6.	Brandon Sandoval	18	F.S. Boys	15:29	(5:51/12:30)
7.	Jeremy Heaton	22	F.S. Boys	15:45	(5:51/12:42)

F.S. Boys Leader

5:22 / 11:26

Did Not Compete: None

Geneseo's Spread

1 through 5 :40
1 through 7 1:27

Team Placings

F.S. Boys: 1st place (out of 12 teams)

Great Job Men

Great Season....You have had a great year. The future of Geneseo Distance Running looks very bright indeed.

1998 NCIC Cross-Country Finals

Host: Sterling High School

Site: Woodlawn School Grounds

Date: 10/17/98

Conditions: 68°...pooring rain....course "Mud City".

Racing Distance: 2.50 miles

Frosh-Soph Boys' Division

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
1. Geneseo	1	2	3	4	6	16	13	16
2. Rock Falls	5	7	8	11	14	45	22	25
3. Sterling	9	10	15	17	18	69	19	24
4. Rochelle	12	20	21	23	26	102	27	28

- Dixon, Hall, Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Mendota, Ottawa, Princeton and Streator did not field teams and / or individuals

Frosh-Soph' Boys Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Bill Bean	Geneseo	10	14:18
2.	2.	Kyle Lichthardt	Geneseo	09	14:25
3.	3.	Jared Betcher	Geneseo	10	14:25
4.	---	Ryan Bebej	Princeton	10	14:39
5.	4.	Mike Sunstrom	Geneseo	10	14:44
6.	5.	Robert Lund	Rock Falls	09	14:49
7.	6.	Josh Franks	Geneseo	10	14:58
8.	---	Sam Register	Princeton	09	15:01
9.	7.	Brandon Donaho	Rock Falls	10	15:02
10.	8.	Matt Glick	Rock Falls	10	15:09
11.	---	Dan Doddroe	Kewanee	10	15:16
12.	9.	Troy Munson	Sterling	10	15:19
13.	---	Seth Niemuth	Princeton	09	15:19
14.	10.	Jacob Blum	Sterling	09	15:20
15.	11.	Ross Dillon	Rock Falls	09	15:22
16.	---	Jordan Beck	Dixon	10	15:24
17.	12.	Cole Rainwater	Rochelle	09	15:28
18.	13.	Brandon Sandoval	Geneseo	10	15:29
19.	14.	Jimmy Gillen	Rock Falls	09	15:33
20.	---	Brian Caba	Ottawa	10	15:35
21.	15.	Adam Commisso	Sterling	09	15:39
22.	16.	Jeremy Heaton	Geneseo	09	15:45
23.	---	Carl Johnston	Kewanee	09	15:50
24.	17.	Michael Commisso	Sterling	09	16:01
25.	18.	Luke Munz	Sterling	09	16:06
26.	19.	John Lee	Sterling	09	16:19
27.	20.	Kris Wander	Rochelle	09	16:21
28.	21.	Jeff Munson	Rochelle	09	16:32
29.	22.	Seth Heim	Rock Falls	10	16:43
30.	---	Damian Paxton	Kewanee	09	16:48
31.	23.	Derek Dufoe	Rochelle	09	16:54
32.	24.	David Cluver	Sterling	09	16:55
33.	25.	Chad Wolf	Rock Falls	09	17:08
34.	---	Doug Olsen	Hall	10	17:29
35.	---	Toby Svoboda	Ottawa	09	17:30
36.	26.	Kevin Stouffer	Rochelle	09	17:31
37.	---	Jessey Nicholson	Dixon	10	18:18

<u>Place</u>	<u>Tm</u>	<u>PI</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
38.	---		Kyle Mathes	Ottawa	10	18:31
39.	27.		Jason Clopping	Rochelle	09	18:38
40.	28.		Matt McKenna	Rochelle	09	18:40
41.	---		Frank Camacho	Hall	10	19:02
42.	---		Billy Klein	Hall	09	19:09
43.	---		Dan Le	Ottawa	09	20:31

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Meet: N.C.I.C. Finals

Site: Woodlawn School

Date: 10/20/98

Conditions: 50....nice

Racing Distance: 2.50 miles

Varsity Girls'

	Name	Place	Race	Time	Splits
1.	Jenny Lake	01	Var. Girls	15:07	(5:39/11:59)
2.	Rhonda Loftus	02	Var. Girls	16:05	(6:08/12:49)
3.	Jill Hinrichs	05	Var. Girls	16:16	(6:07/12:47)
4.	Taren Komadina	06	Var. Girls	16:21	(6:10/12:59)
5.	Andrea Blondell	11	Var. Girls	16:30	(6:18/13:11)
6.	Alysa Snyder	21	Var. Girls	16:59	(6:25/13:24)
7.	Nicki Sellon	23	Var. Girls	17:19	(6:32/13:48)

Varsity Girls Leader **5:39 / 11:59**

Did Not Compete: None

Geneseo's Spread

1 through 5 1:23

1 through 7 2:12

Team Placings

Varsity Girls: 1st place (out of 12 teams)

Great Job Ladies
Regionals.....Sectionals.....State

1998 NCIC Cross-Country Finals

Host: Sterling High School
Site: Woodlawn School Grounds
Date: 10/20/98
Conditions: 51...cool...course wet and muddy
Racing Distance: 2.50 miles

Varsity Girls' Division

Team Scores

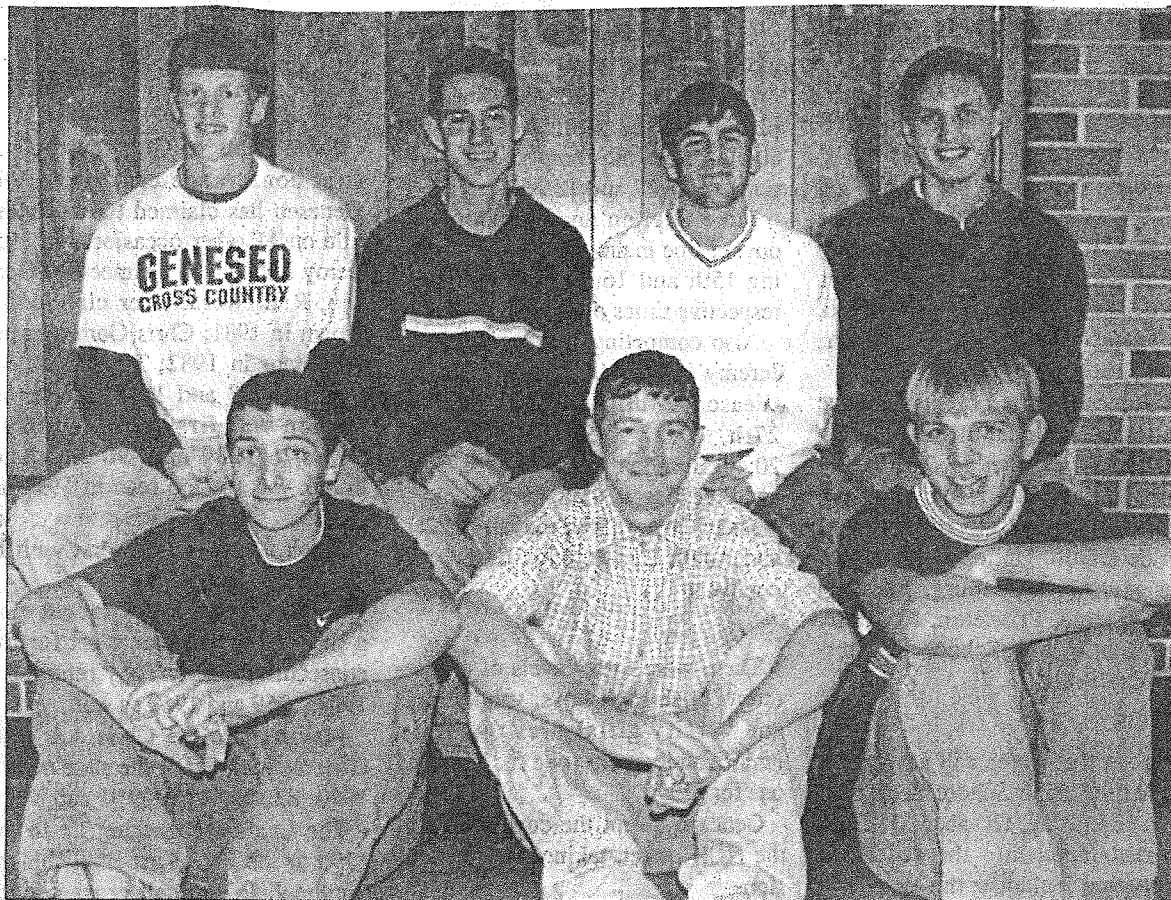
	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
1. Geneseo	1	2	5	6	11	25	21	23
2. Rochelle	8	13	16	20	29	86	36	53
3. Sterling	9	12	18	24	26	89	28	41
4. Dixon	4	7	30	31	33	105	43	51
5. LaSalle-Peru	10	14	22	42	44	132	47	64
6. Kewanee	15	25	34	38	48	160	60	63
7. Ottawa	19	32	39	40	45	175	49	59
8. Princeton	3	37	52	56	66	214	68	73
9. Rock Falls	27	35	54	55	61	232	65	67
10. Streator	17	58	62	70	71	278	74	75
11. Mendota	46	50	57	69	72	294	--	--

• Hall did not field a full team

Varsity Girls' Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Jenny Lake	Geneseo	10	15:07
2.	2.	Rhonda Loftus	Geneseo	12	16:05
3.	3.	Trisha Lengfelder	Princeton	10	16:10
4.	4.	Marie Schafer	Dixon	12	16:11
5.	5.	Jill Hinrichs	Geneseo	12	16:16
6.	6.	Taren Komadina	Geneseo	10	16:16
7.	7.	Sarah Heaton	Dixon	11	16:25
8.	8.	Christin Kinn	Rochelle	12	16:27
9.	9.	Rachel VonHolten	Sterling	10	16:27
10.	10.	Stacy Gualandi	LaSalle-Peru	11	16:30
11.	11.	Andrea Blondell	Geneseo	11	16:30
12.	12.	Danielle Fordham	Sterling	11	16:31
13.	13.	Andra O'Brien	Rochelle	12	16:34
14.	14.	Andi Clinard	LaSalle-Peru	10	16:38
15.	15.	Amber Feurer	Kewanee	09	16:39
16.	16.	Vanessa Zurbuch	Rochelle	12	16:41
17.	17.	Julie Ralston	Streator	12	16:48
18.	18.	Amee Binder	Sterling	09	16:53
19.	19.	Melanie Duggan	Ottawa	11	16:54
20.	20.	April Montgomery	Ottawa	09	16:57
21.	21.	Alysa Snyder	Geneseo	11	16:59
22.	22.	Genilyn Etheridge	LaSalle-Peru	10	17:03
23.	23.	Nicki Sellon	Geneseo	10	17:19
24.	24.	Natalie Bowman	Sterling	12	17:23
25.	25.	Becca Davis	Kewanee	11	17:24
26.	26.	Jill Norman	Sterling	10	17:26
27.	27.	Kelly Huyzenga	Rock Falls	11	17:28
28.	28.	Rachel Marruffo	Sterling	10	17:29
29.	29.	Matilda Johansson	Rochelle	12	17:45
30.	30.	Kelli Ruggeiro	Dixon	12	17:49
31.	31.	Jocelyn Chase	Dixon	09	17:57
32.	32.	Megan Mueller	Ottawa	10	18:01
33.	33.	Amanda Wheeler	Dixon	12	18:07
34.	34.	Shely Janey	Kewanee	12	18:16
35.	35.	Bernessa Krone	Rock Falls	12	18:21

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPI</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
36.	36.	Melanie Lang	Rochelle	12	18:21
37.	37.	Cindy Schlund	Princeton	11	18:23
38.	38.	Meggans Gonsiorski	Kewanee	10	18:31
39.	39.	Bridgette Newcomer	Ottawa	10	18:31
40.	40.	Jen Walter	Ottawa	11	18:34
41.	41.	Molly Gardner	Sterling	11	18:36
42.	42.	Amanda Gray	LaSalle-Peru	09	18:47
43.	43.	Lindsey Levan	Dixon	09	18:49
44.	44.	Anna Peters	LaSalle-Peru	12	18:50
45.	45.	Brooke Fanning	Ottawa	09	18:51
46.	46.	Nicole Edgecomb	Mendota	10	18:57
47.	47.	Sharon Larson	LaSalle-Peru	10	18:58
48.	48.	Kelly Peed	Kewanee	10	19:09
49.	49.	Kim Sedlock	Ottawa	11	19:17
50.	50.	Jill Rebholz	Mendota	09	19:31
51.	51.	Billi Cruse	Dixon	11	19:34
52.	52.	Lauren Bowman	Princeton	11	19:40
53.	53.	Jana Jablonski	Rochelle	12	19:47
54.	54.	Eppie Delgado	Rock Falls	11	19:48
55.	55.	Lisa Spencer	Rock Falls	10	19:49
56.	56.	Nicole Elliott	Princeton	10	19:55
57.	57.	Megan McConville	Mendota	11	19:56
58.	58.	Meg Wehland	Streator	??	20:01
59.	59.	Sara Terry	Ottawa	10	20:04
60.	60.	Amanda Hopkins	Kewanee	12	20:10
61.	xx.	Juana Chavez	Hall	12	20:11
62.	61.	Jennifer Latchford	Rock Falls	12	20:11
63.	62.	Charissa Pedelty	Streator	12	20:14
64.	63.	Julie Bourque	Kewanee	??	20:16
65.	64.	Jaci Marquardt	LaSalle-Peru	11	20:28
66.	65.	Jore Russell	Rock Falls	11	20:33
67.	66.	Katie Freiburg	Princeton	11	20:37
68.	67.	Nikki Petersohn	Rock Falls	10	20:43
69.	68.	Katie Tracey	Princeton	11	20:44
70.	69.	Jamie Emm	Mendota	??	20:54
71.	70.	Christy Loftis	Streator	10	21:23
72.	71.	Sarah Brown	Streator	10	21:41
73.	72.	Allison Skinner	Mendota	??	21:59
74.	73.	Megan Bowman	Princeton	09	22:52
75.	74.	Leslie Erchhorn	Streator	10	23:41



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TAKING NCIC CROWN. The J. D. Darnall High School varsity boys cross country team earned its second straight NCIC title on Tuesday, October 17 in Sterling. Leading the Leafs to victory were, from left to right; front row, Tim Nelson, Josh Fleming and Andy Beuster and back row, Grant Venema, Chris Studer, Justin Fluck and Mark Keplinger.

NCIC

CHAMPIONS

Packing power

Leafs earn second straight NCIC title; Leaflets take first as well

Geneseo's varsity harriers took first place over 12 teams to win the 1998 NCIC Cross Country meet on Tuesday, October 20. The meet, originally slated for Saturday, October 17, was held in Sterling. A lightning storm forced the meet on Saturday to be postponed after the frosh-soph competition.

Just 11 seconds separated Geneseo's top runners from their number five man.

Senior Chris Studer took fifth place overall and first among the Leaflets with his time of 16:34 for the three-mile course.

Geneseo also captured sixth, seventh and eighth positions. Tim Nelson, a junior member of the Leaflets' squad, took sixth with a time of 16:37 and was followed by Justin Fluck, 16:40 and Grant Venema, 16:42. Fluck is a senior while Venema is a junior.

Senior Mark Keplinger earned a top ten finish as well, coming in at 16:45 for tenth overall.

Rounding out the Geneseo scoring were Andy Beuster, 21st, 17:41 and Josh Fleming, 30th, 18:03. Beuster is also a junior on this year's roster while Fleming is a senior.

The top 15 harriers at the meet earned All-NCIC honors, giving Geneseo five nods - Studer, Nelson, Fluck, Venema and Keplinger.

It is Studer and Fluck's third straight NCIC All-Conference award.

In the team standings, Geneseo tallied 36 points for the crown followed by Rochelle, 48 and Dixon, 82.

Also competing were Kewanee, 91; Ottawa, 160; Sterling, 168; Rock Falls, 185; LaSalle-Peru, 220; Princeton, 260; Mendota, 262 and Spring Valley, 262.

Joel Bourque of Kewanee won the individual title, covering the course in 15:49 for the crown. Other top five finishers included Nick Anaya of Rochelle, 15:58; David Bergeson, Rochelle, 16:18 and Joel Foster, Dixon, 16:28.

Next stop for the Leaflets will be the Galesburg Regional at Lake Storey on Saturday, October 24. The varsity boys will kick off at 1:30 p.m.

Other teams within the regional include Dixon, United Township of East Moline, Galesburg, LaSalle-Peru, Moline, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Island High School and Sterling High School.

The top five teams will advance to the Sterling High School Sectionals set for Saturday, October 31. Four regionals feed into the sectional competition including the East Peoria, Pontiac and Rockford Guilford

regionals.

Geneseo Coach Don Fredericks noted teams from the Rockford metro area, Peoria, Bloomington-Normal and Quad Cities will all converge at the sectional meet.

"But we're very competitive, both at the girls and boys' levels. Both teams are on the bubble but both have a chance.

"Last year was the second time we qualified both the boys and the girls for the Class AA state meet. We hope to make it two in a row.

"We've got a good chance," Coach Fredericks continued. "We just have to have a good day.

"That's been our goal from the start, to do well at the end of the season and make a showing at state," the coach added. "It would be disappointing if one of the two, or both, don't make it."

Advancing to the state meet on Saturday, November 7 will be the top five teams from the Sterling Sectional.

Geneseo continued to show its depth in the junior varsity open division at the NCIC meet Saturday, October 17.

Out of the top 10 places, Geneseo held all but three. Of the top 15, Leaflets held nine, leaving six open to opponents.

"They gave some great efforts," noted Coach Fredericks after the meet. "The boys deserve to be congratulated on a great season."

Fredericks. "You could say it's time to get the brooms out," he quipped.

"From my perspective it was a very successful meet," the coach continued. "Our goal going in was to take the 'High Five' and that's just what we did.

"I'd say that five conference championships out of one event (cross country).

Coach Fredericks is in his tenth year at the helm of Geneseo's cross country program. He originally headed the team from 1985 through 1991 then returned to Geneseo in 1996 to regain his position.

The varsity harriers haven't missed much of a beat either. In 1997, the Leaflets were first at conference, second at regionals and fourth at sectionals before ending the season with a 21st place finish at the Class AA state meet.

Fluck won both the conference and regional meets and finished second at the sectional in 1997. Teammate Studer was second at conference and third at regionals.

Records of the NCIC cross country competition date back to 1946. Geneseo took first that inaugural year. The local harriers made a five-run showing in the top position from 1950 through 1954. Geneseo took second in 1955, '56 and '57 and third in '58 before regaining the title for 1959 and 1960.

Bobby Ristau led the Geneseo attack, covering the three-mile course in 17:37 for the title.

Leaflets wrapped up the top five slots behind the running of Matt Travis (17:59), Chris Cashman (18:08), Kyle Lichthardt (18:10) and Jared Betcher (18:22).

Of the top harriers, Ristau, Travis and Cashman are juniors, Lichthardt is a freshman and Bean is a sophomore.

Jared Betcher and Mike Sunstrom placed among the top ten, taking eighth and ninth, respectively, with times of 18:22 and 18:26.

Mike Skelton and Brandon Sandoval came in among the top 20, taking 15th and 16th overall with the respective times of 18:58 and 19:05.

Also competing for Geneseo were Jeremy Heaton, 22nd, 19:43; Mark Gleason, 24th, 19:46; Nathan Ash, 27th, 20:32; Mike Stone, 39th, 20:40; Brandon Johnson, 43rd, 20:53 and Phil Mason, 45th, 20:54.

Jason Cherry, 56th overall in 22:19 and Adam Cuban, 65th, 24:27, also competed.

There were three levels of competition (frosh-soph boys, varsity boys and varsity girls) plus two open junior varsity races (one for boys and one for girls).

Geneseo swept the competition at the NCIC meet, taking all five divisions.

"That's a sweep," boasted Coach

The local boys experienced a long dry spell from the crown until 1980 when Geneseo went on a three-year streak of taking first. They regained momentum again in 1984, taking the crown every year through 1993.

Geneseo began a new streak in 1997 which they've extended to two with this year's conference crown.

The conference meet has been held in Geneseo just four years, 1977, 1988, 1992 and 1995.

Jerry Wells of Geneseo took the first conference crown in 1946. Geneseo has claimed the individual title on 11 other occasions. In 1952 Leroy Minor won the meet for Geneseo; Rich Werkheiser claimed the crown in 1981; Chris Gomez earned the honor in 1982; Tim Arnett was tops in 1983 and 1984; Jason Van Vooren was first in 1988; Bryan Glass in 1989 and '90 and Andy Snook was the top man in 1991 and '92.

Fluck rounds out the list with his 1997 first-place mark.

Starting with 1952, Geneseo made a showing at the state meet for four consecutive years. They returned in 1957, 1959 and 1960 as well.

Moving into the Class AA level, Geneseo returned to the state meet in 1980, '82, '88, '89, '90, '91 and '97.

The Leafs are gearing up to add 1998 to the list of accomplishments for the J. D. Darnall cross country team.

1998 NCIC Cross-Country Finals

Host: Sterling High School
Site: Woodlawn School Grounds
Date: 10/20/98
Conditions: 51...cool...course wet and muddy
Racing Distance: 3.00 miles

Varsity Boys' Division

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
1. Geneseo	5	6	7	8	10	36	21	30
2. Rochelle	2	3	13	14	16	48	37	42
3. Dixon	4	11	18	23	26	82	34	38
4. Kewanee	1	12	19	28	31	91	32	39
5. Ottawa	9	20	41	44	46	160	56	59
6. Sterling	24	25	29	40	50	168	53	54
7. Rock Falls	15	33	35	47	55	185	57	---
8. LaSalle-Peru	22	27	52	58	61	220	62	67
9. Princeton	17	51	60	63	69	260	---	---
10. Mendota	36	43	45	68	70	262	---	---
11. Hall	48	49	64	65	66	292	---	---

• Streator did not field a full team

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Meet: N.C.I.C. Finals

Site: Woodlawn School

Date: 10/20/98

Conditions: 50....nice

Racing Distance: 3.00 miles

Varsity Boys'

	Name	Place	Race	Time	Splits
1.	Chris Studer	05	Var. Boys	16:34	(5:03/10:32)
2.	Tim Nelson	06	Var. Boys	16:37	(5:12/10:46)
3.	Justin Fluck	07	Var. Boys	16:40	(5:10/10:47)
4.	Grant Venema	08	Var. Boys	16:42	(5:12/10:49)
5.	Mark Keplinger	10	Var. Boys	16:45	(5:12/10:59)
6.	Andy Beuster	21	Var. Boys	17:41	(5:18/11:16)
7.	Josh Fleming	30	Var. Boys	18:03	(5:28/11:34)

Varsity Boys Leader

5:02 / ???

Did Not Compete: None

Geneseo's Spread

1 through 5 :11

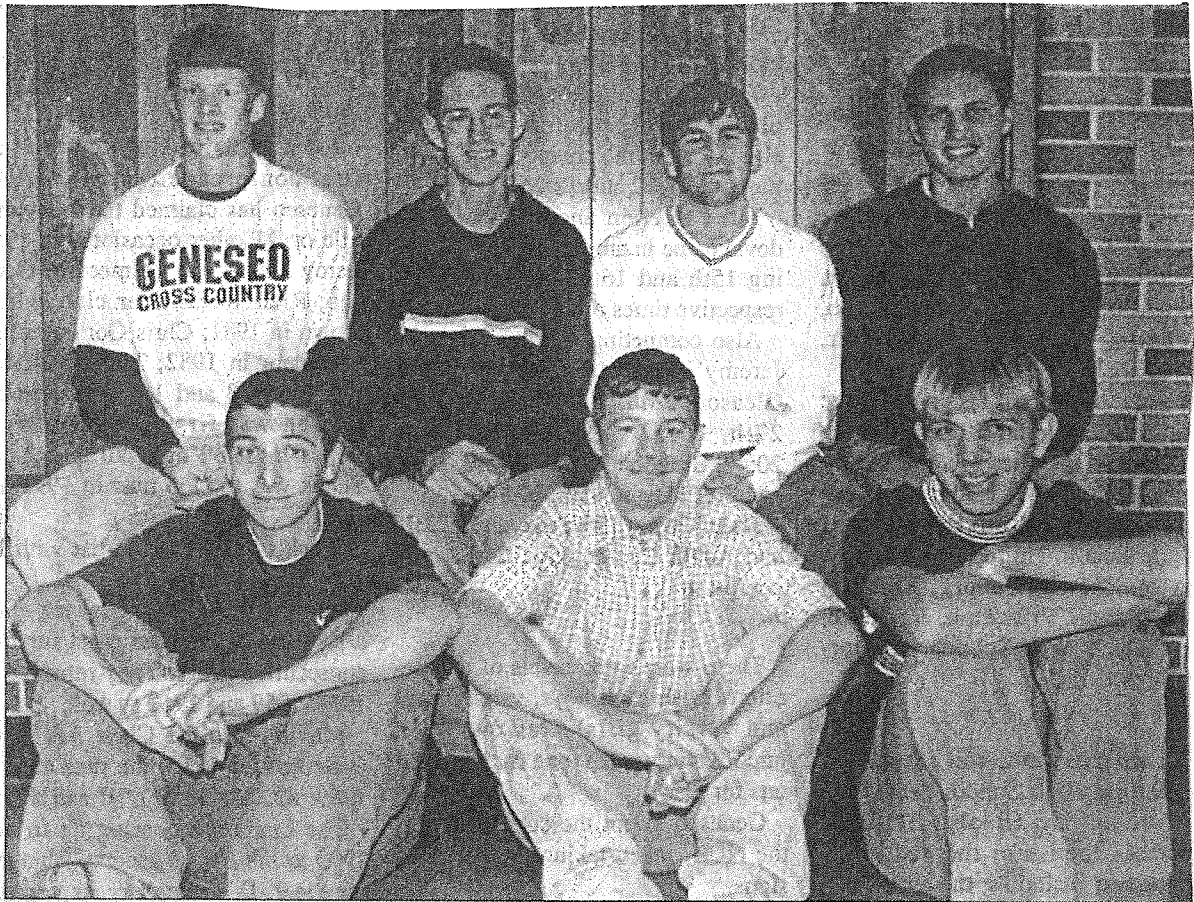
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Team Placings

Varsity Boys: 1st place (out of 12 teams)

Great Job Men

Regionals.....Sectionals.....State



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TAKING NCIC CROWN. The J. D. Darnall High School varsity boys cross country team earned its second straight NCIC title on Tuesday, October 17 in Sterling. Leading the Leafs to victory were, from left to right; front row, Tim Nelson, Josh Fleming and Andy Beuster and back row, Grant Venema, Chris Studer, Justin Fluck and Mark Keplinger.

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CHAMPIONS

Varsity Boys' Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Joel Borque	Kewanee	12	15:49
2.	2.	Nick Anaya	Rochelle	12	15:58
3.	3.	David Bergeson	Rochelle	10	16:18
4.	4.	Joel Foster	Dixon	12	16:28
5.	5.	Chris Studer	Geneseo	12	16:34
6.	6.	Tim Nelson	Geneseo	11	16:37
7.	7.	Justin Fluck	Geneseo	12	16:40
8.	8.	Grant Venema	Geneseo	11	16:42
9.	9.	Eric Crowhurst	Ottawa	11	16:43
10.	10.	Mark Keplinger	Geneseo	12	16:45
11.	11.	Eric Milliman	Dixon	12	16:45
12.	12.	Jeff Petty	Kewanee	12	17:02
13.	13.	Ryan Trumbull	Rochelle	11	17:05
14.	14.	Mark Rainwater	Rochelle	10	17:08
15.	15.	Bobby Kibodeaux	Rock Falls	11	17:11
16.	16.	Phil Ginn	Rochelle	09	17:12
17.	17.	Alex Maxeiner	Princeton	11	17:23
18.	18.	Sunil Chillakuru	Dixon	12	17:25
19.	19.	Burnie Eckhardt	Kewanee	12	17:38
20.	20.	Jeremy Smith	Ottawa	12	17:40
21.	21.	Andy Beuster	Geneseo	11	17:41
22.	22.	David Thompson	LaSalle-Peru	12	17:44
23.	23.	Mike Toney	Dixon	10	17:46
24.	24.	Tony Perez	Sterling	11	17:50
25.	25.	Brent Johnson	Steling	12	17:56
26.	26.	Josh Miles	Dixon	11	17:57
27.	27.	Mike Traub	LaSalle-Peru	12	17:59
28.	28.	Frank Angelcyk	Kewanee	11	18:01
29.	29.	Chris Coon	Sterling	12	18:02
30.	30.	Josh Fleming	Geneseo	12	18:03
31.	31.	Jacob Mahaffey	Kewanee	10	18:08
32.	32.	Brandon Todd	Kewanee	12	18:10
33.	33.	Kelly Wescott	Rock Falls	12	18:12
34.	34.	Brett Smith	Dixon	12	18:13
35.	35.	Matt Sartwell	Rock Falls	11	18:16

<u>Place</u>	<u>Tm</u>	<u>PI</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
36.	36.		Willie Ridley	Mendota	11	18:17
37.	37.		Jeff Reed	Rochelle	11	18:25
38.	38.		Charlie Bishop	Dixon	11	18:30
39.	39.		Jake Ryan	Kewanee	10	18:36
40.	40.		Jason Nelson	Sterling	12	18:41
41.	41.		Jacob Broadus	Ottawa	11	18:42
42.	42.		Zach Finifrock	Rochelle	12	18:43
43.	43.		Tyson Parker	Mendota	??	18:49
44.	44.		John Mason	Ottawa	11	19:00
45.	45.		Ryan Henkel	Mendota	12	19:01
46.	46.		Dan Husted	Ottawa	12	19:14
47.	47.		Ben Behlander	Rock Falls	11	19:29
48.	48.		Josh Perra	Hall	11	19:30
49.	49.		Will Linker	Hall	12	19:33
50.	50.		Mike Berge	Sterling	11	19:36
51.	51.		David Ohlson	Princeton	12	19:40
52.	52.		Mike Uranich	LaSalle-Peru	11	19:41
53.	53.		Greg Hielsberg	Sterling	12	19:42
54.	54.		Jeff Jackson	Sterling	12	19:44
55.	55.		Josh Knowles	Rock Falls	11	19:48
56.	56.		Mark Stock	Ottawa	??	20:02
57.	57.		Josh House	Rock Falls	11	20:10
58.	58.		Sean Walsh	LaSalle-Peru	09	20:23
59.	---		Mike Crabtree	Streator	10	20:34
60.	59.		Chad Hicks	Ottawa	??	20:42
61.	60.		Josh Girard	Princeton	11	20:53
62.	---		Aaron Hayes	Streator	12	20:55
63.	61.		Paul Bankson	LaSalle-Peru	12	21:06
64.	62.		Andy Goodbred	LaSalle-Peru	12	21:12
65.	63.		Brandon Ihrig	Princeton	12	22:06
66.	64.		Justin Cole	Hall	11	22:08
67.	65.		Matt Schlenz	Hall	12	22:29
68.	66.		Nick Spanos	Hall	10	22:37
69.	67.		Kevin Clinard	LaSalle-Peru	12	22:56
70.	68.		Matt Rozinski	Mendota	09	23:20
71.	69.		Chris Schabow	Princeton	12	23:40
72.	70.		Billy Jansen	Mendota	09	31:40

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Meet: N.C.I.C. Finals

Site: Woodlawn School

Date: 10/20/98

Conditions: 50....nice

Racing Distance: 2.50 miles

J.V. Girls'

	Name	Place	Race	Time	Splits
1.	Jann Johnson	01	J.V. Girls	17:27	(6:45/13:57)
2.	Kim Zigler	02	J.V. Girls	17:28	(6:45/13:57)
3.	Irene Knapp	03	J.V. Girls	17:28	(6:45/13:57)
4.	Emily Rowlands	04	J.V. Girls	17:29	(6:41/13:57)
5.	Krista Wiedenhoeft	05	J.V. Girls	17:39	(6:41/13:57)
6.	Kari Reagin	08	J.V. Girls	18:20	(7:02/14:34)
7.	Ashley Paulson	10	J.V. Girls	18:39	(7:09/14:56)
8.	Mary Terronez	11	J.V. Girls	18:42	(7:09/14:56)
9.	Megan Irish	12	J.V. Girls	19:02	(7:09/14:57)
10.	Kristina Blankenfeld	22	J.V. Girls	21:46	(8:19/17:30)
11.	Nita Prasad	24	J.V. Girls	24:02	(8:57/18:53)

J.V. Girls Leader

6:41 / 13:57

Did Not Compete: Jaime Gunnison, Codi Hultman, Rachel Pobanz, Erin Schneider, Karin Skelton and Angie Swagger.

Geneseo's Spread

1 through 5 :12

1 through 7 1 :12

Team Placings: J.V. Girls: 1st place (out of 12 teams)

*Great Efforts Ladies....
Congratulations on a
great season.*

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Site: Woodlawn School Grounds

Date: 10/20/98

Conditions: 51...cool...course wet and muddy

Racing Distance: 2.50 miles

Open Girls' Division

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
1. Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	9
2. Sterling	7	8	10	11	12	86	13	14

- Dixon, Hall, Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Mendota, Ottawa, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Falls, and Streator did not field full teams.

Open Girls' Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Jann Johnson	Geneseo	09	17:27
2.	2.	Kim Zigler	Geneseo	09	17:28
3.	3.	Irene Knapp	Geneseo	09	17:28
4.	4.	Emily Rowlands	Geneseo	09	17:29
5.	5.	Krista Wiedenhoft	Geneseo	09	17:39
6.	---	Natalie Friel	Dixon	11	18:03
7.	6.	Kari Reagin	Geneseo	10	18:20
8.	7.	Abby Geering	Sterling	10	18:36
9.	8.	Cali Alba	Sterling	10	18:38
10.	9.	Ashley Paulson	Geneseo	11	18:39
11.	---	Mary Terronez	Geneseo	10	18:42
12.	---	Megan Irish	Geneseo	10	19:02
13.	10.	Julie Alba	Sterling	11	19:09
14.	---	Laura Ruchlman	Rochelle	12	19:11
15.	11.	Layla Salazar	Sterling	10	19:19
16.	---	Elizabeth Schauuff	Dixon	11	19:23
17.	12.	Jessica House	Sterling	12	19:32
18.	---	Jaci Boss	Dixon	10	19:44
19.	13.	Krista Gardner	Sterling	09	19:52
20.	---	Natalie Bencini	Dixon	10	20:17
21.	---	Rachael Atherton	Princeton	11	20:27
22.	---	Kristina Blankenfeld	Geneseo	10	20:46
23.	---	Amy Hayden	Rochelle	11	23:09
24.	---	Nita Prasad	Geneseo	10	24:02
25.	14.	Andrea DeMory	Sterling	12	26:33

Geneseo Cross-Country Results

Meet: N.C.I.C. Finals

Site: Woodlawn School

Date: 10/20/98

Conditions: 50....nice

Racing Distance: 3.00 miles

J.V. Boys'

Name	Place	Race	Time	Splits
1. Bobby Ristau	01	J.V. Boys	17:37	(5:26/11:17)
2. Matt Travis	02	J.V. Boys	17:59	(5:27/11:26)
3. Chris Cashman	03	J.V. Boys	18:08	(5:28/11:27)
4. Kyle Lichthardt	04	J.V. Boys	18:10	(5:40/11:51)
5. Bill Bean	05	J.V. Boys	18:13	(5:26/11:34)
6. Jared Betcher	08	J.V. Boys	18:22	(5:40/11:51)
7. Mike Sunstrom	09	J.V. Boys	18:26	(5:47/12:08)
8. Josh Franks	12	J.V. Boys	18:36	(5:50/12:10)
9. Mike Skelton	15	J.V. Boys	18:58	(5:45/12:10)
10. Brandon Sandoval	16	J.V. Boys	19:05	(5:50/12:18)
11. Jeremy Heaton	22	J.V. Boys	19:43	(6:02/12:36)
12. Mark Gleason	24	J.V. Boys	19:46	(6:04/12:50)
13. Nathan Ash	37	J.V. Boys	20:32	(6:16/13:05)
14. Mike Stone	39	J.V. Boys	20:40	(6:26/13:20)
15. Brandon Johnson	43	J.V. Boys	20:53	(6:26/13:23)
16. Phil Mason	45	J.V. Boys	20:54	(6:26/13:20)
17. Jason Cherry	56	J.V. Boys	22:19	(6:41/14:16)
18. Adam Cuban	65	J.V. Boys	24:27	(7:02/15:15)

J.V. Boys Leader

5:26 / 11:17

Did Not Compete: Nathan Thompson and Billy Johnson

Geneseo's Spread

1 through 5 :36

1 through 7 :49

Team Placings

J.V. Boys: 1st place (out of 12 teams)

Great Efforts Men....Congratulations on a great season.

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Host: Sterling High School
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 Date: 10/20/98
 Conditions: 51...cool...course wet and muddy
 Racing Distance: 3.00 miles

Open Boys' Division

Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
1. Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	7
2. Rock Falls	8	9	10	14	19	60	20	21
3. Sterling	12	13	15	16	17	73	22	23
4. Rochelle	18	25	26	27	28	124	29	---
5. Ottawa	11	24	30	31	32	128	---	---

- Dixon, Hall, Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Mendota, Princeton, Streator did not field a full team

Open Boys' Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Bobby Ristau	Geneseo	11	17:37
2.	2.	Matt Travis	Geneseo	11	17:59
3.	3.	Chris Cashman	Geneseo	11	18:08
4.	4.	Kyle Lichthardt	Geneseo	09	18:10
5.	5.	Bill Bean	Geneseo	10	18:13
6.	---	Jeff Bergren	Kewanee	12	18:14
7.	---	Ryan Bebej	Princeton	10	18:15
8.	6.	Jared Betcher	Geneseo	10	18:22
9.	7.	Mike Sunstrom	Geneseo	10	18:26
10.	8.	Brandon Donaho	Rock Falls	10	18:35
11.	9.	Robert Lund	Rock Falls	09	18:35
12.	---	Josh Franks	Geneseo	10	18:36
13.	---	Seth Niemuth	Princeton	09	18:46
14.	---	Jordan Beck	Dixon	10	18:47
15.	---	Mike Skelton	Geneseo	11	18:58
16.	---	Brandon Sandavol	Geneseo	10	19:05
17.	---	Andy Bral	Kewanee	11	19:14
18.	10.	Matt Glink	Rock Falls	10	19:24
19.	11.	Brian Caba	Ottawa	10	19:29
20.	---	Jason Currier	Kewanee	12	19:34
21.	---	John Kull	Kewanee	11	19:41
22.	---	Jeremy Heaton	Geneseo	09	19:43
23.	12.	Todd Gerberi	Sterling	12	19:45
24.	---	Mark Gleason	Geneseo	10	19:46
25.	13.	Michael Commisso	Sterling	09	19:49
26.	14.	Will Howard	Rock Falls	??	19:56
27.	15.	Adam Commisso	Sterling	09	19:56
28.	16.	Jacob Blum	Sterling	09	19:59
29.	17.	Troy Munson	Sterling	10	20:04
30.	18.	Andy White	Rochelle	11	20:07
31.	19.	Seth Heim	Rock Falls	10	20:12
32.	20.	Jimmy Gillen	Rock Falls	09	20:12
33.	21.	Ross Dillon	Rock Falls	09	20:19
34.	22.	Luke Munz	Sterling	09	20:20
35.	---	Devon Jacob	Rock Falls	??	20:21

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
36.	23.	John Lee	Sterling	09	20:24
37.	---	Nathan Ash	Geneseo	10	20:32
38.	---	Willie Aberle	Rock Falls	??	20:36
39.	---	Mike Stone	Geneseo	10	20:40
40.	---	Matt Berge	Sterling	12	20:46
41.	---	Sam Register	Princeton	09	20:51
42.	---	Eric Bryant	Rock Falls	??	20:53
43.	---	Brandon Johnson	Geneseo	09	20:53
44.	---	Ike Hasselberg	Sterling	12	20:54
45.	---	Phil Mason	Geneseo	10	20:54
46.	24.	Toby Svoboda	Ottawa	09	20:56
47.	---	Chad Wolf	Rock Falls	09	20:58
48.	----	David Claver	Sterling	09	21:10
49.	25.	Derek Dufoe	Rochelle	09	21:16
50.	---	Mike Hysin	Sterling	??	21:20
51.	---	Jason Workman	Sterling	12	21:20
52.	---	Michael Milne	Rock Falls	??	21:44
53.	---	Austin Krone	Rock Falls	??	21:47
54.	---	David Kessler	Rock Falls	09	22:16
55.	26.	Amiel Abdallah	Rochelle	09	22:16
56.	---	Jason Cherry	Geneseo	09	22:19
57.	27.	Scott Reed	Rochelle	11	22:20
58.	28.	Jeff Munson	Rochelle	09	22:44
59.	29.	Steve Hamilton	Rochelle	11	22:53
60.	30.	Kyle Mathes	Ottawa	10	22:59
61.	31.	Matt Mooneyham	Ottawa	??	23:04
62.	---	Kyle Peterson	Princeton	10	23:08
63.	---	Sean Tedrick	Sterling	11	23:25
64.	---	Mike Wolf	Rock Falls	??	23:38
65.	---	Adam Kuban	Geneseo	10	24:27
66.	32.	Dan Le	Ottawa	09	??:??
67.	---	Alex Linville	Sterling	09	??:??

- We beleive the following athletes ran the 2.5 mile "short course...
Cole Rainwater 09 (Rochelle), Kris Wander 09 (Rochelle),
Jesse Nicholson 10 (Dixon), Jason Klocpping 09 (Rochelle)