

# Ready to defend

## Geneseo harriers aim to retain NCIC crowns Sat.

Tim Nelson paced the J. D. Darnall varsity boys harriers during the Sterling Invitational on Saturday, October 9.

Nelson took 16th overall with a time of 16:13 over the nearly three-mile course at Woodlawn school grounds in Sterling.

Warm, 75-degree temperatures greeted the 31-teams.

The Leafs took fifth overall in the team standings.

Bob Ristau was the second Leaf through the gates, finishing 34th overall in 16:43.

Andy Beuster finished 41st overall in 16:49 followed by Matt Travis, 50, 17:01 and Bill Bean, 53rd, 17:06.

Also competing in the varsity division for Geneseo were Grant Venable, 60th, 17:12 and Josh Franks, 80th, 17:35.

Iowa City High won the varsity boys competition with 39 points followed by Schaumburg, 51; Loyola Academy, 110; Fenwick, 133 and Geneseo, 194 for the top five team finishers. Dan Trainor topped the field in 15:12.

In the junior varsity competition, Geneseo fielded nine harriers. Team standings and individual times were unavailable for the 2.50-mile course.

"Sterling messed up these race results," explained Coach Don Fredericks. "I think we should make them pay on Saturday," he chuckled in reference to the conference meet coming up on Saturday, October 16.

Competing for Geneseo were Jared Betcher, Mark Gleason, Adam Kuban, Phillip Mason, Noel Powers, Brandon Sandoval, Mike Skelton, Mike Stone and Mike Sunstrom.

In the frosh-soph division, the Leafrosh took 13th out of 31 teams.

Kyle Fluck was the top Geneseo harrier through the gate, clocking in at 13:53 for 10th overall.

Kyle Lichthardt was second among the Leafrosh and 30th overall with a time of 14:17.

Jeremy Heaton also finished within the top 100, taking 57th place with a time of 14:53.

Also competing for the Leafrosh were Jason Rittenhouse, 114, 16:12; Steve Loftus, 115, 16:13 and Joe Derwin, 136, 17:53.

"We need to get psyched for Saturday's NCIC finals," stressed Coach Fredericks. "The guys need to close up the gap and pack up the field."

The Lady Leafs took 20th in the 31-team field at Sterling with Alysa Snyder topping the Geneseo contingent. Snyder finished 80th overall with a time of 16:58 for the 2.50-mile course.

Andrea Blondell, the second Lady Leaf through the gate, finished 105th place overall at 17:29.

Also competing were Kari Reagin, 140, 18:42; Jenny Mosher, 144, 18:58; Jody Thompson, 159, 20:33 and Nita Prasad, 161, 20:41.

Iowa City High also topped the varsity girls competition, scoring 38 points to defeat Schaumburg, 67; Lyons Township, 141; Lincoln-Way, 146 and Conant, 150. Geneseo, who finished 20th, scored 585 points.

Michelle Lilienthal of Iowa City was the number one runner for the varsity field with a time of 14:03.

The big finish for the day came from the Lady Leafrosh in the freshmen-sophomore competition.

As a team, the girls finished second in the 31-team field.

Emily Alden led the charge, taking sixth overall in 16:38.

Jann Johnson was the second Lady Leafrosh through the gate, taking 17th in 17:04.

Karin Skelton, who took 25th place in 17:13, was followed by

Emily Rowlands who placed 26th in 17:24.

Also competing were Krista Wiedenhoeft, 35, 17:49; Irene Knapp, 65, 19:09 and Samantha Daily, 83, 22:21.

"It was an awesome effort by these ladies," Coach Fredericks noted. "Now they can focus on conference."

Just two Lady Leaflets were fielded in the junior varsity competition.

Kristen Reagin took 125th overall with a time of 21:03 while Erika Klavon finished at 170th. No time was available for Klavon.

Geneseo will defend its conference crowns this Saturday, October 16 at Princeton. The meet will begin at 10 a.m.

In the boys' division, Geneseo took the NCIC crown at varsity, junior varsity and frosh-soph levels. For the girls, Geneseo took first in the varsity and junior varsity competition.

The Lady Leafs will also be seeking a repeat crown at the Rochelle Regionals while the Leafs took second. Both qualified for Regionals and State in Class AA cross country competition.

Joining Geneseo at the Rochelle Regional will be Dixon, United Township of East Moline, Galesburg, LaSalle-Peru, Moline, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Island High School and Sterling High School.

The winner of Regionals will advance into Sectionals at Sterling. Joining the Rochelle Regional title holder will be winners from Belvidere, Peoria Richwoods and Pontiac regionals. Sectional competition is slated for Saturday, October 30 while the state meet is scheduled on Saturday, November 6.

On Monday, October 18, the frosh-soph harriers travel to Galesburg followed by a trip to Sterling on Tuesday, October 19 for a junior varsity/freshmen competition. Both events have 4:30 p.m. starting times.

# Lake throws cold water

Sauk Valley Sunday •

## Brent Robinson

*SVN Sports Staff*

PRINCETON — The appearance of Geneseo's Jenny Lake meant a sweep of the varsity team titles by her school at the NCIC cross country meet held at City-Country Park Saturday. The Maple Leafs placed three in the top 15 and edged Dixon with 60 points to the Duchesses' 70.

Lake's appearance was both a surprise and a disappointment to the Dixon coach Joe Nemeth.

"We talked to the Geneseo coaches last week and they said that she wasn't going to run," said Nemeth. "She hasn't run a race all year. It kind of hurts because we would've won. We ran in the dual meets against them and she wasn't there. We could have won a conference cross country championship for the first time in the school's history.

## NCIC Cross Country Meet

She's had tendinitis all season after being conference champ the last two years. She obviously wasn't healthy today. You could see that they just put her in for a body, she got across the line and just dropped."

### ► ROCHELLE'S GINN WINS BOYS RACE ... B6

Andi Clinard of La Salle-Peru finished first with a 15 minute, 53 second finish on the 2.5-mile course. Sara White of Rochelle, a sophomore, was seven seconds behind in second. Lake finished three seconds ahead of Natalie Friel

## NCIC Girls ...

of Dixon to claim third. Jessica Schauff gave the Duchesses their other top 10 finish, ending seventh in 16:20. Rachel Von Holten of Sterling was eighth (16:21) and Sarah Bailey of Rochelle was ninth (16:24) rounding out the area girls who placed in the top 10.

"But we're still excited because this is the first time we've ever gotten second as a team, the highest finish before this was third," added

# on Duchesses

Nemeth. "Natalie got fourth as a senior, she's been coming on. Jessica is going to be great, she's just a freshman."

Dixon's other top finishes were 16th Jaci Boss (16:45), 23rd Amber Crossen (17:03) and 24th Sasha Luse (17:16).

As a team, Sterling placed third with 77 points and Rochelle ended up in fourth with 87 points — eliciting two very different reactions from the respective coaches.

"I'm disappointed," said Sterling girls coach Paul Hess. "We felt early in the year that we had a shot at winning the conference, even with Jenny Lake.

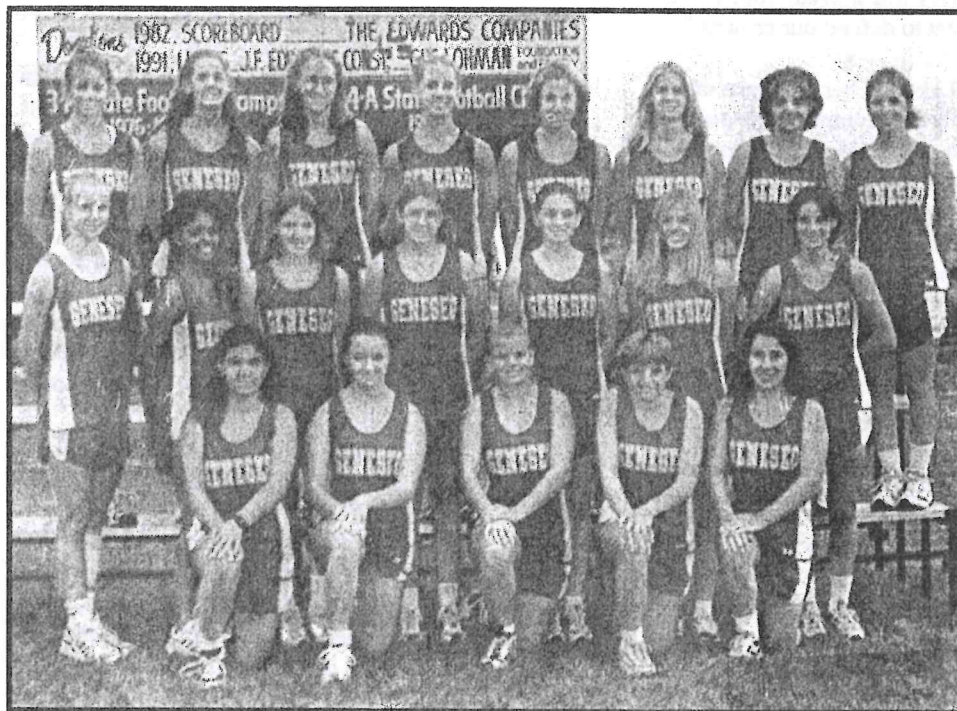
"We knew that there was a possibility of her coming back and running. I kind of had it in the back of my mind that she would run. We just didn't all run very well today. Jill Norman got hurt earlier in the week and she's not using this as an excuse. But she's been through a lot this year and if she had run where

she normally does, we probably would have won."

"I'm pleasantly surprised with our girls' performances," said Rochelle coach Bruce Anderson. "We really only have six girls on the team and to have three in the top 12 is pretty good. Our fourth and fifth runners, if we could have just pulled little better performances out of them, we'd be right there for the conference championship."

Sterling's Christina Estrada finished 15th with a time of 16:40. Teammates Jill Norman (18th place, 16:52), Danielle Fordham (19th place, 16:54), and Amee Binder (22nd place, 17:00) rounded out Sterling's scoring finishes.

**NCIC Meet at  
Princeton Saturday,  
Oct. 16, 10:00 a.m.  
Geneseo will defend  
FIVE 1998  
Conference Crowns!  
**GOOD LUCK!!****



## Geneseo harriers stake claim on 4 of 5 league titles

For the fourth consecutive year, the J. D. Darnall High School Lady Leaf harriers have taken the NCIC crown.

This is the third successive title for the Leaf harriers.

In addition, Geneseo claimed crowns in both the boys' and girls' open competition.

Last year's frosh-soph harriers took a conference title as well but this year, the Leafrosh took third.

"It was very enjoyable," summarized Coach Don Fredericks. "All of our runners did a *great* job. It was really great to defend our crowns."

Jenny Lake ran her first race of the '99 season at the conference meet in Princeton on Saturday, October 16.

She topped the Lady Leafs' field, taking third-place overall, leading Geneseo to its title.

"You could classify this as a significant upset," explained Coach Fredericks.

"Sterling has beaten us every single time we've raced them. And Dixon came on like crazy towards the end of the season and was rated ahead of our girls going into Saturday's race," he further noted.

Coach Fredericks felt great pride with how Lake did at her first race.

"We don't like, or let, our runners race hurt," stressed the harriers' coach. "But Jenny had an MRI on Monday and was given clearance to compete.

"She jumped right in and put 100 percent of what she had into the race.

"I'm extremely proud of all the girls, they ran well," quickly interjected Coach Fredericks. "I don't want to take away from them at all. They put forth a tremendous team effort.

"In Jenny's case, however," he added, "The mental aspect of athletics was evident. Though she physically wasn't in total shape for that

distance she ran a tremendous race on pure guts, playing a huge roll in our win."

Three Lady Leafs earned All-Conference honors at the NCIC meet, Lake, a junior; freshman Emily Alden and senior Andrea Blondell.

"The top 15 place finishers earn All-Conference honors," explained Coach Fredericks.

"Our next runners also did a terrific job," the coach added, recognizing Alys Snyder, Jann Johnson, Karen Skelton and Emily Rowlands.

"But to be honest, without Jenny we would have been third," Coach Fredericks stated.

Andi Clinard of LaSalle-Peru won the overall girls title with a time of 15:53 on the 2.5-mile course. Sara White of Rochelle took second overall in 16:00.

Lake captured third with her time of 16:12.

Rounding out the top five for the field were Natalie Friel of Dixon, 16:15 and Becca Davis, Keweenaw, 16:17.

Alden packed it in among the top 10, claiming sixth place with her time of 16:19. She edged out Jessica Schauf of Dixon, 16:20; Rachel Von Holten of Sterling, 16:21; Sarah Bailey of Rochelle, 16:24 and Melanie Duggan of Ottawa, 16:26 who completed the top 10.

Blondell, the third Lady Leaf through the gate, earned 14th overall with a time of 16:39.

Snyder and Johnson finished 20th and 21st, respectively, with times of 16:59 and 17:00. Johnson tied A. Binder of Sterling at 17:00 who took 22nd overall.

Skelton and Rowlands finished back-to-back as well. Skelton clocked through at 17:23 for 27th place followed by Rowlands in 17:28 for 28th.

In the team standings, Geneseo had 60 points to edge out Dixon in second by 10 points. Sterling trailed by another seven with 77 points for third place.

Rochelle took fourth place with 87

points followed by L-P, 102. Other team standings include Rock Falls, 158; Ottawa, 170 and Princeton, 195.

Fielding competitors but not full teams were Kewanee, Mendota, Spring Valley Hall and Streator.

The Leafs entered the NCIC meet heavy favorites and upheld the expectation, taking first for the day.

"We had six of the top 12 places," noted Coach Fredericks. "All of our guys stepped it up a level and put forth a tremendous effort."

Tim Nelson was the first Leaf through the gate and the second harrier. Phil Ginn of Rochelle took the individual crown with a time of 16:01 for the 3.00-mile course followed by Nelson at 16:12. Another Hub harrier, David Bergeson, was hot on Nelson's trail, taking third overall with a time of 16:16.

"Nelson really took charge and ran an intelligent race," explained the Leafs' coach. "At one point he was in the lead by dropping the favorite, Bergeson."

"The kid from Rochelle who won, Ginn, went with Tim," Coach Fredericks further explained. "He had a little more kick left at the end to take Tim for the win."

Jake Mahaffey of Kewanee and Geneseo's Andy Beuster rounded out the top five for the field. Mahaffey finished in 16:22 while Beuster clocked through at 16:27.

Geneseo packed two more harriers into the top 10. Josh Franks, running his first varsity conference meet, finished eighth in 16:35 just ahead of running mate Bob Ristau in ninth at 16:39.

Others in the top 10 for the field were Paul Kuhn, 16:28 and Bob Hardin, 16:32, both of Dixon and Eric Crowhurst of Ottawa, 16:44.

Two other Leaf harriers earned All-Conference honors by placing within the top 15 place finishers.

Grant Venema and Bill Bean packed up the 11th and 12th places, respectively, for Geneseo. Venema stopped the clock at 16:52 while Bean was timed at 16:58.

Matt Travis also competed in the varsity division for Geneseo, finishing 23rd overall in 17:27.

"Travis did a great job, all considered," explained the Leafs' coach. "He was having some difficulties

with some severe allergies. He's been in our top five several times this season," noted Coach Fredericks.

"But here he was struggling. At the two-mile point I asked him if he wanted to drop out but he was insistent that he wanted to finish.

"That's just the way he is. He picked up his pace and finished. I'm confident if (Travis) would have been okay, he would have been All-Conference, too."

Geneseo was over 30 points ahead of the second-place team.

With a score of 35, the Leafs outdistanced Rochelle in second with 67 and Dixon, third, 91 points. Princeton, 125 and Kewanee, 145, rounded out the top five teams.

Also fielding teams were Rock Falls, 158; Sterling, 166; Mendota, 210; Ottawa, 214 and LaSalle-Peru, 230. Spring Valley Hall and Streator did not field full teams but did have competitors.

Despite placing three harriers in the top five in the frosh-soph body division, the Leafrosh harriers took third overall in the NCIC event.

Rock Falls won the team crown with 41 points followed by Sterling, 54 and Geneseo, 74.

The Leafrosh edged Rochelle by one point, sending the Hubs to fourth overall.

Ottawa, 128 and La-Salle-Peru, 146 completed the field.

Other teams in the conference who did not field a team or individuals were Dixon, Hall, Kewanee, Mendota and Streator.

Wet, cool conditions greeted the harriers for the 2.50-mile course at Princeton.

Robert Lund of Rock Falls, a sophomore, won the frosh-soph title with a time of 14:07.

Geneseo's freshman harrier Kyle Fluck took second overall with a time of 14:20 just a fraction ahead of Johnathan Martin of Sterling who claimed third in 14:25.

Two Leafrosh harriers packed into the top five. Kyle Lichthardt earned fourth-place overall in 14:46 followed by Jeremy Heaton in fifth at 15:04. Heaton just edged Dustin Bell of Rochelle who was timed at 15:05 for sixth.

What hurt Geneseo's frosh-soph's standings was the fourth Leafrosh runner didn't cross through until nearly 30 place-finishes later.

Jason Rittenhouse finished 34th overall with a time of 16:45 just ahead of fellow Leafrosh runner Steve Loftus at 16:51 for 35th place.

Joe Derwin took 41st with a time of 18:24.

Two other crowns were captured by the Geneseo harriers in the open competition.

In the girls' division, the Lady Leaflets edged Sterling by five with a score of 27.

Krista Wiedenhoft led the field over the 2.50-mile course, taking the crown with her time of 17:24. Two Sterling harriers and two Dixon runners finished out the top five. The closest finisher to Wiedenhoft was Sterling's Krista Gardner who took second in 18:06.

Geneseo packed up six places starting with Irene Knapp at number seven. Knapp was clocked at 18:55. Following on her heels were Nita Prasad, 19:02; Samantha Daily, 19:03; Trista Bartz, 19:10; Jody Thompson, 19:23 and Kari Reagin, 19:35.

Jenny Mosher took 14th overall with her time of 19:56 while Kristen Reagin claimed 17th at 20:06. Jaime Gunnison, Erika Klavon and Erin Schneider also competed in the open division for Geneseo. Gunnison finished the course in 22:18 while Klavon was timed at 24:11 and Schneider, 24:12.

In the boys' division of the open competition, Geneseo's harriers earned 15 points with four of the top five place-finishes.

Jared Betcher led the field over the 3.0-mile course, taking first with a time of 17:31. Teammate Mike Sunstrom took second, 17:54 while another Leaflet, Brandon Sandoval, was third in 18:38.

Joe McKinney of Rochelle slipped in the top five, taking fourth overall behind Sandoval at 18:38.

Mark Gleason rounded out the top five places with his time of 19:01. Mike Skelton finished right behind him in 19:12.

Phillip Mason and Mike Stone also finished within the top 10, finishing in 19:36 and 19:50, respectively.

"They don't really recognize these as conference titles," grinned Coach Fredericks. "But we do."

An boys' open division was also available on a 2.50-mile course.

Placing for Geneseo were Noel Powers, 16th, 17:48; Adam Kuban, 21st, 19:54 and David Axton, 25th, 21:16.

Rochelle's Matt McKenna won in 15:45.

"It was a glorious day for the Maple Leafs," summarized Coach Fredericks. "Now we're off to regionals."

Rochelle is hosting this year's Regional meet at Kishwaukee Community College on Saturday, October 23. The girls' competition begins at 10 a.m. followed by the boys' division at 10:40.

The Lady Leafs will be defending the 1998 crown at the regionals while the Leafs will seek the upend Rock Island who took first in '98. Geneseo's varsity boys finished second.

Other teams in the Rochelle Regional are 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 be advancing to the Class AA Sterling Sectionals on Saturday, October 30. The state competition is slated for Saturday, November 6.

"Hopefully both of our (teams) will be there (at the Sectionals)," stated Coach Fredericks.

In addition to teams advancing from the Rochelle Regional, winners from the Belvidere, Peoria Richwoods and Pontiac Regionals will also compete at Sectionals.

The Leafs claimed their first-ever Sectional title in 1998. Geneseo was one of three teams (Rockford Guilford and Rock Island were the other two) to tie for first at the Sectional meet. Officials had to use the sixth man's score from each school to determine the winner. Bobby Ristau of Geneseo was the deciding factor, earning the Leafs the win.

The Lady Leafs had little trouble earning the Class AA Sectional crown in '98, earning over 30 points more than second-place Peoria Notre Dame.

In both 1997 and 1998, Geneseo was the only school at their sectional to qualify both the boys and girls' teams. Only three times in school history Geneseo has qualified both the girls and the boys' teams for the state meet, 1988, 1997 and 1998.

The top five teams and the top seven individuals not members of an advancing team qualify for the state meet.

For Rochelle, Megan Wilkinson took 12th in 16:36, Randi McCollom took 31st in 17:54 and Lexi Sachs 39th with an 18:39 finish.

Rock Falls took sixth place as a team with a combined score of 158. RFHS was led by Kelly Huizenga who clocked a 16:37 and wound up 13th. Among its other top finishes were 29th Eppy Delgado (17:37), 37th Kelsi Salas (18:32) and 41st Jenny Milne (18:42).

"Our objective today was to get Huizenga in the top 15, she got 13th, I was very pleased with that," said Rock Falls coach Jim Newton. "I was also pleased with the girls finishing in the middle of the conference."

All top 15 finishes in the varsity races qualify to be All-Conference in the NCIC this season.



Alex T. Paschal/Sauk Valley Newspapers  
Dixon's Jessica Schauff leads a pack of runners, including eventual winner Andi Clinard of La Salle-Peru (115), Sterling's Rachel Von Holten (277) and Jill Norman (276) and Dixon's Sarah Heaton (far right). Schauff finished sixth.

## Ginn holds off pack to claim NCIC title

**Brent Robinson**

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PRINCETON — Rochelle High School's Phil Ginn pulled into the lead with 800 meters to go and held on to win the 1999 NCIC boys cross country championship Saturday.

Ginn, a sophomore, exchanged the lead with several runners over the the 3.0-mile course at Princeton's City-Country Park. And though he ran with a pack of leaders for most of the race, Ginn had more in reserve down the stretch as he turned in a time of 16 minutes, 1 second. It was an outcome that Rochelle coach Bruce Anderson sensed was in the works earlier in the morning.

"He's about as focused a runner as I've coached in a long time," said Anderson. "Phil had a goal in mind today, and from the look in his eyes, I could tell that he was going to go after it. I think he surprised himself when he pulled ahead at the end. He ran one of the most inspirational races I've seen in a long time from a Rochelle runner."

Tim Nelson of Geneseo was second with a time of 16:12. Ginn's teammate, David Bergeson, took third with a 16:16 finish.

Geneseo compiled enough high finishes to run away with the boys' team title.

The Maple Leafs, with five

runners in the top 11, ended up with 35 points. Rochelle finished second with 67. Dixon placed third in the team standings with 91 points. Rock Falls placed sixth with 158 and Sterling placed seventh with 166.

Dixon placed three in the top 15. Paul Kuhn led the Dukes with a sixth-place time of 16:28. Teammate Bob Hardin was the next to finish, entering the chute in 16:32. Josh Miles backed them up with a 14th place time of 17:03.

"We have run here three times this year and our boys' times all dropped today," said Dixon coach Joe Nemeth. "Time-wise, we're getting ready for regionals next week and we want to get a top five finish to go to sectionals. We had phenomenal times with three under 17 minutes or right around it. That is what we're shooting for. If we can get that, we should be fine in the regional."

Charlie Bishop finished in 17:48 for 29th place and Kel Bond turned in a 18:20 to end up 36th to complete Dixon's scoring.

Rock Falls was led by Dustin Weaver who cracked the top 20 with an 18th place finish and a time of 17:16. The rest of the Rocket varsity looked a little different than it has for most of the season.

"Our strategy today was to see if we could win the conference championship on the frosh-soph level and still be respectable on the varsity," said Rock Falls coach Jim Newton.

Newton's plan worked. Rock Falls won the frosh-soph boys event with 41 points. Rocket Robert Lund was the individual champion with a time of 14:07 on a 2.5-mile course.

"On the varsity level, we were still able to beat Sterling, which is always important for us," added Newton. "When we go into the regionals, Lund will be running varsity as well as some other sophomores. So, the team that we ran today on the varsity will not be our regional team. My top three varsity runners were all banged up and they put in a gutsy performance, I'm really proud of them."

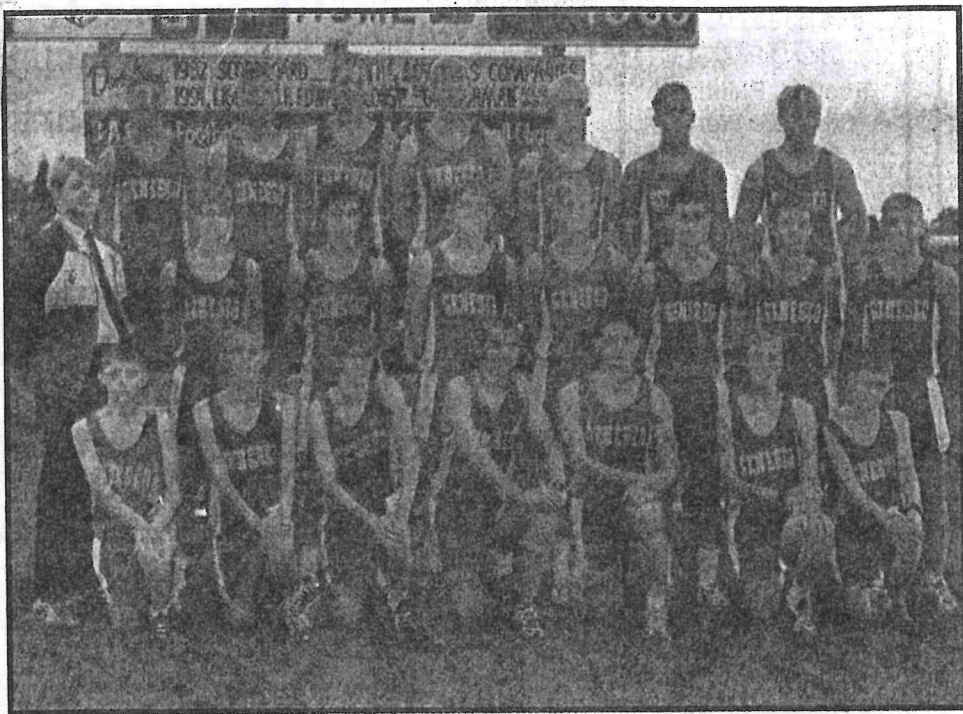
Other Rocket finishes included Andrew Keaschall (22nd place, 17:25), and Bobby Kibodeaux (32nd place, 17:52).

Sterling's best time (17:36) was turned in by Tony Perez, who was the 25th to finish in the 69-man varsity race. The rest of the Golden Warrior finishes were Jacob Blum (30th place, 17:49), Luke Munz (34th place, 17:59), Troy Munson (41st place, 18:36) and Trent Williams (42nd place, 18:38).

"We're a young team just coming

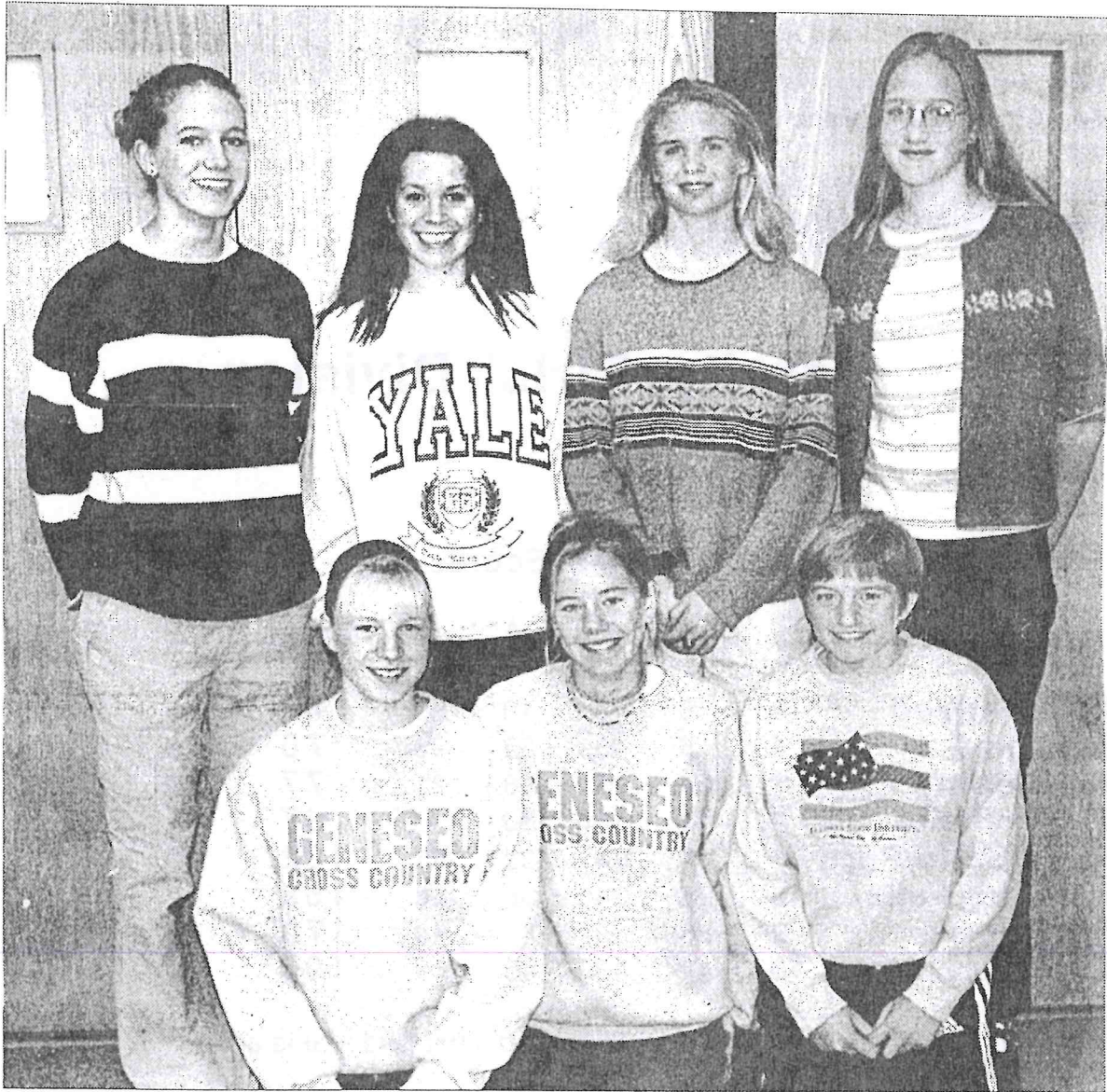
together and these young men have really improved their times," said Sterling boys coach Mike Sullivan. "We got some good efforts out of them today and I'm really happy with our place on both the frosh-soph and the varsity."

Sullivan moved freshman Jonathon Martin down from the varsity to run with the frosh-soph team in order to have "two balanced squads." Martin finished third in his race with a time of 14:25, helping the Golden Warriors take second in the team standings. Rochelle placed fourth in the fresh-soph boys race with 75 points. Dustin Bell led the younger Rockets with a time of 15:05 good enough for sixth. Dixon did not field a fresh-soph team.



# Go GHS Harriers!

# NCIC champs!!



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**UPHOLDING TRADITION.** The J. D. Darnall High School Lady Leafs cross country team gained their fourth consecutive NCIC crown on Saturday, October 16. Representing Geneseo on the Princeton course were, from left to right, front row, Emily Rowlands, Jann Johnson and Karin Skelton and back row, Jenny Lake, Andrea Blondell, Alysa Snyder and Emily Alden.

# 1999 NCIC Cross-Country Finals

**Host:** Princeton High School  
**Site:** City / County Park  
**Date:** 10/16/99  
**Conditions:** 56...a bit wet  
**Racing Distance:** 2.50 miles

## Varsity Girls' Division

### Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
1. Geneseo	3	5	13	19	20	<b>60</b>	26	27
2. Dixon	4	6	15	22	23	<b>70</b>	25	31
3. Sterling	7	14	17	18	21	<b>77</b>	29	37
4. Rochelle	2	8	11	30	36	<b>87</b>	51	xx
5. LaSalle-Peru	1	10	24	32	35	<b>102</b>	40	44
6. Rock Falls	12	28	34	38	46	<b>158</b>	47	xx
7. Ottawa	9	33	39	41	48	<b>170</b>	50	xx
8. Princeton	16	42	43	45	49	<b>195</b>	xx	xx

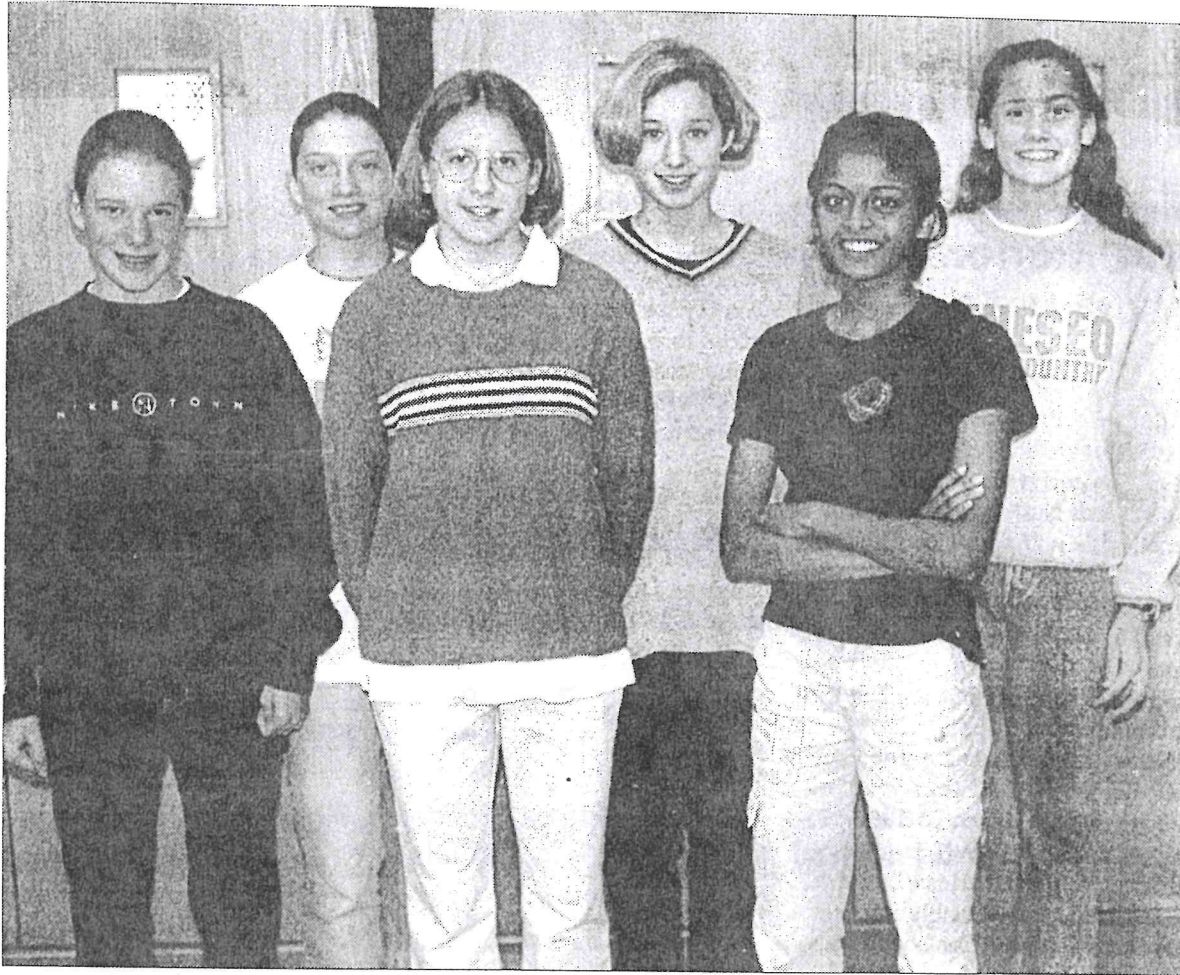
Hall, Kewanee, Mendota, and Streator did not field teams and / or individuals

## Varsity' Girls Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Andi Clinard	LaSalle-Peru	11	15:53
2.	2.	Sara White	Rochelle	10	16:00
3.	3.	Jenny Lake	Geneseo	11	16:12
4.	4.	Natalie Friel	Dixon	12	16:15
5.	xx.	Becca Davis	Kewanee	12	16:17
6.	5.	Emily Alden	Geneseo	09	16:19
7.	6.	Jessica Schauff	Dixon	09	16:20
8.	7.	Rachel VonHolten	Sterling	11	16:21
9.	8.	Sarah Bailey	Rochelle	10	16:24
10.	9.	Melanie Duggan	Ottawa	12	16:26
11.	10.	Stacy Gualandi	LaSalle-Peru	12	16:35
12.	11.	Megan Wilkinson	Rochelle	09	16:36
13.	12.	Kelly Huizenga	Rock Falls	12	16:37
14.	13.	Andrea Blondell	Geneseo	12	16:39
15.	14.	Christina Estrada	Sterling	11	16:40
16.	15.	Jaci Boss	Dixon	11	16:45
17.	16.	Trisha Lengfelder	Princeton	11	16:49
18.	17.	Jill Norman	Sterling	11	16:52
19.	18.	Danielle Fordham	Sterling	12	16:54
20.	19.	Alysa Snyder	Geneseo	12	16:59
21.	20.	Jann Johnson	Geneseo	10	17:00
22.	21.	Amee Binder	Sterling	10	17:00
23.	22.	Amber Crossen	Dixon	09	17:03
24.	23.	Sasha Luse	Dixon	10	17:16
25.	24.	Melanie Powers	LaSalle-Peru	12	17:20
26.	25.	Sarah Heaton	Dixon	12	17:22
27.	26.	Karin Skelton	Geneseo	10	17:23
28.	27.	Emily Rowlands	Geneseo	10	17:28
29.	28.	Eppie Delgado	Rock Falls	12	17:37
30.	29.	Molly Gardner	Sterling	12	17:47
31.	30.	Randi McCollum	Rochelle	11	17:54
32.	31.	Jocelyn Chase	Dixon	10	17:55
33.	xx.	Amber Feurer	Kewanee	10	17:56
34.	32.	Jenilyn Etheridge	LaSalle-Peru	11	18:02
35.	33.	Brook Fanning	Ottawa	10	18:07
36.	xx.	Melissa Rocha	Mendota	12	18:07
37.	34.	Kelsi Salas	Rock Falls	09	18:32
38.	35.	Saron Larsen	LaSalle-Peru	11	18:33
39.	36.	Lexi Sachs	Rochelle	09	18:39

40.	37.	Liz Yemm	Sterling	12	18:42
41.	38.	Jenny Milne	Rock Falls	12	18:42
42.	xx.	Meg Whelan	Streator	10	18:47
43.	39.	Kim Sedlock	Ottawa	12	18:54
44.	40.	Amanda Gray	LaSalle-Peru	10	18:55
45.	xx.	Nickey Edgcomb	Mendota	11	19:11
46.	xx.	Meg Gonsioroski	Kewanee	11	19:14
47.	41.	Sara Terry	Ottawa	11	19:14
48.	42.	Katie Freiburg	Princeton	12	19:19
49.	43.	Joni Lawson	Princeton	12	19:38
50.	44.	Jaci Marquardt	LaSalle-Peru	12	19:44
51.	45.	Lauren Bowman	Princeton	12	19:58
52.	46.	Lanae Scanlon	Rock Falls	??	20:02
53.	47.	Nikki Petersohn	Rock Falls	11	20:14
54.	xx.	Karie O'Connor	Hall	11	20:22
55.	48.	Jen Walter	Ottawa	12	20:58
56.	49.	Amanda Olds	Princeton	09	21:10
57.	xx.	Amanda Cromphardt	Hall	09	22:13
58.	xx.	Catharine Reel	Streator	11	24:19
59.	50.	Cassie Friedle	Ottawa	??	25:22
60.	51.	Amy Hayden	Rochelle	12	25:40
61.	xx.	Marlaina Sedlock	Streator	10	26:56

# NCIC champs!!



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**KEEPING THE TITLE.** The J. D. Darnall High School cross country team won four of five titles at the NCIC meet on Saturday, October 16 in Princeton, including the junior varsity open division. Taking the course for Geneseo were, from left to right, Krista Wiedenhoef, Irene Knapp, Jody Thompson, Jenny Mosher, Nita Prasad and Samantha Daily.

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## **Open Girls' Division**

### **Team Scores**

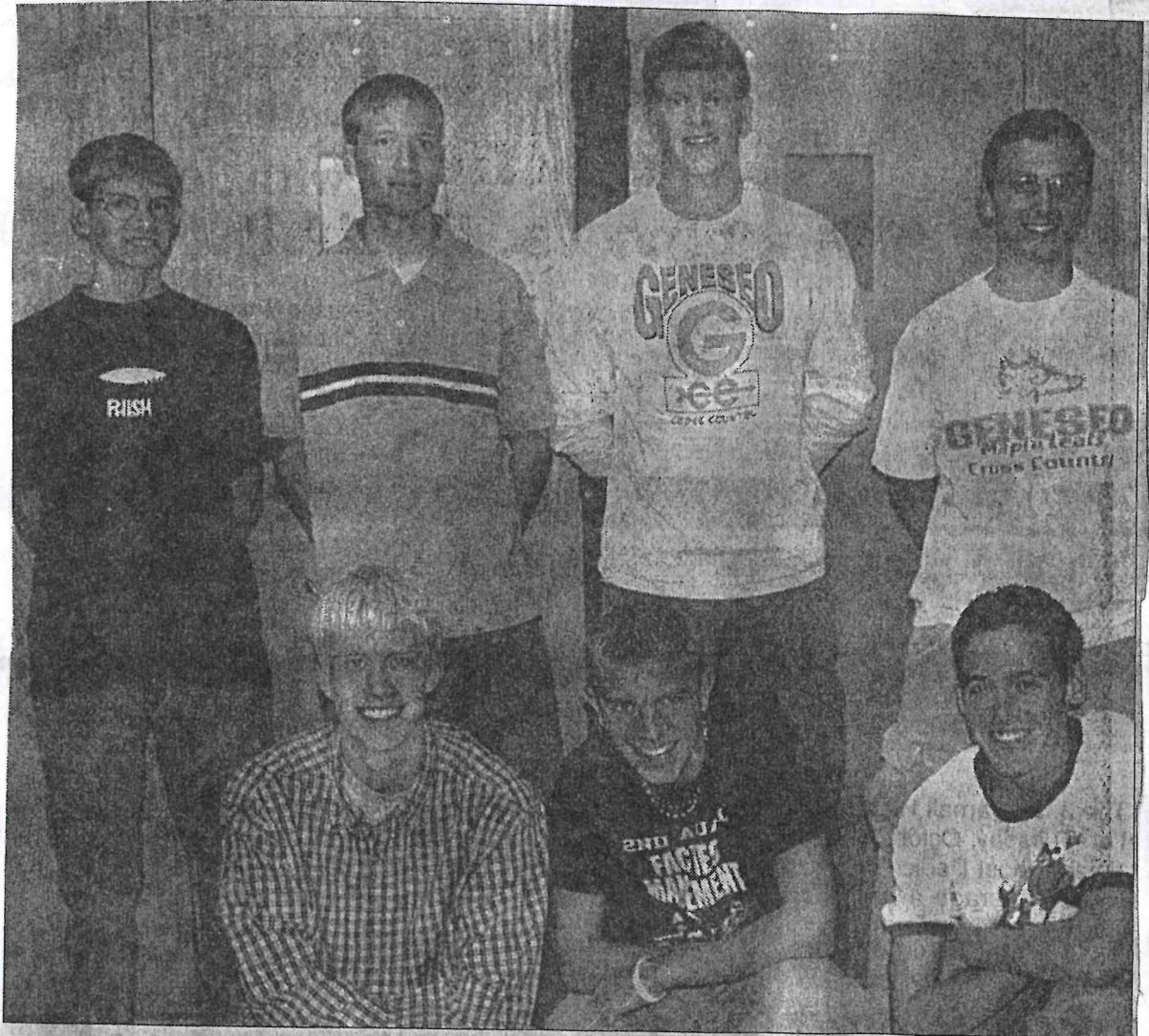
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>1. Geneseo</b>	1	5	6	7	8	<b>27</b>	9	10
<b>2. Sterling</b>	2	3	4	11	12	<b>32</b>	13	14

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

# Open Girls' Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Krista Wiedenhoft	Geneseo	10	17:24
2.	2.	Krista Gardner	Sterling	10	18:06
3.	3.	Rachael Marruffo	Sterling	11	18:13
4.	xx	Lindsey Levan	Dixon	10	18:26
5.	xx	Liz Schauuff	Dixon	12	18:50
6.	4.	Dawn Wills	Sterling	10	18:52
7.	5.	Irene Knapp	Geneseo	10	18:55
8.	6.	Nita Prasad	Geneseo	11	19:02
9.	7.	Samantha Daily	Geneseo	09	19:03
10.	8.	Trista Bartz	Geneseo	10	19:10
11.	9.	Jody Thompson	Geneseo	12	19:23
12.	10.	Kari Reagin	Geneseo	11	19:35
13.	xx.	Billi Cruse	Dixon	12	19:39
14.	xx.	Jenny Mosher	Geneseo	10	19:56
15.	11.	Abby Geering	Sterling	11	20:01
16.	12.	Calistra Alba	Sterling	11	20:02
17.	xx.	Kristen Reagin	Geneseo	09	20:06
18.	13.	Carlissa Tate	Sterling	10	20:10
19.	14.	Liz Hofreitr	Sterling	09	20:25
20.	xx.	Colony Linville	Sterling	09	20:28
21.	xx.	Melinda Crause	Sterling	10	21:02
22.	xx.	Layla Salazar	Sterling	11	21:17
23.	xx.	Julie Alba	Sterling	12	21:47
24.	xx.	Jaime Gunnison	Geneseo	11	22:18
25.	xx.	Emily Fuger	Dixon	09	23:07
26.	xx.	Holly Cronhart	Sterling	11	23:26
27.	xx.	Erika Klavon	Geneseo	09	24:11
28.	xx.	Erin Schneider	Geneseo	12	24:12

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**DEFENDING CHAMPS.** Geneseo's varsity Leaf harriers defended their NCIC cross country title in Princeton on Saturday, October 16, placing six runners within the top 12. Running for Geneseo were, from left to right, front row, Bob Ristau, Andy Beuster and Bill Bean and back row, Josh Franks, Matt Travis, Grant Venema and Tim Nelson.

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## Varsity Boys' Division

### Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
1. Geneseo	2	5	8	9	11	35	12	23
2. Rochelle	1	3	19	20	24	67	27	41
3. Dixon	6	7	14	28	36	91	37	64
4. Princeton	15	17	26	32	35	125	56	59
5. Kewanee	4	13	30	45	53	145	xx	xx
6. Rock Falls	18	22	31	43	44	158	50	54
7. Sterling	25	29	33	39	40	166	47	51
8. Mendota	16	34	42	58	60	210	xx	xx
9. Ottawa	10	48	49	52	55	214	57	61
10. LaSalle-Peru	21	38	46	62	63	230	xx	xx

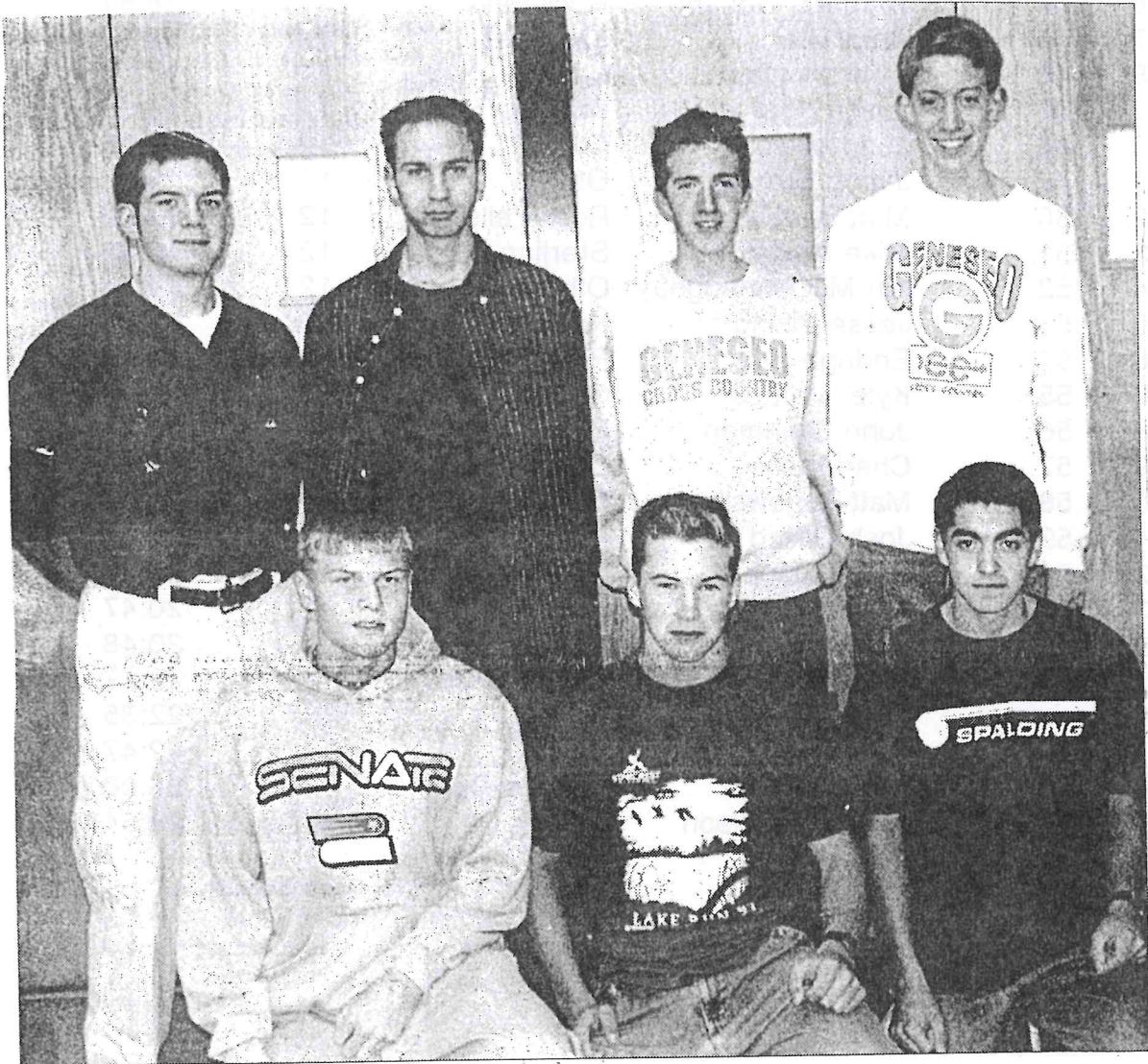
Hall and Streator did not field teams and / or individuals

## Varsity' Boys Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Phil Ginn	Rochelle	10	16:01
2.	2.	Tim Nelson	Geneseo	12	16:12
3.	3.	David Bergeson	Rochelle	11	16:16
4.	4.	Jake Mahaffey	Kewanee	11	16:22
5.	5.	Andy Beuster	Geneseo	12	16:27
6.	6.	Paul Kuhn	Dixon	11	16:28
7.	7.	Bob Hardin	Dixon	12	16:32
8.	8.	Josh Franks	Geneseo	11	16:35
9.	9.	Bob Ristau	Geneseo	12	16:39
10.	10.	Eric Crowhurst	Ottawa	12	16:44
11.	11.	Grant Venema	Geneseo	12	16:52
12.	12.	Bill Bean	Geneseo	11	16:58
13.	13.	Jeff Petty	Kewanee	12	17:01
14.	14.	Josh Miles	Dixon	12	17:03
15.	15.	Ryan Bebej	Princeton	11	17:05
16.	16.	Tyson Pinter	Mendota	10	17:08
17.	17.	Sam Register	Princeton	10	17:14
18.	18.	Dustin Weaver	Rock Falls	12	17:16
19.	19.	Mark Rainwater	Rochelle	11	17:18
20.	20.	Mike Schummer	Rochelle	09	17:18
21.	21.	Dave Wallice	LaSalle-Peru	11	17:20
22.	22.	Andrew Keaschall	Rock Falls	12	17:25
23.	23.	Matt Travis	Geneseo	12	17:27
24.	24.	Kyle Nass	Rochelle	10	17:34
25.	25.	Tony Perez	Sterling	12	17:36
26.	xx.	Tyler Gammre	Streator	11	17:38
27.	26.	Seth Niemuth	Princeton	10	17:43
28.	27.	Josh McKinney	Rochelle	11	17:45
29.	28.	Charlie Bishop	Dixon	12	17:48
30.	29.	Jacob Blum	Sterling	10	17:49
31.	30.	Frank Angelcyk	Kewanee	12	17:51
32.	31.	Bobby Kibodeaux	Rock Falls	12	17:52
33.	32.	Alex Maxeiner	Princeton	12	17:54
34.	33.	Luke Munz	Sterling	10	17:59
35.	34.	Willie Ridley	Mendota	12	18:08
36.	35.	Laramie Storm	Princeton	09	18:12
37.	36.	Kel Bond	Dixon	09	18:20
38.	37.	Andrew Sloan	Dixon	11	18:27
39.	38.	Lee Thompson	LaSalle-Peru	11	18:32

40.	xx.	Josh Perra	Hall	12	18:32
41.	39.	Troy Munson	Sterling	11	18:36
42.	40.	Trent Williams	Sterling	??	18:38
43.	41.	Jeff Reed	Rochelle	12	18:39
44.	42.	Luke Vercimak	Mendota	10	18:43
45.	43.	Seth Heim	Rock Falls	11	18:45
46.	44.	Brandon Donaho	Rock Falls	11	18:51
47.	45.	Andy Bral	Kewanee	12	18:57
48.	46.	Tyler Moutray	LaSalle-Peru	11	18:58
49.	47.	Justin Neal	Sterling	12	19:01
50.	48.	John Mason	Ottawa	12	19:06
51.	49.	Jacob Brodus	Ottawa	12	19:22
52.	50.	Matt Sartwell	Rock Falls	12	19:29
53.	51.	Mike Berge	Sterling	12	19:33
54.	52.	Ian McConnaughay	Ottawa	12	19:34
55.	53.	Jesse Bitting	Kewanee	09	19:44
56.	54.	Endrigo SESCO	Rock Falls	12	19:47
57.	55.	Kyle Mathes	Ottawa	??	19:58
58.	56.	John Grunman	Princeton	09	20:04
59.	57.	Chad Hicks	Ottawa	12	20:08
60.	58.	Matt Ragowski	Mendota	10	20:09
61.	59.	Josh Girard	Princeton	12	20:31
62.	60.	Ryan Lunger	Mendota	10	20:47
63.	61.	Mark Setser	Ottawa	12	20:47
64.	xx.	Doug Olsen	Hall	11	20:48
65.	62.	Joe Feankin	LaSalle-Peru	11	22:17
66.	xx.	Frank Camacho	Hall	11	22:35
67.	xx.	Nick Spanos	Hall	11	22:47
68.	63.	Chris Scales	LaSalle-Peru	11	23:00
69.	64.	Jesey Nicholson	Dixon	11	24:54

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**CROWN DEFENDERS.** Geneseo's junior varsity cross country team also claimed a conference crown at the NCIC meet in Princeton on Saturday, October 16, keeping their royal title for yet another year. Representing the Leaflets in the open division were, from left to right, front row, Mike Sunstrom, Mark Gleason and Brandon Sandoval and back row, Mike Skelton, Jared Betcher, Mike Stone and Phillip Mason.

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### Team Scores

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1. Geneseo	1	2	3	4	5	15	6	7

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<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Jared Betcher	Geneseo	11	17:31
2.	2.	Mike Sunstrom	Geneseo	11	17:54
3.	3.	Brandon Sandoval	Geneseo	11	18:38
4.	xx	Joe McKinney	Rochelle	??	18:38
5.	4	Mark Gleason	Geneseo	11	19:01
6.	5.	Mike Skelton	Geneseo	12	19:12
7.	xx.	Ben Behmlander	Rock Falls	12	19:19
8.	6.	Phillip Mason	Geneseo	11	19:36
9.	7.	Mike Stone	Geneseo	11	19:50
10.	xx.	Shaun Hardy	Rock Falls	12	21:02
11.	xx.	Scott Reed	Rochelle	??	20:39

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<b><u>Place</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>
1.	Matt McKenna	Rochelle	??	15:45
2.	Andrew House	Sterling	11	16:03
3.	Jason Murray	Rock Falls	09	16:06
4.	Nate Allison	Rock Falls	09	16:15
5.	Willie Aberle	Rock Falls	10	16:42
6.	Colin Bond	Dixon	12	16:47
7.	Adam Keaschall	Rock Falls	09	16:48
8.	Tony Wolly	Princeton	12	17:01
9.	Hank Vogel	Sterling	09	17:02
10.	Matt Marruffo	Sterling	09	17:02
11.	Ryan Still	Sterling	??	17:03
12.	Sean Tedrick	Sterling	??	17:09
13.	Ben Michael	Princeton	11	17:21
14.	Justin Dalton	Princeton	12	17:30
15.	Michael Wolf	Rock Falls	10	17:31
16.	Noel Powers	Geneseo	11	17:48
17.	Justin Miller	Sterling	10	17:52
18.	Richard Bryne	Rochelle	??	18:01
19.	Dan Sullivan	Rochelle	??	18:11
20.	Matt Glick	Rock Falls	11	19:10
21.	Adam Kuban	Geneseo	11	19:54
22.	Sunny Mathew	Sterling	10	19:55
23.	Drew Bunton	Rochelle	??	20:07
24.	Alex Linville	Sterling	11	21:13
25.	David Axton	Geneseo	09	21:16

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## Frosh-Soph Boys' Division

### Team Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	6	7
1. Rock Falls	1	7	9	10	14	<b>41</b>	20	21
2. Sterling	3	8	12	13	18	<b>54</b>	25	28
3. Geneseo	2	4	5	31	32	<b>74</b>	35	40
4. Rochelle	6	11	15	19	24	<b>75</b>	26	30
5. Ottawa	16	22	27	29	34	<b>128</b>	38	39
6. LaSalle-Peru	17	23	33	36	37	<b>146</b>	xx	xx

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## Frosh-Soph' Boys Division

<u>Place</u>	<u>TmPl</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1.	1.	Robert Lund	Rock Falls	10	14:07
2.	2.	Kyle Fluck	Geneseo	09	14:20
3.	3.	Johnathan Martin	Sterling	09	14:25
4.	4.	Kyle Lichthardt	Geneseo	10	14:46
5.	5.	Jeremy Heaton	Geneseo	10	15:04
6.	6.	Dustin Bell	Rochelle	09	15:05
7.	7.	Will Howard	Rock Falls	10	15:14
8.	8.	Adam Commisso	Sterling	10	15:16
9.	9.	Chad Wolf	Rock Falls	10	15:16
10.	10.	Ross Dillon	Rock Falls	10	15:17
11.	xx.	Jesse Data	Hall	09	15:20
12.	11.	Matt Jacobson	Rochelle	09	15:20
13.	12.	Mike Commisso	Sterling	10	15:24
14.	13.	John Lee	Sterling	10	15:26
15.	xx.	Sean Ryan	Kewanee	09	15:32
16.	14.	Mike Milne	Rock Falls	10	15:33
17.	15.	Jeff Munson	Rochelle	10	15:35.
18.	16.	Mike Dorton	Ottawa	09	15:39
19.	17.	Colin Corritan	LaSalle-Peru	09	15:43
20.	18.	Paul Yemm	Sterling	10	15:47
21.	19.	Kevin Stouffer	Rochelle	10	15:49
22.	20.	Nick Dietz	Rock Falls	09	15:49
23.	21.	Jimmy Gillen	Rock Falls	10	16:05
24.	22.	Alex Marsh	Ottawa	09	16:05
25.	23.	Sean Walsh	LaSalle-Peru	10	16:06
26.	24.	Cole Rainwater	Rochelle	10	16:19
27.	25.	David Cluver	Sterling	10	16:22
28.	xx.	Chris Bastian	Hall	10	16:26
29.	26.	Wes Heim	Rochelle	10	16:28
30.	27.	Gavin Youngstrom	Ottawa	09	16:29
31.	28.	Greg Ebersole	Sterling	10	16:29
32.	29.	Casey Carrino	Ottawa	09	16:35
33.	30.	Zack Weber	Rochelle	10	16:44
34.	31.	Jason Rittenhouse	Geneseo	10	16:45
35.	32.	Steve Loftus	Geneseo	09	16:51
36.	33.	Fermin Rayes	LaSalle-Peru	09	17:01
37.	xx.	Jake Taylor	Hall	09	17:33
38.	xx.	Ryne Reel	Streator	09	17:38
39.	xx.	Billy Klein	Hall	10	17:52
40.	34.	Dan Bell	Ottawa	09	17:57