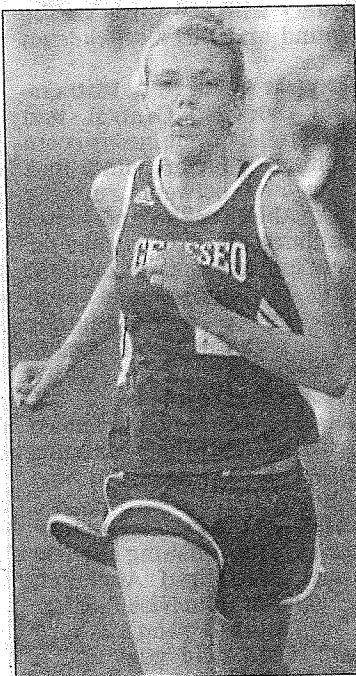


Class AA Cross Country Preview

► **When & where:** Of 24 regional cross country meets taking place today, one has local interest. Metro teams Moline, Rock Island, Alleman (boys only), United Township and Geneseo, along with Galesburg, Canton, Dixon, Rochelle, Rock Falls and Sterling, will compete at Davenport's Credit Island Park in the Moline Regional. Races begin at 10 a.m. (girls), with the boys race beginning at 10:35.

► **At stake:** Top five teams in both boys and girls competition advance as full teams to next Saturday's East Peoria Sectional at Illinois Central College. Additionally, the top five runners not on a qualifying team will also advance as individual runners.

► **Team outlook: Boys:** If conference results are any indication, Rock Island and Geneseo would be the favorites to advance and both should today. But the Rocks have the best chance to win. Their pack is one of the closest (just 63 seconds separated No. 1 runner Austin Green from No. 5 Travis Anderson at last Friday's Western Big 6 meet in Galesburg), with all top five finishing in the overall top 11. Geneseo's pack was two minutes apart at the NCIC meet in Rock Falls last Saturday. Look for the Rocks and Maple Leafs to be sure bets to advance. After that, the race for the final three spots could be close. United Township and Moline appear to be the likeliest candidates to move on, and one or both could challenge for second. Alleman and Dixon will fight it out for the fifth spot; the greater familiarity with the course, plus the experience factor, should favor the Pioneers.



Geneseo's Rachel Wyffels

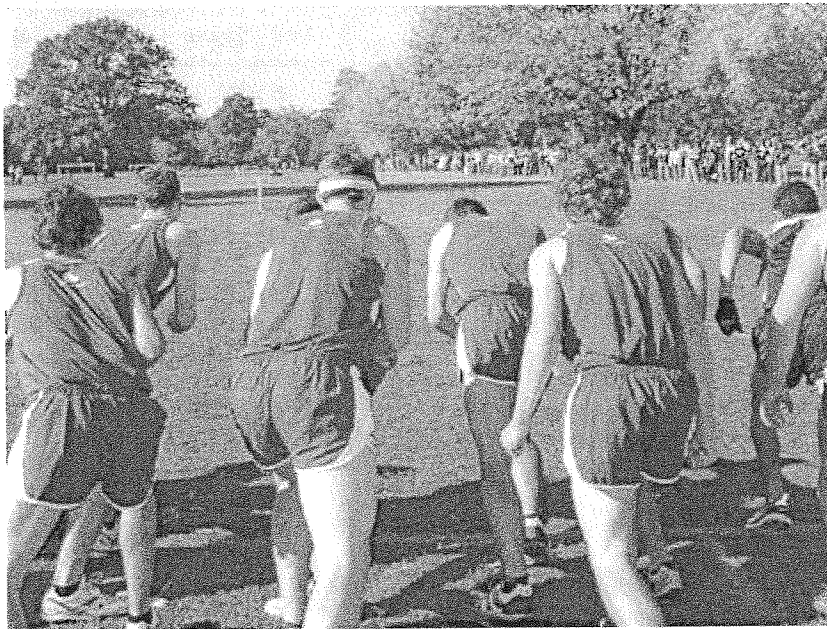
Girls: The battle for first in the Big 6, with three teams separated by 10 points, only proves how hard a fight it's going to be to advance here. Six teams (three from the WB6, three from the NCIC) are the likeliest teams to go, and one will not make the cut. The surest team to move on could be Sterling, which won the NCIC title by 31 points. Dixon, which finished second, didn't have ace runner Kate Gillespie available. With her, the Duchesses are at least a match for Sterling. All of the top three teams from the Western Big 6 should move on as well; any one of the five could win the team

title. This might leave Geneseo, which has battled through injuries and other losses, as the odd team out, but don't count the Leafs out; they weren't favored to win regionals last year, but did.

► **Individual forecast: Boys:** It's a two-way fight between Geneseo's Dan Chenoweth and Rock Island's Austin Green, both conference individual champions, for the regional individual championship. Green beat Chenoweth on Sept. 10 at Peoria's Detweiller Park at the Woodruff Invitational, with Chenoweth returning the favor at the Rock Island Invitational two weeks later and again at Sterling two weekends ago. One thing's for sure: both could break 15 minutes on Credit Island's fast course. UT's Chris Matthews and Alleman's Alex Knobloch, along with Dixon runners Kyle Boone and Jeff Mayer, are best bets to fill out the top five.

Girls: Depends on if Gillespie is available for Dixon, and at what strength. A full-strength Gillespie makes her the favorite. If not, the field is a bit more open for Geneseo senior Rachel Wyffels, who won her third NCIC title last weekend at Rock Falls, but she'll have to contend with Galesburg's Shannon Stacey, who won the Big 6 individual crown. After that, there's a host of runners that could crack the top five. Most come from the NCIC (Rock Falls' Victoria Castaneda, Sterling's Megan Fliss and Dixon's Bre Bre-vitt), but Rock Island's top runner all year, Erika Jakobsen, also could pull it off.

— By Shannon Heaton



The Varsity Boys react to the gun on Saturday in the Regional Final as they ran to a strong Second Place team finish qualifying for the Sectional Finals next Saturday.

Rachel Wyffels & Boys Team Punch Sectional Tickets

On Saturday the Leafs traveled to Davenport to participate in the IHSA Regional held at Credit Island. The conditions were dry and windy with a racing temperature of 49 degrees.

The Lady Leafs came up just short with a strong 7th place team finish. Rachel Wyffels (2nd overall) led the way as she went toe-to-toe with Western Big Six Conference Champion Shannon Stacey of Galesburg. These two put on quite a show and offer more of the same next weekend in the Sectional Final. Eliza Cropp (20th); Sally Collis (40th); Rachel Atwell (41st); Kate Langdon (53rd); Kayla McVetty (55th); and Abby Winberry (56th) completed their seasons with strong efforts.

Many a fan walked away from Saturday's action shaking their heads saying "I can't believe that Geneseo got 2nd" BELIEVE IT. Running their best team race of the season, the Leafs shocked the field as they raced to a strong 2nd place team finish. The Leafs picked an opportune time to defeat Rock Island Alleman, Moline and U.T. for the first time all season. Dan Chenoweth continued his winning ways as he raced to an impressive 10

second victory over a very respectable field. Adding to the excitement were Blake Wyffels (11th); Ryan Kotecki (25th); Nate Silver (26th); Josh Lodge (31st and first freshman); Pete Nelson (39th); and Scott Mattan (45th).

Boys' team, Wyffels keep running forward

By AMY BOLDT
Sports Editor

On a cold and windy day, the Geneseo cross country runners battled advancing positions in the IHSA Regional meet at Credit Island, Saturday, Oct. 22.

"The meet turned out pretty good," Head Coach Don Fredericks said. "It would have been better if the girls' team had advanced, but they put forth a good effort. This is the first time since the late '70s that the team has not advanced.

"The area schools have gotten a lot stronger and have really come on," Fredericks said. "We have our work cut out for us in the future."

Rachel Wyffels was the lone Lady Leaf to advance as the team placed seventh in the regional. Wyffels raced to a second-place overall finish with a time of 18 minutes and 25.23 seconds.

"Rachel ran a great race," Fredericks said. "Our No. 1 goal is to advance and she ran an extremely good race.

"Rachel has seen the people she needs to run with in sectionals, which includes five stand-



Republic photo by Mindy Carls

RACHEL WYFFELS, left, placed second overall and **DAN CHENOWETH** led the pack in first at the IHSA Regional meet, Saturday, Oct. 22, at Credit Island in Davenport.

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outs and also some new freshmen that will shake things up," Fredericks said. "Hopefully, she can find some girls to work together with (at sectionals). She has a chance and we are very proud of her."

The boys' squad went head-to-head with the tough teams in the area and came out with a second-place team finish to advance as a team.

Leading the charge was Dan Chenoweth, claiming his first IHSA Regional championship, taking the tape in 15:03.95. Following Chenoweth was Blake Wyffels in 11th place at 16:18.50, while teammates Ryan Kotecki and Nate Silver finished about 1:00 apart — Kotecki in 16:40.60 and Silver in 16:41.45.

"Dan ran a tremendous race

and he has admitted that he has been a bit lonely out there (in front), but that will soon go away with the top-notch runners joining him at sectionals," Fredericks said. "There is a lot of talent in the sectional this year and it is a very competitive field."

Josh Lodge crossed the finish line with a final time of 16:55.52, followed by Pete Nelson in 17:11.60 and Scott Mattan at 17:17.81.

Fredericks commented it was not luck, but a lot of blood, sweat and tears that allowed the runners to reach this point, and now they are reaping the benefits.

"The team had a tremendous finish," Fredericks said. "Our guys continue to improve by leaps and bounds and that is very exciting. And I don't think we are quite done yet."

In the girls' race, Eliza Cropp came in 20th with a time of 20:02.42, followed by teammates Sally Collis crossing the finish line in 20:52.25 and Rachel Atwell in 20:52.55.

Kate Langdon came in with a time of 21:32.11, followed by Kayla McVietty in 21:38.32 and Abby Winberry a 21:39.68.

Wyffels and the boys' squad will race in the IHSA sectional meet at East Peoria Saturday Oct. 29.

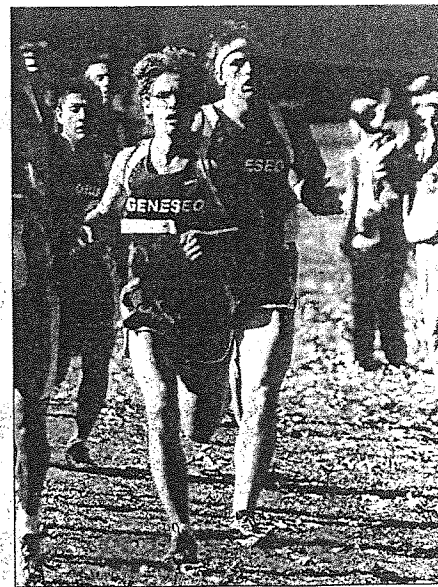
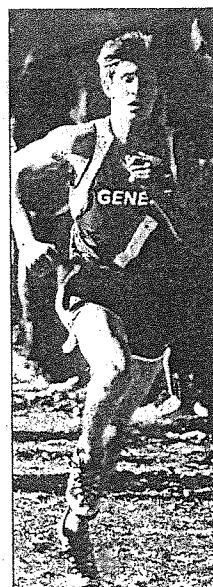
To get ready for the sectional meet, Coach Fredericks commented, "The hay is in the barn." There is not a lot to do we've moved into the peel phase and we need to watch not to make mistakes.

"The Leafs will bring purpose and passion," Frederick said as his team prepares for sectional competition.



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BLAKE WYFFELS, left, NATE SILVER, center, and JOSH LODGE, right, make their way through the Credit Island cross country course, Saturday, Oct. 22.



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RYAN KOTECKI, right SCOTT MATTAN and PETE NELSON head through the home stretch of the IHSA Regional Meet. The boys' squad advanced to sectionals as a team.

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Credit Island - Davenport, Iowa

Rankings

Event 3 Girls 3 Mile Run CC Class AA

Name	Year School	Avg Mile	Finals	Points
1 Stacey, Shannon	Jr Galesburg	6:05.1	18:15.08	1
2 Wyffels, Rachel	Sr Geneseo	6:08.5	18:25.23	2
3 Fliss, Megan	Sr Sterling	6:10.7	18:31.95	3
4 Brevitt, Breanna	Jr Dixon	6:13.1	18:39.11	4
5 Castaneda, Victoria	Fr Rock Falls	6:21.6	19:04.68	5
6 Roseman, Danielle	Fr Moline	6:22.1	19:06.16	6
7 Savaia, Lauren	Sr East Moline (UT)	6:23.4	19:10.08	7
8 Allen, Jessica	So Canton	6:25.1	19:15.11	8
9 Jakobsen, Erika	Jr Rock Island	6:29.0	19:26.90	9
10 Gordon, Alex	Fr Galesburg	6:31.9	19:35.61	10
11 Cowley, Katie	Jr Rochelle	6:32.8	19:38.38	11
12 Praught, Aisha	So Moline	6:34.8	19:44.20	12
13 Ashcraft, Brooke	Jr East Moline (UT)	6:36.2	19:48.56	13
14 Sciacero, Jaclyn	Jr Sterling	6:36.4	19:48.95	14
15 Stout, Eleanor	Fr East Moline (UT)	6:36.5	19:49.24	15
16 Castel, Sarah	Fr Moline	6:37.2	19:51.35	16
17 McDowell, Deloris	So East Moline (UT)	6:37.6	19:52.64	17
18 Alvarado, Mari	So Rock Island	6:38.4	19:54.93	18
19 Miller, Janel	Sr East Moline (UT)	6:40.3	20:00.83	19
20 Cropp, Eliza	So Geneseo	6:40.8	20:02.42	20
21 Fisk, Tari	Jr East Moline (UT)	6:43.5	20:10.25	21
22 Caudillo, Jackie	Jr Rock Falls	6:44.4	20:13.12	22
23 Siedslag, Kate	So Dixon	6:45.0	20:14.80	23
24 Jacobs, Kayla	So Sterling	6:45.5	20:16.45	24
25 Carbaugh, Devon	Jr Sterling	6:45.6	20:16.70	25
26 Paller, Brittany	So Moline	6:45.7	20:16.98	26
27 Furness, Amber	Jr Canton	6:46.8	20:20.36	27
28 Scanlan, Kelsey	Fr Sterling	6:47.9	20:23.65	28
29 Teller, Miranda	Jr Dixon	6:48.0	20:23.92	29
30 Dietsch, Julie	Jr Rock Island	6:48.2	20:24.52	30
31 Romano, Tasha	Jr Sterling	6:50.1	20:30.19	31
32 Foster, Miranda	Sr Rochelle	6:50.2	20:30.55	32
33 Roth, Lauren	Jr Dixon	6:51.8	20:35.39	33
34 Tang, Sara	Fr East Moline (UT)	6:52.7	20:37.96	34
35 Richard, Kerstyn	So Rock Falls	6:53.6	20:40.58	35
36 Renwick, Michelle	So Galesburg	6:53.9	20:41.68	36
37 Gehrke, Kathryn	Fr Sterling	6:54.2	20:42.44	37
38 Ruefer, Joella	Sr Rock Island	6:55.1	20:45.09	38
39 Davis, Jessica	Fr Rock Falls	6:55.6	20:46.59	39
40 Collis, Sally	Sr Geneseo	6:57.5	20:52.25	40
41 Atwell, Rachel	So Geneseo	6:57.6	20:52.55	41
42 Fitch, Emily	Jr Rochelle	6:57.8	20:53.21	42
43 Ollman, Megan	Jr Galesburg	6:57.9	20:53.54	43
44 VanHouten, Kayla	Sr Canton	6:59.0	20:56.76	44
45 Busching, Ingrid	Jr Rochelle	7:01.6	21:04.80	45
46 Myers, Abby	Jr Rock Island	7:02.8	21:08.38	46
47 Moroni, Kara	So Rock Island	7:03.0	21:08.78	47
48 Gillespie, Kate	Jr Dixon	7:05.7	21:17.03	48
49 Didier, Whitney	Jr Dixon	7:06.7	21:20.01	49
50 Kauzlarich, Kayla	So Moline	7:08.6	21:25.66	50
51 Brevitt, Lindsey	Fr Dixon	7:09.3	21:27.84	51
52 McCartney, Lauren	Fr Canton	7:10.5	21:31.50	52

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....Event 3 Girls 3 Mile Run CC Class AA

53	Langdon, Kate	Fr Geneseo	7:10.7	21:32.11	53
54	Eden, Tina	Fr Moline	7:12.6	21:37.56	54
55	McVietty, Kayla	Sr Geneseo	7:12.8	21:38.32	55
56	Winberry, Abby	Jr Geneseo	7:13.3	21:39.68	56
57	Goodlaxson, Sarah	Jr Galesburg	7:15.0	21:44.84	57
58	Jordal, Mallory	Jr Rochelle	7:19.2	21:57.39	58
59	Stanko, Lynette	Sr Canton	7:19.3	21:57.69	59
60	Brockman, Miranda	So Rock Falls	7:20.5	22:01.40	60
61	Burke-Anderson, Greer	Fr Rock Island	7:21.5	22:04.31	61
62	Hurd, Mandie	Jr Galesburg	7:21.6	22:04.65	62
63	Zhorne, Maria	Sr Galesburg	7:30.5	22:31.23	63
64	Lenox, Molly	Jr Rock Falls	7:32.5	22:37.43	64
65	Vanous, Laura	So Rochelle	7:36.0	22:47.92	65
66	DePaepe, Lauren	Jr Moline	7:37.8	22:53.14	66
67	Anderson, Britt	Jr Rochelle	7:40.4	23:01.11	67
68	Bunner, Kendra	Sr Canton	7:40.7	23:02.12	68
69	Behmlander, Caitlyn	So Rock Falls	8:53.2	26:39.60	69

Team Scores

Rank	Team	Total	1	2	3	4	5	*6	*7	*8	*9
1	East Moline (UT)	71	7	13	15	17	19	21	34		
	Total Time: 1:38:41.35										
	Average: 19:44.27										
2	Sterling	94	3	14	24	25	28	31	37		
	Total Time: 1:39:17.70										
	Average: 19:51.54										
3	Moline	110	6	12	16	26	50	54	66		
	Total Time: 1:40:24.35										
	Average: 20:04.87										
4	Dixon	137	4	23	29	33	48	49	51		
	Total Time: 1:41:10.25										
	Average: 20:14.05										
5	Rock Island	141	9	18	30	38	46	47	61		
	Total Time: 1:41:39.82										
	Average: 20:19.97										
6	Galesburg	147	1	10	36	43	57	62	63		
	Total Time: 1:41:10.75										
	Average: 20:14.15										
7	Geneseo	156	2	20	40	41	53	55	56		
	Total Time: 1:41:44.56										
	Average: 20:20.92										
8	Rock Falls	161	5	22	35	39	60	64	69		
	Total Time: 1:42:46.37										
	Average: 20:33.28										
9	Rochelle	188	11	32	42	45	58	65	67		
	Total Time: 1:44:04.34										
	Average: 20:48.87										
10	Canton	190	8	27	44	52	59	68			
	Total Time: 1:44:01.42										
	Average: 20:48.29										

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Rankings

Event 4 Boys 3 Mile Run CC Class AA

Name	Year School	Avg Mile	Finals	Points
1 Chenoweth, Dan	Jr Geneseo	5:01.4	15:03.95	1
2 Green, Austin	Sr Rock Island	5:04.7	15:13.92	2
3 Matthews, Chris	Sr East Moline (UT)	5:05.4	15:16.19	3
4 Knobloch, Alex	Sr Alleman	5:11.3	15:33.70	4
5 Staley, Kyle	Jr Rock Island	5:18.7	15:56.07	5
6 Yeager, Zack	Jr Galesburg	5:20.3	16:00.65	6
7 DeBlieck, Troy	Sr Alleman	5:20.8	16:02.39	7
8 Begyn, Brad	Sr Rock Island	5:24.5	16:13.29	8
9 Schroeder-Sparkman, Scot	So Rock Island	5:24.6	16:13.56	9
10 Gustafson, Mark	Sr Moline	5:25.8	16:17.40	10
11 Wyffels, Blake	Jr Geneseo	5:26.2	16:18.50	11
12 Chandler, Michael	Sr Canton	5:26.3	16:18.80	12
13 Mayer, Jeff	Sr Dixon	5:27.5	16:22.28	13
14 Meeker, Austin	So Galesburg	5:27.8	16:23.36	14
15 Hollaway, Jim	So Rock Falls	5:28.1	16:24.04	15
16 Guerrero, Spencer	So Galesburg	5:28.2	16:24.40	16
17 DeWalsche, Kevin	Sr East Moline (UT)	5:28.6	16:25.74	17
18 Schulz, Colby	Jr Moline	5:28.8	16:26.16	18
19 Seiver, Alex	Sr Rock Island	5:28.9	16:26.44	19
20 McGuire, Brian	So Alleman	5:29.8	16:29.29	20
21 Castaneda, Antonio	Sr Rock Falls	5:31.8	16:35.38	21
22 Simmon, Steve	Sr Rock Island	5:32.2	16:36.35	22
23 Jennings, Jordan	Sr East Moline (UT)	5:32.6	16:37.53	23
24 Hernandez, Michael	So East Moline (UT)	5:33.3	16:39.90	24
25 Kotecki, Ryan	So Geneseo	5:33.6	16:40.60	25
26 Silver, Nate	Jr Geneseo	5:33.9	16:41.45	26
27 Rowe, Drew	Jr Sterling	5:34.9	16:44.51	27
28 Bailey, Josh	Jr Galesburg	5:35.4	16:46.19	28
29 Doyle, Tim	Sr Moline	5:36.4	16:49.02	29
30 Castel, Mitch	Jr Moline	5:38.4	16:55.04	30
31 Lodge, Josh	Fr Geneseo	5:38.5	16:55.52	31
32 Boone, Kyle	Fr Dixon	5:38.8	16:56.21	32
33 Escontrias, Stefan	Jr East Moline (UT)	5:38.9	16:56.46	33
34 Whittle, Greg	Fr Galesburg	5:40.8	17:02.37	34
35 Nordman, Matt	So Rochelle	5:41.8	17:05.30	35
36 Noll, Tim	Jr Sterling	5:42.7	17:08.03	36
37 Davenport, John	So Dixon	5:43.1	17:09.12	37
38 Harms, Jerome	Jr East Moline (UT)	5:43.4	17:10.20	38
39 Nelson, Pete	Sr Geneseo	5:43.9	17:11.60	39
40 Carlin, Joe	Sr Alleman	5:44.1	17:12.21	40
41 Smith, Jonathan	Fr Moline	5:44.3	17:12.81	41
42 Rhea, Rhema	Jr Rochelle	5:44.4	17:13.12	42
43 Styczynski, Dane	Jr Sterling	5:44.5	17:13.50	43
44 Zoeller, Tyler	Sr Sterling	5:45.1	17:15.03	44
45 Mattan, Scott	Sr Geneseo	5:46.0	17:17.81	45
46 Stoelk, Jon	Sr Moline	5:47.1	17:21.05	46
47 Bond, Jon	Fr Dixon	5:48.3	17:24.91	47
48 Pohl, Jake	Sr Rochelle	5:48.7	17:25.88	48
49 Jarvis, Andy	So Canton	5:49.0	17:26.76	49
50 Hird, Tim	Fr Alleman	5:49.2	17:27.39	50
51 Randolph, Jeremy	Sr Galesburg	5:49.3	17:27.64	51
52 Jones, Nate	Fr Dixon	5:49.7	17:28.99	52

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53	Rodriguez, David	Sr Rochelle	5:50.5	17:31.25	53
54	Robles, Jon	So Rochelle	5:50.6	17:31.68	54
55	Leiby, Christopher	Fr Rock Island	5:50.8	17:32.21	55
56	Hall, Craig	Jr Galesburg	5:51.0	17:32.99	56
57	Dietz, Ryan	So Sterling	5:51.6	17:34.55	57
58	Valliere, Mike	Sr Alleman	5:52.8	17:38.38	58
59	Dempsey, Ben	Jr Dixon	5:53.6	17:40.54	59
60	Belmonte, Nick	Fr Rochelle	5:53.7	17:40.84	60
61	Bush, Nathan	Jr Alleman	5:54.3	17:42.68	61
62	Bustamante, Walter	Sr Rochelle	5:54.5	17:43.48	62
63	DeLaFuente, Michael	Fr Sterling	5:57.8	17:53.38	63
64	Thompson, Andrew	Sr East Moline (UT)	5:59.1	17:57.03	64
65	Schott, Ben	So Sterling	5:59.6	17:58.60	65
66	McFadden, Nick	Fr Rock Falls	6:00.3	18:00.78	66
67	Small, Brian	So Moline	6:03.8	18:11.22	67
68	Kunz, Shawn	Fr Canton	6:07.8	18:23.24	68
69	Taylor, Joe	So Canton	6:16.8	18:50.20	69
70	Calhoun, Justin	Fr Canton	6:17.7	18:53.01	70
71	Zobac, Andrew	So Canton	6:20.0	19:00.02	71
72	Woodworth, Tim	So Canton	6:23.1	19:09.14	72
73	Wright, Tim	Fr Rock Falls	6:26.2	19:18.50	73
74	Gould, Tyler	Sr Rock Falls	6:27.2	19:21.40	74
75	Dorathy, Alec	Fr Rock Falls	6:30.1	19:30.18	75
76	Gridley, Cody	Jr Rock Falls	6:43.4	20:10.11	76

Team Scores

Rank	Team	Total	1	2	3	4	5	*6	*7	*8	*9
1	Rock Island	43	2	5	8	9	19	22	55		
	Total Time: 1:20:03.28										
	Average: 16:00.66										
2	Geneseo	94	1	11	25	26	31	39	45		
	Total Time: 1:21:40.02										
	Average: 16:20.01										
3	Galesburg	98	6	14	16	28	34	51	56		
	Total Time: 1:22:36.97										
	Average: 16:31.40										
4	East Moline (UT)	100	3	17	23	24	33	38	64		
	Total Time: 1:21:55.82										
	Average: 16:23.17										
5	Rock Island (Alleman)	121	4	7	20	40	50	58	61		
	Total Time: 1:22:44.98										
	Average: 16:33.00										
6	Moline	128	10	18	29	30	41	46	67		
	Total Time: 1:23:40.43										
	Average: 16:44.09										

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7	Dixon	181	13	32	37	47	52	59	
	Total Time:	1:25:21.51							
	Average:	17:04.31							
8	Sterling	207	27	36	43	44	57	63	65
	Total Time:	1:25:55.62							
	Average:	17:11.13							
9	Rochelle	232	35	42	48	53	54	60	62
	Total Time:	1:26:47.23							
	Average:	17:21.45							
10	Rock Falls	249	15	21	66	73	74	75	76
	Total Time:	1:29:40.10							
	Average:	17:56.02							
11	Canton	268	12	49	68	69	70	71	72
	Total Time:	1:29:52.01							
	Average:	17:58.41							