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SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS members of the girls' cross country team from left: Amy Cosgrove, Joann Chenoweth, Eliza Cropp, Danielle Dewey, Stephanie Kennett, Lauren Schroeder, and Betsy Winberry won the Oct. 20 regional meet. Josh Lodge (right) was the lone runner from the boys' team to advance.

Lady Leafs, Lodge to face cross country sectionals

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The Lady Leaf cross country team continues on its roll as they emerged with the regional championship at the Oct. 20 IHSA Regional meet at Rock Falls. The Lady Leafs advanced to the sectional meet as a team, along with lone Leaf runner Josh Lodge.

"We are thrilled, regional

champs is obviously a tremendous accomplishment," head coach Don Fredericks said. "We are very proud of the girls and it was a tremendous team effort."

Leading the pack of Geneseo runners were Danielle Dewey and Joann Chenoweth. Dewey cracked into the top 5 with a fifth-place finish in 19 minutes and 18 seconds, while Chenoweth

followed not far behind in sixth place, crossing the finish line in 19:20.

"Those two (Danielle and Joann) attacked the race and ran strong the whole way," Fredericks said. "It was a star-studded field and the competition was fierce. They both ran phenomenal races."

Stephanie Kennett raced to a

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14th-place finish in 19:53, while Eliza Cropp came in 22nd at 20:27. Lauren Schroeder took 24th with a time of 20:29, followed by Amy Cosgrove in 32nd at 20:57 and Betsy Winberry in 43rd at 21:52.

"Stephanie did a great job and has been a great addition," Fredericks said. "Eliza and Lauren both ran strong races, while Amy, who has not finished several races due to illness, had a big break-through. Betsy also ran a real strong race, one of her best races."

The Leaf runners just missed

qualifying as a team, placing sixth, while the top 5 teams advance to sectionals.

"It was a big disappointment to not qualify for sectionals," Fredericks said.

Lodge was the only Geneseo runner to advance to sectionals, placing 14th overall in 16:24.

"Josh ran a strong race and the field was loaded with several all-staters," Fredericks said. "He is going to gain a lot of experience (at sectionals), but it will be an uphill battle and he is capable of popping a big race."

Chad Ford came in second for the Leafs and 34th overall with a time of 17:27, while Carlisle

Evans-Peck took 39th in 17:47.

Chris Bisom finished the race in 41st place at 17:50, followed by Robbie Brenny in 45th with a time of 18:00. Eric Windsor took 46th in 18:04, while Ryan Kotecki placed 47th at 18:23.

The girls' squad and Lodge will compete in the Belvidere sectional meet Oct. 27 at Belvidere High School. The girls' race will begin at 10 a.m. and the boys' race will start at 10:45 a.m.

"All the girls are coming on and I like their chances for sectionals, but we are in the toughest sectional in the state," Fredericks said. "But I wouldn't bet against our girls, they are on a roll."



Pictured above are this year Varsity Girls Regional Champions:
Amy Cosgrove, Joann Chenoweth, Eliza Cropp, Danielle Dewey, Stephanie Kennett, Lauren Schroeder, and Betsy Winberry

Lady Leafs Run to Regional Title as Boys Team just misses.

On Saturday, October 20th the Leafs traveled to Rock Falls to participate in the 9-team IHSA Regional. The Lady Leafs shocked the field as they ran to the team title. Danielle Dewey (5th), Joann Chenoweth (6th), Stephanie Kennett (14th), Eliza Cropp (22nd), Lauren Schroeder (24th), Amy Cosgrove (32nd) and Betsy Winberry (43rd) each contributed mightily to the Lady Leaf effort. The last time the Lady Leafs quilified for the state finals as a team was 1998. Good Luck next Saturday Ladies. We are very proud of you.

The boys season will continue on with Josh Lodge as he was the lone Maple Leaf to qualify for the sectional meet. We knew that the competition would be tough and was it ever. This was certainly the hardest of the Class AA Regionals and the boys missed by one team place as they finished 6th. The remaining team members were Seniors: Robbie Brenny, Ryan Kotecki, Eric Windsor; Junior: Chris Bisom; and sophomores: Carlisle Evans-Peck & Chad Ford.

RESULTS

Cropp leads Geneseo past Alleman for girls' 2A regional title

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ROCK FALLS — Eliza Cropp had a smile from ear to ear, and why not.

After the senior co-captain found out her time was good enough for fourth on the team, and it gave the Geneseo Maple Leaf girls the Class 2A cross country regional title, all of Cropp's problems faded away.

After struggling earlier in the fall with shortness of breath and lack of energy, Cropp only recently was diagnosed with anemia.

That's what made Saturday's victory — Geneseo's first regional crown since 2004 — all

the more sweet.

"That's the biggest I've ever seen her smile," Geneseo coach Don Fredericks said. "It's pretty special to see her be a factor as a senior in the team score. She's been an inspiration to all the girls for never losing hope."

In fact, the team score was so close, no one had any idea who the winner was until the scores were posted. It showed Geneseo with 71 points to Alleman's 75. It was the first time all season the Maple Leafs have gotten the better of the Pioneers.

The reason the team score was so close was that the first two runners to break the tape were Alleman girls.

Kathleen Hogan and Caitlin Bull had a plan in mind for how Saturday's race would play out. After the first mile, they realized it worked even better than they had hoped.

"Our plan was to push each other and push the pace and see how far out we could get," Hogan said. "We got pretty far actually."

In fact, it wasn't Hogan leading, it was Bull, who had the lead until the final stretch when her teammate took the reigns.

"We both just take it as teamwork," Hogan said. "As a team we're doing a lot better than we expected. We expected to be good, but when it's really happening it feels totally different from how

you think it's going to."

After Saturday, it's probably safe to say that all of the girls in green will be eyeing each other as they toe the starting line next weekend, where the top five teams at the Belvidere Sectional will make it to the ultimate goal, state.

"Even today, we went into the meet thinking we could win," Alleman coach Tony Vandewalle said. "Geneseo ran great, and our goal next week is to go into sectionals and go for the win again."

It sounds as if Alleman's taking a note of persistence out of Cropp's playbook. As for now, it'll be a while until the senior Leaf can wipe the smile off her face.

Hird, Alleman advance; Geneseo denied at Class 2A regional

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ROCK FALLS — It was heart-break for one team, and a breath of relief for another at the boys IHSA Class 2A Rock Falls cross country regional.

Tim Hird outran the Sycamore crew, winning the 3-mile race in 15:13, nearly 10 seconds ahead of the next closest competitor.

Thanks to his big finish, the Pioneers are moving on to the Bellville Sectional, taking the fourth spot.

While Alleman celebrated, anguish was the mood of the day in the Geneseo camp. The Maple Leafs finished just 20 points away from Rock Falls, the

fifth and final sectional qualifier.

Hird's run was complemented by fellow Pioneer, Brian McGuire, who finished sixth.

"Tim was the most relaxed I've ever seen him in any race," Alleman coach Tony Vandewalle said. "He is a top contender in the state right now."

Sycamore took the team crown as expected, getting all five runners in the top 13.

For Alleman, which has been hampered by some nagging injuries the last couple weeks, escaping from the regional was a step in the right direction, and it buys the Pioneers another week to try and get back to full strength.

"Everyone went away happy,

and when you get out of a regional meet it's a good feeling," Vandewalle said. "They're hungry for more and they want to better themselves at sectionals."

For Geneseo, the disappointment was felt throughout the Maple Leaf camp —including Josh Lodge, who did move on individually after a 14th-place finish.

"Josh is 100-percent a team guy, and was pretty devastated when he found out the team didn't qualify," said Geneseo Don Fredericks. "The top four teams were head and shoulders above us, so it basically came down to us and Rock Falls, and our guys were racing them. But you have

to give it up to Rock Falls, because they had their best race of the season and they're the fifth best team in the region."

The gap between Alleman's fourth-place finish and Dixon's runner-up finish was just 22 points. Josh Lopez was the third Pioneer finisher, coming in 19th place, while Marco Torrez and Ricky Mendez packed up 10 spots later.

With all of the teams experiencing the 2A class for the first time, the Belvidere Sectional will be tough to get out of, and if the Pioneers want to reach their goal of making it to state as a team, they'll have to hope they heal their bumps and bruises before next Saturday.

Cross Country

2007 GENESEO TEAM SPLIT PAGE: REGIONAL

Date: 10/20/07

Site: Centennial Park in Rock Falls

Racing Distance: 3.00 Miles

Weather Conditions: 58 degrees...PERFECT

Girls Team

RANK	TIME	ATHLETE	PI	1-MILE	2-Mile
1	19:18	Danielle Dewey	5	6:05	12:46
2	19:20	Joann Chenoweth	6	6:07	12:49
3	19:53	Stephanie Kennett	14	6:20	13:08
4	20:27	Eliza Cropp	22	6:37	13:40
5	20:29	Lauren Schroeder	24	6:30	13:28
6	20:57	Amy Cosgrove	32	6:36	13:58
7	21:52	Betsy Winberry	43	6:45	14:16
	18:52	Race Leader	1	6:02	12:30

Boys Team

RANK	TIME	ATHLETE	PL	1-MILE	2-MILE
1	16:24	Josh Lodge	14	5:18	10:45
2	17:27	Chad Ford	34	5:28	11:31
3	17:47	Carlisle Evans-Peck	39	5:48	11:46
4	17:50	Chris Bisom	41	5:40	11:50
5	18:00	Robbie Brenny	45	5:33	11:40
6	18:04	Eric Windsor	46	5:50	12:01
7	18:23	Ryan Kotecki	47	5:29	11:48
	15:13	Race Leader	1	4:57	10:07

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Cross Country

2007 REGIONAL RESULTS: VARSITY GIRLS

Date: 10/20/07

Site: Centennial Park in Rock Falls

Racing Distance: 3.00 miles

Weather Conditions: 62....PERFECT

Team Scores 1.) Geneseo 71; 2.) Rock Island Alleman 75; 3.) Sycamore 79; 4.) Dixon 98; 5.) Maple Park Kaneland 110; 6.) Rock Falls 126; 7.) Sterling 135; 8.) Rochelle 222; 9.) Mendota 223

Pl	Athlete	Yr	School	Time
1	Kathleen Hogan	11	Alleman	18:52
2	Caitlyn Bull	12	Alleman	18:54
3	Haley Sack	12	Mendota	19:00
4	Andrea Strang	09	Kaneland	19:01
5	Danielle Dewey	10	Geneseo	19:18
6	Joann Chenoweth	10	Geneseo	19:20
7	Kerstyn Richard	12	Rock Falls	19:27
8	Chelsea Sondgeroth	09	Dixon	19:28
9	Amanda Hurst	09	Sycamore	19:37
10	Olvia Kevin	11	Sycamore	19:40
11	Katie Jo Siedschlag	09	Dixon	19:43
12	Megan Burger	09	Dixon	19:48
13	Dani Schroeder	09	Alleman	19:50
14	Stephanie Kennett	11	Geneseo	19:53
15	Jessica Davis	11	Rock Falls	20:01
16	Lisa Roberson	10	Kaneland	20:03
17	Nicole O'Connor	10	Sycamore	20:06
18	Danyelee Ehredt	11	Rock Falls	20:13
19	Carissa Apperson	10	Sterling	20:15
20	Sarah Mix	12	Sycamore	20:21
21	Cecelia Peterson	11	Sterling	20:24
22	Eliza Cropp	12	Geneseo	20:27
23	Kate Herrmann	11	Sycamore	20:28
24	Lauren Schroeder	11	Geneseo	20:29
25	Emily Thomson	10	Alleman	20:36
26	Genevieve McBride	11	Dixon	20:41

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27	Kayla Palmer	9	Sterling	20:46
28	Alexander Olson	11	Kaneland	20:47
29	Kristina Bowen	09	Kaneland	20:53
30	Nikki Thorpe	10	Rochelle	20:55
31	Kathryn Gehrke	11	Sterling	20:56
32	Amy Cosgrove	10	Geneseo	20:57
33	Laney Deligianis	11	Kaneland	21:08
34	Susie Cross	10	Alleman	21:16
35	Emma Elson	11	Rochelle	21:23
36	Marisa Telzin	10	Sycamore	21:26
37	Kelsey Scanlan	11	Sterling	21:31
38	Emily Harden	11	Sycamore	21:32
39	Ally Braet	9	Alleman	21:31
40	Nicole DeBruine	11	Alleman	21:43
41	Alyse Dewey	10	Dixon	21:44
42	Marissa Hacker	12	Rock Falls	21:49
43	Betsy Winberry	10	Geneseo	21:52
44	Haylea Ehredt		Rock Falls	21:56
45	Cynthia Vasquez	10	Rock Falls	21:58
46	Paige Last		Rock Falls	21:59
47	Katy O'Reilly	10	Rochelle	22:25
48	Kelli Patterson	11	Kaneland	22:26
49	Erica Montiel	11	Sterling	22:33
50	Erica Seno		Mendota	22:42
51	Ashley Clinton	12	Kaneland	22:43
52	Mary Rose Dukelow	10	Sterling	22:51
53	Justine McDowell	11	Mendota	23:21
54	Becky Zilis	11	Rochelle	23:29
55	Lindsay Brevitt	11	Dixon	24:33
56	Amanda Hall	11	Rochelle	24:57
57	Laura Vanous	12	Rochelle	25:07
58	Madeline Piller		Mendota	26:02
59	Shelby Devitt		Mendota	26:03
60	Jessica Barr		Mendota	26:25
61	Abigael Morris	10	Mendota	26:45

Cross Country

2007 REGIONAL RESULTS: VARSITY BOYS

Date: 10/20/07

Site: Centennial Park in Rock Falls

Racing Distance: 3.00 miles

Weather Conditions: 62....PERFECT

Team Scores 1.) Sycamore 32; 2.) Dixon 65; 3.) Maple Park Kaneland 82; 4.) Rock Island Alleman 87; 5.) Rock Falls 153; 6.) Geneseo 173; 7.) Sterling 185; 8.) Rochelle 208; 9.) Mendota 209

Pl	Athlete	Yr	School	Time
1	Tim Hird	11	Alleman	15:13
2	Derek Campbell	12	Sycamore	15:22
3	Matthew Gilmer	11	Sycamore	15:32
4	Peter Grimson	11	Sycamore	15:37
5	Kasey Ferrigan	11	Dixon	15:47
6	Brian McGuire	12	Alleman	15:52
7	Matt Logan	11	Dixon	15:53
8	Kyle Boone	11	Dixon	15:59
9	Kevin Huml	12	Kaneland	16:00
10	Stefan Heuber	12	Sycamore	16:01
11	Jacob Barr	11	Mendota	16:07
12	Matt Ruesche	10	Kaneland	16:08
13	Keaton Leach	11	Sycamore	16:16
14	Josh Lodge	11	Geneseo	16:24
15	Nick Fagan	12	Sycamore	16:25
16	Nick McFadden	11	Rock Falls	16:33
17	Jacob Landis	09	Sterling	16:40
18	Edgar Valle	10	Kaneland	16:41
19	Josh Lopez	12	Alleman	16:43
20	Dominic Furco	10	Kaneland	16:44
21	Chris Greenwalt	11	Dixon	16:46
22	Bobby W. dick	11	Rochelle	16:47
23	Trevor Holm	10	Kaneland	16:48
24	Hugh Bratt	12	Dixon	16:49
25	Tim Roloff	12	Sycamore	16:50

26	Grant Alef	09	Kaneland	16:55
27	Jordan Davis	12	Rock Falls	16:56
28	Logan Markuson	10	Kaneland	17:03
29	Marco Torres	12	Alleman	17:04
30	Ben Schott	12	Sterling	17:12
31	Ross Kavanaugh	10	Dixon	17:15
32	Ricky Mendez	11	Alleman	17:19
33	Trace Brown	11	Rock Falls	17:26
34	Chad Ford	10	Geneseo	17:27
35	Tim White	?	Rochelle	17:35
36	Andrew McCormick	10	Sterling	17:40
37	Eugene Gilkey	12	Rock Falls	17:44
38	Austin Teel	09	Alleman	17:46
39	Carlisle Evans-Peck	10	Geneseo	17:47
40	Marco Cic	12	Rock Falls	17:48
41	Chris Bisom	11	Geneseo	17:50
42	Clayton Ankeny	12	Dixon	17:52
43	Nick Belmonte	11	Rochelle	17:55
44	Kurtis Wujek	?	Mendota	17:56
45	Robbie Brenny	12	Geneseo	18:00
46	Eric Windsor	12	Geneseo	18:04
47	Ryan Kotecki	12	Geneseo	18:23
48	Zachary Lewis	?	Mendota	18:27
49	Tom Say	12	Sterling	18:32
50	Chris Gallegos	09	Rock Falls	18:38
51	Ian Richardson	?	Mendota	18:42
52	John Wendling	?	Rochelle	18:45
53	Nathan Castillo	11	Sterling	18:55
54	Matt Billingsley	09	Alleman	19:01
55	Garrett Wise	?	Mendota	19:13
56	Aaron Rodriguez	11	Rochelle	19:22
57	Tim Mallory	11	Rochelle	19:24
58	Bryant Morris	?	Mendota	19:26
59	Brad Trevino	11	Sterling	19:30
60	Tim Smith	?	Mendota	19:31
61	Brett Cover	10	Rock Falls	19:33
62	Aaron House	12	Sterling	19:34
63	Chris Pierce	12	Rochelle	19:41