



DA LEAFS MOMENTS AFTER THEIR REGIONAL RACE

Pictured are Geneseo's Regional Team (L-R): Kyle Sellers, Gabe Johnson, Charlie Schlindwein, Nathan Soria, Charley Elden, Luke Johnson, and Keith Elden.

LEAFS PUNCH SECTIONAL TICKET WITH 5TH PLACE FINISH

On Saturday, October 25th, the Leafs traveled to Galesburg's Lake Storey Park to participate in the I.H.S.A.'s Galesburg Regional. The top 6 teams qualify for the East Peoria Sectional to be held next Saturday at East Peoria's Illinois Central College. The weatherman gave us an awesome, late October day, with a daytime high of 72° and light 10-15 mph winds. The course was a bit soft but we will certainly take what we were given and smile. Last Saturday's NIB-12 daytime high of 46° with light rain and strong winds can now drift into our memories.

The boys race started at 10:45 am with the crack of the starter's pistol. The Leafs were, once again, running without senior standout David Chenoweth who is out for the season with chronic ankle tendonitis. David was on hand and has done a wonderful job of staying up-beat and helping the team out anyway he can. Well done, "Captain Cheno"! Sophomore Nathan Soria was in 4th place at the mile when he slipped on the sloppy ground and "kissed da dirt". He got back up, only to go down again, within the next 400 meters. He got back up like a true "Ninja" and raced on. Junior Co-Captain Charlie Elden roared past Nathan in the last mile and tried to pull him along as they ended up placing 11th and 16th, respectfully. Meanwhile, Charlie Schlindwein settled into our 3rd man position and held it the entire race as he continued his strong "Championship Meet Season" racing, as he grabbed 26th. Next up were the brothers Johnson. Junior Gabe was rolling early until a nasty side ache forced him to struggle home. He fought

hard, especially when his younger brother, Luke (sophomore) roared past him in the last 800 meters. These two love to battle each other and they sprinted home in 33rd and 35th places respectfully. Luke was heard yelling the "MOE" battle cry and was witnessed to be wearing a HUGE smile. After the race, Gabe was heard to say "wait until next week bro". Fellow super-soph's Keith Elden and Kyle Sellers had a battle of their own and sprinted home in 42nd and 45th places.

Needless to say, we didn't have our best day. The efforts were solid and the bottom line is, Mission Accomplished". Our goal at the start of the season was to be able to "toe da line" at the Sectional Final giving us a chance at chasing history. A Maple Leaf boy's team hasn't raced at Detweiller in November (da STATE FINALS) since 1999. We have had a plethora of "near misses" but the bottom line is the number is 14 YEARS and counting. Can this be the team to "Kick that Door Down"? Only time will tell. Certainly, the task will be a tall one. Add in the fact that we will be running without "Cheno" and the odds get even longer. All I can say is "Dream Big". Last year's team almost shocked the state by barely missing by a mere 9 points. Also look to our younger Leafs as the Middle School Boys raced to 4th place in the 3A division WITHOUT their Number Two Man. Make good choices this week and get ready to try to be "Dancing at Detweiller" in November. AKA: DA STATE FINALS. All the best, Men. We are VERY proud of each of you.

A special shout out goes to our parents and supporters. You were LOUD and you were EVERYWHERE! Each of you made a difference. We will need more of the same next Saturday. God Bless each of you for everything that you have done and always do for this team.

Wardrobe addition helps Alleman

finish as runner-up

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GALESBURG — Needing to follow the IHSA uniform guidelines on Saturday morning, the Alleman boys' cross country team elected to add a green-and-white headband to their wardrobe.

Viewed partially as a good-luck charm, the cloth did its job.

The Pioneers placed five individuals among the top 13 during the Class 2A Galesburg Regional at Lake Storey Park, leading to a runner-up finish. The new look helped Alleman qualify for the sectional as a team after scoring 48 points, one less than Bartonville Limestone.

"I'm absolutely proud," Alleman coach Doug Burke said. "Nobody likes to be that close and lose. Nonetheless, it means we were competitive, and that's what we want to be."

Did the headbands, which helped the current seniors reach the IESA state meet in eighth grade, have something to do with the performance?

"That," senior Kienan Otto said, "is part of it."

The other half of the story is how the Pioneers ran.

No other team had five runners among the top 13. The only difference in Limestone's title-winning effort was having the first- and second-place individuals. Alleman



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Alleman sophomore Augie Darrow competes in the Class 2A Galesburg Regional at Lake Storey Park. Darrow finished 12th individually, helping the Pioneers finish as the regional runner-up.

had three runners — Otto (16:52), senior Wesley Graham (17:03) and junior Aaron Golding (17:06) — finish in the top 10, with the trio taking fourth, ninth and 10th place, respectively.

Sophomore Augie Darrow (17:09)

was 12th and freshman Spencer Smith (17:14) finished 13th.

"Everyone did what they needed to," Graham said. "... The main focus was moving on. We wanted to win, but coming in a close second is good enough for us."

The headbands helped book a trip to the East Peoria Sectional next Saturday.

"They'll be worn the rest of the season," Otto said.

Geneseo snagged a sectional berth after placing fifth with 121 points. The Maple Leafs placed three in the top 26.

"The No. 1 goal is to advance," Geneseo coach Don Fredericks said. "We accomplished that goal. I'm proud of the kids."

"All in all, we didn't have the greatest race of our season, but that's OK. We need that race next weekend. We're going to need that kind of race to advance (to state)."

Junior Charley Elden (11th, 17:08), sophomore Nathan Soria (16th, 17:27) and sophomore Charlie Schlindwein (26th, 18:06) were the top Geneseo finishers.

"We pulled through when it mattered," Elden said. "We stuck together."

Leafs advance to sectionals



The Maple Leafs boys' cross country team stands together for a photo at the Galesburg Regional. Pictured are, from left: Kyle Sellers, Gabe Johnson, Charlie Schlindwein, Nathan Soria, Charley Elden, Luke Johnson and Keith Elden.

By **CHRIS STEELE**
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Running without a senior in the varsity lineup, Geneseo finished fifth in the eight-team field at the 2A Galesburg Regional.

It was a stacked field with Limestone (47), Alleman (48), Peoria Notre Dame (71) and Dunlap (105) finishing ahead of the Maple Leafs (121) at Lake Storey Park.

Geneseo advances to the East Peoria Sectional Saturday Nov. 1 at Illinois Central College with

the race starting at 11:30 a.m.

The Leafs' Charley Elden continued his string of good races finishing 11th (17:08) to pace Geneseo.

Maple Leafs' sophomore Nathan Soria had some bad luck strike twice.

Soria was holding in fourth place when he slipped and fell.

Soria was still able to hang onto fifth after the fall, but another bad patch caused a second fall.

Soria still dug deep finishing 16th (17:27).

Charlie Schlindwein settled into 26th place (18:06) for Geneseo, and Luke Johnson was 33rd (18:30).

Gabe Johnson rounded out the Top 5 finishing 35th (18:40).

Geneseo's Keith Elden ran to 42nd place (19:10), and Kyle Sellers rounded out the varsity in 45th (19:23).

At sectionals, the Top 5 teams and Top 7 individuals not on advancing teams will earn a spot at the IHSA state meet held Saturday Nov. 8 at Peoria's De-tweiller Park.

Class 2A

Galesburg Regional

At Lake Storey (3 miles)

Team results (top 6 advance to East Peoria Sectional): 1, Bartonville Limestone, 47; 2, Alleman, 48; 3, Peoria Notre Dame, 71; 4, Dunlap, 105; 5, Geneseo, 121; 6, Peoria Richwoods, 142; 7, Peoria High, 156; 8, Galesburg, 194.

Top 5 Individuals: 1, Matt Carr, Lime, 16:37; 2, Thomas Thornton, Lime, 16:43; 3, Patrick Bruch, PND, 16:45; 4, Kienan Otto, All, 16:52; 5, Victor Fortin, PND, 16:55.

Advancing Individuals: Derek Heerman, Peo, 17:00; Arián Anderson, Peo, 17:34; Joseph Stewart, Gales, 17:38; De'Entre Blount, Peo, 18:36; Bryn Healey, Gales, 18:50.

Alleman: 4, Kienan Otto, 16:52; 9, Wesley Graham, 17:03; 10, Aaron Golding, 17:06; 12, Augie Darrow, 17:09; 13, Spencer Smith, 17:14; 30, Connor Sheley, 18:19; 37, Brendan Hird, 18:48.

Geneseo: 11, Charley Elden, 17:08; 16, Nathan Soria, 17:27; 26, Charlie Schlindwein, 18:06; 33, Luke Johnson, 18:30; 35, Gabe Johnson, 18:40; 45, Kyle Sellers, 19:23.

2014 GALESBURG REGIONAL MEET SPLIT SHEET

Date: 10/25/14

Site: Galesburg's Lake Storey Park

Conditions: Daytime high of 72° 10 to 15 mph winds. NICE

Racing Distance: 3.04 miles (course soft and muddy)

	TIME	ATHLETE	PLACE	RACE	1-MILE	2-MILE
1	17:08	Charley Elden	11	VAR	5:22	11:17
2	17:27	Nathan Soria	16	VAR	5:16	11:25
3	18:06	Charlie Schlindwein	26	VAR	5:30	11:44
4	18:30	Luke Johnson	33	VAR	5:51	12:11
5	18:40	Gabe Johnson	35	VAR	5:38	12:07
6	19:10	Keith Elden	42	VAR	6:01	12:30
7	19:23	Kyle Sellers	45	VAR	5:49	12:36
	DNC	none				
	16:37	Race Leader	1	VAR	5:16	10:53
		Geneseo Spread				
		1-5: 1:32				
		1-7: 2:15				

IHSA Class 2A Regional - 10/22/2011

Galesburg
Lake Storey Park
Rankings

Event 2 Boys 5k Run CC

Name	Year School	Finals	Points
1 Matt Carr	Jr Bartonville	16:37	1
2 Thomas Thornton	Sr Bartonville	16:43	2
3 Patrick Bruch	So Peoria (Notre Dame)	16:45	3
4 Kienan Otto	Sr Rock Island	16:52	4
5 Victor Fortin	Jr Peoria (Notre Dame)	16:55	5
6 Phillip Copeland	Sr Dunlap	16:58	6
7 Derek Heerman	Sr Peoria (H.S.)	17:00	7
8 Brody Williams	Sr Bartonville	17:01	8
9 Wesley Graham	Sr Rock Island	17:03	9
10 Aaron Golding	Jr Rock Island	17:06	10
11 Charley Elden	Jr Geneseo	17:08	11
12 Augie Darrow	So Rock Island	17:09	12
13 Spencer Smith	Fr Rock Island	17:14	13
14 Tyler Hiserote	Jr Bartonville	17:20	14
15 Mitchell Maushard	So Peoria (Notre Dame)	17:24	15
16 Nathan Soria	So Geneseo	17:27	16
17 Shawn Rattan	Sr Peoria (Richwoods)	17:28	17
18 Arian Anderson	Sr Peoria (H.S.)	17:34	18
19 Brady Dickerson	Jr Peoria (Notre Dame)	17:37	19
20 Joseph Stewart	Jr Galesburg (H.S.)	17:38	20
21 Jeremy Green	Sr Peoria (Richwoods)	17:42	21
22 Justin Reavley	Sr Bartonville	17:47	22
23 Clark Tow	Jr Dunlap	17:55	23
24 Thomas Skeels	Sr Dunlap	17:56	24
25 Matt Monge	Jr Dunlap	17:57	25
26 Charlie Schlindwein	So Geneseo	18:06	26
27 Dotun Taiwo	So Dunlap	18:10	27
28 Jace Patacsil	Jr Peoria (Richwoods)	18:12	28
29 Max Ehrhart	Jr Peoria (Notre Dame)	18:15	29
30 Connor Sheley	So Rock Island	18:19	30
31 John Couri	Fr Peoria (Notre Dame)	18:20	31
32 Aaron Fordyce	Sr Dunlap	18:20	32
33 Luke Johnson	So Geneseo	18:30	33
34 De'Entre Blount	Jr Peoria (H.S.)	18:36	34
35 Gabe Johnson	Jr Geneseo	18:40	35
36 Joshua Boyle	So Peoria (Richwoods)	18:44	36
37 Brendan Hird	Fr Rock Island	18:48	37
38 Bricyn Healey	Jr Galesburg (H.S.)	18:50	38
39 Ben Bauer	Fr Peoria (Notre Dame)	18:59	39
40 Keegan McConnell	So Peoria (Richwoods)	19:03	40
41 Jakob Pettit	Fr Galesburg (H.S.)	19:05	41
42 Keith Elden	SO Geneseo	19:10	42
43 Tom Miller	Sr Peoria (Richwoods)	19:15	43
44 Tanner Owen	Jr Galesburg (H.S.)	19:21	44
45 Kyle Sellers	So Geneseo	19:23	45
46 Parker Herz	Jr Bartonville	19:48	46
47 Mark Anderson	Sr Dunlap	19:52	47
48 Marcus Fleming	Fr Peoria (H.S.)	19:52	48
49 Jacob Shumate	Sr Peoria (Manual)	20:02	49
50 Tony Newell	Sr Peoria (H.S.)	20:12	49
51 Jackson Guerrero	So Peoria (Richwoods)	20:15	50

Galesburg Lake Storey Park Rankings

2	Allen Massey	Sr Galesburg (H.S.)	20:30	51
3	Tiernan Smith	So Galesburg (H.S.)	20:32	52
	John Thomson	Sr Bartonville	20:40	53
	Jan Hanza Kaspar	Sr Peoria (H.S.)	21:48	54
6	Braden Bybee	Fr Peoria (Manual)	22:14	

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