

# Leafs land sixth at NIB 12

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The Geneseo boys' cross country team finished sixth at the Northern Illinois Big 12 meet at Kaneland High School, on Oct. 16.

Geneseo's Blake Duncan led the team with a 24th-place finish in 16:56.

The Leafs' Raymond Venneberg raced his way to a 35th-place finish in 18:06, and Andrew Rizzo was just a few steps back in 36th place (18:12).

Geneseo's Christian Booth clocked in at 18:36 to take 42nd place, and Thackery Newton finished in 43rd place in 18:35.

Nathan Carroll crossed the finish line in 45th place in 18:50, and Adam Wells finished 49th in 19:26.

In the frosh/soph race, Geneseo's William Plumley paced the Maple Leafs with a sixth-place finish in 17:50.

Geneseo finished fourth as a team with four team members finishing in the top 25.

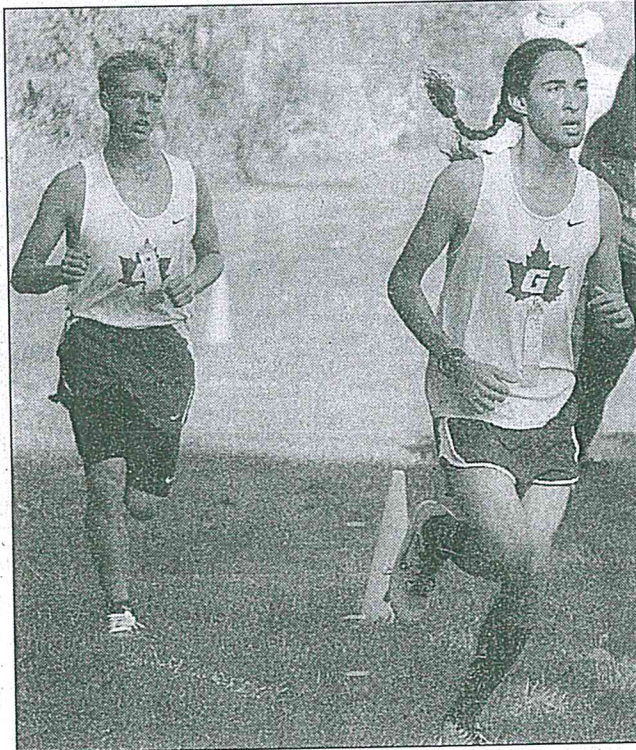


Photo by Chris Steele

**RAFE MORRISON**, left, and **WILLIAM PLUMLEY** run during the Geneseo Invitational at Richmond Hill Park.

The Maple Leafs' Colby Rapps ran down 15th place in 17:50, and Neo Colter finished 17th in 17:55. Geneseo's Ricky Chavez-Sanchez landed 40th in 19:43, and Geneseo's Ky Ariano finished in 20:24.

Geneseo's Rafe Morrison worked his way to a 21st place finish in 18:21, and Luke Henkhaus finished 33rd in 19:07. The Maple Leafs' next race will be at the Class 2A Peoria Notre Dame Regional, at Donovan Park, in Peoria, on Oct. 21 at 11 a.m.





## LEAFS RUN TO 6TH IN NIB-12 CONFERENCE MEET

Pictured are the the Varsity and F/S team members that raced in the NIB-12 Meet hosted by Kaneland High School. You can't really tell by the picture but we are on TOP of "Mount Kaneland"

## VARSITY BOYS RACE TO 6TH PLACE

On Monday, October 16th, the Leaf traveled to Maple Park "Kaneland" High School to participate in the NIB-12 Conference Cross Country Meet. The meet was originally schedule for Saturday, October 14th but poor weather conditions (over 10 INCHES of rain) pushed the meet back to Monday. The course was still wet but moderate 10-15 mph winds helped to dry a lot of the water up. The daytime high of 61° resulted in ideal weather conditions to race in. The field included teams from: DeKalb, Geneseo, Kaneland, LaSalle-Peru, Ottawa, Morris, Rochelle, Sterling, Sycamore, and Yorkville. (VERY good teams.)

Moving the meet to Monday was unavoidable but had major ramifications. The non-Top 7 team traditionally ends their competitive season at the Sterling 09/JV Invitational which was the next day. After considerable contemplation, Coach Moe and I decided to hold out our Non-Varsity (Top 7) and Non-F/S (Top 7) from the NIB-12. Thus, we only competed in the Varsity and F/S Races. The Varsity Boys race started at 5:00 p.m. Senior Tri-Captain Blake Duncan (16:56) led the charge with a 24th place finish. Blake was hoping to earn All-Conference Honors (Top 18) but came up just short and was certainly not feeling 100%. In fact, he was spotted "blowing chow" during the race. Way to "Man Up" and finish strong anyway. Next up were rookie Senior Raymond Venneberg (18:06) and Junior Andrew Rizzo (18:12) who ran together for most of the race and placed 35th and 36th overall. Closing our scoring were Senior Tri-Captain Christian Booth (18:34) and Senior Thackery Newton (18:35) who sprinted home in 42nd and 43rd places. Junior Nathan Carroll

(18:50) and Senior Tri-Captain Adam Wells (19:26) closed things out for the Maple Leafs with strong races placing 45th and 49th overall. There were a plethora of future All-Staters in the field and we are very proud of your efforts.

Next up were the F/S Boys, who were running a combined race with the F/S Girls, to beat the rapidly setting sun. The coaching staff decided to "take a chance" and run all of our "young guns" in this race. We hoped to place 7th in the Varsity Race anyway (The Varsity guys exceeded that by grabbing 6th place.) Unfortunately, we were racing without Sophomore speedster Spencer Lindstrom who rolled his ankle in PE class last week and we decided that there were far more negatives compared with potential positives since it is extremely hard to drop out of a Championship Race, even if you should. The guys ran with a lot of pride and really "stepped into the arena". Leading the way was Freshman William Plumley (17:27) who continued his impressive XC rookie season by racing to a top 7 finish as he grabbed 6th place overall as he earned All-Conference Honors. Also grabbing All-Conference Honors were Super-Soph's Colby Rapps (15th... 17:50) and Neo Colter (17th...17:55.) Each man has been solid all season long and along with William, they would have been our 2-3-4 on the VARSITY TEAM. Bring on the Regional!!! Next up for us was Freshman Rafe Morrison (21st...18:21) who ran a strong race and threw down a MONSTER KICK! Closing the scoring for us was rookie Sophomore Luke Henkhaus (Haus) who hung with Rafe through two miles knowing he was going to be our critical 5th scorer. He tied up a bit in the last mile but hung on for an outstanding 19:07 (33rd place.) Closing the race out were Freshman Ricardo "Ricky" Chavez-Sanchez (19:43) and Sophomore Ky Ariano (20:24) who sprinted home in 40th and 49th places respectfully. When the "dust had settled", the Leafs had placed an impressive 4th in the elite field. Our future looks EXTREMELY BRIGHT!!! Keep working hard and don't forget to enjoy the ride.



# 2017 NORTHERN ILLINOIS BIG-12 SPLIT SHEET

<b>Date:</b> 10/16/17						
<b>Site:</b> Kaneland High School (on the school grounds)						
<b>Conditions:</b> Daytime high of 61° with 10-15 mph winds. Course wet.						
<b>Racing Distance:</b> 3.00 miles (a pinch long and wet...they received 10" of rain on Saturday. The course was FLAT but wet)						
<b>Team Finish:</b>						
Varsity: 6th out of 10 teams; F/S: 4th out of 10; Open: DNC						
	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ATHLETE</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>1-MILE</b>	<b>2-MILE</b>
1	16:56	Blake Duncan-12	24	VAR	5:22	11:03
2	17:27	William Plumley-09	6	F/S	5:37	11:33
3	17:50	Colby Rapps-10	17	F/S	5:42	11:53
4	17:55	Neo Colter-10	19	F/S	5:38	11:46
5	18:06	Raymond Venneberg-12	35	VAR	5:48	12:03
6	18:12	Andrew Rizzo-11	36	VAR	5:50	12:02
7	18:21	Rafe Morrison-09	21	F/S	6:00	12:25
8	18:34	Christian Booth-12	42	VAR	6:03	12:24
9	18:35	Thackery Newton-12	43	VAR	6:03	12:24
10	18:50	Nathan Carroll-11	45	VAR	6:03	12:25
11	19:07	Luke Henkhaus-10	33	F/S	6:02	12:27
12	19:26	Adam Wells-12	49	VAR	6:06	12:45
13	19:43	Ricky Chavez-Sanchez-09	40	F/S	6:16	12:53
14	20:24	Ky Ariano-10	49	F/S	6:21	13:27
		No Open Runners				
	14:58	Varsity Race Leader	1	VAR	4:50	9:57
	17:07	F/S Race Leader	1	F/S	5:27	11:22
	16:56	Open Race Leader	1	Open	?	?
		Geneseo Spread:				
		1-5: 1:10				
		1-7: 1:25				
		1-10: 1:54				

# Race 2 - Varsity Boys

at Kaneland H.S. in Maple Park, IL

Oct. 16, 2017

62 degrees, sunny  
Results by RealTiming Inc.

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PLACE	TEAM	POINTS	PLACES OF FINISHERS						AVG. TIME		SPREAD
1	Yorkville	47	4	7	11	12	13	16	20	16:12.1	0:25.0
2	Kaneland	64	2	6	15	19	22	25	29	16:16.3	1:40.5
3	Sycamore	69	3	9	10	21	26	31		16:22.5	1:23.1
4	DeKalb	72	5	8	14	17	28	30	32	16:28.9	1:12.4
5	Sterling	117	1	18	23	34	41	46	51	17:01.9	3:31.3
6	Geneseo	180	24	35	36	42	43	45	49	18:05.1	1:38.6
7	LaSalle-Peru	214	33	37	40	47	57			20:04.3	8:14.1
8	Ottawa	221	27	39	48	53	54	55		19:30.0	4:13.0
9	Morris	240	38	44	50	52	56			20:01.1	4:28.3

[Individuals](#)

PLACE	SCORE	FINISHER	TIME	TEAM
1	1	Jake Gebhardt, Sr	14:58.8	Sterling
2	2	Matthew Richtman, Sr	15:13.4	Kaneland
3	3	Stephen Poorten, Sr	15:40.0	Sycamore
4	4	Ben Summers, Sr	15:57.9	Yorkville
5	5	Ben Allen, Sr	15:58.7	DeKalb
6	6	Daniel Occhipinti, So	16:01.3	Kaneland
7	7	Ivan Westcott, Fr	16:08.5	Yorkville
8	8	Jacob Trapp, Jr	16:08.7	DeKalb
9	9	Aaron Trier, So	16:09.1	Sycamore
10	10	Jake Carani, Sr	16:09.1	Sycamore
11	11	Patrick Black, Sr	16:09.6	Yorkville
12	12	Zack Price, Sr	16:22.0	Yorkville
13	13	Matthew Cox, Sr	16:22.8	Yorkville
14	14	Aidan Donohue, So	16:28.8	DeKalb
15	15	Sam Webster, Sr	16:32.3	Kaneland
16	16	Ben Tholen, Jr	16:34.9	Yorkville
17	17	Juan Castro, So	16:37.1	DeKalb
18	18	Mikio Martinez, Jr	16:40.3	Sterling
19	19	Peyton Heiser, Sr	16:40.7	Kaneland
20	20	Eric Nauman, Sr	16:41.2	Yorkville
21	21	Riley Melton, Sr	16:51.5	Sycamore
22	22	Aidan Lodwig, Jr	16:53.9	Kaneland
23	23	Isaiah Moorman, Jr	16:54.3	Sterling
24	24	Blake Duncan, Sr	16:56.8	Geneseo
25	25	Jacob Wielgos, Jr	17:00.9	Kaneland
26	26	David Lerohl, Jr	17:03.1	Sycamore

27	27	Drew Klatt, Sr	17:05.1	Ottawa
28	28	Manny Yepiz, So	17:11.1	DeKalb
29	29	Henry Nosek, Sr	17:19.4	Kaneland
30	30	Karl Olsen, Fr	17:38.9	DeKalb
31	31	Quinton Benzschawel, Sr	17:42.0	Sycamore
32	32	Eric Jang, So	17:58.9	DeKalb
33	33	Matt Ambrose, Sr	18:04.0	LaSalle-Peru
34	34	Dillon Nitz, So	18:06.3	Sterling
35	35	Raymond Venneberg, Sr	18:06.3	Geneseo
36	36	Andrew Rizzo, Jr	18:12.4	Geneseo
37	37	Logan Schaefer, Jr	18:16.0	LaSalle-Peru
38	38	Wes Diaz, Sr	18:23.6	Morris
39	39	Noah Blakely, Jr	18:27.5	Ottawa
40	40	Connor Bean, Jr	18:28.6	LaSalle-Peru
41	41	Ruben Leal, Jr	18:30.1	Sterling
42	42	Christian Booth, Sr	18:34.6	Geneseo
43	43	Thackery Newton, Sr	18:35.4	Geneseo
44	44	Alex Serna, Jr	18:45.7	Morris
45	45	Nathan Carroll, Jr	18:50.8	Geneseo
46	46	Javon Bruce, Fr	19:13.8	Sterling
47	47	Jacob Pocivasek, Jr	19:14.7	LaSalle-Peru
48	48	Zach Vogel, Fr	19:26.7	Ottawa
49	49	Adam Wells, Sr	19:26.8	Geneseo
50	50	Jase Cole, Jr	19:33.5	Morris
51	51	Sam Janssen, So	19:45.4	Sterling
52	52	Alex Warrick, Jr	20:30.7	Morris
53	53	Mike Murphy, So	21:13.0	Ottawa
54	54	Korbin Sarver, Sr	21:18.0	Ottawa
55	55	Marcos Serna, Jr	22:14.2	Ottawa
56	56	Dylan Sasser, Jr	22:51.9	Morris
57	57	Matt George, So	26:18.0	LaSalle-Peru
57 finishers among Open Men/OpM				
57 male finishers				
0 female finishers				
57 total finishers				

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# Race 3 - Combined Frosh Soph

at Kaneland H.S. in Maple Park, IL

Oct. 16, 2017

59 degrees, clear  
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## Frosh/Soph Boys

PLACE	TEAM	POINTS	PLACES OF FINISHERS					AVG. TIME SPREAD		
1	Yorkville	28	2	3	4	5	14	18	27	17:28.0 0:30.3
2	Kaneland	78	11	12	16	19	20	24	25	17:56.6 0:31.3
3	Sycamore	83	8	9	13	22	31	37	46	18:03.2 1:18.7
4	Geneseo	92	6	15	17	21	33	39	48	18:08.5 1:40.1
5	Morris	125	7	10	34	36	38	51	54	18:41.2 2:03.6
6	LaSalle-Peru	158	1	30	32	45	50	52	53	19:10.5 3:40.3
7	DeKalb	170	26	28	35	40	41	43	44	19:13.6 1:17.1
8	Rochelle	190	23	29	42	47	49	55		19:38.4 2:20.3

Incomplete Teams: Ottawa, Sterling

## Individuals

PLACE	SCORE	FINISHER	TIME	TEAM
1	1	Logan Johnson, So	17:07.7	LaSalle-Peru
2	2	Mark Mattson, So	17:19.4	Yorkville
3	3	Corey Kramer, So	17:22.6	Yorkville
4	4	Austin Hunter, So	17:23.1	Yorkville
5	5	Tyler Jensen, So	17:25.3	Yorkville
6	6	William Plumley, Fr	17:27.2	Geneseo
7	7	Chris Gonzalez, Fr	17:28.0	Morris
8	8	Cam Carani, So	17:33.8	Sycamore
9	9	Bryce Guerettaz, So	17:35.4	Sycamore
10	10	Tony Pethtel, So	17:38.9	Morris
11	11	Ethan Walker, So	17:41.7	Kaneland
12	12	Isaiah Dallal, Fr	17:46.3	Kaneland
13	13	Donny Gramer, Fr	17:48.8	Sycamore
14	14	Jackson Edwards, Fr	17:49.6	Yorkville
15	15	Colby Rapps, So	17:50.6	Geneseo
16	16	Seth Nosek, So	17:55.4	Kaneland
17	17	Neo Colter, So	17:55.7	Geneseo
18	18	Tyler Deutsch, Fr	17:57.1	Yorkville
19	19	Ethan Neal, So	18:06.5	Kaneland
20	20	Brady Popovich, Fr	18:13.0	Kaneland
21	21	Rafe Morrison, Fr	18:21.8	Geneseo
22	22	Kyle Horn, Fr	18:25.8	Sycamore
23	23	Santi Cordoba, So	18:26.6	Rochelle

*Keith Jordan*  
*1HSA 10/12/17*  
*6:30 pm*  
*Soph*  
*#11416*

24	24	Anthony Abruzzo, So	18:27.6	Kaneland
25	25	Charles Fitts, Fr	18:29.0	Kaneland
26	26	Jason Allen, So	18:29.6	DeKalb
27	27	Tyler Black, So	18:35.8	Yorkville
28	28	Jon Rojo, So	18:42.6	DeKalb
29	29	Uzziel Zarate, So	18:43.8	Rochelle
30	30	Luke Carus, Fr	18:43.9	LaSalle-Peru
31	31	David Ruetten, So	18:52.4	Sycamore
32	32	Jack Brittin, Fr	18:55.2	LaSalle-Peru
33	33	Luke Henkhaus, So	19:07.3	Geneseo
34		Sam Brown, Fr	19:14.1	Sterling
35	34	Aaron Day, Fr	19:19.5	Morris
36	35	Ulysses Ramos, Fr	19:23.3	DeKalb
37	36	Kevin Preuss, So	19:28.1	Morris
38	37	Aiden Cortinas, Fr	19:28.1	Sycamore
39	38	Sean Smith, Fr	19:31.5	Morris
40	39	Ricardo Chavez-Sanchez, Fr	19:43.3	Geneseo
41	40	Aidan Bengford, So	19:45.8	DeKalb
42	41	Will Paquette, So	19:46.7	DeKalb
43	42	Tucker Louis, So	19:51.0	Rochelle
44	43	Roberto Cordero, Fr	20:12.3	DeKalb
45	44	Hayden Borunda, Fr	20:16.0	DeKalb
46	45	Matt Robinson, So	20:17.7	LaSalle-Peru
47	46	Carson Campbell, Fr	20:22.1	Sycamore
48	47	Ben Hickey, So	20:23.6	Rochelle
49	48	Ky Ariano, So	20:24.5	Geneseo
50	49	Evan Horner, So	20:46.8	Rochelle
51	50	Het Patel, Fr	20:47.9	LaSalle-Peru
52	51	Nate Diaz, So	20:56.3	Morris
53		Ben Larkey, Fr	21:09.6	Sterling
54	52	Brayden Porter, Fr	21:12.4	LaSalle-Peru
55		Keegan Nagle, So	21:53.6	Ottawa
56		Zach Poffenbarger, So	22:00.4	Ottawa
57	53	Ty Hrovat, Fr	22:06.1	LaSalle-Peru
58		Kevin Lemus, So	22:09.7	Sterling
59		Drew Hood, Fr	23:05.8	Ottawa
60	54	Eric Strom, Fr	23:55.5	Morris
61	55	Isaac Ochoa, So	25:26.2	Rochelle
62		Jacob Foster, Fr	27:32.0	LaSalle-Peru

62 finishers among Open Men/OpM

62 male finishers

0 female finishers

62 total finishers

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# Race 4 - Combined Open

at Kaneland H.S. in Maple Park, IL

Oct. 16, 2017

56 degrees, dark  
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## Open Boys

PLACE	TEAM	POINTS	PLACES OF FINISHERS							AVG. TIME SPREAD	
1	Yorkville	29	1	3	7	8	10	14	16	17:43.2	1:08.7
2	Kaneland	53	5	6	12	13	17	20	22	18:06.0	0:55.0
3	Sycamore	72	2	4	19	23	24	26	29	18:30.1	2:29.8
4	DeKalb	74	9	11	15	18	21	31	32	18:28.6	0:53.6
5	Sterling	143	25	27	28	30	33			20:11.4	1:43.3

## Individuals

PLACE	SCORE	FINISHER	TIME	TEAM
1	1	Alex Loos, Jr	16:56.9	Yorkville
2	2	Lucas McKay, Jr	17:00.4	Sycamore
3	3	Rio Lara, Sr	17:33.1	Yorkville
4	4	Dayton Ward, Jr	17:38.7	Sycamore
5	5	Blake Finn, Jr	17:44.0	Kaneland
6	6	Jacob Petrik, Jr	17:51.8	Kaneland
7	7	Austin Popplewell, Fr	18:00.1	Yorkville
8	8	Jacob Hernandez, Sr	18:00.1	Yorkville
9	9	Luke Mattson, Jr	18:04.9	DeKalb
10	10	Zach Rice, Jr	18:05.6	Yorkville
11	11	Ryan DeBeau, Sr	18:06.5	DeKalb
12	12	Drew Occhipinti, Sr	18:06.8	Kaneland
13	13	Kyle Orczykowski, Jr	18:08.2	Kaneland
14	14	Hunter Reyes, Fr	18:09.5	Yorkville
15	15	Mario Montoya, Jr	18:16.5	DeKalb
16	16	Jack Brucher, Fr	18:26.3	Yorkville
17		Caleb Gulbro, So	18:29.4	Yorkville
18	17	Dalton Klingensmith, Jr	18:38.9	Kaneland
19		Matthew Angerame, Fr	18:54.4	Yorkville
20	18	Asher Lowrey, Jr	18:56.6	DeKalb
21	19	James Cerny, Jr	18:57.4	Sycamore
22	20	Aaron Lodwig, Fr	18:57.4	Kaneland
23	21	Hank Barnes, Sr	18:58.5	DeKalb
24		Daniel Harker, Fr	19:04.7	Yorkville
25	22	Scotty Dunne, So	19:07.8	Kaneland
26		Ryan Weir, Jr	19:15.2	Yorkville
27		Ben Purcell, Sr	19:18.2	Kaneland
28		Nathan Turner, So	19:18.2	Yorkville
29		Brett Rhodes, So	19:22.7	Yorkville
30	23	Alex Taylor, Fr	19:23.8	Sycamore