# Maple Leafs finish

## 10th at sectional



THE MAPLE LEAFS finished 11th at the Class 2A Normal University Sectional at Maxwell Park. Pictured are, first row, from left: Rafe Morrison. Second row, from left: William Plumley, Nathan Carroll, Ky Ariano, Colby Rapps, Christian Booth, Spencer Lindstrom, Blake Duncan, Adam Wells, Raymond Venneberg and Neo Colter. Third row, from left: Ricky Chavez-Sanchez and Thackery Newton.

By CHRIS STEELE Republic Sports Editor

The Geneseo Maple Leafs finished the season 10th at the Class 2A Normal U-High Sectional, at Maxwell Park, in Normal, on Oct. 28.

A senior, Blake Duncan paced Geneseo with a 31st-place finish in 16:15 on the three-mile course.

With seven individual qualifying spots up for grabs at the sectional, Duncan was just 14 seconds away from landing the final individual qualifying spot at the state meet.

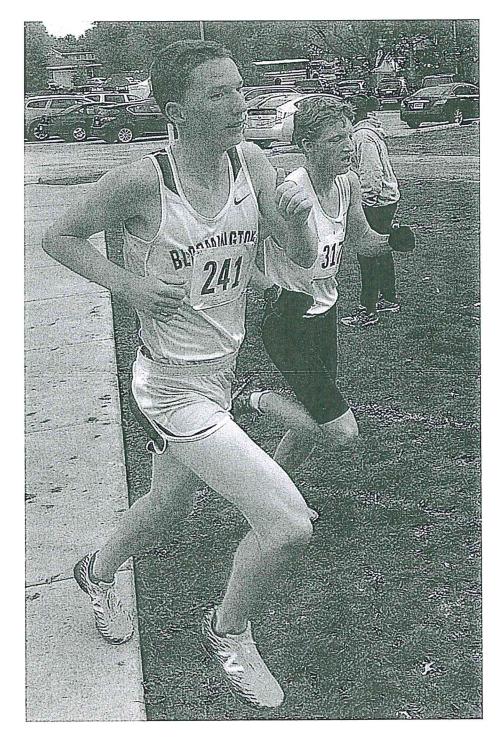
Geneseo's Neo Colter raced his way to a 73rd-place finish in 17:12, and William Plumley finished in 77th place in 17:17.

The Leafs' Raymond Venneberg captured an 82nd-place finish in 17:23, and Colby Rapps finished 91st in 17:42.

The Maple Leafs' Rafe Morrison landed 91st with a time of 17:42, and Christian Booth finished in 99th place in 17:59.

From one-to-five, Geneseo was separated by only a 1:05, and one-to-seven, Geneseo was separated by only 1:44.

With two teams who are favorites sectional team crown in a head-to-to win the state title in Class 2A according to il.milesplit.com, head battle with runner-up Normal Mahomet-Seymour (41) won the U-High (65).



"DADDY DOUGLAS" FLYIN' AT THE SECTIONAL

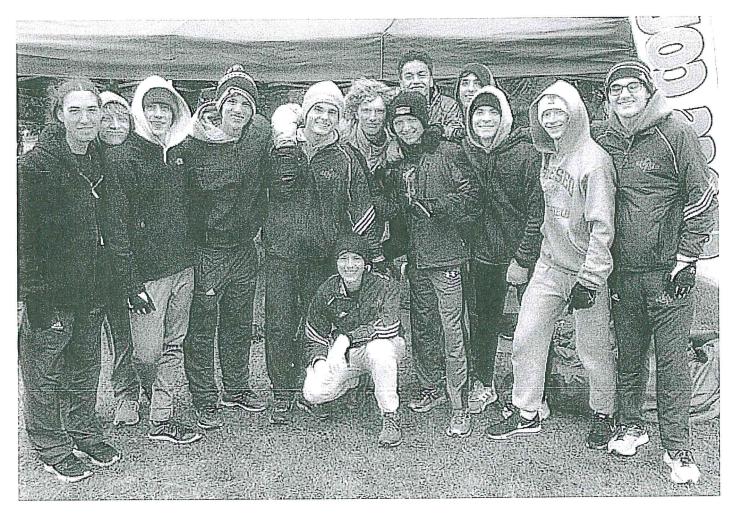
Pictured is Senior Tri-Captain Blake Duncan who barely missed qualifying for the State Finals by a mere 14 seconds.

Senior Tri-Captain Blake Duncan (16:15) led the charge by crossing the finish line in 31st place, missing a "date with state" by only 14 seconds. Next up was Sophomore Neo Colter (17:12) who roared home in 73rd place. Neo ran 2 seconds faster at Peoria's First to the Finish Invitational in ideal conditions. This effort blew that race away. Freshman William Plumley (17:17) was up next,

finishing 77th and destroying his Personal Best. Senior Raymond Venneberg (17:23) rolled in next in 82nd also destroying his Personal Best. Right on his tail was Sophomore Colby Rapps (17:24) who finished one place back in 83rd, also taking well over 20 seconds off of his Personal Best. Our next man was Freshman Rafe Morrison (17:42) who placed 91st, taking almost 40 seconds off of his Personal Best. Last, but certainly not least, was Senior Tri-Captain Christian Booth (17:59) who patiently supported his team as the "first alternate" until the "door of opportunity" swung open. Christian sprinted home in 99th place, as he really moved up "BIG TIME" in the last mile and finish his high school career with a 21 second Personal Best.

I don't know what the future holds in regard to my coaching career. I have shared with the administration my desire to continue coaching if the opportunity is there. Only time will tell. If this ends up being my final XC coaching moment, what a way to go out. It is impossible to compare "apples to oranges" but this team performance certainly ranks as one of the most impressive performances during my entire coaching career. It also speaks volumes in regard to the high quality of the field. The team placed 10th (the IHSA has us listed as 11th.....) They probably won't correct the results since we didn't qualify but that doesn't really matter. What does is the pride that every member of the team should feel. That includes the support crew that was literally EVERYWHERE on the course. The team members who didn't make the trip but gave their all on a daily basis. Coach Moe and Tessie for all of their contributions. And lastly, the amazing parental support that never ceases to amaze me. God Bless Each and Every One of YOU. Thank you for making the past months COME ALIVE WITH EXCITEMENT! I am smiling as I type this along with a LOT OF PRIDE. I

I hope to see many of you as members of our 2018 Track and Field Team. For those who choose another path.....All the best to you! Stay in touch and remember if any of you ever need anything, you can always count on us to be there for you. LONG MAY YOU RUN!!!



"da SECTIONAL TEAM"

Pictured: Row 1: Rafe Morrison; Row 2: William Plumley, Nathan Carroll, Ky Ariano, Colby Rapps, Christian Booth, Spencer Lindstrom, Blake Duncan, Adam Wells, Raymond Venneberg, Neo Colter, Ricky Chavez-Sanchez, & Thackery Newton.

## LEAFS PLACE 10TH IN RUGGED I.H.S.A. NORMAL (UNIVERSITY) HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONAL

On Saturday, October 28th, the Leafs traveled to Normal's Maxwell Park to participate in the Normal University High School I.H.S.A. Sectional. The field was "loaded" with 9 "state ranked" teams including numbers 1 & 2. The Leafs were ranked 13th in the Sectional coming into the meet and the goal was to do better than that. Hopefully, a lot better. The weatherman made "scoring" a Personal Best a challenge with a race time temperature of 36° and 15 to 20 mph winds. Add to that some light rain, sleet, and even snow and you end up with a pretty nasty day to watch a XC meet. For the athletes, on the other hand, it was a day they will never forget as challenging conditions offer the opportunity to create "special" memories.

The field included teams from: Bloomington, Dunlap, Galesburg, Geneseo, LaSalle-Peru, Mahomet (Seymour), Metamora, Morris, Normal (University), Normal (West), Ottawa, Peoria (Notre Dame), Peoria (Richwoods), Rantoul, Rock Island (Alleman), Streator, Urbana, and Washington. The girls raced first with a starting time of 10:00 a.m. The boys were up next at 11:30 a.m. At the coaches meeting (held at 9:15 a.m.), the meet host (Normal University High School), shared with us that the course had been altered to make it a "true" 3 miles. I have always suspected that it was a bit short and I am glad they "fixed" that situation.

On to the race. The field "got after it" following the 11:30 "crack" of the starter's pistol. Our team goal was for Blake Duncan to find the individuals that he could hang with that would help pull him to an individual qualifying spot. After that, we asked our 2-7 runners to try and "pack" it up through the mile and then "roll the dice". Blake was in the top 15 at the mile and our 2-3-4-5-6 were all within 3 seconds of each other with our 7th man getting trapped in the large field and was 20 seconds behind the pack. What happened next was inspiring. Each man "went deep to the well" as 6 of the 7 boys ran season best times, despite the challenging conditions, with the only man not to accomplish that missed by a mere 2 seconds. That speaks volumes about the "spirit" of this team. They ran with a tremendous sense of "passion and purpose".

## 2017 IHSA NORMAL UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL SECTIONAL SPLIT SHEET

Date:	10/28/1	17							
		l Park in Normal							
Conditions: Race time temperature of 36° w/15 -20 winds and light sleet									
Racing Distance: 3.00 miles (ground wetNASTY CONDITIONS)									
Team	Place	10.) Geneseo 319 points.							
	TIME	ATHLETE	PLACE	RACE	1-MILE	2-MILE			
1	16:15	Blake Duncan-12	31	VAR	5:04	10:43			
2	17:12	Neo Colter-10	73	VAR	5:32	11:22			
3	17:17	Willaim Plumley-09	77	VAR	5:32	11:27			
4	17:23	Raymond Venneberg-12	82	VAR	5:33	11:32	_		
5	17:24	Colby Rapps-10	83	VAR	5:33	11:32			
/ 6	17:42	Rafe Morrison-09	91	VAR	5:35	11:41			
7	17:59	Christian Booth-12	99	VAR	5:54	12:05			
	DNC	none							
	15:05	Varsity Race Leader	1	VAR	4:56	10:08			
		Geneseo Spread							
		1-5: 1:09							
		1-7: 1:44							

### IHSA Sectional - Normal U-High

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### **Team Summary Report - Boys**

### **Boys Varsity**

#### **All Runners**

		Top 5	Finishers						
<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Places</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6*</u>	<u>7*</u>
1	Mahomet (MSeymour)	41	1	2	3	17	18	26	52
	Top 5 Times: 1:17:19.1								
2	Normal (University)	65	4	6	12	19	24	42	61
	Top 5 Times: 1:19:00.0								
3	Bloomington (H.S.)	91	8	10	20	22	31	45	50
	Top 5 Times: 1:19:59.3								
4	Normal (Community West)	109	9	11	25	30	34	43	59
	Top 5 Times: 1:20:24.8								
5	Washington	140	13	14	23	44	46	56	63
	Top 5 Times: 1:21:22.4								
6	Metamora	142	16	21	29	35	41	48	79
	Top 5 Times: 1:21:33.6								
7	Rock Island (Alleman)	179	5	33	38	49	54	90	99
	Top 5 Times: 1:21:51.1								
8	Peoria (Notre Dame)	216	7	36	51	57	65	68	74
	Top 5 Times: 1:22:58.0								

9	Dunlap	303	53	55	58	64	73	82	92
	Top 5 Times: 1:24:54.9								
10	Geneseo	319	28	67	71	76	77	85	93
	Top 5 Times: 1:25:33.9								
11	Urbana (H.S.)	308	15	37	66	83	107	109	115
	Top 5 Times: 1:25:48.8								
12	Streator (Twp.)	372	39	40	86	97	110	119	120
	Top 5 Times: 1:27:38.3								
13	Morris	400	62	72	84	87	95	98	101
	Top 5 Times: 1:27:49.9								
14	LaSalle (LPeru)	408	32	80	89	103	104	106	113
	Top 5 Times: 1:28:26.4								
15	Galesburg (H.S.)	426	69	75	88	94	100	102	111
	Top 5 Times: 1:28:42.5								
16	Ottawa (Twp.)	439	27	81	96	117	118	122	123
	Top 5 Times: 1:31:26.0								
17	Peoria (Richwoods)	494	78	91	105	108	112	114	116
	Top 5 Times: 1:31:50.8								
18	Rantoul	422	47	60	70	121	124		
	Top 5 Times: 1:36:21.3								
Inc.	Morton	1 finishers							
Inc.	Crete (CMonee)	1 finishers							
Inc.	Lincoln	1 finishers							
Inc.	Bartonville (Limestone)	2 finishers					S <b>2</b> 8		
Inc.	Kankakee (Sr.)	2 finishers							
Inc.	Park Forest (Rich East)	2 finishers							
Inc.	East Peoria	3 finishers							
Inc.	Rock Island (H.S.)	3 finishers							

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#### **Overall Finish List - Boys**

## **Boys Varsity**

#### **All Runners**

Qualifying Teams: 5 Individuals: 7

O'All Place	Adj Place	Bib No	<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Pace</u>	Year C	<u>Qualifier</u>
1	1	236	Mathias Powell	Mahomet (MSeymour)	15:05.3	5:02/M	Jr	TM
2	2	233	Ryan Hodge	Mahomet (MSeymour)	15:06.4	5:02/M	Sr	TM
3	3	232	Riley Fortune	Mahomet (MSeymour)	15:09.8	5:03/M	Sr	TM
4	4	223	Jared Schuckman	Normal (University)	15:13.5	5:04/M	Sr	TM
5	5	306	Spencer Smith	Rock Island (Alleman)	15:18.6	5:06/M	Sr	IND
6	6	227	Matt Zacharias	Normal (University)	15:36.9	5:12/M	Sr	TM
7	7	295	Chris Gilbert	Peoria (Notre Dame)	15:38.1	5:13/M	Jr	IND
8	8	242	Austin Bicknell	Bloomington (H.S.)	15:38.6	5:13/M	Sr	TM
9	9	264	Charlie Wetzel	Normal (Community West)	15:39.6	5:13/M	So	TM
10	10	240	Nick Doud	Bloomington (H.S.)	15:39.7	5:13/M	Jr	TM
11	(< 5)	211	Blake Jones	Lincoln	15:40.0	5:13/M	Sr	IND
12	11	265	Tyler Dunn	Normal (Community West)	15:40.9	5:13/M	Sr	TM
13	(< 5)	212	Mark Skaggs	East Peoria	15:42.1	5:14/M	Sr	IND
14	12	220	Jackson McClure	Normal (University)	15:54.0	5:18/M	Jr	TM
15	13	253	Reese Borlin	Washington	15:55.3	5:18/M	Jr	TM
16	14	252	Avery Davidson	Washington	15:56.6	5:19/M	Jr	TM
17	15	367	Justice Carter	Urbana (H.S.)	15:56.8	5:19/M	Sr	IND
18	16	282	Ryan Meyer	Metamora	15:58.6	5:19/M	Sr	IND
19	17	234	Bryson Keeble	Mahomet (MSeymour)	15:58.6	5:19/M	Jr	TM
20	18	228	Evan Burge	Mahomet (MSeymour)	15:58.8	5:19/M	Sr	TM
21	(< 5)	213	Sam Lange	Morton	16:01.1	5:20/M	So	IND
22	19	216	Dane Alexander	Normal (University)	16:02.7	5:21/M	Jr	TM
23	20	243	Roger Mendiola	Bloomington (H.S.)	16:08.1	5:23/M	Jr	TM

24	21	280	Jacob Gray	Metamora	16:08.5 5:23/M	Jr	
25	22	241	Bradyn Olmstead	Bloomington (H.S.)	16:10.9 5:23/M	So	TM
26	23	254	Alex Mitchell	Washington	16:11.6 5:24/M	Sr	TM
27	24	222	Harris Porter	Normal (University)	16:12.7 5:24/M	Sr	TM
28	25	266	Gabriel Bush	Normal (Community West)	16:14.9 5:25/M	Jr	TM
29	26	230	Kaelan Davis	Mahomet (MSeymour)	16:14.9 5:25/M	Jr	TM
30	27	493	Drew Klatt	Ottawa (Twp.)	16:15.5 5:25/M	Sr	
31	28	317	Blake Duncan	Geneseo	16:15.9 5:25/M	Sr	
32	29	287	Andrew Springer	Metamora	16:20.1 5:27/M	Jr	
33	30	267	Spencer Allsop	Normal (Community West)	16:21.2 5:27/M	Sr	TM
34	31	245	Evan Turnbull	Bloomington (H.S.)	16:21.8 5:27/M	So	TM
35	32	469	Logan Johnson	LaSalle (LPeru)	16:22.6 5:27/M	So	
36	33	307	Aaron Mickelson	Rock Island (Alleman)	16:27.5 5:29/M	Jr	
37	34	268	Nick Baumgardner	Normal (Community West)	16:28.1 5:29/M	Sr	TM
38	35	284	Reagan Pace	Metamora	16:31.2 5:30/M	Jr	
39	36	297	Tony Haddad	Peoria (Notre Dame)	16:31.2 5:30/M	Sr	
40	37	368	Payton Borich	Urbana (H.S.)	16:32.1 5:31/M	Jr	
41	38	308	Ben Weaver	Rock Island (Alleman)	16:33.1 5:31/M	Sr	
42	39	468	Danny Rodriguez	Streator (Twp.)	16:33.6 5:31/M	Sr	
43	40	461	Adrian Jones	Streator (Twp.)	16:34.9 5:31/M	Sr	
44	41	285	John Rapp	Metamora	16:35.1 5:32/M	Jr	
45	42	224	Sean Supan	Normal (University)	16:36.3 5:32/M	Jr	TM
46	43	269	Michael Cleary	Normal (Community West)	16:37.8 5:32/M	Sr	TM
47	44	257	Garret Roberts	Washington	16:38.1 5:33/M	Jr	TM
48	45	246	Quinn Olson	Bloomington (H.S.)	16:39.9 5:33/M	Jr	TM
49	46	256	Ben Learned	Washington	16:40.7 5:33/M	Jr	TM
50	47	481	Elijah Hall	Rantoul	16:43.5 5:34/M	Jr	
51	48	276	Alex Blackburn	Metamora	16:44.4 5:35/M	Jr	
52	49	309	Brendan Hird	Rock Island (Alleman)	16:44.7 5:35/M	Sr	
53	50	244	Drew Gibson	Bloomington (H.S.)	16:45.6 5:35/M	So	TM
54	(< 5)	2.15	Kolby Miller	East Peoria	16:45.8 5:35/M	So	
55	51	299	Mitchell Mazander	Peoria (Notre Dame)	16:46.5 5:35/M	Jr	
56	52	231	Nate Douglas	Mahomet (MSeymour)	16:46.5 5:35/M	Jr	TM
57	53	330	Shivom Paudel	Dunlap	16:46.6 5:35/M	Jr	
58	54	310	Tony VandeWalle	Rock Island (Alleman)	16:47.0 5:36/M	So	
59	55	329	Cody Anderson	Dunlap	16:47.2 5:36/M	Sr	
60	56	259	Ethan Sabota	Washington	16:48.9 5:36/M	Jr	TM
61	57	293	Patrick Couri	Peoria (Notre Dame)	16:53.2 5:38/M	Fr	
62	58	333	Dane Tow	Dunlap	16:55.1 5:38/M	Jr	
63	59	270	Zaine Losk	Normal (Community West)	16:56.9 5:39/M	Sr	TM
64	60	483	Jonathan Gossett	Rantoul	16:57.6 5:39/M	So	

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65	61	217	Tanner Gillam	Normal (University)	17:00.2 5:40/M	Sr	TM
66	62	451	Tony Pethtel	Morris	17:01.2 5:40/M	So	
67	63	255	Caden Davidson	Washington	17:04.3 5:41/M	So	TM
68	64	331	Justin Monge	Dunlap	17:05.4 5:42/M	Sr	
69	65	302	David Robison	Peoria (Notre Dame)	17:08.8 5:43/M	So	
70	66	370	Andrew Kowalski	Urbana (H.S.)	17:10.9 5:43/M	Sr	
71	(< 5)	288	Alex Feller	Bartonville (Limestone)	17:11.5 5:44/M	Fr	
72	(< 5)	214	Keaton Vandel	East Peoria	17:11.7 5:44/M	Fr	
73	67	318	Neo Colter	Geneseo	17:12.2 5:44/M	So	
74	68	301	Liam Owens	Peoria (Notre Dame)	17:12.7 5:44/M	Sr	
75	69	343	John Peterson	Galesburg (H.S.)	17:15.7 5:45/M	Jr	
76	70	482	Peter McCusker	Rantoul	17:17.2 5:46/M	Jr	
77	71	320	William Plumley	Geneseo	17:17.7 5:46/M	Fr	
78	72	450	Chris Gonzalez	Morris	17:18.2 5:46/M	Fr	
79	73	332	Lincoln Metzger	Dunlap	17:20.4 5:47/M	Jr	
80	74	303	Luke Sander	Peoria (Notre Dame)	17:21.1 5:47/M	So	
81	75	341	Aaron Burrows	Galesburg (H.S.)	17:21.7 5:47/M	Jr	
82	76	319	Raymond Venneberg	Geneseo	17:23.7 5:48/M	Sr	
83	77	324	Colby Rapps	Geneseo	17:24.1 5:48/M	So	
84	78	360	Kayden Rixner	Peoria (Richwoods)	17:28.0 5:49/M	Fr	
85	79	281	Evan Johnson	Metamora	17:30.9 5:50/M	Fr	
86	80	472	Connor Bean	LaSalle (LPeru)	17:32.9 5:51/M	Jr	
87	81	491	Noah Blakely	Ottawa (Twp.)	17:33.6 5:51/M	Jr	
88	82	336	Max Varness	Dunlap	17:35.9 5:52/M	So	
89	83	371	Jeremie Bokata	Urbana (H.S.)	17:39.2 5:53/M	So	
90	84	454	Alex Serna	Morris	17:41.4 5:54/M	Jr	
91	85	323	Rafe Morrison	Geneseo	17:42.2 5:54/M	Fr	
92	86	464	Rafael Pantoja	Streator (Twp.)	17:44.1 5:55/M	So	
93	87	447	Aaron Day	Morris	17:45.0 5:55/M	Fr	
94	88	342	Mark Frenster	Galesburg (H.S.)	17:46.4 5:55/M	Jr	
95	89	470	Logan Schaefer	LaSalle (LPeru)	17:49.0 5:56/M	Jr	
96	90	312	Pierre Azar	Rock Island (Alleman)	17:53.6 5:58/M	Jr	
97	91	361	Andrew Workheiser	Peoria (Richwoods)	17:55.3 5:58/M	Jr	
98	92	337	Kyle Brooks	Dunlap	17:56.5 5:59/M	So	
99	93	327	Christian Booth	Geneseo	17:59.5 6:00/M	Sr	
100	94	344	Alex Buchen	Galesburg (H.S.)	18:00.5 6:00/M	Fr	
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101	(< 5)	363	Nathan Steppes	Park Forest (Rich East)	18:03.2	6:01/M	Sr
102	95	449	Wes Diaz	Morris	18:03.9	6:01/M	Sr

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