



3RD TIME UP THE "SWITCHBACKS"

Senior Lucas Nicke, Freshman Cooper Schaad, and Junior Bode Neff head up the challenging "Switchbacks" during Thursday's dual meet held at Rock Island's Longview Park

LEAFS ROLL IN ROCK ISLAND DUAL

On Thursday, September 17th, the Leafs traveled to Rock Island's Longview Park to participate in a dual meet with the host Rock Island Rocks. Rocky has been hosting their dual meets at Longview park which is a short distance from their high school. The park encompasses a section of the Mississippi River Basin. So, yeah, there were some hills. They are called "The Switchbacks" and certainly earned their "Nickname". The park has undergone a lot of development including a walk/jog path. The course was a one-mile loop that the athletes navigated three times. There is also an interior road. The end result was quite a bit of the course was on pavement preventing the team from "spiking up". It was a case of much more risk than reward. The weatherman was very kind to the athletes giving them a race time temperature of 64° and a light breeze of 8 miles per hour. The ground had rebounded from all of the rain last week and was actually very firm.

The boys race started at 5:10 p.m. and the Leafs got out nicely. Senior Tri-Captain William Plumley continued his outstanding senior campaign and won going away. His margin of victory was 39 seconds as he "Stopped the Clock" at 17:01. To make the event ever more special was the fact that this was William's first VARSITY WIN! Great job, William! Not too far behind him were Junior Tri-Captain Justin Johnson and Sophomore Gavin Allison. They had a race on their hands with Rock Island's top man, Donovan Garro. Both men ran smart races, working together, and ended up grabbing 2nd and 3rd places in 17:40 and 17:47 respectfully. Next up was Maple Leaf Junior Isaac Kuster who grabbed 5th place and was running by himself for most of the race finishing in 18:07. Not far behind were "Da Twinkies" as Sophomores Tyler Gehl (18:27) and Josian (Jo Jo) King (18:40.) They "Packed" together for a while before separating and finished in

6th and 7th places. Closing fast were: Freshman Cooper Schaad (8th place in 18:51), Junior Tri-Captain Bode Neff (9th place in 18:51), and Senior Lucas Nicke (11th place in 19:08.) In case you aren't counting, that was 8 Maple Leafs in the Top 9.

Next up were Maple Leaf Juniors Carson Raya (19:30) and Malakai Schaad (19:48.) They packed it up together for a while and ended up racing home in 15th and 17th places. Not too far behind were: Freshman Sam Mosbarger (22nd place in 20:43); Senior Ricardo Chavez-Sanchez (24th place in 21:29); Freshman Jake Rapps (26th place in 22:11); Junior Simon Anderson (27th place in 22:12); Sophomore Nathan Venneberg (28th place in 22:34); Senior Rafe DeCap (29th place in 23:20); Junior Harrison Neumann (31st place in 24:18); Freshman Buddy Henderson (24:44); and Freshman Ryley Rowold (34th place in 26:14.) When "The Dust" had settled, the Undefeated Geneseo Maple Leafs had defeated the Rock Island Rocks 17-46. Even more impressive was the fact that 15 team members ran their fastest 3 mile race of the season. How is that possible? The course was had the "Switchbacks" and the guys were not able to wear their racing spikes. Mix up weeks of great training and near perfect racing conditions and the results speak for themselves. GREAT JOB, MEN!

This team hasn't truly been tested yet in competition. We know that Moline held two of their top guys out last week so they will be a force to be reckoned with at the Western Big Six Conference Meet on October 15th. Another team that needs to be respected are the Sterling Golden Warriors who we will be racing next Tuesday on their home course. Both teams appear to match up nicely so this will be a great opportunity to face some adversity and get a chance to respond to it. This is NOT for the WB-6 Championship but it does put your unbeaten dual meet streak on the line. Personally, I can hardly wait. You are a STRONG team that is still developing. Follow Coach Ehlert's "Battle Cry" of "DREAM BIG". Get ready to "Comfortable" being "Uncomfortable". All the best men on Tuesday and beyond. Keep making smart choices and get on "THE BIG GREEN BUS".

"DREAM BIG"

Date: 9/17/2020								
Meet: Rock Island Dual								
Site: Rock Island's Longview Park								
Conditions: Race time temperature 64° with an 8 mph wind. NICE!!!								
Course Hard and Fast. A lot of pavement so no spikes worn.								
Racing Distance: 3.00 miles								
Team Score: 1.) Geneseo 17; 2.) Moline 46								
	TIME	ATHLETE	PL	R	1-M	2-M	3-M	AVE.
1	17:01	William Plumley-12	1	V	5:25	5:50	5:46	5:40
2	17:40	Justin Johnson-11	2	V	5:26	6:09	6:05	5:53
3	17:47	Gavin Allison-10	3	V	5:30	6:02	6:15	5:55
4	18:07	Isaac Kuster-11	5	V	5:41	6:13	6:13	6:02
5	18:27	Tyler Gehl-10	6	V	5:47	6:40	6:21	6:16
6	18:40	Josiah King-10	7	V	5:47	6:34	6:19	6:13
7	18:51	Cooper Schaad-09	8	V	6:00	6:24	6:27	6:17
8	18:51	Bode Neff-11	9	V	6:04	6:32	6:15	6:17
9	19:08	Lucas Nicke-12	11	V	5:52	6:35	6:41	6:22
10	19:30	Carson Raya-11	15	V	6:16	6:37	6:37	6:33
11	19:48	Malakai Schaad-11	17	V	6:16	6:46	6:46	6:36
12	20:43	Sam Mosbarger-09	22	V	6:37	7:05	7:01	6:54
13	21:29	Ricky Chavez-12	24	V	6:59	7:27	7:03	7:09
14	21:46	Andrew Burke-11	25	V	6:59	7:27	7:20	7:15
15	22:11	Jake Rapps-09	26	V	7:00	7:30	7:41	7:23
16	22:12	Simon Anderson-11	27	V	6:58	7:35	7:39	7:24
17	22:34	Nathan Venneberg-10	28	V	7:14	7:59	7:37	7:36
18	23:20	Rafe DeCap-12	29	V	7:32	8:03	7:46	7:46
19	24:18	Harrison Neumann-11	31	V	7:37	8:23	8:18	8:06
20	24:44	Buddy Henderson-09	32	V	7:35	8:31	8:38	8:14
21	26:14	Ryley Rowold-09	34	V	7:51	8:58	9:25	8:44
	DNC	Tanner Burgett-12	Injury					
		Caleb Durian-10	Injury					
		Max Sottos-11	Conf					
	17:01	Race Leader	1	V	5:25	5:50	5:46	5:40
		Geneseo Spread						
		1-5	1:26					
		1-7	1:50					
		1-10	2:29					

DATE: 9/17/2020

SITE: Rock Island's Longview Park

DISTANCE: 3 miles (a lot of pavement so no spikes)

CONDITIONS: 64° with 8-10 mph winds. Low humidity. NICE!!!

TEAM SCORES: 1.) Geneseo 17; Rock Island 46

(Please note: the times that were in the official results are way off. Our times are what Tanner Burgett recorded and are spot on. The times for the Rock Island runners were listed in the results. Some times are probably not accurate. We are not sure why there was a timing error.)

1. William Plumley	12	Geneseo	17:01
2. Justin Johnson	11	Geneseo	17:40
3. Gavin Allison	10	Geneseo	17:47
4. Donovan Garro	12	Rock Island	17:50
5. Isaac Kuster	11	Geneseo	18:07
6. Tyler Gehl	10	Geneseo	18:27
7. Josiah King	10	Geneseo	18:40
8. Cooper Schaad	09	Geneseo	18:51
9. Bode Neff	11	Geneseo	18:51
10. Alex Minani	12	Rock Island	18:52
11. Lucas Nicki	12	Geneseo	19:08
12. Drew Jarding	11	Rock Island	19:12
13. Blake Zahner	12	Rock Island	19:13
14. Jayden Putnam	09	Rock Island	19:28
15. Carson Raya	11	Geneseo	19:30
16. Jonathan Knuth	12	Rock Island	19:37
17. Malakai Schaad	11	Geneseo	19:48
18. Jacksen Hansen	11	Rock Island	19:48
19. Ian Regur	09	Rock Island	20:01
20. Mason Love	12	Rock Island	20:12
21. Isaiah Horace	11	Rock Island	20:17
22. Sam Mosbarger	09	Geneseo	20:43
23. Roland Ullrick	11	Rock Island	20:43
24. Ricky Chavez	12	Geneseo	21:29
25. Andrew Burke	11	Geneseo	21:46
26. Jake Rapps	09	Geneseo	22:11
27. Simon Anderson	11	Geneseo	22:12
28. Nathan Venneberg	10	Geneseo	22:34
29. Rafe DeCap	12	Geneseo	23:20
30. Braeden Baker	10	Rock Island	23:20
31. Harrison Neumann	11	Geneseo	24:18
32. Buddy Henderson	09	Geneseo	24:44
33. Har Ju Ree	12	Rock Island	24:45
34. Ryley Rowold	09	Geneseo	26:14
35. Jacob Voigt	12	Rock Island	26:14
36. Aiden Frantz	09	Rock Island	26:34
37. Brian Reed	11	Rock Island	27:18