



"DEATH VALLEY...DOWNHILL STYLE"

Pictured are Malakai Schaad ahead of Carson Raya, Bode Neff and Cooper Schaad. The boys just finished enjoying the downhill section of Richmond Hill Park's "Death Valley".

LEAFS TOP PANTHERS TO FINISH DUAL MEET SEASON AN UNDEFEATED 7-0

On Tuesday, October 4th, the Leafs played host to the United Township Panthers in the season's final dual meet. The meet was held at Geneseo's Richmond Hill Park. It has been years since the

team participated in even a single dual meet. Competition philosophies have changed and we have been unable to find any schools to race us "Heads Up". The closest thing we've been able to attain is the traditional "Sterling Grass Relays" (which was not held this year due to COVID-19.) Conversations with area coaches have led us to regain hope that we will be able to have one to two dual meets each season in the coming years. Dual meets serve as an important opportunity to develop critical "Racing Skills". We will be keeping our fingers crossed.

Anyway, back to the meet. The weatherman provided a wonderful early October day for the meet. The daytime high was 75° with a west wind of 12 mph that wasn't much of a factor thanks to a lot of trees on the west end of the park. The Leafs entered the meet with a perfect 6-0 dual meet record and hoped to extend it to 7-0. Mission accomplished as the Leafs turned back United Township by a score of 22-39. United Township is the defending Western Big Six Conference Champions so last night's victory was significant. With only limited entry meets remaining the meet was the final competitive opportunity for most of the team. The "Top 7 will race in the Metamora Inv., Regional, and Sectional Meets. The Western Big Six Conference meet will allow for the Top 8 runners this year.

Leading the team were: Senior Tri-Captain William Plumley (2nd Place in 17:19); Junior Tri-Captain Justin Johnson (3rd Place in 17:45); Sophomore Gavin Allison (4th Place in 17:53); Junior Isaac Kuster (5th Place in 18:21); and Sophomore Tyler Gehl (6th Place in 18:22.) In case you're not counting, that was all five of the Leaf's "Scoring 5" finishing in the top 6 places. Great Stuff, Men. Not far behind were: Senior Lucas Nicke (8th Place in 19:01); Junior Malakai Schaad (11th Place in 19:35); Freshman Cooper Schaad (12th Place in 19:13); Junior Tri-Captain Bode Neff (13th Place in 19:14); Junior Carson Raya (14th Place in 19:46); Freshman Sam Mosbarger (15th Place in 19:48); Freshman Jake Rapps (18th Place in 20:17); and Sophomore Josiah "Jo Jo" King (20th Place in 20:21.) That is 13 Maple Leafs in the Top 20. Way To Roll, Men!

Rounding out the team and their competitive seasons were: Junior Andrew Burke (22nd Place in 20:32); Junior Max Sottos (23rd Place in 20:56); Senior Ricardo Chavez-Sanchez (24th Place in 21:18); Junior Simon Anderson (25th Place in 22:03); Sophomore Nathan Venneberg (26th Place in 22:16); Senior Rafe DeCap (28th Place in 23:55); Freshman Buddy Henderson (30th Place in 25:23); and Freshman Ryley Rowold (32nd Place in 26:23.) Way to push it, Men!



DRUM CORPS "IN da HOUSE"

Pictured are four members of Geneseo's Elite Drum Corps. They came out to support the team. Their efforts were AWESOME and greatly appreciated.

A special thank you goes out to Randy Pobanz for helping to paint the course, course set-up and take-down, and his tremendous support of the team. Randy is a "Maple Leaf Legend" having qualified for multiple STATE FINALS ("Back in the Day") in both Cross Country and Track & Field. He ran the equivalent of a 9:30 in the 3200 Meter Run. That time is still sitting 4TH FASTEST in SCHOOL HISTORY. He accomplished that feat in 1971. Also, a special thank you to all of team's amazing parents for their tremendous support and encouragement. I have often stated to the young people I have been privileged to work with that "You can't pick your parents". Most of those "youngsters" hit a "Grand Slam" in the parent "Department". Thank you to Booster Club Boys Cross Country Representative Michelle Johnson. She is an amazing person and we greatly appreciate all of her hard work. Ditto to Leslie Raya for her incredible pictures. She has the "IT" factor in regard to photography. Her pictures are "Stunning". It is dangerous to start thanking people because of who might get missed. Thank you to all. It is a true honor to work with each and every team member. Lastly, a special "Shout Out" for Ev Allison and anyone else who helped get 4 members of Geneseo's Elite Drum Corps to provide some encouragement to "da Boys". IT WAS AWESOME!!!

Many of the team's members were racing on "Tired Legs" after racing in the Peoria Notre Dame Blue and Green Invitational on Saturday followed by a "Threshold" Workout on Sunday. Coach Ehlert knew that the team members who raced on Saturday would be affected the most but also has the "Big Picture" in mind. Racing twice a week is a challenge in regard to training and the optimal option was to "Train Through" Tuesday's Meet for the Leaf's Elite. The goal was to win the the meet ANYWAY. Mission accomplished. All the best at Metamora on Saturday and then get ready for "Championship Meet Season". COVID-19 had made this season and every other aspect of life more challenging. Way to pull together and made the best out of each and every opportunity that the season has presented. Utilizing the optimistic philosophy of "The Glass is Half Full" instead of EMPTY had been an omnipotent decision. Keep making smart decisions each and every day.

Date: 10/06/2020								
Meet: United Township Dual								
Site: Geneseo's Richmond Hill Park								
Conditions: Race time temperature 75° with 12 mph west wind. NICE!!!								
Racing Distance: 3.00 miles								
Team Score: 1.) Geneseo 20; 2.) United Township 39								
	TIME	ATHLETE	PL	R	1-M	2-M	3-M	AVE.
1	17:19	William Plumley-12	2	V	5:33	5:57	5:49	5:46
2	17:45	Justin Johnson-11	3	V	5:44	6:04	5:57	5:55
3	17:53	Gavin Allison-10	4	V	5:40	6:04	6:09	5:58
4	18:21	Isaac Kuster-11	5	V	5:48	6:17	6:16	6:07
5	18:22	Tyler Gehl-10	6	V	5:53	6:19	6:10	6:07
6	19:01	Lucas Nicke-12	8	V	6:08	6:31	6:22	6:20
7	19:35	Malakai Schaad-11	11	V	6:34	6:54	6:07	6:32
8	19:13	Cooper Schaad-09	12	V	6:18	6:50	6:31	6:34
9	19:14	Bode Neff-11	13	V	6:30	6:46	6:28	6:35
10	19:46	Carson Raya-11	14	V	6:30	6:46	6:30	6:35
11	19:48	Sam Mosbarger-09	15	V	6:35	6:48	6:25	6:36
12	20:17	Jake Rapps-09	18	V	6:42	6:53	6:42	6:46
13	20:21	Josiah King-10	20	V	6:18	7:08	6:55	6:47
14	20:32	Andrew Burke-11	22	V	6:46	6:59	6:47	6:50
15	20:56	Max Sottos-11	23	V	6:35	7:10	7:11	6:58
16	21:18	Ricky Chavez-12	24	V	7:07	7:05	7:06	7:06
17	22:03	Simon Anderson-11	25	V	6:59	7:34	7:30	7:21
18	22:16	Nathan Venneberg-10	26	V	6:58	7:44	7:34	7:25
19	23:55	Rafe DeCap-12	28	V	7:19	8:33	7:33	7:48
20	25:23	Buddy Henderson-09	30	V	7:48	9:06	8:31	8:27
21	26:23	Ryley Rowold-09	32	V	8:23	8:53	9:07	8:47
	DNC	Tanner Burgett-12	Injury					
		Caleb Durian-10	Injury					
		Harrison Neumann-11	Conflict					
	17:19	Race Leader	1	V	5:32	5:51	5:50	5:44
		Geneseo Spread						
		1-5	1:03					
		1-7	2:16					
		1-10	2:29					

Geneseo vs United Township

Overall Finish List**Boys****Varsity Boys**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Bib No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Pace</u>
1	1	3774	Logan Veloz	East Moline (United)	11	17:13.3	5:44/M
2	2	3789	William Plumley	Geneseo	12	17:19.4	5:46/M
3	3	3784	Justin Johnson	Geneseo	11	17:45.2	5:55/M
4	4	3794	Gavin Allison	Geneseo	10	17:53.8	5:58/M
5	5	3785	Isaac Kuster	Geneseo	11	18:21.4	6:07/M
6	6	3782	Tyler Gehl	Geneseo	10	18:22.2	6:07/M
7	7	3770	Kade Rodgers	East Moline (United)	10	18:28.1	6:09/M
8	8	3788	Lucas Nicke	Geneseo	12	19:01.2	6:20/M
9	9	3773	Noah Van Damme	East Moline (United)	11	19:02.7	6:21/M
10	10	3765	Josh Allen	East Moline (United)	11	19:16.7	6:26/M
11	11	3792	Malakai Schaad	Geneseo	11	19:35.7	6:32/M
12	(> 7)	3798	Cooper Schaad	Geneseo	9	19:43.3	6:34/M
13	(> 7)	3786	Bode Neff	Geneseo	11	19:44.2	6:35/M
14	(> 7)	3791	Carson Raya	Geneseo	11	19:46.1	6:35/M
15	(> 7)	3796	Sam Mosbarger	Geneseo	9	19:48.6	6:36/M
16	12	3772	Riley Stirrett	East Moline (United)	10	20:09.5	6:43/M
17	13	3766	Achraf Baba Traore	East Moline (United)	9	20:12.8	6:44/M
18	(> 7)	3790	Jacob Rapps	Geneseo	9	20:17.6	6:46/M
19	14	3767	Dennis Beug	East Moline (United)	10	20:19.4	6:46/M
20	(> 7)	3795	Josiah King	Geneseo	10	20:21.9	6:47/M
21	(> 7)	3769	Colin Manion	East Moline (United)	10	20:27.6	6:49/M
22	(> 7)	3778	Andrew Burke	Geneseo	11	20:32.8	6:51/M
23	(> 7)	3793	Max Sottos	Geneseo	11	20:56.8	6:59/M
24	(> 7)	3779	Ricky Chavez	Geneseo	12	21:18.1	7:06/M
25	(> 7)	3776	Simon Anderson	Geneseo	11	22:03.3	7:21/M
26	(> 7)	3799	Nathan Venneberg	Geneseo	10	22:16.1	7:25/M
27	(> 7)	3771	Billy Sanders	East Moline (United)	10	23:51.1	7:57/M
28	(> 7)	3780	Rafe DeCap	Geneseo	12	23:55.1	7:58/M
29	(> 7)	3768	Davarius Hook	East Moline (United)	9	25:02.8	8:21/M
30	(> 7)	3783	Bryce (Buddy) Henderson	Geneseo	9	25:23.5	8:28/M
31	(> 7)	3775	Kyler Webber	East Moline (United)	9	25:25.8	8:29/M
32	(> 7)	3797	Ryley Rowold	Geneseo	9	26:23.7	8:48/M

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Final Team Results

Boys

Varsity Boys

<u>Bib No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Overall Place</u>	<u>Cumulative Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cumulative Time</u>	<u>Time Back</u>	
Team - Geneseo			Finish Position - 1					
Team Score (places):20			Average Time: 17:56.4					
1	3789	William Plumley	12	2	2	17:19.4	17:19.4	0:00.0
2	3784	Justin Johnson	11	3	5	17:45.2	35:04.6	0:25.8
3	3794	Gavin Allison	10	4	9	17:53.8	52:58.4	0:34.3
4	3785	Isaac Kuster	11	5	14	18:21.4	1:11:19.9	1:02.0
5	3782	Tyler Gehl	10	6	20	18:22.2	1:29:42.1	1:02.7
6	3788	Lucas Nicke	12	(8)	(28)	19:01.2	1:48:43.4	1:41.8
7	3792	Malakai Schaad	11	(11)	(39)	19:35.7	2:08:19.1	2:16.3
8	3798	Cooper Schaad	9	More Than 7		19:43.3	2:28:02.4	2:23.8
9	3786	Bode Neff	11	More Than 7		19:44.2	2:47:46.6	2:24.7
10	3791	Carson Raya	11	More Than 7		19:46.1	3:07:32.8	2:26.7
11	3796	Sam Mosbarger	9	More Than 7		19:48.6	3:27:21.4	2:29.1
12	3790	Jacob Rapps	9	More Than 7		20:17.6	3:47:39.1	2:58.2
13	3795	Josiah King	10	More Than 7		20:21.9	4:08:01.0	3:02.4
14	3778	Andrew Burke	11	More Than 7		20:32.8	4:28:33.8	3:13.3
15	3793	Max Sottos	11	More Than 7		20:56.8	4:49:30.7	3:37.4
16	3779	Ricky Chavez	12	More Than 7		21:18.1	5:10:48.8	3:58.6
17	3776	Simon Anderson	11	More Than 7		22:03.3	5:32:52.1	4:43.8
18	3799	Nathan Venneberg	10	More Than 7		22:16.1	5:55:08.2	4:56.7
19	3780	Rafe DeCap	12	More Than 7		23:55.1	6:19:03.4	6:35.7
20	3783	Bryce (Buddy) Henderson	9	More Than 7		25:23.5	6:44:26.9	8:04.1
21	3797	Ryley Rowold	9	More Than 7		26:23.7	7:10:50.7	9:04.2
Team - East Moline (United)			Finish Position - 2					
Team Score (places):39			Average Time: 18:50.1					
1	3774	Logan Veloz	11	1	1	17:13.3	17:13.3	0:00.0
2	3770	Kade Rodgers	10	7	8	18:28.1	35:41.5	1:14.8
3	3773	Noah Van Damme	11	9	17	19:02.7	54:44.2	1:49.4
4	3765	Josh Allen	11	10	27	19:16.7	1:14:00.9	2:03.4
5	3772	Riley Stirrett	10	12	39	20:09.5	1:34:10.5	2:56.2
6	3766	Achraf Baba Traore	9	(13)	(52)	20:12.8	1:54:23.3	2:59.5
7	3767	Dennis Beug	10	(14)	(66)	20:19.4	2:14:42.8	3:06.1
8	3769	Colin Manion	10	More Than 7		20:27.6	2:35:10.5	3:14.3
9	3771	Billy Sanders	10	More Than 7		23:51.1	2:59:01.7	6:37.8
10	3768	Davarius Hook	9	More Than 7		25:02.8	3:24:04.5	7:49.5
11	3775	Kyler Webber	9	More Than 7		25:25.8	3:49:30.4	8:12.5