



RECORD BREAKERS

Pictured are Senior Justin Johnson, Junior Gavin Allision, and Freshman Dylan Gehl. Gavin and Justin both broke the previous course record while Dylan ran the 4th fastest freshman time in school history.

2021 RUST BUSTER

On Tuesday, August 17th, the Leafs hosted the 36th Annual Rust Buster. The meet has changed names over the years. "Back in the Day" anyone was allowed to participate in the handicapped event. Alumni, parents, coaches, siblings, area runners, etc. The soccer team also used to participate. Several years saw fields that were close to 200 total runners. That was pretty cool. Unfortunately, due to IHSA rules the event is now limited to just the high school athletes. We include the middle school team but their race is separate from the high school race. It should also be noted that each athlete was asked to bring 3 canned goods (donated to the Geneseo Food Pantry) along with a "T-Shirt" that was placed on the "Awards Table". After the race, every athlete selected a shirt (that was their award). All of the girls brought sealed

treats while the boys brought beverages. Those were enjoyed after the race at the "Post-Race Party". Coach Ehlert also conducted his Parent Meeting.

The 2021 version returned the "Handicap System" for the boys team. The Freshmen boys took off when the starter's pistol "Cracked". Then each "class" started 20 seconds later. Thus, the Sophomore boys started at the 20 second mark, the Junior boys at the 40 second mark and lastly the senior boys were the final group taking off 60 seconds after the beginning of the race. The girls coaches chose to have all the girls start together and started with the Freshmen boys. The end result was a lot of fun. It was great to see the team compete and we are hopeful of a normal season of competition. It is unknown at this time what effect the Delta Variant will have on both the academic and athletic years at this point. Everyone needs to be diligent.

The weatherman gave us pretty good conditions for a Mid-August day. The course was hard and fast after almost zero rain in the last two weeks. The daytime high was 85° with a elevated dew point that made the "Feels Like" temperature in the low 90's. Once again, pretty darn good conditions for Mid-August. The winds were minimal and did not have an effect on the race (5 mph.) It was AWESOME to see a large crowd in attendance to give their support to the runners. The competition was "Fast and Furious".

On to the race. I was at the finish line so I can really only comment on what I was able to see. That was the second half of the race. I was a bit shocked to see Junior Gavin Allison and Senior Justin Johnson way out front having made up the staggers before the mile mark. They both were really rolling and ended up running 10:44 and 10:48 respectfully. Both of the times broke the old course record of William Plumley. William's course record of 10:51 was recorded last year. Make the times even more impressive is that we actually lengthened the course to make it a FULL 3K. Next across the line was Freshman Dylan Gehl who took just 12:01 to cover the course and become the 4th fastest freshman in SCHOOL HISTORY on the new course. He ended up being the 4th fastest Leaf on the day. Not too bad for a Freshman! The biggest surprise of the day for the coaching staff was Sophomore Sam Mosbarger who rolled in in 4th place overall and had the Leafs 3rd fastest time on the day. His race was simply "Jaw-Dropping". Also "Cracking" the Leafs Top 7 were Senior Carson Raya (12:02....5th man and 7th overall); Sophomore Cooper Schaad (12:07.....6th man and 5th overall); and Junior Tyler Gehl (12:08.....7th man and 6th overall.)

It is still VERY early in the season and our course is one of the toughest in the State. We take a LOT of PRIDE in that. Next up were Senior Malakai Schaad (12:28.....8th man and 8th overall); Junior Caleb Durian (13:00.....9th man and 10 overall); Senior Bode Neff (13:09.....10th man and 18th overall); Freshman Christian Haney (13:48.....11th man and 13th overall); Sophomore Austin Hulll (13:56.....12th man and 21st overall); Freshman Taber Swanson (14:08.....13th man and 17th overall); Freshman Rylan Lambert (14:13.....14th man and 20th overall); Senior Anderson (14:17.....15th man and 25th overall); Junior Nathan Venneberg (14:18.....16th man and 24th overall); Senior Andrew Burke (14:35.....17th man and 28th overall); Freshman Mason Anderson (15:19.....18th man and 26th overall); Freshman Dylan Whipple (15:23.....19th man and 27th overall); Junior Karson Emry (16:26.....20th man and 33rd overall); Sophomore Ryley Rowold (16:43.....21st man and 32nd overall); Freshman Zach Meier (18:35.....22nd man and 33rd overall); Freshman Jacob Taylor (18:36.....23rd man and 38th overall); and Sophomore Bryce Henderson (19:02.....24th

man and 40th overall.) Four team members were unable to compete due to injury or conflicts. Those men were Freshman Camden Baumgardner, Sophomore Alex Davis, Freshman Max Johnson, and Senior Isaac Kuster.

Great efforts, Men! Our next meet will be held on Monday, August 23rd. The meet is the Western Big 6 Season Opener and will be held at Empire Park in Hampton, Illinois. Try and purchase a pair of cross country spikes if possible. They make a HUGE difference in regard to performances. Also, keep supporting each other. We are only as strong as our weakest link. We need EVERYONE making the right decisions ALL THE TIME. "DON'T BE A PRETENDER". This team has a plethora of potential. Keep believing in each other and doing all the little things that are asked of you. It would be very easy to not do that but be assured that that will not help our team. That will HURT our team. Please be a part of the solution every day. Not a part of any problems. Lastly, in the words of our Head Coach Todd Ehlert....."DREAM BIG".

2021 Rust Buster Time Trial

Tuesday, August 17th

Race Time Temperature: 85° and humid

Wind: 5 mph from the southwest

Course Conditions: Hard and Fast

Race Distance: 3,000 Meters

Handicap: The Freshmen boys and all the girls took off when the gun was fired. Then the Sophomore boys started 20 seconds later. Followed by the Junior Boys (40 Seconds) and the Senior Boys (60 Seconds.)

OVERALL RACE RESULTS

	<u>NAME</u>			<u>RACE TIME</u>	<u>ACTUAL TIME</u>
1.)	Gavin Allison	11	M	11:24	10:44
2.)	Justin Johnson	12	M	11:48	10:48
3.)	Dylan Gehl	09	M	12:01	12:01
4.)	Sam Mosbarger	10	M	12:13	11:53
5.)	Cooper Schaad	10	M	12:27	12:07
6.)	Tyler Gehl	11	M	12:48	12:08
7.)	Carson Raya	12	M	13:02	12:02
8.)	Malakai Schaad	12	M	13:28	12:28
9.)	Lacey Laxton	12	F	13:30	13:30
10.)	Caleb Durian	11	M	13:40	13:00
11.)	Anna Snyder	12	F	13:42	13:42
12.)	Savannah Reisner	12	F	13:44	13:44
13.)	Christian Haney	09	M	13:48	13:48
14.)	Jeslen Rink	09	F	13:51	13:51
15.)	Bella Curcuru	09	F	13:52	13:52
16.)	Jaide Flowers	11	F	13:55	13:55
17.)	Taber Swanson	09	M	14:08	14:08
18.)	Bode Neff	12	M	14:09	13:09
19.)	Jessalyn Belvel	11	F	14:12	14:12
20.)	Rylan Lambert	09	M	14:13	14:13
21.)	Austin Hull	10	M	14:16	13:56
22.)	Joselyn Reisner	11	F	14:21	14:21
23.)	Catlyn Seaman	10	F	14:38	14:38
24.)	Nathan Venneberg	11	M	14:58	14:18
25.)	Simon Anderson	12	M	15:17	14:17
26.)	Mason Anderson	09	M	15:19	15:19
27.)	Dylan Whipple	09	M	15:23	15:23
28.)	Andrew Burke	12	M	15:35	14:35
29.)	Emma DeBaene	10	F	15:37	15:37
30.)	Elanor DeBlieck	09	F	15:50	15:50
31.)	Ella Toom	10	F	15:54	15:54

32.)	Ryley Rowold	10	M	17:03	16:43
33.)	Karson Emry	11	M	17:06	16:26
34.)	Jill Corso	10	F	17:21	17:21
35.)	Taya Fouts	12	F	17:38	17:38
36.)	Katy Fouts	09	F	17:45	17:45
37.)	Zach Meier	09	M	18:35	18:35
38.)	Jacob Taylor	09	M	18:36	18:36
39.)	Gia Ritter	10	F	19:14	19:14
40.)	Bryce Henderson	10	M	19:22	19:02
41.)	Megan McClanahan	10	F	20:34	20:34
42.)	Emma Veloz	10	F	20:52	20:52
43.)	Kelsey Dillie	10	F	23:50	23:50

GENESEO BOYS RANKING

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3.)	Sam Mosbarger	10	M	12:13	11:53
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5.)	Carson Raya	12	M	13:02	12:02
6.)	Cooper Schaad	10	M	12:27	12:07
7.)	Tyler Gehl	11	M	12:48	12:08
8.)	Malakai Schaad	12	M	13:28	12:28
9.)	Caleb Durian	11	M	13:40	13:00
10.)	Bode Neff	12	M	14:09	13:09
11.)	Christian Haney	09	M	13:48	13:48
12.)	Austin Hull	10	M	14:16	13:56
13.)	Taber Swanson	09	M	14:08	14:08
14.)	Rylan Lambert	09	M	14:13	14:13
15.)	Simon Anderson	12	M	15:17	14:17
16.)	Nathan Venneberg	11	M	14:58	14:18
17.)	Andrew Burke	12	M	15:35	14:35
18.)	Mason Anderson	09	M	15:19	15:19
19.)	Dylan Whipple	09	M	15:23	15:23
20.)	Karson Emry	11	M	17:06	16:26
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22.)	Zach Meier	09	M	18:35	17:45
23.)	Jacob Taylor	09	M	18:36	18:36
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Did not compete					
	Camden Baumgardner	09	M	Injured	
	Alex Davis	10	M	Conflict	

Max Johnson
Isaac Kuster

09
12

M
M

Injury
Conflict

Team Spread

1 - 5: 1:18

1 - 7: 1:24

1 - 10: 2:25