



LEAFS HONOR SENIORS

Pictured are this year's Maple Leaf Senior Captains. Front Row: Josiah King, Connor Knowles, Sam Mosbarger, & Gavin Allison
Row 2: Will DeJohn Nathan Venneberg, Tyler Gehl, & Caleb Durian

LEAFS 2ND IN GENESEO XC INVITATIONAL

On Saturday, September 17th, the Leafs hosted their own Geneseo Cross Country Invitational. The six team field included teams from: Geneseo, Moline, Pleasant Valley, Rock Island, Sterling, and United Township. The meet was held at Geneseo's Richmond Hill Park. The weatherman gave us tremendous racing conditions for the middle of September with a daytime high in the mid 80's but race time temperatures in the low 70's with minimal winds and a tolerable dew point. The meet format is unique and is copied from a meet that ITCCCA Hall of fame Coach Dick Kloefer used when he was leading the Crystal Lake Central Tigers. The meet format provides mandatory competition against each athlete's grade level. Individual medals were awarded to the top 20 individuals in each division. Championship plaques were also awarded to each Team Class Winner. Then, all of the team points were added up to determine an overall boys and girls team champion. To expediate the duration of the meet, head Maple Leaf Coaches Todd Ehlert (Boys) and Kelley Timmerman (Girls) decided to combine the 9th & 10th and 11th & 12th grade races. The girls started 3 minutes after the boys in both races. Shazam Timing handled the finish line duties and did a tremendous job once again. The number of participating teams has declined in recent years. COVID-19 was the main reason. When Illinois was limited to only dual meets during COVID-19 while the Iowa schools found new meets (no limitations on their side of the river).

The Leafs have been awarded the Sectional Meet for the 2023 season (Next Year) so we are confident that a plethora of teams will be interested in joining the meet next year to familiarize themselves with the challenging Richmond Hill course. The meet format encourages team-member recruitment. It is not uncommon for teams to be forced to use "Ghost Runners" when they didn't send a full team (5 team member minimum). That was NOT the case for the 2022 Geneseo Maple Leafs. Full teams "Toed da Line" in each of the four races. The end result was a large number of team members were put into "Scoring" positions. That experience should prove to be omnipotent in the future. I should also add that the current Richmond Hill Course has been "In Action" since Head Coach Todd Ehlert became the Boys Head Coach in 2018.

I will discuss each class separately. The Freshman Boys contained the largest number of competitors on the day with 36 runners "Stopping da Clock". The Leafs only have five freshman boys so that meant that everyone would be "Scoring". Leading the way was Jaxson Sottos (4th Place in 18:00...good for 13th on the GHS All-Time Top 25 List and 5th on the Freshman Top 25 lists for Maple Leafs on the challenging Richmond Hill Course). Kaden Elmer sprinted home next (6th Place in 18:50...19th All-Time Individual and the 9th on the Freshman list). Aiden Bries was up next (7th Place in 18:54...good for 20th on the All-Time Individual list and 10th on the Freshman list). In case you aren't counting, that's three Leafs in the Top 7! Grady Hull was the next Leaf to finish (16th Place in 20:38...23rd All-Time Individual and the 9th Fastest Freshman on the course. Jaxson, Kaden, Aidan, and Grady all earned a highly prized Top 20 Finisher Medal. Last, but not least was "Rookie" Calvin Bell who closed the scoring for the team (32nd Place in 27:10... which ranks him as the 25th on the GHS Freshman Top 25 List. Great Job, Men! The team placed second to the powerful Pleasant Valley squad. PV scored 38 points with the Leafs close behind scoring 57 points. Maple Leaf fans are VERY excited about what these young men will accomplish in the coming seasons.

The Sophomore Boys put forth tremendous efforts as well. Leading the way was the Leafs lone individual race winner on the day. Dylan Gehl (2nd fastest time at ANY level on the day). Dylan was timed in 17:05 (4th All-Time Individual and the good for 2nd on the Sophomore Top 25 List). Max Johnson was up next (7th Place in 18:49...18th All-Time Individual and 9th on the GHS Sophomore List for the course. Rylan Lambert sprinted home next (13th Place in 20:04...good for the 12th fastest sophomore time in GHS History on the course.) Jacob Taylor was the next man in (14th Place in 20:24....good for the 13th fastest sophomore time in GHS History.) Tabor Swanson finished next for the Leafs (19th Place in 21:22....good for 16th on the GHS Sophomore Individual list.) Dylan, Max, Rylan, Jacob, & Taber all "Cracked" the Top 20 to earn medals. Their FIVE was the most that any of the Maple Leaf "Classes" acquired on the day. Rounding out the team was Zach Meier (25th Place in 23:40...good for 19th on the GHS Sophomore Top 25 List); Camden Baumgardner (27th Place in 26:44...good for 20th on the GHS Sophomore Top 25 List); Connor Douglas (28th Place in 26:51...good for 21st on the GHS Sophomore Top 25 List.) Christian Haney "Gave it a Go" but was forced to stop back in the triangle with difficulties. Great Team Effort, Men. The team placed second to Pleasant Valley. PV scored 38 points with the Leafs a close second tallying 54 points. Great Job, Men. Maple Leaf fans are literally DROOLING with anticipation in regards to what the coming years will bring. The sky is the limit. Dream Big and back it up with the hard work that excellence demands.

The Junior Boys race started at 9:45 a.m. sharp. The Leafs sent five men to the starting line (the team only has 5 juniors) so every man would be "a scorer". Leading the team was Sam Mosbarger (7th Place in 18:02...good for 14th All-Time Individual and 7th for a GHS Junior on the course.) Next up was Cooper Schaad (11th Place in 18:54...good for 20th on the All-Time Individual List and 9th on GHS Junior Top 25 List.) Austin Hull was the next Maple Leaf across the finish line (18th Place in 20:44...good for 20th on the GHS Junior Top 25 List). Sam, Cooper, and Austin each earned a Top 25 Finisher Medals. Great Job Men. Rounding out the team were "Rookie" Tyson Duda (26th Place in 25:08) and Ryley Rowold (27th Place in 25:11). The Leafs placed 4th as a team scoring 89 points. Sterling won the division with a mere 33 points. Great Job, Men. It is exciting to ponder the future and envision each of you as next fall's team captains. Each of you is in an opportunistic position to be a "Difference Maker" and help to lead the team to unprecedented heights. The best way to lead is via example. Carpe Diem!

Last up were the Senior Boys. The Leafs were led by the 2022 Homecoming King Tyler Gehl (2nd Place in 17:59...he just missed his "PR" for the course (He had a BUSY week) but he did run the 4th fastest time for a GHS Senior. Up next was Josiah (Jo Jo) King (8th Place in 19:33...good for 11th on the GHS Senior List.) Close behind were Sam McCleary (16th Place in 21:49...good for 15th on the GHS Senior List) and Caleb Durian (16th Place in 22:53...good for 17th on the GHS Senior List.) Tyler, Josiah, Sam, and Caleb each earned a "High Prized" Top 20 Finisher Medal. Great Job, Men. Rounding out the team efforts were Nathan Venneberg (22nd Place in 23:08...good for 18th on the GHS Senior List); Connor Knowles (23rd Place in 23:10...good for 19th on the GHS Senior Top 25 List); Will DeJohn (25th Place in 25:07...good for 22nd on the GHS Senior Top 25 List.) Fellow Senior Gavin Allison is still nursing a nasty toe issue that has kept him on the sidelines all season to date. His journey back begins next week. The team placed in a tie for 2nd with UTHS with each team scoring 70 points. Pleasant Valley won the division scoring 44 points. Congratulations on the job each of you have done to date. This is YOUR team and your actions speak louder than your words. Your "Words", of course, do matter too. All the best during the remainder of this season and beyond. Each of you is a VERY special dude. The important meets lie in the "Championship Meet Season". Keep dreaming BIG and backing those dreams up with the dedication that excellence DEMANDS.

The Leafs placed second in both the combined boys team division and the combined boys and girls division. Pleasant Valley won both divisions. With the Leafs hosting the 2023 Sectional Meet, it is our hope that the competitive field will grow significantly by then. Also, a special "Shout Out" goes to Shazam Timing for doing such a great job with the results. Their 1 mile and 2 mile running clocks and splits (in the results) were AWESOME. The Leafs will next be in action on Saturday, September 24th when they compete in the Sterling Rock River Run Invitational. We hope to see you there!

Date: 09/17/2022								
Meet: Geneseo Cross Country Inv.								
Site: Geneseo's Richmond Hill Park								
Conditions: Daytime high of 86° with light winds. Race Temps in low 70's								
Racing Distance: 3.00 miles								
Team Finish: 9th (2nd); 10th (2nd); 11th (4th); 12th (T-2nd)								
BOYS COMBINED (2nd); OVERALL COMBINED (2nd)								
	TIME	ATHLETE	PL	R	1-M	2-M	3-M	AVE.
1	17:05	Dylan Gehl-10	1	10	5:39	5:45	5:41	5:41
2	17:59	Tyler Gehl-12	2	12	5:45	6:05	6:08	5:59
3	18:00	Jaxson Sottos-09	4	9	5:53	6:03	6:03	6:00
4	18:02	Sam Mosbarger-11	7	11	5:59	6:13	5:49	6:00
5	18:49	Max Johnson-10	7	10	6:23	6:21	6:05	6:16
6	18:50	Kaden Elmer-09	6	9	6:02	6:26	6:21	6:16
7	18:54	Cooper Schaad-11	11	11	6:02	6:32	6:19	6:18
7	18:54	Aidan Bries-09	7	9	6:22	6:21	6:09	6:18
9	19:33	Josiah King-12	8	12	6:32	6:35	6:26	6:31
10	20:04	Rylan Lambert-10	13	10	6:27	6:51	6:44	6:41
11	20:24	Jacob Taylor-10	14	10	6:30	6:56	6:57	6:48
12	20:38	Grady Hull-9	16	9	6:41	7:02	6:54	6:52
13	20:44	Austin Hull-11	18	11	6:34	7:11	6:57	6:54
14	21:22	Taber Swanson-10	19	10	6:45	7:06	7:30	7:07
15	21:49	Sam McCleary-12	16	12	6:45	7:37	7:27	7:24
16	22:53	Caleb Durian-12	20	12	7:11	7:51	7:50	7:40
17	23:08	Nathan Venneberg-12	22	12	7:16	7:55	7:57	7:42
18	23:10	Connor Knowles-12	23	12	7:16	8:01	7:53	7:43
19	23:40	Zach Meier-10	25	10	7:24	7:41	8:34	7:53
20	25:07	Will DeJohn-12	25	12	8:03	8:50	8:12	8:21
21	25:08	Tyson Duda-11	26	11	8:15	8:49	8:04	8:22
22	25:11	Ryley Rowold-11	27	11	8:18	8:35	8:18	8:23
23	26:44	Cam Baumgardner-10	27	10	8:48	9:12	8:44	8:54
24	26:51	Connor Douglas-10	28	10	7:50	9:34	9:26	8:56
25	27:10	Calvin Bell-09	32	9	8:47	9:23	9:10	9:03
	DNF	Christian Haney-10		10	?			
	DNS	Gavin Allison-12	Injury					
	DNS	Mason Anderson-10	Illness					
	17:51	Senior Leader	1	12	5:44	6:00	6:07	5:57
	15:53	Junior Leader	1	11	5:14	5:18	5:20	5:17

	17:05	Sophomore Leader	1	10	5:39	5:45	5:41	5:41
	17:29	Freshman Leader	1	9	5:44	5:51	5:53	5:49
		Geneseo Spread						
		1-5	1:44					
		1-7	1:50					
		1-10	1:59					



Geneseo Cross Country Invitational

Saturday, September 17, 2022



Freshman Boys

1. Pleasant Valley 38
2. Geneseo 57
3. Moline 77
4. Rock Island (H.S.) 83
5. Sterling (H.S.) 124
6. East Moline (United) 128

1. 9 Gabe Mahn 17:29.8 Rock Island (H.S.)
2. 9 Joe Knepp 17:42.0 Pleasant Valley
3. 9 Isaiah Engle 17:51.2 Moline
4. 9 Jaxson Sottos 18:00.5 Geneseo
5. 9 Ethan Chang 18:03.6 Pleasant Valley
6. 9 Kaden Elmer 18:50.2 Geneseo
7. 9 Aidan Bries 18:54.0 Geneseo
8. 9 Levi Steele 19:00.1 Pleasant Valley
9. 9 Henry Mass 19:34.0 Rock Island (H.S.)
10. 9 Lucas McCall 19:45.1 Rock Island (H.S.)
11. 9 Zach Zuiderveen 19:59.8 Pleasant Valley
12. 9 Zach Bauer 20:04.2 Pleasant Valley
13. 9 Vryas Pila 20:31.4 Pleasant Valley
14. 9 Lucas Nelson 20:32.5 Moline
15. 9 Griffin Adkins 20:36.1 Pleasant Valley
16. 9 Grady Hull 20:38.1 Geneseo
17. 9 Byron Grobe 20:59.9 Sterling (H.S.)
18. 9 Thomas Bacon 21:07.6 Pleasant Valley
19. 9 Malik Gbadumassi 21:21.0 East Moline (United)
20. 9 Cooper Bries 21:35.6 Pleasant Valley
21. 9 Zachary Clark 22:11.8 Moline
22. 9 Colin Merell 22:13.2 Pleasant Valley
23. 9 Malachi Schwartz 22:28.2 Moline
24. 9 Dhruv Patil 22:58.1 Pleasant Valley
25. 9 Paul Marchik 23:16.8 Pleasant Valley
26. 9 Isaac Shepherd 23:17.6 Pleasant Valley
27. 9 Alek Meier 24:36.0 Moline
28. 9 Evan Merema 24:36.7 Sterling (H.S.)
29. 9 Ethan Freckleton 25:47.7 Pleasant Valley
30. 9 Adan Sanchez 26:41.1 East Moline (United)
31. 9 Athon Wilcox 26:43.6 Pleasant Valley
32. 9 Calvin Bell 27:10.2 Geneseo
33. 9 Mason Deering 28:15.1 Pleasant Valley
34. 9 Austin Jacob 28:31.4 Sterling (H.S.)
35. 9 Parker Tubbs 29:29.9 Moline
36. 9 Xander Knowles 34:20.3 Sterling (H.S.)

Sophomore Boys

1. Pleasant Valley 38
2. Geneseo 54
3. Moline 81
4. East Moline (United) 97
5. Rock Island (H.S.) 106
6. Sterling (H.S.) 136

1. 10 Dylan Gehl 17:05.2 Geneseo
2. 10 Gabriel Esparza 18:01.2 East Moline (United)
3. 10 William Parrish 18:06.6 Pleasant Valley
4. 10 Parker Millage 18:22.3 Pleasant Valley
5. 10 Jack Perry 18:31.7 Pleasant Valley
6. 10 Parker Blakeslee 18:35.5 Sterling (H.S.)
7. 10 Max Johnson 18:49.7 Geneseo
8. 10 Lukas Heine 18:52.7 Rock Island (H.S.)
9. 10 Harry VanVooren 19:13.5 Moline
10. 10 Ryan Lindquist 19:25.9 Pleasant Valley
11. 10 Merrick Stockwell 19:31.7 Rock Island (H.S.)
12. 10 Tatum Rogers 19:49.0 Moline
13. 10 Rylan Lambert 20:04.0 Geneseo
14. 10 Jacob Taylor 20:24.5 Geneseo
15. 10 Lucas Eaton 20:27.9 Moline
16. 10 Henry Allers 20:37.7 Pleasant Valley
17. 10 Brady Evans 20:59.8 Pleasant Valley
18. 10 Ian Bengé 21:18.7 Pleasant Valley
19. 10 Taber Swanson 21:22.7 Geneseo
20. 10 Steffen Adams 21:50.2 East Moline (United)
21. 10 Owen Dobson 22:24.6 Pleasant Valley
22. 10 Sanaj Kapur 22:47.0 Moline
23. 10 Brayden Herrick 22:50.0 East Moline (United)
24. 10 Nikhil Namshamgari 23:11.8 Pleasant Valley
25. 10 Zach Meier 23:40.0 Geneseo
26. 10 Abner Garcia 26:26.8 Moline
27. 10 Camden Baumgardner 26:44.9 Geneseo
28. 10 Connor Douglas 26:51.3 Geneseo
29. 10 Colin Vermeulen 30:06.0 East Moline (United)

Junior Boys

1. Sterling (H.S.) 33
2. Moline 57
3. Rock Island (H.S.) 76
4. Geneseo 89
5. Pleasant Valley 105
6. East Moline (United) 121

1.	11	Dale Johnson	15:53.2	Sterling (H.S.)
2.	11	Ian Regur	17:31.5	Rock Island (H.S.)
3.	11	Parker Janssen	17:32.3	Sterling (H.S.)
4.	11	Jordan Britt	17:38.1	Sterling (H.S.)
5.	11	Jayden Putnam	17:47.0	Rock Island (H.S.)
6.	11	Hunter Toye	17:50.6	Moline
7.	11	Sam Mosbarger	18:02.6	Geneseo
8.	11	Asa Mahn	18:07.8	Rock Island (H.S.)
9.	11	Julian Dayton	18:39.5	Moline
10.	11	Sayid Sirojev	18:41.3	Moline
11.	11	Cooper Schaad	18:54.2	Geneseo
12.	11	Brecken Peterson	19:09.0	Sterling (H.S.)
13.	11	Owen Anderson	19:25.0	Sterling (H.S.)
14.	11	Rylan Windmiller	19:52.8	Pleasant Valley
15.	11	Jim Arul	20:15.1	Moline
16.	11	Tim Ku	20:31.0	Pleasant Valley
17.	11	Nolan Wandrey	20:31.3	Moline
18.	11	Austin Hull	20:44.1	Geneseo
19.	11	Alen Gowan	21:15.2	East Moline (United)
20.	11	Achraf Baba Traore	21:20.4	East Moline (United)
21.	11	Matt Pischke	21:27.9	Pleasant Valley
22.	11	Cole Halupnik	22:07.2	Pleasant Valley
23.	11	Arata Ketner	22:34.8	Moline
24.	11	Grant McBride	22:35.5	Moline
25.	11	Davarius Hook	25:01.5	East Moline (United)
26.	11	Tyson Duda	25:08.9	Geneseo
27.	11	Riley Rowold	25:11.9	Geneseo
28.	11	Carter Scott	26:09.1	East Moline (United)

Senior Boys

1. Pleasant Valley 44
2. Geneseo 70
3. East Moline (United) 70
4. Moline 85
5. Sterling (H.S.) 112
6. Rock Island (H.S.) 136

1.	12	Luke Knepp	17:51.4	Pleasant Valley
2.	12	Tyler Gehl	17:59.8	Geneseo
3.	12	Kade Rodgers	18:18.2	East Moline (United)
4.	12	Thomas Holcomb	18:29.1	Sterling (H.S.)
5.	12	Michael Chang	18:59.9	Pleasant Valley
6.	12	Conner Pham	19:09.7	Sterling (H.S.)
7.	12	Connor Pauley	19:14.9	Moline
8.	12	Vincent Stout	19:28.8	Moline
8.	12	Josiah King	19:33.5	Geneseo
9.	12	Colin Manion	19:41.9	East Moline (United)
10.	12	Tanish Chauhan	20:00.3	Pleasant Valley
11.	12	Daniel Zietlow	20:07.8	Pleasant Valley
12.	12	Billy Sanders	20:09.3	East Moline (United)
13.	12	Sammy Niyonkuru	21:14.4	Rock Island (H.S.)
14.	12	Luke Hoskins	21:18.1	Pleasant Valley
15.	12	Dominik Mikleboost	21:28.0	Moline
16.	12	Samuel McCleary	21:49.7	Geneseo
17.	12	Josh Thomas	21:57.7	Pleasant Valley
18.	12	Adnann Alabani	22:22.1	East Moline (United)
19.	12	Kushi Maridu	22:32.4	Pleasant Valley
20.	12	Caleb Durian	22:53.5	Geneseo
21.	12	Nirmal Alla	23:04.0	Pleasant Valley
22.	12	Nathan Venneberg	23:08.9	Geneseo
23.	12	Connor Knowles	23:10.1	Geneseo
24.	12	Mitchell Poterack	23:31.7	Pleasant Valley
25.	12	Will Dejohn	25:07.1	Geneseo

Team Scores

Boys Combined	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total	Place
Geneseo	65	54	89	68	276	2
Moline	88	84	57	103	332	3
Pleasant Valley	38	38	102	41	219	1
Rock Island	95	112	74	123	404	4
Sterling	152	132	33	91	408	5
United Township	163	104	121	68	456	6

Overall Combined	Girls	Boys	Total	Place
Geneseo	359	276	635	2
Moline	424	332	756	3
Pleasant Valley	322	219	541	1
Rock Island	421	404	825	5
Sterling	365	408	773	4
United Township	452	456	908	6
WWS	122	0	122	No Boys