



HARDWARE AWARD WINNERS

Pictured are Tyler and Dylan Gehl who both earned Top 20 Finisher Medals

LEAFS 4TH IN "WB-6 SEASON OPENER" INVITE

On Monday, August 22nd, the Leafs traveled to Hampton's Empire Park to participate in the annual "Western Big 6 Season Opener Invitational". The meet contained all eight of the WB-6 Members (Alleman, Galesburg, Geneseo, Moline, Quincy, Rock Island, Sterling, UTHS) along with Davenport

Central and Riverdale. The Leafs haven't participated in the meet since 2019 due to COVID-19 cancelling the meet in 2020 and last year's meet was postponed due to poor weather conditions. The make-up date was in conflict with last year's Annawan-Wethersfield "Titan Invitational". Thus, for only the second time in school history (2019 was the first) the Leafs "Toed da Line" for the meet.

The weatherman provided an amazingly nice day for late August in Illinois. The daytime high was 80° and there was minimal wind from the north at 5 mph. I'm not saying it didn't get a bit warm for the athletes during the race but it could have been a LOT worse. Empire Park is located in Hampton, Illinois and sits right next to the Mississippi River. The course runs right along the river for half a mile on each of the three one-mile loops. The panoramic views were simply spectacular. Empire Park will be the hosting the Western Big Six Conference Meet later in the season which made this meet all the more valuable to gain experience on the course. Moline High School hosted the meet and did a great job. Hats off to Coach Taylor and his crew.

On to the racing. There was only one race for the Girls (which started at 4:30 p.m.) and one for the Boys (which started at 5:15 p.m.). The boys team completed their pre-race preparations while the girls race was contested. The boys did a great job of both supporting our girls team and also preparing to race themselves. Great job of leadership, Senior Captains. Once the "Starter's Pistol Cracked", the boys took off chasing the plethora of potential that the 2022 season has to offer. The Leafs did a great job of executing Head Boys Coach Todd Ehlert's race strategy of "Move at the Mile". It was a lot of fun watching team members passing large numbers of runners during the final two miles of the race. Highly prized Individual Medals were awarded to the Top 15 Runners Finishers. Senior Tyler Gehl (9th Place) and his Sophomore brother Dylan (10th Place) each moved up nicely to earn their "Hardware". Tyler and Dylan were both "Clocked" in 17:07. Not far behind was Junior Sam Mosbarger who sprinted home in 21st Place. He was timed in 17:25. Joining the Maple Leaf Top 5 were Freshmen Jaxson Sottos (30th Place in 18:06) and Kaden Elmer (32nd Place in 18:20). The Leafs totaled 102 points to place 4th in the the 10 team field. Rounding out the Maple Leaf Top 7 were Junior Cooper Schaad (36th Place in 18:30) and Sophomore Max Johnson (37th Place in 18:31).

Not far behind were: Freshman Aidan Bries (46th Place in 18:59, Senior Sam McCleary (61st Place in 19:46), Senior Josiah King (63rd Place in 19:54), Sophomore Jacob Taylor (64th Place in 19:55), Junior Austin Hull (82nd Place in 20:45), Freshman Grady Hull (89th Place in 21:11), Sophomore Taber Swanson (93rd Place in 21:40), Senior Nathan Venneberg (105th Place in 22:35), Sophomore Mason Anderson (108th Place in 23:07), Senior Caleb Durian (110th Place in 23:12), Sophomore Camden Baumgardner (121st Place in 25:51), and Senior Will DeJohn (126th Place in 28:42).

One Maple Leaf only ran the first two laps (working his way up to racing three miles) and six Maple Leafs were held out of the meet for various reasons. The team will next be in action on Monday, August 29th, when they will compete in the Annawan-Wethersfield "Titan Invitational" which will be held at Kewanee Dunes Golf Course. Then, on Saturday, September 2nd, the Leafs will "Mix it up" with a talented field of teams in the Galesburg Silver Streak Invitational which will be held at Galesburg's Lake Storey Park.

Date: 08/22/2022								
Meet: Moline's Western Big Six Season Opener Cross Country Inv.								
Site: Hampton's Empire Park								
Conditions: Daytime high of 80° ...5 mph winds...Very Nice for August!!!								
Racing Distance: 3.00 miles								
Team Finish: Varstiy (4th)								
	TIME	ATHLETE	PL	R	1-M	2-M	3-M	AVE.
1	17:07	Tyler Gehl-12	9	Var	5:24	5:52	5:51	5:42
2	17:07	Dylan Gehl-10	10	Var	5:36	5:42	5:49	5:42
3	17:25	Sam Mosbarger-11	21	Var	5:35	5:58	5:54	5:49
4	18:06	Jaxson Sottos-09	30	Var	5:46	6:05	6:15	6:02
5	18:20	Kaden Elmer-09	32	Var	5:46	6:09	6:25	6:06
6	18:30	Cooper Schaad-11	36	Var	5:58	6:17	6:15	6:10
7	18:31	Max Johnson-10	37	Var	5:46	6:21	6:24	6:10
8	18:59	Aidan Bries-09	46	Var	6:04	6:29	6:26	6:19
9	19:46	Sam McCleary-12	61	Var	?	?	?	6:25
10	19:54	Josiah King-12	63	Var	6:17	6:50	6:47	6:38
11	19:55	Jacob Taylor-10	64	Var	6:05	6:51	6:59	6:38
12	19:55	Rylan Lambert-10	65	Var	?	?	?	6:38
13	20:45	Austin Hull-11	82	Var	6:30	7:11	7:04	6:55
14	21:11	Grady Hull-09	89	Var	6:48	7:26	6:57	7:03
15	21:40	Taber Swanson-10	93	Var	6:34	7:28	7:38	7:13
16	22:35	Nathan Venneberg-12	105	Var	6:56	8:00	7:39	7:31
17	23:07	Mason Anderson-10	108	Var	7:10	7:55	8:02	7:42
18	23:12	Caleb Durian-12	110	Var	7:02	8:01	8:23	7:48
19	24:27	Zach Meier-10	116	Var	7:02	8:42	8:43	8:09
20	25:51	Cam Baumgardner-10	121	Var	7:27	9:16	9:08	8:37
21	28:42	Will DeJohn-12	126	Var	8:04	9:55	10:43	9:34
	DNF	Calvin Bell-09	DNF	Var	8:47	9:23		9:05
	DNC	Gavin Allison-12	Injury					
	DNC	Alex Davis-11	New					
	DNC	Connor Douglas-10	Injury					
	DNC	Tyson Duda-11	New					
	DNC	Christian Haney-10	Injury					
	DNC	Connor Knowles-12	New					
	DNC	Ryley Rowold-11	Illness					
	15:21	Varsity Leader	1	12	4:46	5:16	5:21	4:39
		Geneseo Spread						
		1-5	1:13					
		1-7	1:24					
		1-10	2:47					

📅 Mon, Aug 22, 2022 📍 Empire Park

Team Scores

1. Port Byron (Riverdale) 55
2. Rock Island (H.S.) 73
3. Quincy (Sr.) 99
4. Geneseo 102
5. Sterling (H.S.) 110
6. Davenport Central 145
7. Galesburg (H.S.) 186
8. Moline 191
9. East Moline (United) 208
10. Rock Island (Alleman) 260

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| 1. 11 Dale Johnson | 15:21.1 Sterling (H.S.) |
| 2. 12 Tommy Murray | 15:31.5 Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| 3. 12 Landis Musser | 15:48.6 Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| 4. 12 Peyton Sand | 16:26.4 Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| 5. 12 Eric McClelland | 16:27.2 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 6. 11 Ian Regur | 16:47.9 Rock Island (H.S.) |
| 7. 9 Gabe Mahn | 16:58.9 Rock Island (H.S.) |
| 8. 10 Tyler Ryan | 17:02.2 Davenport Central |
| 9. 12 Tyler Gehl | 17:07.3 Geneseo |
| 10. 10 Dylan Gehl | 17:07.5 Geneseo |
| 11. 11 Dominic Cantarini | 17:12.0 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 12. 11 JP Putnam | 17:12.3 Rock Island (H.S.) |
| 13. 11 Asa Mahn | 17:13.0 Rock Island (H.S.) |
| 14. 10 Gabriel Esparza | 17:13.5 East Moline (United) |
| 15. 11 Jordan Britt | 17:17.1 Sterling (H.S.) |
| 16. 10 Cameron MacDonough | 17:17.3 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 17. 10 Carter Richter | 17:18.8 Davenport Central |
| 18. 12 Owen Christy | 17:19.1 Davenport Central |
| 19. 9 Braeden Bode | 17:20.5 Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| 20. 11 Parker Janssen | 17:23.2 Sterling (H.S.) |
| 21. 11 Sam Mosbarger | 17:25.7 Geneseo |
| 22. 11 Andrew Peterson | 17:36.1 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 23. 12 Jude Mintle | 17:39.4 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 24. 12 Kade Rodgers | 17:46.2 East Moline (United) |
| 25. 11 Hunter Toye | 17:47.0 Moline |
| 26. 9 Gavin Slee | 17:50.1 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 27. 11 Cael Hinde | 17:50.9 Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| 28. 9 Isaiah Engle | 17:56.1 Moline |
| 29. 11 Thomas Hess | 17:57.2 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 30. 9 Jaxson Sottos | 18:06.9 Geneseo |
| 31. 10 Aalin Schmidt | 18:16.3 Sterling (H.S.) |
| 32. 9 Kaden Elmer | 18:20.2 Geneseo |

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| 33. 12 Mitchell Hasenour | 18:21.2 Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| 34. 11 Ian Malaney | 18:22.4 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 35. 10 Lukas Heine | 18:23.2 Rock Island (H.S.) |
| 36. 11 Cooper Schaad | 18:30.6 Geneseo |
| 37. 10 Max Johnson | 18:31.0 Geneseo |
| 38. 9 Noah Verscha | 18:34.7 Rock Island (Alleman) |
| 39. 11 Sayid Sirojev | 18:39.3 Moline |
| 40. 9 Luke Miller | 18:42.2 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 41. 11 Ryan Burke | 18:42.3 Davenport Central |
| 42. 10 Reed Steiner | 18:51.3 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 43. 10 Justin Kappner | 18:53.1 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 44. 12 Colby Allen | 18:58.6 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 45. 11 Gage Gaulrapp | 18:59.1 Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| 46. 9 Aidan Bries | 18:59.4 Geneseo |
| 47. 12 Conner Pham | 19:00.4 Sterling (H.S.) |
| 48. 11 Brecken Peterson | 19:00.6 Sterling (H.S.) |
| 49. 11 Ben Milner | 19:08.1 Rock Island (Alleman) |
| 50. 11 Owen Anderson | 19:09.5 Sterling (H.S.) |
| 51. 10 Parker Blakeslee | 19:13.0 Sterling (H.S.) |
| 52. 10 Blaine Soltwedel | 19:15.5 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 53. 9 Lane Steinkamp | 19:16.0 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 54. 12 Max Martinez | 19:18.9 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 55. 10 Merrick Stockwell | 19:22.5 Rock Island (H.S.) |
| 56. 10 Connor Trapkus | 19:27.0 Moline |
| 57. 10 Harry VanVooren | 19:30.0 Moline |
| 58. 10 Andy Murray | 19:30.5 Port Byron (Riverdale) |
| 59. 12 Primo Moreno | 19:31.0 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 60. 12 Colin Manion | 19:39.1 East Moline (United) |
| 61. 12 Samuel McCleary | 19:46.8 Geneseo |
| 62. 12 Billy Sanders | 19:53.8 East Moline (United) |
| 63. 12 Josiah King | 19:54.6 Geneseo |
| 64. 10 Jacob Taylor | 19:55.1 Geneseo |
| 65. 10 Rylan Lambert | 19:55.8 Geneseo |
| 66. 11 Jim Arul | 20:08.6 Moline |
| 67. 11 Luke Thomas | 20:12.1 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 68. 9 Peyton Anders | 20:14.1 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 69. 10 Caidan Kogut | 20:15.0 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 70. 11 Nate Hein | 20:15.4 Rock Island (Alleman) |
| 71. 9 Michael Noack | 20:19.1 Rock Island (Alleman) |
| 72. 11 Luka Lithila | 20:22.7 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 73. 10 Tatum Rogers | 20:25.4 Moline |
| 74. 11 Landon Hoener | 20:26.9 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 75. 11 Nolan Wandrey | 20:27.5 Moline |
| 76. 12 Michael Patrick | 20:30.0 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 77. 11 Julian Dayton | 20:31.2 Moline |
| 78. 10 Aaron Clark | 20:31.4 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 79. 11 Pete Linehan | 20:35.2 Davenport Central |
| 80. 9 Lucas Nelson | 20:37.2 Moline |
| 81. 11 Aiden Leigh | 20:40.3 Quincy (Sr.) |
| 82. 11 Austin Hull | 20:45.6 Geneseo |
| 83. 10 Braden Rees | 20:51.9 Galesburg (H.S.) |
| 84. 10 Romeo Rosas | 20:55.7 Rock Island (Alleman) |

85.	9	Byron Grobe	20:59.3	Sterling (H.S.)
86.	11	Shyam Devasthali	20:59.9	Davenport Central
87.	9	Connor Epley	21:00.1	Quincy (Sr.)
88.	9	Josh Gant	21:02.5	Davenport Central
89.	9	Grady Hull	21:11.3	Geneseo
90.	12	Connor Pauley	21:14.2	Moline
91.	11	Kyler Webber	21:30.6	East Moline (United)
92.	11	Ethan Hunt	21:33.9	Davenport Central
93.	10	Taber Swanson	21:40.8	Geneseo
94.	11	Sabastian Velez	21:41.3	East Moline (United)
95.	11	Jack Jeys	21:46.7	Davenport Central
96.	12	Brendan Pasmore	21:46.9	Rock Island (Alleman)
97.	9	Malachi Schwartz	21:47.2	Moline
98.	10	Lucas Eaton	21:49.5	Moline
99.	12	Isaiah Winters	21:52.0	Port Byron (Riverdale)
100.	9	Jalen Abbott	22:06.5	Galesburg (H.S.)
101.	10	Bodie Logsdon	22:12.5	Davenport Central
102.	10	Adam Benoit	22:18.3	Port Byron (Riverdale)
103.	11	Alen Gowan	22:24.7	East Moline (United)
104.	10	Sanaj Kapur	22:34.9	Moline
105.	12	Nathan Venneberg	22:35.8	Geneseo
106.	10	Finnegan Martin	22:47.2	Galesburg (H.S.)
107.	10	Jason Percy	23:07.2	Quincy (Sr.)
108.	10	Mason Anderson	23:07.7	Geneseo
109.	9	Caden Jenulius	23:07.9	Rock Island (Alleman)
110.	12	Caleb Durian	23:12.6	Geneseo
111.	9	Steffen Adams	23:29.9	East Moline (United)
112.	10	Mason Cole	23:36.1	Galesburg (H.S.)
113.	10	Merik Rozek	23:37.5	Port Byron (Riverdale)
114.	9	Silas Descalzo	23:52.2	Galesburg (H.S.)
115.	9	Jack Milner	23:58.8	Rock Island (Alleman)
116.	10	Zach Meier	24:27.4	Geneseo
117.	11	Grant McBride	24:39.3	Moline
118.	9	Calvin Bell	24:56.3	Geneseo
119.	10	Chauncey Duffey	25:04.2	Davenport Central
120.	10	Sam Butterfield	25:45.0	Port Byron (Riverdale)
121.	10	Camden Baumgardner	25:51.8	Geneseo
122.	9	Zachary Clark	26:24.0	Moline
123.	11	Davarius Hook	26:27.8	East Moline (United)
124.	9	Evan Merema	27:15.3	Sterling (H.S.)
125.	10	Gavin Shackleton	27:42.4	Quincy (Sr.)
126.	12	Will Dejohn	28:42.1	Geneseo
127.	11	Carter Scott	29:19.5	East Moline (United)
128.	9	Miles Erickson	29:34.0	Davenport Central