



"READY TO ROLL"

Pictured are the Geneseo Maple Leafs on the far end of the starting line seconds before "da gun"

LEAFS PLACE 3RD IN IHSA SECTIONAL MEET

On Saturday, October 28th, the Leafs participated in one of the four IHSA Sectiona 2A Cross Country Meets in the State of Illinois. For the first time in history, Geneseo HOSTED the meet. The Leafs have hosted IHSA Regional Meets over the years but have NEVER hosted a IHSA Sectional Meet. The field included teams from: Chicago (Chicago Agricultural & Science), Chicago (Brother Rice), Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central), Dunlap, Geneseo, Lemont, Macomb, Mantino, Metamora, Morris, Morton, New Lenox (Providence Catholic), Oak Forest, Pontiac, Rock Falls,

Sterling, Tinley Park, & Washington (These are the boys teams that qualified). In addition, there were 15 boys (5 from each Regional Meet) that also qualified for the meet. Thus, there were 141 competing athletes in both the girls and boys races. The top 7 teams and top 10 individuals not on qualifying teams would qualify for next Saturday's IHSA State Meet in Peoria. The weatherman threw a LOT of rain during the days the preceded the meet. The end results was a course that was wet and muddy. The race time temperature was 43° (windchill of 37°) and a NNE wind of 9 mph.

Heading into the meet the Leafs found themselves sitting 4th in the team rankings by Michael Newman's ILXCTF. Morton was projected to win the meet with Washington second and Sterling Third. He had the Maple Leafs ranked as the 4th team. Remember, the Top 7 teams advance (from each of the 2A and 3A Sectional Meets). The Leafs have qualified for the IHSA State Finals the last two years (2021 & 2022) and were trying to accomplish the feat for the third year in a row. Hosting the meet certainly didn't hurt. Racing on your home course is always a plus. Head coaches Todd Ehlert (GHS Boys) and Aaron Skopek (GHS Girls) along with a LOT of help had the course ready to host in style. The course has never been raked better and looked simply amazing. The IHSA is sure to receive nothing but compliments in regards to how well the meet was run. Shazam's Finishline Crew also deserves an A+. Geneseo Athletic Director Joe Nichols gave a thumbs up when Coach Ehlert asked to have timing mats at both the mile and two mile marks so coaches didn't have to worry about getting the "splits" during the races. GREAT decision! Onto the race.

The Geneseo 2A Sectional Boy's Race took off at "High Noon". The team's starting box, which was randomly drawn, ended up being Box 21 (on the far left). The course was packed with hundreds of spectators and the place was "Buzzing" with excitement.

Junior Standout Dylan Gehl led the way for the Maple Leafs as continued his impressive season. Dylan "got out" nicely and was running around 10th at the half mile. By the time he reached the mile, he had moved all the way to 2nd place. He passed the mile in 5:13. He rolled past the two mile mark in 10:29 (5:16 2nd mile) and sprinted home in 15:34 (5:04 3rd mile). Dylan smashed his own School Record for the Course (15:56) by 22 seconds. He also beat several athletes who have already earned "All-State" Honors in previous years. He is heading into the State Finals with a LOT of momentum. Geneseo hasn't had an athlete earn "Hardware" at the State meet since Dan Chenoweth in 2006. All the Best, Dylan. DREAM BIG!

Senior Leader Sam Mosbarger was the next Maple Leaf to "Break da Tape" as he sprinted home in 8th place to join Dylan on the All-Sectional Team (Top 10 Finishers). Sam was timed in a New GHS Senior Record of 16:06. Sam always races intelligently. He ran with teammate Jaxson Sottos and they were around 30th at the half mile. By the mile (5:26), he had moved up to 17th. He just kept rolling. He reached the two mile mark in 10:51 (5:25 2nd mile) and had moved up to 13th place. From there he just kept passing people and ended up in 8th place with a time of 16:06 (5:12 3rd mile). Sam is now 2nd to only Dylan on the GHS All-Time Individual List. Great Job, Sam. Get ready to FLY on Detweiller's "Pancake-Flat" course.

"Super-Soph" Jaxson Sottos sprinted home next for the Maple Leafs. Jaxson ended up placing 28th overall in a time of 16:40 which broke his own Sophomore GHS Record for the course. It

also moved him into the #3 spot on the GHS All-Time Individual List. Jaxson ran with Senior Sam Mosbarger for most of the first mile. Jaxson rolled past the mile in 24th place (5:28). He then fought through a "Bad Patch" as he hit the two mile mark in 11:10 (5:41 2nd mile) and was in 29th place. He kicked hard and held off a large pack of runners as he crossed the finish line in 16:40 (5:30 3rd Mile). Jaxson will be joining his teammates in the IHSA State Meet Finals next Saturday. Keep those "Big Dreams" of yours alive. IT'S GO TIME!

Next up was the biggest surprise of the meet for the Maple Leafs. Sophomore Aidan Bries picked a GREAT time to run the "Race of His Life". Aidan crossed the finish line as the Leafs' FOURTH MAN. He was timed in 17:13 moved him into the #4 Sophomore for a GHS Runner on the Richmond Hill Course. Aidan always runs a smart race and he cruised through the first mile in 69th place (5:46 1st Mile). He then he just started passing runners. He "Hit" the two mile split in 11:38 (5:52 2nd Mile) and had moved up to 60th place. Shortly after the two mile mark, he passed teammate Max Johnson and they "Attacked" the last mile together. Aidan moved all the way up 52nd place as the Threw-Down a 5:34 last mile. GREAT RACING, AIDAN!

Junior Max Johnson closed the GHS scoring as he sprinted across the finish line in 54th Place. He was timed in 17:15 which moved him into 3rd Place on the GHS Junior Rankings for the Richmond Hill Course. Max ran a really smart race himself. Max passed the mile mark in 5:44 and was "Sitting" in 66th Place. He rolled past the two mile mark in 11:37 (5:53 2nd Mile) and had moved up to 59th place. THEN, he reacted to Aidan moving alongside him and they really got rolling. Max sprinted home in 17:15 (5:45 3rd Mile) and it appeared certain that the Maple Leafs were headed back to the State Meet. "Da Big Yohanson" races with a LOT of "Passion and Purpose". Look for more of the same next Saturday in the STATE FINALS.

Freshman Jack Kreiss was the next Maple Leaf to sprint across the finish line. In the process, he placed 65th overall and was timed in a new GHS Freshman School Record for the Richmond Hill Park Course in a time of 17:29 as he SMASHED the old record. Jack ran most of the race with GHS Junior Max Johnson. Jack "Got Out" nicely and was "Sitting" in 67th place at the mile (5:45). He then moved up to 64th at the two mile which he passed in 11:41 (5:56 2nd Mile). He tried to go with Aidan and Max in the final mile and ended up running a tremendous race that saw him finish in 65th place. His final mile was 5:47. The Maple Leafs have a VERY Strong Team. Kudos to Jack for "Cracking" the GHS Top 7 early in the season and NEVER letting go.

Last but not least for the Maple Leafs was Sophomore Standout Kaden Elmer. Kaden hasn't been feeling too great for a bit and struggled during the race. He fought every step and gave the team all that he could. He ended up placing 100th overall and was timed in 18:22. Kaden already raced to a #9 All-Time GHS Sophomore Ranking on the Richmond Hill Park Course. He has raced as one of the Leafs' Top 5 Runners for most of the season. We will be "Crossing our Fingers" that he will be close to 100 percent by next Saturday. Kaden's miles splits were 5:45 (1st Mile), 5:56 (2nd Mile), and 5:47 (3rd Mile). Next Saturday will be Kaden's 2nd Trip to the IHSA State XC Finals. (Yeah.....He's 2 for 2.) All the best, Kaden.

When the "Dust had Settled", the Leafs found themselves placing 3rd as a team. Morton won the Sectional Meet scoring 70 points. Washington placed 2nd with 100 points. Geneseo was close behind scoring 129 to grab 3rd place. Sterling (4th.....153 Points), Dunlap (5th.....174 Points),

Morris (6th.....183 Points), and Oak Forest (7th.....193 Points) all of whom "Punched Their Tickets" to qualify for next Saturday's IHSA State Meet.

A special "Shout Out" to the Geneseo "Hype Squad" along with a ton of alums who also attended the meet. They were "Everywhere" on the course to cheer on "da Boys". We know from personal experiences that every time a team member was "Cheered On" it helped motivate them a little. A LOT of "littles" ended up being a Huge Factor in the outcome of the meet. It was truly an Epic Day. Well done, "Hype Squad" and Alums. The team will be hoping for more of the same next Saturday when the Leafs will be racing at "Historic" Detweiller Park in the IHSA STATE FINALS..

Head Maple Leaf Boys XC Coach Todd Ehlert's move from Head Middle School Coach to the High School has proved to be a HUGE SUCCESS. Coach Ehlert took over the program in 2018 and the team has improved each and every year. Qualifying today made it BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK trips to the IHSA State Finals. Only COVID-19's no IHSA State Meet being held in 2020 stopped the team from qualifying that year. They did run in the non-official "Shazam Championship" season ending meet that year. Great Job, Coach. All the best to you and the team next Saturday at the State Meet. Fredericks-1 and Fredericks-2 will be with you in spirit. It will be great to have "Coach Browner" back with "da Boys" also. Please tell my EIU Teammates Hello. Take Care and God Bless.

Date: 10/28/2023								
Meet: IHSA Geneseo Sectional								
Site: Geneseo's Richmond Hill Park								
Conditions: Racetime Temp of 43° w/ NNE winds of 9mph. Wet & Muddy.								
Racing Distance: 3.00 miles								
Team Finish: Varsity Boys: 3rd Place (Qualifying for the State Meet)								
	TIME	ATHLETE	PL	R	1-M	2-M	3-M	AVE.
1	15:34	Dylan Gehl-11	2	V	5:13	5:16	5:04	5:11
2	16:06	Sam Mosbarger-12	8	V	5:26	5:25	5:12	5:21
3	16:40	Jaxson Sottos-10	28	V	5:28	5:41	5:30	5:33
4	17:13	Aidan Bries-10	52	V	5:46	5:52	5:34	5:44
5	17:15	Max Johnson-11	54	V	5:44	5:53	5:38	5:45
6	17:29	Jack Kreiss-09	65	V	5:45	5:56	5:47	5:49
7	18:22	Kaden Elmer-10	100	V	5:45	5:56	5:47	5:49
	15:10	Varsity Race Leader	1	V	4:49	5:06	5:05	5:03
		Geneseo Spread						
		1-5	1:51					
		1-7	2:48					



2023 IHSA Class 2A XC Sectional - #2 Geneseo HS

11:00 AM 📅 Sat, Oct 28, 2023 📍 Richmond Hill Park

2 Mens Results

3 Miles Varsity

Official Team Scores

1. Morton	70
2. Washington	100
3. Geneseo	129
4. Sterling	153
5. Dunlap	174
6. Morris	183
7. Oak Forest	193
8. Pontiac	205
9. Lemont	216
10. Chicago (Brother Rice)	226
11. Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central)	274
12. Metamora	275
13. Rock Falls	309
14. Macomb	394
15. Chicago (Agricultural Science)	436
16. New Lenox (Providence Catholic)	440
17. Manteno	452
18. Tinley Park (H.S.)	459

1.	12	Dale Johnson	15:10.00	Sterling	17.	11	Aalin Schmidt	16:20.00	Sterling
2.	11	Dylan Gehl	15:34.40	Geneseo	18.	11	Fisher Rinkenberger	16:20.50	Washington
3.	12	Josh Weeks	15:46.80	Morton	19.	10	Andrew Straley	16:20.80	Chicago (Brother Ric
4.	11	Gavin O'Connor	15:49.40	Chicago (Brother Ric	20.	9	Everett Swanson	16:23.80	Morris
5.	12	Yonas Wuthrich	15:51.40	Morton	21.	12	Charlie Serrahn	16:24.50	Dunlap
6.	9	Zach Born	15:52.60	Metamora	22.	12	Sam Tellefson	16:26.30	Washington
7.	9	Cuyler Swanson	15:52.90	Morris	23.	11	Charlie Borlin	16:33.20	Washington
8.	12	Sam Mosbarger	16:04.40	Geneseo	24.	10	Jack Dunseth	16:33.60	Macomb
9.	12	Layton Knoop	16:06.60	Morton	25.	12	Fernando Daily	16:33.70	Pontiac
10.	12	Dominic Cantarini	16:07.20	Galesburg (H.S.)	26.	11	Phillip Canopy	16:35.30	Morton
11.	12	Aidan Lee	16:08.00	Pontiac	27.	12	Bubka (Munkhbat) Carlson	16:35.30	Chillicothe (Illinois Va
12.	11	Daniel Kasperan	16:08.40	Chicago Heights (Ma	28.	10	Jaxson Sottos	16:40.30	Geneseo
13.	12	Brecken Fahrenkrug	16:12.00	Chillicothe (Illinois Va	29.	12	Colin O'Brien	16:43.60	Oak Forest
14.	9	Ben Gorsage	16:12.90	Washington	30.	12	Antonio Contreras	16:43.70	Chicago (Agricultural
15.	12	Jack Davey	16:13.20	Lemont	31.	10	Nick Manso	16:45.00	Oak Forest
16.	12	Nathan Ciarlette	16:16.60	Joliet (Catholic Acad	32.	11	Jacob Gladstone	16:45.30	Dunlap
					33.	11	Boston Beyer	16:45.70	Morton
					34.	10	Jack Nester	16:46.40	Dunlap
					35.	12	Parker Griffin	16:53.30	Oak Forest
					36.	11	Christian Harris	16:53.60	Morton
					37.	12	Ayden Thompson	16:56.40	East Peoria
					38.	12	Milo Rinkenberger	16:57.40	Washington
					39.	10	Charles Johnson	16:57.60	Sterling
					40.	11	Cam Fenton	17:00.40	Pontiac
					41.	11	Gunnar Damhoff	17:00.60	Rock Falls
					42.	10	Sam Scoville	17:02.10	Lemont
					43.	10	Benjamin Froeschle	17:02.30	Manteno
					44.	9	Gavin Abad	17:02.50	Lemont
					45.	12	Andrew Peterson	17:04.10	Galesburg (H.S.)
					46.	11	Jackson Manley	17:06.50	Bartonville (Limeston
					47.	9	Keyston Beyer	17:08.50	Morton
					48.	11	Patrick Scurek	17:09.30	Oak Forest
					49.	10	Nikita Hovious	17:09.80	Morris
					50.	10	Brodie Peterson	17:10.90	Morris
					51.	12	Luke Williams	17:12.90	Dunlap
					52.	10	Aidan Bries	17:13.40	Geneseo
					53.	12	Brice Banning	17:13.70	Washington
					54.	11	Max Johnson	17:15.90	Geneseo
					55.	12	Jordan Britt	17:16.00	Sterling
					56.	9	Cullan Fahrenkrug	17:17.80	Chillicothe (Illinois Va
					57.	12	Aaron Mohr	17:19.40	Dunlap
					58.	10	Lucas Farabaugh	17:19.40	Ottawa (Twp.)
					59.	11	Adam Mustafa	17:19.70	Lemont
					60.	10	Gabe Moyer	17:20.60	Rock Falls
					61.	11	Parker Blakeslee	17:23.80	Sterling
					62.	12	Zach Zambrzycki	17:25.80	New Lenox (Providen
					63.	12	Parker Janssen	17:27.20	Sterling
					64.	12	Danny Macis	17:27.50	Chicago (Brother Ric
					65.	9	Jack Kreiss	17:29.10	Geneseo

66.	9	Caleb Sheirer	17:29.20	Metamora	121.	11	Roderick Shepard	19:03.00	Tinley Park (H.S.)
67.	11	Christian Cid	17:30.10	Rock Falls	122.	10	Trey Carroll	19:06.20	Tinley Park (H.S.)
68.	10	Nolan Landgrebe	17:31.20	Tinley Park (H.S.)	123.	12	Jacob Petitgout	19:08.70	Macomb
69.	11	Jacob Hall	17:33.50	Washington	124.	10	Logan McCabe	19:18.50	Pontiac
70.	10	Kyle Szafranski	17:33.80	New Lenox (Providen	125.	12	Carter Watkins	19:18.90	Manteno
71.	10	Wilbert Eppenger	17:37.90	Metamora	126.	12	Matt Fleming	19:23.00	New Lenox (Provider
72.	11	Jayden Downs	17:40.10	Chicago Heights (Ma	127.	10	Christian Stepien	19:23.10	New Lenox (Provider
73.	9	Hudson Neth	17:40.90	Oak Forest	128.	10	Seth McHugh	19:26.20	Manteno
74.	11	David Santiago	17:41.20	Midlothian (Bremen)	129.	10	Gavin Walters	19:50.50	Metamora
76.	10	Gabe Gross	17:43.10	Peoria (Richwoods)	130.	11	Daniel Foy	20:00.10	Lemont
77.	11	Aiden Post	17:45.10	Peoria (Richwoods)	131.	9	Benjamin Loxtercamp	20:08.70	Tinley Park (H.S.)
78.	11	Caleb Haut	17:45.60	Kankakee	132.	10	Connor McGinnis	20:33.00	Chicago (Agricultura
79.	11	Tyler Hanson	17:47.50	Pontiac	133.	10	Charlie Shafer	20:47.40	New Lenox (Provider
80.	9	Max Draksler	17:48.00	Dunlap	134.	10	Cal Palkon	20:53.30	New Lenox (Provider
81.	9	Elijah Gerkin	17:48.10	Metamora	135.	11	Charlie Kaffer	20:56.60	Chicago (Agricultura
82.	10	Dylan Verdun	17:48.10	Pontiac	136.	10	Colin King	21:41.10	Chicago (Agricultura
83.	11	Adam Kasperski	17:48.20	LaSalle (L.-Peru)	137.	11	Angel Andrade	21:51.00	Tinley Park (H.S.)
84.	9	Alex Colvin	17:49.40	Dunlap	138.	11	Alex Koleczek	22:28.90	Tinley Park (H.S.)
85.	10	Jonathan Zarbock	17:56.60	Morris					
86.	9	Scott Biedess	17:56.70	Lemont					
87.	11	Jojo Poku	17:57.30	Crete (C.-Monee)					
88.	10	Aidan Leary	17:58.90	Chicago (Brother Ric					
89.	9	Dylan Cody	17:59.90	Chicago (Brother Ric					
90.	11	Christian Padgett	18:00.00	Oak Forest					
91.	12	Ryan Krake	18:01.10	Metamora					
92.	12	Brady Root	18:02.60	Rock Falls					
93.	11	Brian Sheehan	18:05.30	Chicago (Brother Ric					
94.	12	Owen Anderson	18:07.50	Sterling					
95.	10	Jeffrey Sommer	18:10.10	Rock Falls					
96.	11	Kyler Glaue	18:13.10	Macomb					
97.	9	Jacob Czerwicz	18:16.10	Lemont					
98.	10	Sam Coe	18:17.60	Oak Forest					
99.	12	Jon Burner	18:22.30	Manteno					
100.	10	Kaden Elmer	18:22.70	Geneseo					
101.	10	Chase McConnell	18:28.80	Morris					
102.	9	Adam Murnan	18:30.30	Chillicothe (Illinois Va					
103.	10	Parker Fleetwood	18:33.20	Morris					
104.	11	Eamon Roache	18:33.70	Chicago (Brother Ric					
105.	9	Drew Hodel	18:34.10	Metamora					
106.	12	Jahlyjah Arthur	18:34.50	Chicago (Agricultural					
107.	10	Ian Finney	18:35.00	Rock Falls					
108.	9	Alex Simmons	18:35.30	Macomb					
109.	10	Ethan Hoyt	18:35.30	Macomb					
110.	9	Michael Kopitas	18:35.80	Rock Falls					
111.	9	Josh Torri	18:36.30	New Lenox (Providen					
112.	11	Jake Dewald	18:40.30	Pontiac					
113.	12	Jack O'Malley	18:41.50	Chicago (Agricultural					
114.	10	William DeKoker	18:42.20	Chicago (Agricultural					
115.	10	Reece Fraikes	18:44.60	Chillicothe (Illinois Va					
116.	9	Marc Simmons	18:47.30	Macomb					
117.	10	Caden Reiter	18:47.90	Manteno					
118.	10	Owen Mitchell	18:48.60	Chillicothe (Illinois Va					
119.	11	David Simmons	18:48.70	Macomb					
120.	10	Phoenix Perreault	18:54.90	Chillicothe (Illinois Va					