



## **GENESEO ENJOYS A HISTORIC DAY AT THE METAMORA I.H.S.A. SECTIONAL**

Pictured are members of both the Girls & Boys XC Teams. Both team qualified for the State Finals. It has been since 1998 since that has happened. That's 26 YEARS AGO

## **LEAFS GO BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK-TO BACK-TO-BACK AND QUALIFY FOR THE 5TH STRAIGHT YEAR**

On Saturday, November 2nd, the Leafs traveled to Metamora's Black Partridge Park to participate in one of the four 2-A IHSA Sectional meets in the State. On the line was a trip to next Saturday's State Finals to the Top 7 teams and the Top 10 runners NOT on the 7 qualifying teams. The field included teams from: Chicago (Brother Rice), Chicago Heights (Marion), Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central), Crete (Crete-Monee), Dunlap, Evergreen Park, Geneseo, LaSalle (LaSalle-Peru), Lemont, Metamora, Morris, Morton, Normal (University High), Oak Forest, Ottawa, Pontiac, Sandwich, Tinley Park, and Washington.

The weatherman treated the runners to a wonderful early November day. The race time temperature was 53° and there was a SSE wind blowing 10-15 mph. The course was hard and fast. It was a great day to race. The girls got things started at 10:30 a.m. and they ran awesome races. The Lady Leafs tied for the final team qualifying spot and will be on the starting line next Saturday. Congratulations to all of the girls and the coaches.

The Leafs were lined up and ready to roll at 11:30 a.m. The Leafs entered the meet with a LOT of momentum but qualifying wasn't going to be easy. Five of the State's top 25 ranked teams

were in the field with several others just outside the rankings (including the Leafs). I will use the Athletic.Net Rankings in my summary because they also rank individuals. The Leafs have qualified for the State Meet for the last four years (we are counting 2020....COVID-19 year too... no official State Meet but the team still qualified). Thus, 2020, 2021, 2022, & 2023. We are talking about a "Historic Streak". The Leafs hoped to add 2024 to the list. It wouldn't be easy.

Senior Dylan Gehl led the way put himself in the Top 10 and simply refused to fall off the pace. Dylan moved up late in the race and claimed the 6th place individual medal (They award medals to the Top 10 Finishers.) Dylan was projected by Athletic.Net to place 12th overall. He bettered that by 6 places and broke the Geneseo High School School Record for the Black Partridge Course with his time of 14:51. He took 13 seconds off of his own record. Great Racing, Dylan. All the best next to him Saturday when he hopes to become Geneseo's first male athlete to earn "All-State" Honors TWICE. "All-State" Honors are awarded to the Top 25 Finishers in the IHSA State Meet.

Junior Jaxson Sottos wasn't too far behind Dylan and improved his personal best on the course to 15:26 which was good for 15th place overall. Athletic.Net had predicted him to finish in 21st place. Jaxson is now the 3rd fastest Geneseo High School Runner EVER on the course and the 2nd fastest Junior. Way to Roll, "JJ". After the race there were a few minutes of true fear as Athletic.Live had the Leafs listed as finishing in either 8th or 9th as a team in the unofficial team standings. After looking the results over Coach Ehler noticed that the Jaxson's computer chip hadn't been counted. That's why they use a video review to catch any mistakes. What a great start to a team score.....Two Maple Leafs in the Top 15. Great Racing, Men!

Up next was one of the biggest surprises of the meet. Geneseo Freshman Henely Bourne took TWENTY-TWO SECONDS off of his Geneseo High School Freshmen School Record for the Black Partridge Park course via his 16:10. Henley ended up "Throwing Down" a strong last mile and was kicking runners down left and right. Henley was predicted by Athletic.Net to place 95th. He placed 46th overall (that's 49 places better than he was predicted to finish) and was the 5th Freshmen to cross the finish line. WOW!!! Great Stuff, Henley. All the best next Saturday in the Illinois High School Associations State Final. It is going to be fun watching you go after the GHS All-Time Detweiller Freshmen Top 25 List. Don't forget to have some fun along the way.

The Leafs fourth man on the day was Junior Graysen Carlson who sprinted across the finish line in 47th place (Athletic.Net had predicted him to place 49th Overall). Graysen was timed in a fast 16:11. That time took 27 seconds off his personal best for the course (WOW!!!) and moved him into 10th place on the "All-Time" list (1 behind Henley). It also moved Graysen into the number 7 spot on the GHS Junior Top 25 List for the Black Partridge course. Great Racing, Graysen. Graysen has developed himself into a "Big Dog" and has been racing with a plethora of confidence. His "Passion & Purpose" have helped the Maple Leafs "Raise their Game" to a new level this season. All the best next Saturday. You will be "Dancing at Detweiller" next Saturday. Don't forget to enjoy the journey. We are all VERY proud of you.

Junior Aidan Bries sprinted across the finish line as the Leafs' 5th man. Aidan placed 58th overall and was timed in 16:30. Athletic.Net had predicted him to place 70th. Aidan's time moved him into the number 15 spot on the GHS All-Time Top 25 list for the course and is the new

number 10 Junior EVER to run the course. Great Stuff, Aidan. Aidan battled nasty growth spurt issues over the last couple of years and is finally running (almost) pain free. He is an amazing young man and the dude can FLY! Keep up the great racing, Aidan. All the best next Saturday at Detweiller Park. The team is hoping to make a run at "Cracking the Top 15" for teams. That would qualify the team to have a banner put up in the gym. All the best, Aidan. Please tell your siblings that I am looking forward to wrestling them next Saturday. Man, they are pretty tough

The fourth member of the Maple Leafs' "Four Horsemen" is fellow Junior Kaden Elmer. Kaden had another big race too and sprinted across the finish line in 70th place and was timed in 16:40. Kaden was predicted by Athletic.Net to place 78th. His time equaled a previous time that he had run and has him sitting at the number 15 Junior for GHS Runners EVER on the course. He is also the 19th fastest GHS runner for any grade level. Kaden helped to give the Leafs impressive depth. Only two teams had their 6th man place ahead of him. Kaden's time also took 22 seconds off of his 2024 season best time at Black Partridge Park. Way to Roll, Kaden. Get ready to "Toe da Line" next Saturday in the IHSA State Finals. You are enjoying an impressive high school career. Stay tuned, there is MORE TO COME. With 5 of the Leafs Top 6 returning.....just saying. Also, the Leafs host their Invite, the Conference Meet, AND next year's IHSA Sectional Meet. OH BABY!

The final Leaf to "Break the Tape" was Senior Max Johnson. The "Big Yohanson" was timed in 16:48 and placed 79th overall. Athletic.Net had predicted him to place 112th. He ran his finest race of the season to "Blow that away". His time ranks him as the 12th fastest Senior on the course EVER for a GHS Senior. He is already sitting at #17 on the "All-Time" Top 25 Individual list via his 16:36 last year. Max is the Leafs' "Reigning Bell Ringer" Award Winner and ran a tremendous race. Max also demonstrated Geneseo's impressive depth as only two teams in the entire meet had their 7th man ahead of him. Way to Go, Max. Max also shared "The Spitting Story" with us. An un-named athlete spit on him several times in the race. Not accidentally. Max finally "Snapped" and spit on him. Then, fearing retaliation, took off like he was "Running for his Life". He never saw that runner again. Motivation comes in many forms. I have been around this sport for a LONG time and this is a new one for me. All the best on Saturday, Max in the IHSA STATE FINALS. Keep Dreaming Big. Top 15 Team!!!

When the "Dust had Settled" and the team points were tabulated, the Leafs found themselves in 6th Place (Top 7 qualify for the State Finals). Athletic.Net predicted Geneseo to place 8th and score 230 points. The Leafs placed 6th and scored 166 points. Take that Athletic.Net. Illinois Running Net (Carson Vittorio) and Illinois Track and Tony Jones from Illinois Mile Split both had the Leafs ranked 6th in the Metamora Sectional. Spot on, Men. We Greatly appreciate Athletic.Net's efforts. They base their predictions on season best times. Courses vary greatly and it is VERY hard to compare "Apples to Oranges". We also appreciate the added level of motivation that they provide.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Head Maple Leaf Coach Todd Ehlert and Assistant Coach Jeff Brown. Geneseo has NEVER qualified for 5 straight state meets before on the boys side. Four was the previous best. Please keep in mind that it is very hard to fairly compare different eras. There was only one class in Illinois until from 1946 (first year of a State XC Meet) until 1975. Then, there were two classes from 1976 through 2006 (Geneseo competed in the large 2A

class)m Then, from 2007 to date there have been three classes and Geneseo competes in the middle class. Size matters but ultimately, it is what it is. We are very fortunate to have Coach Ehlert leading the program and what his teams have accomplished is VERY Impressive. Also, having Jeff Brown "On Board" to be his Assistant Coach deserves an A+. Together they form what I like to call the "Dynamic Duo". All the best at State and beyond, Men. Thanks for allowing Fredericks 1 & 2 to still be a small part of the team.

<b>Date:</b> 11/02/2024								
<b>Meet:</b> IHSA Metamora Sectional								
<b>Site:</b> Metamora's Black Partridgel Park								
<b>Conditions:</b> Racetime Temp of 53° w/ SSE winds of 10-15 mph. Dry & Fast								
<b>Racing Distance:</b> 2.94 miles								
<b>Team Finish: Varsity Boys:</b> 6th Place (Qualifying for the State Meet)								
	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ATHLETE</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>1-M</b>	<b>2-M</b>	<b>3-M</b>	<b>AVE.</b>
1	14:51	Dylan Gehl-12	6	V	4:56	5:13	4:21	5:57
2	15:26	Jaxson Sottos-11	15	V	5:02	5:19	5:05	5:08
3	16:10	Henley Bourne-09	46	V	5:18	5:39	5:13	5:23
4	16:11	Graysen Carlson-11	47	V	5:15	5:38	5:18	5:23
5	16:30	Aidan Bries-11	58	V	5:24	5:43	5:23	5:30
6	16:40	Kaden Elmer-11	70	V	5:25	5:51	5:24	5:33
7	16:48	Max Johnson-12	79	V	5:37	5:53	5:18	5:36
	14:35	Varsity Race Leader	1	V	4:50	5:05	4:39	4:51
		<b>Geneseo Spread</b>						
		1-5	1:39					
		1-7	1:57					

# 2024 IHSA Class 2A XC Sectional-#2 Metamora HS

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## 👤 Mens Results

### 2.94 Miles Varsity

#### Official Team Scores

1. Morton	73
2. Normal (University)	113
3. Washington	123
4. Metamora	136
5. Morris	152
6. Geneseo	166
7. Chicago (Brother Rice)	206
8. Lemont	207
9. Dunlap	217
10. Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central)	223
11. Oak Forest	276
12. Pontiac	302
13. Sandwich	375
14. Tinley Park	376
15. LaSalle (L.-Peru)	376
16. Chicago Heights (Marian)	383
17. Evergreen Park	456
18. Crete (C.-Monee)	558

1.	12	Gavin O'Connor	14:35.76	Chicago (Brother Rice)
2.	10	Cuyler Swanson	14:36.99	Morris
3.	12	Fisher Rinkenberger	14:48.87	Washington
4.	10	Ben Gorsage	14:50.66	Washington
5.	10	Everett Swanson	14:51.53	Morris
6.	12	Dylan Gehl	14:51.90	Geneseo
7.	11	Sean Kaeb	14:55.67	Normal (University)
8.	12	Boston Beyer	15:00.22	Morton
9.	10	Zach Born	15:00.68	Metamora
10.	12	Daniel Kasperan	15:00.89	Chicago Heights (Maria)
11.	11	Andrew Straley	15:11.54	Chicago (Brother Rice)
12.	9	Abe Martin	15:14.36	Morton
13.	12	Charlie Borlin	15:16.39	Washington
14.	12	Christian Harris	15:18.23	Morton
15.	11	Jaxson Sottos	15:26.00	Geneseo

16.	11	Nick Manso	15:27.50	Oak Forest
17.	12	Trae Helwig	15:27.90	Metamora
18.	10	Aiden Duhs	15:33.19	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley)
19.	12	Phillip Canopy	15:33.20	Morton
20.	10	Keyston Beyer	15:37.48	Morton
21.	10	Noah Harris	15:38.64	Morton
22.	10	Aaden Richards	15:40.32	Normal (University)
23.	10	Cullan Fahrenkrug	15:40.40	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley)
24.	9	Isaiah Hartter	15:40.98	Morton
25.	9	Andrew Aldeman	15:41.29	Normal (University)
26.	12	Peyton Stoffregen	15:44.97	Chicago Heights (Marian)
27.	10	Jacob Bauchmoyer	15:45.63	Normal (University)
28.	10	Gavin Abad	15:47.44	Lemont
29.	10	Caleb Scheirer	15:48.09	Metamora
30.	12	Jacob Gladstone	15:48.21	Dunlap
31.	9	Tyson Horn	15:53.05	Dunlap
32.	12	Connor Hartman	15:56.87	Normal (University)
33.	12	Cam Fenton	15:58.00	Pontiac
34.	10	Elijah Gerkin	15:58.74	Metamora
35.	11	Jack Nester	15:59.78	Dunlap
36.	11	Nikita Hovious	16:00.62	Morris
37.	12	Mason Dunn	16:02.71	Normal (University)
38.	11	Brodie Peterson	16:03.02	Morris
39.	10	Jacob Czerwicz	16:03.30	Lemont
40.	11	Peyton Beebe	16:04.41	Pontiac
41.	10	Scott Biedess	16:04.70	Lemont
42.	12	Adam Kasperski	16:05.76	LaSalle (L.-Peru)
43.	10	Hudson Neth	16:06.13	Oak Forest
44.	12	Jackson Manley	16:07.07	Bartonville (Limestone)
45.	11	Kyle Szafranski	16:08.70	New Lenox (Providence C)
46.	9	Henley Bourne	16:10.86	Geneseo
47.	11	Graysen Carlson	16:11.31	Geneseo
48.	12	Brady Kim	16:12.41	Normal (University)
49.	11	Wilbert Eppenger	16:15.87	Metamora
50.	11	Sam Scoville	16:22.03	Lemont
51.	9	Colter Hedden	16:22.79	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley)
52.	10	Ethan Sakata	16:23.32	Washington
53.	12	Adam Mustafa	16:25.76	Lemont
54.	9	Alex Crull	16:26.61	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley)
55.	12	Ethan Kopinski	16:26.89	Washington
56.	12	Patrick Scurek	16:28.98	Oak Forest
57.	11	Alan Parkison	16:30.40	Sandwich
58.	11	Aidan Bries	16:30.50	Geneseo
59.	11	Oliver Davis	16:31.13	Chicago (Brother Rice)
60.	11	Trey Carroll	16:31.16	Tinley Park
61.	10	Max Draksler	16:33.38	Dunlap
62.	12	David Simmons	16:33.92	Macomb
63.	11	Alex Walsh	16:34.25	Sandwich
64.	11	Benjamin Froeschle	16:34.84	Manteno
65.	11	Nolan Landgrebe	16:36.50	Tinley Park

66.	12	Caleb Haut	16:37.48	Kankakee	121.	12	Jake Dewald	18:44.75	Pontiac
67.	9	Ben Bobchik	16:37.77	Dunlap	122.	12	Jai'quan Lloyd	18:49.90	Crete (C.-Monee)
68.	10	Benjamin Loxtercamp	16:38.86	Tinley Park	123.	11	Johnathan Ricci	18:54.82	LaSalle (L.-Peru)
69.	10	Drew Hodel	16:39.68	Metamora	124.	12	Daniel Foy	19:00.91	Lemont
70.	11	Kaden Elmer	16:40.96	Geneseo	125.	12	Garvis Aguilera	19:01.72	Evergreen Park
71.	11	Dylan Verdun	16:41.78	Pontiac	126.	9	Anthony Perozzi	19:05.31	Crete (C.-Monee)
72.	10	Aiden Crull	16:43.04	Washington	127.	11	Christian Taylor	19:09.86	Crete (C.-Monee)
73.	11	Gabe Gross	16:44.93	Peoria (Richwoods)	128.	11	Jeremiah Bolar	19:18.33	Chicago Heights (Maria)
74.	9	Alejandro Delgado	16:45.74	Plano	129.	9	Shawn Walton	19:19.06	Chicago Heights (Maria)
75.	12	Brian Sheehan	16:46.81	Chicago (Brother Rice)	130.	9	Griffin Yeaman	19:21.59	Evergreen Park
76.	11	Aidan Leary	16:47.17	Chicago (Brother Rice)	131.	9	Lincoln Minard	19:21.77	Sandwich
77.	9	Ben Paustian	16:48.36	Dunlap	132.	10	James Lee	19:36.14	Evergreen Park
78.	11	Chase McConnell	16:48.41	Morris	133.	10	Paul Schmelter	19:46.07	Tinley Park
79.	12	Max Johnson	16:48.50	Geneseo	134.	11	Logan Brown	19:57.47	LaSalle (L.-Peru)
80.	11	Griffin Hammers	16:49.66	LaSalle (L.-Peru)	135.	11	Marc Patterson	20:21.94	Chicago Heights (Marian)
81.	11	Lucas Farabaugh	16:53.46	Ottawa (Twp.)	136.	12	Jonah Greenwood	20:26.23	Chicago Heights (Marian)
82.	12	Sam Swain	16:53.69	Peoria (Richwoods)	137.	10	Parker Eberle	20:27.96	Sandwich
83.	11	Jonathan Zarbock	16:54.74	Morris	138.	9	Ammar Ghaben	21:01.23	Crete (C.-Monee)
84.	11	Logan McCabe	16:57.90	Pontiac	139.	9	Angel Mojica	21:24.25	Crete (C.-Monee)
85.	11	Seth Larsen	16:59.03	Washington	140.	11	Isaiah Michel	21:36.54	Chicago Heights (Marian)
86.	12	Christian Padgett	16:59.07	Oak Forest					
87.	10	Anthony Padilla	17:00.61	LaSalle (L.-Peru)					
88.	12	David Santiago	17:01.06	Midlothian (Bremen)					
89.	11	Marcos Rico	17:01.72	Evergreen Park					
90.	11	Devin Brown	17:03.72	Evergreen Park					
91.	10	Adam Murnan	17:04.29	Chillicothe (Illinois Valle					
92.	9	Logan Trigg	17:07.71	Sandwich					
93.	12	Nate Acklie	17:09.94	Dunlap					
94.	12	Josh Schaefer	17:10.30	Sandwich					
95.	9	Kevin Reyes	17:11.22	Evergreen Park					
96.	10	Zach Kwiat	17:11.37	Oak Forest					
97.	9	Brayden McGuire	17:12.19	Galesburg					
98.	10	Gianni Verucchi	17:12.32	LaSalle (L.-Peru)					
99.	12	Tyler Hanson	17:13.04	Pontiac					
100.	11	Reece Fraikes	17:16.62	Chillicothe (Illinois Valle					
101.	11	Owen Mitchell	17:21.26	Chillicothe (Illinois Valle					
102.	11	Parker Fleetwood	17:22.54	Morris					
103.	10	Dylan Cody	17:24.29	Chicago (Brother Rice)					
104.	11	David Albright	17:24.77	Tinley Park					
105.	11	Nolan Minard	17:27.25	Sandwich					
106.	11	Jimmy Banialis	17:33.93	Oak Forest					
107.	11	Braylin Bond	17:36.70	LaSalle (L.-Peru)					
108.	-	Yishak Weinman	17:39.84	Metamora					
109.	11	Maverick Wilcox	17:44.46	Pontiac					
110.	10	Levi Berlein	17:46.23	Oak Forest					
111.	10	Declan Nieto	17:46.82	Chicago (Brother Rice)					
112.	10	Gavin Banahan	17:46.84	Tinley Park					
113.	11	Isaiah Matthews	17:51.09	Evergreen Park					
114.	12	Roderick Shepard	17:54.18	Tinley Park					
115.	12	Said Rodriguez	17:55.96	Midlothian (Bremen)					
116.	11	David Malagon	18:04.50	Calumet City (Thornton)					
117.	10	Joseph Adewunmi	18:10.54	Dolton (Thornridge)					
118.	11	Matthew Breszach	18:12.56	Lemont					
119.	12	Jojo Poku	18:23.50	Crete (C.-Monee)					
120.	12	Charlie Kaffer	18:39.11	Chicago (Agricultural St					