



TOUGH GUYS

Pictured are most of Geneseo's "Varsity Top 7" with a couple of extra men.
It takes a real man to wear pink. Good Job, Connor!

LEAFS "PUNCH" SECTIONAL TICKET AT BARTONVILLE (LIMESTONE) REGIONAL

On Saturday, October 25th, the Leafs traveled to Alpha Park in Bartonville to participate in their assigned IHSA regional. Geneseo has been assigned to the 2A classification (3 classes for Cross Country). In the 2A regional meets, the top 6 teams from 3 Regionals feed into a Sectional Meet that will be held next Saturday (November 1st....we are hosting.) From that meet, the top 7 teams will advance to the State Finals which will be held at Peoria's "Historic" Detweiller Park on Saturday, November 8th. The field for the Regional meet included teams from: Bartonville (Limestone), Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central), Dunlap, East Peoria, Galesburg, Geneseo, Macomb, Morton, Peoria H.S., Peoria (Notre Dame), Quincy (Notre Dame), & Washington.

The teams were treated to delightful weather. It has been very warm this fall but race time conditions saw the temperature reading 51° with minimal winds. The course was hard and fast and the Leafs were ready to race. Numerous highly state-ranked teams were in the field. The number one goal for the day was to qualify for next Saturday's Sectional Meet. Individual medals were awarded to the top 5 finishers and a championship team plaque was also awarded. "On Paper" Athletic.Net projected Geneseo to place 6th in the 12-team field. Also, as I discuss

their times please be aware that the Metamora Black Partridge Park course isn't a full 3 miles in length. Most of the guys ran their fastest times there but the course is only 2.94 miles.

The boys race started at 11:00 a.m. sharp. Leading the Maple Leafs was Super-Soph Henley Bourne. He ran another great race and placed 8th in the highly competitive field. He was timed in a lifetime best time of 15:49. Henley was projected by Athletic.Net to place 22nd in the race. He finished 14 places better than that. Way to roll, Henley. What a great start for the Leafs. All the best in next Saturday's IHSA Geneseo Sectional Meet. It is going to be a LOT of Fun hosting the meet. Remember, "It's only a hill....get over it". Go Leafs!

Not far behind was Senior Leader Jaxson Sottos who sprinted across the finish line in a season best time of 15:55, barely, missing his lifetime best. Jaxson placed 13th in the race. Athletic.Net projected Jaxson to place 26th overall in the race. He bettered that by 13 places. Great stuff, Jaxson. Jaxson has been racing with a LOT of confidence. All the best next Saturday in the Geneseo IHSA Sectional Meet. "Detweiller Fever".....CATCH IT!!! Thank you for all that you have done. Keep up the great job.

The next man up for the Leafs was Senior Leader Graysen Carlson. Graysen "Broke the Tape" in a lifetime best time of 16:20. Graysen placed 23rd overall in the race. Athletic.Net projected him to place 38th. He bettered that by 15 positions. Great stuff, Graysen. All the best to you at next Saturday's IHSA Geneseo Sectional Meet. The team's number one goal all season long has been to qualify for the State Finals. That dream is ALIVE and WELL. You have provided the team great leadership all season long. We hope to see you and "da boys" "Dancing at Detweiller" on Saturday, November 8th. STATE.

Super-Soph Graysen Claerhout was the next Maple Leaf to "Break the Tape". He was timed in a lifetime best of 16:40 and placed 31st overall in the race. Athletic.Net projected him to place 50th. He bettered that by 19 places. WOW!!! Head Maple Leaf Boys Coach Todd Ehlert instructed him to be a "Snake hiding in the Grass". He NAILED IT. He is still "Flying Under the Radar". All the best in Saturday's IHSA Geneseo Sectional. Graysen has provided the Maple Leafs with critical team depth. Relax and just keep on having fun. What a season you're having. Keep up the great work. State Fever!!!

Senior Leader Aidan Bries was the next man up for the Leafs and completed the team's "Scoring 5". Aidan ran a lifetime best of 16:43 and placed 32nd. Athletic.Net projected him to place 42nd. He bettered that by 10 places and helped lead the Leafs to qualify for Sectional. All the best next Saturday where we get to play hosts for the 2nd time. Do you remember how that turned out last time? No pressure....just confidence. You have had a stellar career and provide a plethora of critical leadership. The team's stated season goal of qualifying for State is still Alive and Kicking. Keep Dreaming Big. TY.

Fellow Senior Leader Kaden Elmer was the Leafs' 6th man on the day and ran a season best time of 17:09 which barely missed his lifetime best. Kaden placed 43rd overall in the race. Athletic.Net projected him to place 42nd so he nailed that. Kaden has also had a tremendous GHS career and he is going to leave some huge shoes to fill. All the best next Saturday in the IHSA Geneseo Sectional Meet. The "Four Horsemen" are looking great. The hope for every team

at the beginning of the season is to line up at the sectional meet healthy. Few are able to accomplish that. Your Maple Leafs are healthy ready to roll. Don't forget to enjoy the journey.

Super-Soph Kael McCord was the Maple Leafs' 7th man on the day. Kael grabbed a top 7 position on the team early on the season and never let go. He was timed in a lifetime best 17:27 and placed 50th overall. Athletic.Net projected him to place 48th so he also nailed it. All the best on Saturday as the Maple Leafs host one of 4 IHSA Sectional Meets. The Top 7 teams will qualify for "The Big Dance". It is going to be a LOT of Fun running on our home course. Most athletes never get that chance during the IHSA post-season. Thanks to Coach Ehlert for grabbing the meet. Please continue to trust "The Process". Just relax and keep doing what you've been doing. GO LEAFS!

When the "Dust had Settled", the Leafs had scored 104 points and placed 5th (only 2 points out of 4th). Athletic.Net projected their team score to be 149 and place 6th. The team is truly on a roll. The Athletic.Net projections are fun because we haven't raced on any fast courses other than Detweiller in the First to the Finish Invite in September. It was HOT (90's) and no one ran fast. GHS has been "Flying Under the Radar" all season long. That is a great strategy. You are ready, Men. All the best to each of you on Saturday in the Sectional Meet. To the "Hype Squad"....BE EVERYWHERE. Remember, if you run alongside a teammate that teammate can be disqualified...so don't do that. Just help to inspire them. GO LEAFS! ALL THE BEST. Congratulations on a remarkable season. You are a Very Special Group. God Bless Each of You.

Date: 10/25/2025								
Meet: IHSA Bartonville (Limestone) Regional								
Site: Alpha Park in Bartonville								
Conditions: Race temp 51° with 5 mph ESE winds. Perfect!!!								
Racing Distance: 3.00 miles								
Team Finish: Varsity Boys: 5TH PLACE								
	TIME	ATHLETE	PL	R	1-M	2-M	3-M	AV.
1	15:49	Henley Bourne-10	8	V	5:03	5:29	5:17	5:16
2	15:55	Jaxson Sottos-12	13	V	5:06	5:32	5:17	5:18
3	16:20	Graysen Carlson-12	23	V	5:10	5:38	5:32	5:26
4	16:40	Greyson Claerhout-10	31	V	5:20	5:41	5:39	5:33
5	16:43	Aidan Bries-12	32	V	5:20	5:44	5:39	5:34
6	17:09	Kaden Elmer-12	43	V	5:25	5:54	5:50	5:43
7	17:27	Kael McCord-10	50	V	5:22	6:04	6:01	5:49
	15:17	Varsity Race Leader	1	V	4:53	5:03	4:55	4:57
		Geneseo Spread						
		1-5	0:54					
		1-7	1:38					

IHSA Class 2A XC Regional - #2A Bartonville (Limestone) HS

OFFICIAL 📅 Sat, Oct 25, 2025 📍 Alpha Park, IL US

3 Miles Varsity

Official Team Scores

1. Peoria (Notre Dame)	31
2. Washington	71
3. Morton	80
4. Chillicothe (Illinois Valley Central)	102
5. Geneseo	104
6. Dunlap	135
7. Macomb	210
8. Galesburg	217
9. Quincy (Notre Dame)	271
10. East Peoria	300

Incomplete Teams

Bartonville (Limestone)

Peoria High School

1. 11 Maxwell Kirby	14:49.10	Peoria (Notre Dame)	26. 11 Max Draksler	16:23.90	Dunlap
2. 11 Ben Gorsage	15:23.00	Washington	27. 12 Adam Ehrhart	16:29.20	Peoria (Notre Dame)
3. 11 Aiden Duhs	15:36.40	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley	28. 10 Brayden McGuire	16:34.80	Galesburg
4. 11 John Baker	15:40.80	Peoria (Notre Dame)	29. 10 Tyson Horn	16:35.90	Dunlap
5. 12 Dax Duffy	15:42.50	Peoria (Notre Dame)	30. 10 Ben Bobchik	16:38.00	Dunlap
6. 10 Isaiah Hartter	15:43.40	Morton	31. 10 Greyson Claerhout	16:40.10	Geneseo
7. 10 Ethan Adams	15:44.30	Washington	32. 12 Aidan Bries	16:43.00	Geneseo
8. 10 Henley Bourne	15:49.20	Geneseo	33. 10 Ben Roth	16:44.30	Morton
9. 9 Evan Goettler	15:50.00	Washington	34. 10 Tyler Owen	16:45.50	Dunlap
10. 10 Luke Fady	15:50.30	Peoria (Notre Dame)	35. 12 Blake Schade	16:49.90	Bartonville (Limestone)
11. 11 Joshua Stedwill	15:51.00	Peoria (Notre Dame)	36. 9 Milo Kaiser	16:50.30	Morton
12. 10 Colter Hedden	15:53.70	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley ..	37. 10 Aidan O'Dea	16:51.20	Dunlap
13. 12 Jaxson Sottos	15:55.00	Geneseo	38. 9 Jackson Petitgout	17:00.00	Macomb
14. 10 Evan Hermacinski	15:58.80	Bartonville (Limestone)	39. 9 Cole Furrow	17:02.30	Galesburg
15. 11 Frederic Couri	16:00.60	Peoria (Notre Dame)	40. 11 Ethan Sakata	17:03.20	Washington
16. 10 Alex Linnemann	16:03.10	Washington	41. 11 Evan Huntington	17:06.50	Dunlap
17. 12 Luke Baker	16:03.80	Morton	42. 12 Seth Larsen	17:06.60	Washington
18. 11 Logan Deverman	16:09.40	Morton	43. 12 Kaden Elmer	17:09.60	Geneseo
19. 11 Noah Harris	16:11.60	Morton	44. 9 Brody Miller	17:11.60	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley
20. 11 Alex Simmons	16:13.10	Macomb	45. 11 Adam Murnan	17:11.90	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley
21. 12 Jack Nester	16:13.20	Dunlap	46. 12 Austin Shull	17:16.10	Quincy (Notre Dame)
22. 11 Cullan Fahrenkrug	16:13.60	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley ...	47. 12 Devin Bradfield	17:20.00	Quincy (Notre Dame)
23. 12 Graysen Carlson	16:20.40	Geneseo	48. 12 Owen Spiezio	17:23.70	Washington
24. 12 Joal Larson	16:20.80	Morton	49. 9 Landon Richards	17:27.20	Macomb
25. 10 Alex Crull	16:23.60	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley ..	50. 10 Kael McCord	17:27.60	Geneseo
			51. 10 Charles Anderton	17:29.60	Galesburg
			52. 12 Reece Fraikes	17:36.60	Chillicothe (Illinois Valley
			53. 12 Silas Descalzo	17:37.50	Galesburg
			54. 11 Marc Simmons	17:52.30	Macomb
			55. 10 Issac Becker	17:55.90	Galesburg
			56. 12 Logan Bader	18:01.50	East Peoria
			57. 9 Callyn Burks	18:14.20	East Peoria
			58. 11 Eymen Tasdan	18:18.10	Macomb
			59. 12 Jalen Abbott	18:34.70	Galesburg
			60. 10 Xander Merritt	18:41.90	Macomb
			61. 11 Lucas Ohnemus	18:43.30	Quincy (Notre Dame)
			62. 11 Kaidon Sims	18:49.30	East Peoria
			63. 9 Ethan MacEntee	18:49.50	Quincy (Notre Dame)
			64. 10 Aiden Pruett	18:49.90	Quincy (Notre Dame)
			65. 12 Royce Boyd	18:57.60	Quincy (Notre Dame)
			66. 11 Chase Griffin	19:04.00	East Peoria
			67. 11 Cohen Hunt-Twomey	19:22.40	Macomb
			68. 10 Vincent Edmondson	19:29.00	Quincy (Notre Dame)
			69. 9 Oliver Damarin	19:43.30	East Peoria
			70. 9 Liam Huizenga	20:16.70	Galesburg
			71. 11 Callen Roth	21:12.90	East Peoria
			72. 9 Kejuan Allen	23:00.00	Peoria



**SENIOR AIDAN BRIES SELECTED
AS "BELL RINGER"**

Pictured is Senior Aidan Bries who was selected as the team's "Bell Ringer" for the IHSA Bartonville (Limestone) Regional Meet

SENIOR AIDAN BRIES "RINGS da Bell"

Senior Aidan Bries was selected as the Geneseo Boys Cross Country "Bell Ringer" for the IHSA Bartonville (Limestone) Regional Meet held on Saturday, October 25th. The award was created by Head Maple Leaf Boys Cross Country Coach, Todd Ehlert, with a little help from "da Committee". The "Bell Ringer Award" honors a team member selected by a committee consisting of all of the senior team leaders and the coaching staff. Each member of the committee nominates two athletes. The committee discusses each nominee until a winner has been selected. Considerations for nomination include both practice and competitive performances. Possessing high levels of both Passion and Purpose are Omnipotent. An award winner is selected after each meet.

Aidan has been a key member for the team each and every season of his high school athletic career. He has excelled in both Cross Country & Track and Field. He has been a key member of the Maple Leafs' Varsity "Top 7" for the last four years and is certainly not a stranger at Peoria's "Historic" Detweiller Park. In Saturday's IHSA Bartonville (Limestone) Regional Meet, Aidan nailed another great performance. In fact, he "Threw Down" a "Lifetime" best time of 16:43. That is his fastest full three mile race EVER. He was the Leafs' 5th man and placed 32nd. The race was pretty "Stacked" with several of Illinois' top ranked 2A teams in this meet. He did a great job of working together with teammates (especially, Sophomore Greyson Claerhout) and helped the team qualify for next Saturday's Geneseo IHSA Sectional Meet.

The team's goal of qualifying for the IHSA State Finals is Alive and Kicking. You and your fellow Seniors have done a tremendous job of providing the team with strong leadership all season long. The "Four Horsemen" are still leading the way. All the best on Saturday in the GHS Sectional Meet. It is going to be a Lot of Fun watching you guys race on your home course and try and qualify for the State Finals. All the best, Aidan. You are a hardworking young man with a very bright future. Thanks for also being such a kind and caring person.

Here is what Aidan had to say about his athletic history:

12th Grade: "I have gotten my time down to 16:43 this season and fingers crossed I can make state for Cross Country in a few days. I have also gotten second team All-Conference honors so far".

11th Grade: "Participated in Cross Country and Track and Field. I ran 16:47 as a PR and qualified for state for the third year in a row, as well as getting second team All-Conference honors. In Track, I ran 4:51 in the mile and 2:06 in the 800. I got 3rd in the 4 by 800 at sections to just miss out on going to State".

10th Grade: "Ran Track and Cross Country. My PR got down to 17:06 for Cross Country and I qualified for State. I also got second team All-Conference honors. In Track I ran 10:26 in the two mile and went All-Conference".

9th Grade: "Participated in Track and Cross Country. Ran 17:24 as a PR in Cross and qualified for State for the first time in anything. In Track I focused on the mile and ran 4:54".

8th Grade: "My first year of Cross Country and second year of Track. I ran 13:30 in the 2 mile and won a lot of open races because I was 8th on the team. In Track I started long distance events for the first time and I ran 2:25 in the 800 meter run".

7th Grade: "Track and Field and Travel Soccer. I ran the 200 in Track and my time was 30 seconds".

Prior to 7th grade: "I mostly played Travel Soccer."

Aidan is the son of Jessica & Jeremy Bries. He is also the proud "Big Bro" to Leila - freshman, Chris - 4th grade, Kai - 1st grade, Kyra - Kindergarten.

Here are Aidan's answers to his "Bell Ringer Questions: **Nickname:** "Old Soccer coach used to call me "Breezer" **School Clubs or other Organizations you have taken part in:** "Cross Country & Track and Field"; **Favorite Food:** "Shrimp Alfredo"; **Favorite Movie:** "Lord of the Rings".; **Favorite Music (Genre or Group):** "Country".; **Athletic Hero:** "Anthony Rizzo when I was a kid (here is what a quick Google search had to say about him): **Anthony Vincent Rizzo** (born August 8, 1989) is an American former professional baseball first baseman. He played in Major League Baseball (MLB) for 14 seasons, primarily for the Chicago Cubs and was pivotal in the team's 2016 World Series victory. Rizzo is a 3-time All-Star, and is the recipient of a Silver Slugger Award, 4 Gold Glove Awards, and a Roberto Clemente Award. A survivor of Hodgkin's lymphoma, Rizzo is also notable for his philanthropic endeavors, having started the Anthony Rizzo Foundation which partners with Lurie Children's Hospital. Rizzo won the Heart & Hustle Award in 2015. .; **Favorite Quote:** "Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I will do what others can't (Jerry Rice)".; **How did you decide to join the Cross Country team?** "I always enjoyed Soccer, but as I got older I didn't like the physicality of it. I decided to join Cross Country and realized it was running I liked so much, and that was why I liked Soccer so much in the first place".; **What Advice Do You Have for Anyone New to the Sport?:** "Running always sucks at the beginning, and there is no way around that. But after a few weeks, if you trust the process, running will get so much more enjoyable and easier. So my advice would be to just be strong the first couple weeks of running and see where it takes you, because you might find something you thought you would never be passionate about for the rest of your life".

Other team members who were nominated and discussed for this week's "Bell Ringer Award" were: Henley Bourne, Graysen Carlson, Rylan Carlson, Greyson Claerhout, Kaden Elmer, Kael McCord & Jaxson Sottos.

Comment from Head Coach Todd Ehlert: "Aidan has been a huge part of the Geneseo XC program the past four years. He has had the pleasure of running in the top 7 all four years of his career. That is an incredible accomplishment. Aidan is peaking at the right time. His performance at Regional was awesome! He is a snake in the grass with his running and has been a huge leader for the team. His sneak attack on the runners has been a huge success and with his leadership, combined with the other seniors, we are having another great year".