

Ottawa High is Cup Winner

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Relay Events Decide Annual Meet RECORDS BROKEN Leipsic Ahead Until Final Team Events

Not until the relay races, boys' and girls', were run last Saturday at the eighth annual Putnam County Track and Field Meet at the county fairgrounds, Ottawa, was it known, which school could claim the victory for the day. It was these two events, both handsomely copped by Ottawa, that ruled that the county cup, a bone of contention for eight years, should permanently abide in the historic halls of Ottawa High School, an object of pride and admiration for future generations.

In addition to the large cup which has been passing around considerably among the different schools, a smaller loving cup will be presented each year to the winning school beginning with this year. Fit companion for its larger and more experienced brother, the small cup will take its place with the other coveted trophy in the local high school.

Points Won

Ottawa had scored a total of 60½ points in the meet, when the final tallies were counted and the report made by Miss Marie Utendorf, clerk of the meet. Leipsic was in the lead a good share of the time and threatened to shear the hopes of the county seat boys and girls until the latter established their supremacy in the two relay events. Leipsic finished with a total of 53½.

Dick Allen made a hero of himself and became the owner of the gold medal for highest point winner in the meet by taking first in the 50 yard, 100 yard and the 120 yard hurdle races, a total of fifteen points. In addition, he ran a beautiful 440 in the final relay race. He equaled the 50 yard record of 5 3/5 seconds, held by Lehman and Seitz, lowered the 100 yard record of Lehman from 10 4/5 to 10 2/5 and otherwise made himself useful about the track. **(The 50 yard record was actually 5.2 seconds. It was held by Harry Recker of Ottawa. He set it in 1923.)**

Meusell Second

The youthful athlete who annexed the silver medal for second highest point winner in the meet, hales from Leipsic and goes by the name of Meusell. He made twelve points for his school, and, while they were all second places, that very fact attests to his versatility in athletic exhibition. He ranked second in the 50, 100 and 220 yard dashes, and in the pole vault.

Draper of Leipsic and Miss Lillian Seitz tied for third highest in number of points made each with a total of ten points. Draper came in first in the 440 yard dash, clipping 1/5 seconds time from the 440 event. The record now stands at 57 seconds flat formerly held by Wilkins of Ottawa with a mark of 57 1/5 seconds.

Miss Seitz who graduates this spring, has done enviable work in track for the past three years and brought her performances for her school to a climax last Saturday by winning the 50 yard dash and the potato race, besides, being an indispensable factor in the girls' relay. She established a new record for the 50 yard dash; it now stands at 6 2/5 seconds, previously at 6 3/5 seconds, the record made by Cass also of Ottawa. Officials decided to give both Draper and Miss Seitz a bronze medal for their good work.

Other Records Broken

Several other records were toppled at the meet last Saturday. Shondell of Ottawa who made a new record in the half mile run last year decided it was too low and took 6 1/5 seconds from the previous time, making a mark of 2:10 1/5 for the new record. He also scored three points for his school in the 440 yard dash, and took the last quarter in the relay. He ran a beautiful finish in the final relay, good enough for many colleges. Grey and Kratzer of the Ottawa relay team also deserve honorable mention for their part in the whirlwind finish that brought the cup to the county heat.

Campbell of Columbus Grove made a new record in the running high jump of 5 feet, 6¼ inches and was held jointly by Moore and Quinn of Ottawa and Campbell of Columbus Grove. The previous record in the baseball throw of 288 feet, 5 inches was lengthened to 321 feet, 1 inch by a lad from Miller City by the name of Ray Kern. This record is certain to stand for some time to come.

Coffman of Leipsic raised the discus record from 93 feet, 3 inches to 93 feet, 7 inches. The old record was held by Robinson, also of Leipsic.

The Ottawa team won eight firsts, two seconds and five thirds for a total of 60½ points. Leipsic is credited with five firsts, seven seconds and five thirds for a total of 53 ½ points. Columbus Grove, third in the meet, won three firsts, one second and some thirds, for a total of 25 5/6 points. The other points were divided among the other school, Pandora making 16 1/6 points, Miller City 8, Crawfis 9 and Continental 13.

C. L. Waller of Lima refereed the meet and C. C. Sexton, also of Lima was the official starter. Both gave entire satisfaction. J. H. Windle, C.C. Vermilya and H. J. Benning were the judges and John Klein held the official watch. Cups, medals and ribbons were given by County Superintendent G. J. Keinath to winning schools and individuals immediately following the meet.

SUMMARY

Ottawa Public 60.5, Leipsic 53.5, Columbus Grove 25.8, Pandora 16.2, Continental 13.0, Crawfis College 9, Palmer 8 and Ottoville 0.

Boys' Events:

50 YARD DASH – Dick Allen, Ottawa 5.6. Marcus Meusell, Leipsic, Pope, Ottawa and Marion Conn, Leipsic.

*NR 100 YARD DASH – Dick Allen, Ottawa 10.4. Marcus Meusell, Leipsic. Core, CG and Hilty, Pandora.

220 YARD DASH – Draper, Leipsic 24.8. Marcus Meusell, Leipsic. Hilty, Pandora.

*NR 440 YARD DASH – Draper, Leipsic 57.0. Art Shondell, Ottawa. VanMeter, Pandora.

*NR 880 YARD DASH – Art Shondell, Ottawa 2:10.2. Al Morgan, MC. Homer Trott, Leipsic.

POLE VAULT – Max Levine, Leipsic 9'9". Marcus Meusell, Leipsic. Nusbaum, Pandora. Roland Burkhart, Pandora and Stody, CG.

*NR HIGH JUMP – Campbell, CG 5'6¼". McGee, CC. Carl Frey, Ottawa. Marion Conn, Leipsic.

SHOT PUT – Marion Conn, Leipsic 36'7". Cleo Etter, Continental. Rudolf Leatherman, Continental.

*NR BASEBALL THROW – Ray Kern, Palmer 321'1". Stody, CG. Len Chamberlin, Ottawa.

BROAD JUMP – Richard Welty, Pandora 19'2". Serge Payne, Leipsic. Ray Fike, Leipsic.

120 YARD HURDLES – Dick Allen, Ottawa 17.0. Serge Payne, Leipsic. Core, CG.

JAVELIN – Stody, CG 129'2". Herman Parks, Continental. Len Chamberlin, Ottawa.

*NR DISCUS – Clifford Coffman, Leipsic 93'7". Cleo Etter, Continental. Campbell, CG.

BOY'S RELAY – Dick Allen, Art Shondell, Grey and Wayne Kratzer, Ottawa. Pandora and Leipsic.

Girls' Events

*NR 50 YARD DASH – Lillian Seitz, Ottawa 6.4. Irene Enzor, Ottawa. McDonald, Ottawa.

BASEBALL THROW – Campbell, CG. Hummon, Leipsic.

POTATO RACE – Lillian Seitz, Ottawa. Della Bibler, Continental. Frances Sommer, Pandora.

GIRLS RELAY – Lillian Seitz, Ottawa, Crawfis College and Columbus Grove.