C.G Sweeps to Another PCL Title Two Records Fall on Fast Track

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Two records were broken as trackmen from seven Putnam County league teams turned in their best times and distances of the season in nearly every event in the Putnam County Track Meet at Columbus Grove Friday afternoon and evening.

Columbus Grove ran away with the title as expected, but thinclads from the other six schools came up with many personal records in what was probably the best county meet in a number of years.

The Bulldogs had just too much depth for the rest of the league. They won only six events, the same number as second place Leipsic, but they scored in every event and took two places in nine of them.

Grove took first and second in the pole vault, which was one of the two records broken. Doug Henderson added 13/4' to the vaulting standard when he went over the bar at 12'41/2". The old record was set in 1964 by Gary Miller of Columbus Grove.

The other record to fall was the two mile. It was won very easily by Bill Menke of Ft. Jennings who went the distance in 10:03.4 and nearly lapped the rest of the field. He was 43 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor as he beat the old record of 10:20.8 set by Keith Hohenbrink of Ottawa-Glandorf in 1966.

Altogether, Columbus Grove took 24 places and piled up 85.5 points. Leipsic took second place with 59.5 points. The Vikings won six firsts and scored in 13 of the 15 events. Behind them were Pandora-Gilboa 41, Ottoville 35, Continental 12, Ft. Jennings 6 and Kalida 1. Columbus Grove's victory was their second straight and their 17th since 1951.

Outstanding performer in the meet was Leipsic's Randy MacDonald who won three first places in the high jump and two hurdle races and took third in the long jump.

Phil Trask of CG won the 100 and was on both of the winning relay teams. Paul Cain of Leipsic won the 220 and 440 and was second in the century and Grove's Denny Tavenner was first to the tape in the mile and 880.

While Grove and Leipsic both won six events, the other three firsts were split among Ottoville, Pandora-Gilboa and Ft. Jennings.

In every event except the mile run and the mile relay, the winning time or distance was the best recorded this year by the event winner.

SUMMARY

CG 85.5, Leipsic 59.5, PG 41, Ottoville 35, Continental 12, Ft. Jennings and Kalida 1.

SHOT PUT - John Wilhelm (Leipsic) 45'9" DISCUS - Dave Moser (PG) 120'0" HIGH JUMP - Randy MacDonald (Leipsic) 5'8" LONG JUMP - Denny Altenburger (Ottoville) 20'0" *NR POLE VAULT - Doug Henderson (CG) 12'41/2" 120 Yd H. HURDLES - Randy MacDonald (Leipsic) 15.7 180 Yd L. HURDLES - Randy MacDonald (Leipsic) 21.8 100 YARD DASH - Phil Trask (CG) 10.5 220 YARD DASH - Paul Cain (Leipsic) 24.0 440 YARD DASH - Paul Cain (Leipsic) 53.6 880 YARD RUN - Denny Tavenner (CG) 2:07.1 MILE RUN - Denny Tavenner (CG) 4:56.6 *NR TWO MILE RUN - Bill Menke (FJ) 10:03.4 880 YARD RELAY - Phil Trask, Rick Schaublin, Jeff Oglesbee and Jim Palte (CG) 1:37.4 MILE RELAY - Phil Trask, Brad Basinger, Jeff Oglesbee and Tom Wenzinger (CG) 3:39.0