

# Leipsic's Weights Paves Way To PCL Track Crown

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For the second year in a row a new Putnam County League track champion has been crowned in both the boys' and girls' division. Leipsic, behind an overwhelming domination of the field events, won the boys' and Columbus Grove, with its overall balance, won the girls' meet last Wednesday afternoon at Columbus Grove under a sunny yet cold and windy day.

Leipsic took five places in the five field events including four firsts for its 52-48 margin over runner up Columbus Grove, while the CG girls had only three firsts overall but added seven seconds for a 127-119 edge of second place Ottoville. Ottoville placed third in the boys and Leipsic third in the girls.

It was the first title for Leipsic since 1975 and only the second since the start of the league met. The Grove girls won their second crown in three years.

Dave Mangas and Keith Cupp were dual winners for Leipsic as the team had six firsts in all. John David (high hurdles) and Brad Brooks (pole vault) were the other Viking winners. Mangas soared 6'2" to take the high jump and sizzled to a 43.2 in the low hurdles on a day that was fit more for running down polar bears instead of track titles.

Cupp was literally head and shoulders above the rest in the discus and shot. The 6-6 mammoth was never challenged in either event winning the shot at 47'10" and the discus at 137'2", both thrown into the stiff wind.

In the pole vault Brooks was a foot-and-a-half better than Columbus Grove's Tracey Risser. Brooks, the defending champ, cleared 12'0" compared to the Bulldog sophomores' 10'6" effort.

David, one of the top hurdlers in the area, breezed to a 16.5 first place finish, a half-second better than Ottoville's Mark Schlagbaum.

Runner-up Columbus Grove had only one first place but was able to place in all 16 events which included seven second-places.

Senior Terry Basinger captured the mile in 4:48.2 for the Bulldogs' lone top spot. Risser and Beau Clymer each added a pair of runner up positions to aid Tracey Brown's team.

Besides the pole vault Risser was second in the low hurdles with Clymer second in the long jump and 200 meter dash.

Mitch Hohlbein brought in Ottoville's lone first place as the Big Green finished just eight points behind champion Leipsic for third place. Seven runner-up positions helped the team total 54 points, three of the seconds by Kevin Swint and another by Rick Horstman in the 100 and Roger Wehri in the discus.

There were four firsts for Pandora-Gilboa as Gerry Siefer legged out victories in the 100 and 200 meter sprints and teamed with Brad Schneck, Mark Diller and Bob Siefer to win the 400 relay. Bob Siefer also took the long jump.

Continental relied on the distance events for its 43 points. The Pirates' two-mile relay team of Tom McElroy, Rue, McDougle and Polhamus covered the track in 9:03.2, the mile team of Kelly Felger, Brad Etter, Mike Turner and Mike Mitchell ran a 3:47.6. Jeff Polhamus captured the 800 in 2:08.2 and McElroy the two mile in 10:29.8.

There were only two other events the Pirates could score in, a fifth in the pole vault by Etter and a fifth in the 400 relay.

## SUMMARY

Leipsic 62, Columbus Grove 58, Ottoville 54, Pandora-Gilboa 47 and Continental 33.

SHOT PUT - Keith Cupp (Leipsic) 47'10"

DISCUS - Keith Cupp (Leipsic) 137'2"

HIGH JUMP - Dave Mangas (Leipsic) 6'2"

LONG JUMP - Bob Siefer (PG) 19'3"

POLE VAULT - Brad Brooks (Leipsic) 12'0"

110 M. HIGH HURDLES - John David (Leipsic) 16.5

300 M. LOW HURDLES - Dave Mangas (Leipsic) 43.2

100 METER DASH - Gerry Siefer (PG) 11.8

200 METER DASH - Gerry Siefer (PG) 24.6

400 METER DASH - Mitch Hohlbein (Ottoville) 55.4

800 METER RUN - Jeff Polhamus (Continental) 2:08

MILE RUN - Terry Basinger (CG) 4:48.2

TWO MILE RUN - Tom McElroy (Continental) 10:29.8

\*NR 400 METER RELAY - Gerry Siefer, Brad Schneck, Mark Diller and Bob Siefer (PG) 46.6

MILE RELAY - Kelly Felger, Brad Etter, Mike Turner and Mike Mitchell (Continental) 3:47.6

\*NR TWO MILE RELAY - Tom McElroy, Dan Rue, Greg McDougle, Jeff Polhamus (Continental) 9:03.2