

Columbus Grove Boys Claim PCL Track Title

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One streak ended and another one remained in tack Friday night at Columbus Grove High School. The Bulldog boys won their eighth straight title as they put together some solid efforts in the meet and used their depth to back things up.

“This was a good team effort,” Grove coach Tracy Brown said. “We had several good performances and our depth really showed tonight. We have our seniors that will score points in most of the meets, but tonight some of the younger guys came through and scored. Our seniors have done a good job leading, what is a young team overall, all year and I think that may have showed tonight.”

The Bulldogs won eight events Friday night, all of them on the track as they didn't win a field event.

Brian Koch and Chad Hermiller both won two individual events for Columbus Grove and the Bulldogs captured all three relay events among their eight wins. Dan Corson also had a win as an individual.

Koch won both hurdle events as he won the 110 meter high hurdles in 16.3 and then won the 300 meter intermediate hurdles with a record setting effort of 41.8. Koch's record time in the 300 hurdles surpassed the time of B. J. Baxter set in 1995 when Baxter won the event with a time of 42.1

Hermiller won two distance races as he won the 1600 meter run in a time of 4:41.6. In the 800 meter run Hermiller won with a time of 2:05.2, a full 10 seconds in front of the field.

Dan Corson gave the Bulldogs a win in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:02. CG also won three relay events starting with the 3200 meter relay in a time of 8:53.9. The Bulldogs then won the 400 meter relay in a time of 47.4 and won the 1600 relay in a time of 3:45.3.

While the Bulldogs didn't win a field event they had double placements in three of the events, the shot put, long jump and pole vault.

In the shot put Greg Verhoff was second with a throw of 48'6" and Louis Schroeder was fifth with a throw of 42'0". In the long jump Cory Wilkins was second with a leap of 19'5½" and Jason Cartwright

was fifth with a leap of 18'5". In the pole vault Keith McCrate was second in 11'6" and Mike Armstrong tied for fourth clearing 9'0".

“Our seniors, Brian Koch in the hurdles, Chad Hermiller in the distance events, Greg Verhoff in the field events and Mike Armstrong in the pole vault, have done a good job getting us points this season,” Brown said.

“Although Mike struggled today, Keith McCrate had his best vault of the year. We had some really good throws in the shot and discus as Louie had his best throw in the discus at 141'. Brian Hermon was third in the 100 dash and Cory Wilkins went 19'5" in the long jump. Overall this was a great team effort.”

Continental won three of the five field events as Corey Slattman won the shot put with a throw of 48'7" and Joe Boecker won the high jump clearing 5'10". Dusty Conkright won the pole vault having cleared 12'0".

For Pandora-Gilboa Andy Grubb won the discus with a throw of 157'8", while Joel Diller won the 100 (11.8) and 200 (24.0) meter dashes.

Ottoville's Ryan Burgei won the long jump with a leap of 20'3" and Ryan Burgei won the 400 meter dash with a time of 54'7".

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 120.5, Ottoville 80, Continental 65, Pandora-Gilboa 54.5 and Leipsic 13.

SHOT PUT, Corey Slattman, Continental, 48.7".

DISCUS, Andy Grubb, PG, 157'8".

HIGH JUMP, Joe Boecker, Continental, 5'10".

LONG JUMP, Ryan Burgei, Ottoville, 20'3".

POLE VAULT, Dusty Conkright, Continental, 12'0".

110 METER HIGH HURDLES, Brian Koch, CG, 16.3.

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100 METER DASH, Joel Diller, Continental, 11.8.

200 METER DASH, Joel Diller, Continental, 24.0.

400 METER DASH, Ryan Burgei, Ottoville, 54.7.

800 METER RUN, Chad Hermiller, CG, 2:05.2.

1600 METER RUN, Chad Hermiller, CG, 4:41.6.

3200 METER RUN, Dan Corson, CG, 11:02.0.

400 METER RELAY, CG, 47.4.

1600 METER RELAY, CG, 3:45.3.

3200 METER RELAY, CG, 8:53.9.