

Columbus Grove Boys Use Depth to Win PCL Track Title

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COLUMBUS GROVE – The seniors on the Columbus Grove boys track and field team have enjoyed a lot of success during their careers.

On a rainy night at Clymer Stadium, the Bulldog seniors left the facility after claiming another Putnam County League championship.

Columbus Grove captured another league title outdistancing Pandora-Gilboa 157-116. Leipsic finished third with 97 points followed by Continental with 83 points and Ottoville rounded out the top five with 81 points.

Columbus Grove used their depth to repeat as league champions as they only won seven events to win the team title.

“This is the last time our seniors will run on this track and we stressed the importance of running your best race, run as hard as you can,” Columbus Grove coach Chris Grothaus said. “The weather wasn’t ideal, but I was really pleased with the effort. These guys have had a great four years here. It was fantastic to see them in this situation.”

This was the last PCL track and field meet Grothaus will coach as he is retiring as the Bulldogs head coach at the end of the season.

Trevor Baxter was a triple winner for the Bulldogs as he won the long jump with a leap of 22’8 ¼”. Baxter was hoping to challenge the league record in the event, but still had a solid night despite coming up short of the record.

“I was very pleased with it not PRing and getting the record,” Baxter said. “It hurts a little bit, but with the weather, going over 22-1 five times, I’ll take it. It was a successful day for me.”

Baxter won the 100 dash before joining Jarrod Holland, Graeden Maag and Bailey Maag to win the 4x100 relay in 45.03. Baxter said the handoffs in the 4x100 weren’t the best due to the weather, but a win is a win.

Holland won the high jump for the Bulldogs clearing 6-4, while Caiden Squillante won the 1600 meter run in 4:36.39. Holden Hartzog won the 3200 meter run in 10:15.32. Brock Shafer won the 110 hurdles in 15.94.

Pandora-Gilboa finished second as they won the 4x800 relay with the team of Adam Buell, Jack Buell, Gavino Barrera and Landen Moore in 8:24.01. Camden Verhoff, Andrew Webster, Cory Gerten and Moore won the 4x400 relay in 3:30.64.

Verhoff won the 300 hurdles in 42.02 and Adam Buell won the 800 run in 2:01.52.

Grant Clementz won a triple winner for Continental as he won the 200 in 23.50, the 400 in 51.91, while joining Collin Hammond, Japheth Ndenab and Tyson Clementz to win the 4x200 relay in 1:35.11.

Grant Clementz won the 400 dash for the Pirates in 51.91 and Brady Thomsen won the discus with a throw of 151-4.

Nolyn Lammers won the shot put for Leipsic with a throw of 47-8.

Grant Clementz of Continental was Player of the Year.

SUMMARY

(1) Columbus Grove 157 (2) Pandora-Gilboa 116 (3) Leipsic 97 (4) Continental 83 (5) Ottoville 81 (6) Kalida 61 (7) Miller City 13 (8) Fort Jennings 6.

SHOT PUT – Nolan Lammers (L) 47’8”

DISCUS – Brady Thompson (C) 151’4”

HIGH JUMP – Jarrod Holland (CG) 6’4”

LONG JUMP – Trevon Baxter (CG) 22’8 ¼”

POLE VAULT – Not held due to weather

110 METER HURDLES – Brock Shafer (CG) 15.94

300 METER HURDLES – Camden Verhoff (PG) 42.02

100 METER DASH – Trevon Baxter (CG) 11.49

200 METER DASH – Grant Clementz (C) 23.50

400 METER DASH – Grant Clementz (C) 51.91

800 METER RUN – Adam Buell (PG) 2:01.52

1600 METER RUN – Caiden Squillante (CG) 4:36.39

3200 METER RUN – Holden Hartzog (CG) 10:15.32

4x100 METER RELAY – Trevon Baxter, Jarrod Holland, Graeden Maag and Bailey Maag (CG) 45.03

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