

Leipsic Wins Third Straight Girls' Title

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A dynasty almost as perennial as Ottoville's dominated the girl's meet as Leipsic won its third straight county championship and fourth in the past five years. The Vikings led the field with 66 points, followed by Continental 57, Columbus Grove 55.5, Pandora-Gilboa 22 and Ottoville 18.5.

A girls' track program that burst onto the scene a few short years ago keeps getting better and better and five new records in last week's county meet to prove it.

Leipsic, winning six first place positions and rounding out its total with balance in the other four, piled up 66 points to win its third straight county championship and fourth in the past five years. The victory wasn't uncontested, however, as Continental and Columbus Grove were close behind. Continental edged the Bulldogs for second place (57-55.5) while Pandora-Gilboa was fourth (22) and Ottoville fifth (18.5).

Grove's Mary Stechschulte repeated as the girls' top performer, winning the 100 yard dash (11.8) in record time, the 220 (28.5) and anchoring the Bulldogs' 440 relay team to another first (55.4).

Leipsic's balance was a team effort as four different girls' and two relay teams posted winning marks. Jeanne Buckland won the high jump (4'10"), Jeanne Christman the shot put (33'4"), Deb Rodriquez the 440 (1:07.96) and Janice Kreinbrink the mile (6:07.1). Kreinbrink and Rodriquez teamed with Diane and Lisa Maag for the mile relay title (4:35.9) and a meet record while Annette Warnimont, Natalie Solis, Carla Maag and Barb Buckland won the 880 relay (1:59.7).

This was not true. Leipsic's mile relay team did not set a new record at 4:35.9. The Putnam County record was set in 1977 by Continental with a time of 4:33.0.

Continental won just three events en route to its second place finish but the Pirate girls set meet records in all three. Dawn Winkle turned in a sizzling 15.8 clocking in the 100 meter hurdles, Deb Wasserman won the 880 yard run in 2:37.4 and both

runners joined Marilyn Donaldson and Lori Miller for a third record in the 880 yard medley, 2:04.1.

Six second place efforts gave the Pirates the edge to get past Grove. Sherri Mansfield was second in the high jump while other runner up efforts came from Kelly Polhamus in the discus and mile. Jane Worline in the 880 and the mile and 880 relay teams.

Stechschulte led Grove to five first place finishes along with Jenny Emick in the discus (98'6") and Lisa Osterhage in the long jump (14'10½"). Mary Myers shadowed Stechschulte in the meet placing second to the girls' MVP in the 100 yard dash and 220 and joining in the 440 relay.

Karen Fenstermaker grabbed top honors for Pandora-Gilboa, placing second in both the shot (32'9") and long jump (14'3¼") while Judy George was third in the shot (31'7").

Ottoville, with one of the youngest teams in the county, placed second in the 440 relay and third in the 880 relay for its highest place finishes.

SUMMARY

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SHOT PUT - Jeanne Christman (Leipsic) 33'4"

DISCUS - Jenny Emick (CG) 98'6"

HIGH JUMP - Jeanne Buckland (Leipsic) 4'10"

LONG JUMP - Lisa Osterhage (CG) 14'10½"

*NR 100 M. HURDLES - Dawn Winkle (Contin) 15.8

RETIRED *NR 100 YARD DASH - Mary Stechschulte (CG) 11.8

220 YARD DASH - Mary Stechschulte (CG) 28.5

440 YARD DASH - Deb Rodriquez (Leipsic) 1:07.96

*NR 880 Yd RUN - Deb Wasserman (Contin) 2:37.4

MILE RUN - Janice Kreinbrink (Leipsic) 6:07.1

440 YARD RELAY - Mary Myers, Chris Gerdeman, Lisa Osterhage and Mary Stechschulte (CG) 55.4

880 YARD RELAY - Annette Warnimont, Natalie Solis, Carla Maag and Barb Buckland (Leipsic) 1:59.7

MILE RELAY - Janice Kreinbrink, Deb Rodriquez, Diane Maag and Lisa Maag (Leipsic) 4:35.9

RETIRED *NR 880 YARD MEDLEY - Dawn Winkle, Deb Wasserman, Marilyn Donaldson and Lori Miller (Continental) 2:04.1