

Grove's Balance 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.

CG's coach Emma Pleiman felt her girls had a good shot at winning the meet. "We knew we could win it though we knew that Ottoville would have quite an advantage in the field events."

The girls' title is the third PCL crown for Columbus Grove whose volleyball and basketball teams were also PCL champions in 1981-1982. For Leipsic it is the school's second league title for the boys in '81-82 after the co-championship in basketball. The Vikings were also Blanchard Valley Conference football and basketball champions. The PCL does not have football.

The girls' portion saw Ottoville and Columbus Grove share nine of the 15 first places including all of the field events and three of the four relays. The two powerhouses made it a two team race from the start.

Freshman Linda Honigford won the high jump, Kim Klima the shot and Sandy Hilvers the discus for Julie Schnipke's Big Green while CG's Lisa Osterhage had to scurry over from the 100 meter prelims to take the long jump. That set the stage for the rest of the meet.

The Lady Bulldogs added two more firsts and five second places for their 127 point total. Osterhage

won the 100 and the two mile relay team (Beth Brown, Janine Kruse, Lisa Pitney and Kay Schroeder) and the 440 team (Linda Garberson, Lisa Moening, Pitney and Osterhage) also grabbed titles.

Ottoville had five first places but could not come up with the overall strength of Grove. Besides the three firsts in the weights, Judy Honigford won the 220 and the 880 team of Carol Bruns, Deb Hohlbein, Judy Honigford and Mary Honigford also notched a first place.

Third place Leipsic (75 points) had two firsts as Deb Rodriguez won the mile and the mile relay team of Beth Buckland, Jackie Palmer, Diane Maag and Kathy Weis ran a 4:35.0.

Continental had individual crowns from Lori Miller (hurdles) and Dawn Winkle in the 440 while Pandora-Gilboa had the other first place from Cindy Dalrymple in the 880 nosing out Leipsic's Rodriguez.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 127, Ottoville 119, Leipsic 75, Continental 58, Pandora-Gilboa 29 and Miller City 20.

SHOT PUT - Kim Klima (Ottoville) 34'2½"

DISCUS - Sandy Hilvers (Ottoville) 110'9½"

*NR HIGH JUMP - Linda Honigford (Ottoville) 5'1"

LONG JUMP - Lisa Osterhage (CG) 15'7"

100 M. LOW HURDLES - Lori Miller (Continental) 16.4

100 METER DASH - Lisa Osterhage (CG) 13.7

200 METER DASH - Judy Honigford (Ottoville) 29.2

400 METER DASH - Dawn Winkle (Continental) 1:06.2

800 METER RUN - Cindy Dalrymple (PG) 2:38.6

1600 METER RUN - Deb Rodriguez (Leipsic) 5:52.9

400 METER RELAY - Lindy Garberson, Lisa Moening,
Lisa Pitney and Lisa Osterhage (CG) 55.0

800 METER RELAY - Carol Bruns, Deb Hohlbein, Judy
Honigford & Mary Honigford (Ottoville) 1:55.0

1600 METER RELAY - Beth Buckland, Jackie Palmer,
Diane Maag and Kathy Weis (Leipsic) 4:35.0

3200 METER RELAY - Beth Brown, Janine Kruse, Lisa
Pitney and Kay Schroeder (CG) 11:30.2