

Two in a Row for Leipsic Gals,

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The Leipsic girls proved that it does not take flashiness to win titles. Plenty of balance will do just fine.

The Leipsic girls out dueled second place Pandora-Gilboa 138 to 120 in the Putnam County League Meet Saturday at Ottawa-Glandorf's Titan Stadium.

It was the second straight PCL title for Leipsic. The other league schools were relatively out of the running for any first place trophy but came up with some spectacular individual performances.

Miller City's Amy Vennekotter had four first places that included two meet records. Leipsic's 3200 meter relay team set another new standard as did PG's Roxie Zimmerly in the shot put.

Leipsic's girls trailed PG 46 to 18 after the field events but won the 400, 800 and 3200 meter relays and used the legs of Angie Rayle in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs and Deb David in the 100 meter hurdles to edge past the Rockets.

It was a record performance by the 3200 meter relay unit clocked at 10:47.9. The 400 team won at 54.3; the 800 at 1:57.7; Rayle at 6:03.7 in the 1600 and 13:50.3 in the 3200; and David a 16.3 in hurdles.

David also took a second in the high jump at 4'8" and the 200 meters (29.6) and was on the winning 800 meter relay team.

The outstanding athlete of the day, however, had to go to Vennekotter. Just a freshman she sailed 16'1 1/4" to take the long jump and a 61.1 in the 400 meters. Both are records.

She captured the 100 meters (12.9) and 200 meters (27.7) as well. She accounted for 40 of Miller City's 60 total points.

"Amy could have even run a better time in the 400," said Coach Denny Mumaw though it eclipsed the record set by Deb Rodriguez of Leipsic by over three seconds. "She got out of the blocks late in fear of a false start."

PG's Zimmerly, a sophomore, tossed the shot 34'3 1/2" for another PCL meet record. It erased by one inch the throw of Ottoville's Kim Klima set in 1982.

This was not true. The PCL shot put record was set by Carol Lammers of Miller City in 1977 when she threw the shot 40'10 1/2".

The Rockets had a first place from Alison Knepper in the discus (103'2") and Michelle Yant in the high jump (5'2"). Yant's effort was just one-half inch shy of tying the meet mark held by Ottoville's Linda Honigford.

Leipsic coach Jeff Brown did not want to take much credit for the victory. "I did not do anything but keep score. The girls did all the work."

It is the final big meet before Districts for most of the PCL schools. Only Columbus Grove has another major event, the Northwest Conference Meet this Saturday at Ada.

The Bulldogs are shooting for third place behind powerful Bluffton and Perry. They will also have John Slechter back who missed the PCL meet because of the band trip to West Virginia. It also affected Coach Emma Pleiman's girls as 13 were involved with the band including their top two point getters, Debbie Ridenour and Paula Stechschulte.

SUMMARY

Leipsic 138, PG 120, Ottoville 62, MC 60, Continental 59 and CG 52.

SHOT PUT - Roxie Zimmerly (PG) 34'3 1/2"

DISCUS - Alison Knepper (PG) 103'2"

HIGH JUMP - Michelle Yant (PG) 5'2"

*NR LONG JUMP - Amy Vennekotter (MC) 16'1 1/4"

100 M. LOW HURDLES - Deb David (Leipsic) 16.3

300 M. LOW HURDLES - Tracy Stanz (Ottoville) 51.5

100 METER DASH - Amy Vennekotter (MC) 12.9

200 METER DASH - Amy Vennekotter (MC) 27.7

*NR 400 M. DASH - Amy Vennekotter (MC) 1:01.1

800 METER RUN - Lisa Stall (PG) 2:40.5

1600 METER RUN - Angie Rayle (Leipsic) 6:03.7

3200 METER RUN - Angie Rayle (Leipsic) 13:50.3

400 METER RELAY - Deb David, Dawn Badertscher,

Karen Walls and Tina Zechman (Leipsic) 54.3

800 METER RELAY - Tina Zechman, Karen Walls, Dawn

Badertscher & Michelle Schroeder (Leip) 1:57.7

*NR 1600 METER RELAY - Pam Hart, Kim Alt, Shelly

Alt and Amy Basinger (PG) 4:30.0.

*NR 3200 METER RELAY, Karen Weis, Jill Knepper,

Angie Rayle & Michelle Schroeder (Leip) 10:47.9