

# Leipsic Girls 1600 Relay Win Sparks Viking Repeat

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It took all 16 events Saturday before the 1989 Putnam County Girls track title was claimed. Leipsic trailed Columbus Grove by one point entering the final event (1600 relay), but the Vikings were able to win the 1600 and the Bulldogs were third giving Leipsic the title.

The Vikings successfully defended their title as they compiled 94 points to just 91 for the second place Bulldogs. Miller City and Ottoville were third with 82 points each, while Pandora-Gilboa had 80 and Continental was sixth with 67. This was one of the closest finishes ever for the PCL girls tack meet.

Going into the 1600 relay the Vikings knew if they were going to repeat their title they would have to win this event and hope Columbus Grove would not finish second.

The team of Tricia Rigel, Sue Niese, Karen Weis and Renee Kreinbrink ran a 4:35.8 for the win holding off Ottoville in a race to the finish line (4:36.2). Grove took third with a time of 4:39.9.

Leipsic and Columbus Grove split winning the relays as the Vikings also won the 3200 meter relay (10:49.4). The Bulldogs then won the 400 (55.0) and the 800 (1:56.2), while the Vikings were second (1:57.9).

Going into the running events the Vikings were in last place as they only managed a sixth in the shot, where Jodi David threw 29'4". Grove, meanwhile, piled up points in the field events placing in each of them and winning two of them (discus and high jump).

Leipsic then went to work piling up points in the running events as they placed in all 12 and had double placements in four of them, 400 meter dash, 1600 meter run, 300 hurdles and 800 meter run.

Karen Weis had a first place in the 800 meter run (2:39.4) and she teamed with Crystal Place, Amy Haselman and Rigel in winning the 3200 relay

(10:49.4). Carey Schey was second in the 3200 meter run (13:54.4).

Missy Szekely won the discus (106'2") for the Bulldogs and Melissa Selhorst won the high jump (5'3") and grabbed a second in the 100 (13.6).

Stephanie Sturgis, Dani Jorgensen, Kristi Graham and Melanie Pitney captured the 800 relay (1:56.2) and Pitney, Shelly Slechter, Sturgis and Selhorst won the 400 relay (55.0).

Ottoville's Shelly Heitmeyer swept the 100 (13.6), 200 (28.1) and 400 (1:04.6) dashes for Ottoville, while Darla Taylor won the long jump (14'9 1/2") and Valerie Devitt won the 1600 meter run (6:02.4).

Continental had three first places on the afternoon as Tabby Slattman won the 100 meter hurdles (17.0) and the 300 meter low hurdles (50.2). Cathy Coble won the shot put with a toss of 33'2 1/2".

Miller City's Julie Salisbury won the 3200 meter run in a time of 13'47.3 as she led the entire distance.

## SUMMARY

Leipsic 94, Columbus Grove 91, Miller City 82, Ottoville 82, Pandora-Gilboa 80 and Continental 67.

SHOT PUT - Cathy Coble (Continental) 33'2 1/2"

DISCUS - Missy Szekely (CG) 106'2"

HIGH JUMP - Melissa Selhorst (CG) 5'3"

LONG JUMP - Darla Taylor (Ottoville) 14'9 1/2"

100 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES – Tabby Slattman (Continental) 17.0

300 M. LOW HURDLES - Tabby Slattman (Contin) 50.2

100 METER DASH - Shelly Heitmeyer (Ottoville) 13.6

200 METER DASH - Shelly Heitmeyer (Ottoville) 28.1

400 METER DASH - Shelly Heitmeyer (Ottoville) 1:04.6

800 METER RUN - Karen Weis (Leipsic) 2:39.4

1600 METER RUN - Valerie Devitt (Ottoville) 6:02.4

3200 METER RUN - Julie Salisbury (MC) 13:47.3

400 METER RELAY - Melanie Pitney, Shelly Slechter, Stephanie Sturgis & Melissa Selhorst (CG) 55.0

800 METER RELAY - Stephanie Sturgis, Dani Jorgensen, Kristi Graham and Melanie Pitney (CG) 1:56.2

1600 METER RELAY - Tricia Rigel, Sue Niese, Karen Weis and Renee Kreinbrink (Leipsic) 4:35.8

3200 METER RELAY - Karen Weis, Crystal Place, Amy Haselman and Tricia Rigel (Leipsic) 10:49.4