

Leipsic Girls Win PCL Track Title

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The Leipsic girls track team took a different route to winning the Putnam County League track title Saturday at Columbus Grove. They won only two events, but showed their depth by placing in every event, as they accumulated 142 points in dethroning Columbus Grove for the title.

The girl's competition was close as the Viking won by just 14 points, 142-128 over Columbus Grove. Miller City also went over 100 points as they registered 102 for third, followed by Ottoville with 52, Pandora-Gilboa had 46 and Continental finished with 20.

The Viking girls also were forced to realign their lineup after sprinter Joy Knueven aggravated an injury. Knueven was able to get the Vikings a point in the 100 meter dash and help her team win the title.

"The key was the girls sucked it up," Leipsic Coach Gary Kreinbrink said. "I didn't say anything to them. They have had this quiet confidence about them all week and they went out and did it."

The Vikings won only two events. But it was their second win which may have put them over the top. Leipsic's Beth McDaniel and Linda Hernandez took one-two in the 3200 meter. McDaniel won the event in 13:58.1, closely followed by Hernandez in 13:59.2.

McDaniel also helped the Viking to their other win in the 3200 meter relay. McDaniel, along with Crystal Place, Ann Recker and Meisha Ellerbrock, won the 3200 in a meet record time of 10:39.6, besting the previous record of 10:41.8 of the 1988 Leipsic team.

"I didn't think we could win two events and win the meet," Kreinbrink said. "We are a better small event team, than a big meet team. In the smaller events our depth comes out more."

The Vikings overall depth allowed them to place two athletes in nine events. Meanwhile a young Columbus Grove team doubled in just four events, but won seven events in taking seventh.

"Our depth isn't as good with our youth," Grove Coach Emma Pleimann said. "Leipsic was able to place two people in a lot of events and we weren't. We were hoping for some of the young kids to do a little better today and it didn't happen."

Columbus Grove was their usual strong self in the relays winning the 400, 800 and 1600 meter events. The 400 relay team of Amy Schubert, Shannon Halker, Amy Crusa and Carrie Hartman won in 55.3, while the 800 meter relay team of Schubert, Halker, Crusa and Amber

Gertsen won in 1:54.4. The 1600 relay team of Tara Moening, Kari King, Anne Hilty and Kelley Irwin won in 4:30.7.

Irwin had two individual firsts on the day winning the 800 in a record time of 2:28.5 and the 1600 in 5:42.4. Irwin also ran a leg on the second place 3200 relay team.

Other Grove winners included King in the long jump with an effort of 15'2½" and Crusa nipped Leipsic's Sue Niese in a photo finish of the 200 meter dash, both runners being clocked in 28.1.

Miller City stayed in the title hunt all day by winning four events. Jenny Michel won the discus with a throw of 109'2" and Julie Lammers won the high jump in a jump off with Amber Gertsen of Columbus Grove. Lammers's winning jump was 4'11".

In the sprints April Wagner won the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.4 and Renae Gerschutz won the 100 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 16.8.

Continental's Tamara Clementz won the shot put with a toss of 36'6½".

Ottoville won a pair of events as Michelle Heitmeyer won the 400 meter dash in 1:03.6, after fourth place finishes in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Valerie Devitt won the 300 meter low hurdles with a time of 50.7 after placing third in the 100 meter hurdles.

SUMMARY

Leipsic 142, Columbus Grove 128, Miller City 102, Ottoville 52, P-G 46 and Continental 20.

SHOT PUT - Tamara Clementz (Continental) 36'6½"

DISCUS - Jenny Michel (MC) 109'2"

HIGH JUMP - Julie Lammers (MC) 4'11"

LONG JUMP - Kari King (CG) 15'2½"

100 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Renae Gerschutz (MC) 16.8

300 METER LOW HURDLES - Valerie Devitt (Ottoville) 50.7

100 METER DASH - April Wagner (MC) 13.4

200 METER DASH - Amy Crusa (CG) 28.1

400 METER DASH - Shelly Heitmeyer (Ottoville) 1:03.6

*NR 800 METER RUN - Kelley Irwin (CG) 2:28.5

1600 METER RUN - Kelley Irwin (CG) 5:42.4

3200 METER RUN - Beth McDaniel (Leipsic) 13:58.1

400 METER RELAY - Amy Schubert, Shannon Halker, Amy Crusa & Carrie Hartman (CG) 55.3

800 METER RELAY - Amy Schubert, Shannon Halker, Amy Crusa & Amber Gertsen (CG) 1:54.4

1600 M. RELAY - Tara Moening, Kari King, Anne Hilty & Kelley Irwin (CG) 4:30.7

*NR 3200 METER RELAY - Beth McDaniel, Crystal Place, Ann Recker and Meisha Ellerbrock (Leipsic) 10:39.6