

Leipsic Girls Repeat as PCL Track Champions

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The Putnam County League track meet returned to being held under the lights, but that didn't seem to bother the Leipsic girls as they repeated as league champions. The girl's race was very close as Leipsic held off Miller City and Columbus Grove down the stretch to repeat their championship.

The Vikings won with 139 points followed by Miller City with 127 points and Columbus Grove with 122 points. Pandora-Gilboa was next with 70 points, while Ottoville finished with 26 points and Continental had seven.

Depth played a key role in the girl's outcome, as Leipsic won only four events on the day, but placed in all 16 events as they held on for the win.

"We didn't win that many events," said Leipsic coach Gary Kreinbrink, "but our balance came through for us. We don't have the one outstanding athlete, but this group works very hard and it shows as we were able to get two placements in several events. And that was a key because Miller City and Columbus Grove would be able to score a lot of points in the meet."

The key to the Vikings win may have been the 300 meter low hurdles as Leipsic finished first and third in this event. Viking junior Trisha McDaniel was sitting around the middle of the pack as the runners came down the home stretch. But in those final hurdles McDaniel picked up momentum and was able to grab the win in a time of 50.6, while teammate Jenny Schroeder was third in 51.4.

"Trisha was trailing as the runners came around the corner, but she was able to make up the ground and win," Kreinbrink said. "Not only was that an important win, but with Jenny coming in third it gave us a double placement and put us in the lead for good."

Another key moment for the Viking may have come in the 3200 meter run as Linda Hernandez won the event for Leipsic in a time of 13:07.5, while teammate Beth McDaniel finished fifth in 14:21.8. McDaniel's finish came just moments after she finished fifth in the 200 meter dash.

Other wins for the Vikings came in the 3200 meter relay as the team of Hernandez, Trisha McDaniel, Sarah Shoemaker and Jill Recker finished in a time of 10:55.71. Gwen Christman and Cheri Siebeneck took one-two in the shot as Christman won with a throw of 36'6" and Siebeneck was second with a throw of 31'11". Siebeneck also finished second in the discus with a throw of 94'1".

Other high finishes for the Vikings saw Schroeder finish second in the 100 meter hurdles (17.1), Hernandez (6:15.4) and Recker (6:28.4) finish two and three in the 1600 meter run, their 800 meter relay team take second (1:57.9) and their 1600 meter relay team take second in 4:38.5.

While the Vikings were busy winning the meet Columbus Grove's Kelley Irwin was busy tying two meet records and helping to set another. Irwin, a junior, tied county records in the 100 (12.6) and 800 meter runs (2:28.5), then helped the Bulldogs 800 meter relay team of Amber Gertsen, Shannon Halker and Amy Crusa set a new county mark of 1:52.0. This time broke the old record of 1:52.7 set by Columbus Grove in 1988.

Irwin tied her own 1992 record in the 800 meter run and equaled Paula Stechschulte's 1987 record in the 100. Irwin also had another win on the day as she helped the Bulldogs 1600 meter relay team of Anne Hilty, Brigit Roberts and Kari King to first place in 4:28.0.

Gertsen also gave the Bulldogs a win in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.2 while finishing second in the high jump (4'10"). Ottoville freshman Missy Calvelage won the high jump clearing 4'10". Calvelage won on the basis of fewer misses.

In taking second place Miller City placed in 14 of 16 events, winning four and placing double in six events. They also finished in second place a total of seven times.

Renae Gerschutz had two wins for the Wildcats as she won the long jump (15'4¾") and the 100 meter hurdles (16.5). She also was second in the 300 meter hurdles (51.3) to McDaniel of Leipsic.

Lisa Schumaker won the 1600 meter run (5:59.6) for the Wildcats and Jenny Inkrott won the discus (98'9").

April Wagner had a pair of second place finishes for the Wildcats in the 100 (13.3) and 200 (28.2) while Shelly Salisbury was second in the 3200 meter run (13:09.5). Theresa Stachowiak was second in the 400 meter run (1:06.2), while Miller City's 3200 meter relay team and 400 meter relay team both took seconds.

P-G's Brook Miller won the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:04.5.

SUMMARY

Leipsic 139, Miller City 127, Columbus Grove 122, Pandora-Gilboa 70, Ottoville 26 and Continental 7.

SHOT PUT - Gwen Christman (Leipsic) 36'6"

DISCUS - Jenny Inkrott (MC) 98'9"

HIGH JUMP - Missy Calvelage (Ottoville) 4'10"

LONG JUMP - Renae Gerschutz (MC) 15'4¾"

100 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Renae Gerschutz (MC) 16.5

300 METER LOW HURDLES - Trisha McDaniel (Leipsic) 50.6

*TR 100 METER DASH - Kelley Irwin (CG) 12.6

200 METER DASH - Amber Gertsen (CG) 28.2

400 METER DASH - Brook Miller (PG) 1:04.5

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

1600 METER RUN - Lisa Schumaker (MC) 5:59.6

3200 METER RUN - Linda Hernandez (Leipsic) 13:07.5

400 METER RELAY - Amy Crusa, Shannon Halker, Kari King and Amber Gertsen (CG) 53.2

*NR 800 METER RELAY - Kelley Irwin, Amber Gertsen, Amy Crusa and Shannon Halker (CG) 1:52.0

1600 METER RELAY - Kelley Irwin, Anne Hilty, Brigit Roberts and Kari King (CG) 4:28.0

3200 METER RELAY - Linda Hernandez, Trisha McDaniel, Sarah Shoemaker and Jill Recker (Leipsic) 10:55.7