

P-G Wins PCL Track Championship

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Pandora-Gilboa's girl's track teetered on the brink of victory or defeat most of the night. Meanwhile Columbus Grove's boys track team went about business as usual. It didn't matter which route they took, the Rocket girls and Grove boys repeated as Putnam County League track and field champions Friday night at Columbus Grove High School.

The Rocket girls repeated as champions as they slipped by Columbus Grove 142-135. Fort Jennings was third with 89 points followed by Continental with 37 points. Ottoville had 36, Miller City 32 and Leipsic was seventh with 22 points.

The P-G girls and Grove girls were involved in a tight battle before the Rockets started to pull away with a one-two showing in the 800 meter run.

"When the 800 came along I thought we were okay," P-G Coach Steve Miller said. "I was a little worried since they were placing two people in the 100, 200 and 300 hurdles; when they do that it's hard to get ahead of them when you're running one hurdler. The girls did a good job. They knew what they needed to do and they placed where they needed to. We had better times this year than last and won by 39 points and even with the better times we had a harder time winning."

The Rockets took control with the 800 meter run as Kinsy Miller won the event with a time of 2:33.6 and Jenny Lee was second in 2:35.6. Despite the Bulldogs placing two runners in each of the 200 and 3200 meter runs, P-G won two of the final three events for the win.

Besides Miller's win in the 800, the junior helped P-G to wins in three other events. Miller won the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:38.1 and teammate Kara Diller was fourth (5:54.1). Miller then teamed with Sara Eubank, Karen Schroeder and Jenny Lee to win the 3200 meter relay (10:33.9) in a record time and won the 1600 meter relay with Melanie Siefer, Kara Heitmeyer and Lee.

The distance events were good to the Rockets as Sara Eubank won the 3200 meter run in a record time of 12:16 and Schroeder was third with a time of 13:20.9.

"Those were big points in a meet like this," Miller added. "Sara Eubank came up with a big win in the 3200. We thought if she stayed close to Shara (Ridenour) she could out kick her down the stretch, because she's a little stronger. All the girls did a good job; I was pleased with their performance. We came in hoping to win. This team has really come on the past two weeks."

The Rockets added wins in the 300 hurdles as Melanie Siefer won with a time of 50.1 after taking second in the 100 hurdles. Kara Heitmeyer won the high jump having cleared 5'2".

CG won three events as Becky Sautter won the discus with a throw of 99'0". Aimee Gertsen won the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.1 and Lauren Slusser won the 400 meter run in 1:01.9.

Fort Jennings Kristen Luebrecht had a hand in four wins as the junior won the 100 and 200 meter dashes and had a hand in the 800 and 400 meter relays. Luebrecht, competing in her first county track meet, won the 100 in a time of 13.2 and then won the 200 in 27.2. Luebrecht then joined Natalie Stechschulte, Melissa Metzger and Sarah VonLehmden to win the 800 in a time of 1:53.7 and then joined Stechschulte, Metzger and Tricia Wittler to win the 400 meter relay in 53.1.

Metzger also finished second to Luebrecht in both the 100 and 200. In the 100 Metzger ran a 13.2, but was edged out by Luebrecht and then ran a 28.2 in the 200 meter dash.

Continental had two winners as Cassandra Smith won the shot put (33'0") and Raquel Valdez won the long jump (15'3").

SUMMARY

Pandora-Gilboa 142, Columbus Grove 135, Fort Jennings 89, Continental 37, Ottoville 36, MC 32 and Leipsic 22.

SHOT PUT - Cassandra Smith (Continental) 33'0"

DISCUS - Becky Sautter (CG) 99'0"

HIGH JUMP - Kara Heitmeyer (PG) 5'2"

LONG JUMP - Raquel Valdez (Continental) 15'3"

100 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Aimee Gertsen (CG) 17.1

300 METER LOW HURDLES - Melanie Siefer (PG) 50.1

100 METER DASH - Kristen Luebrecht (FJ) 13.2

*NR 200 METER DASH - Kristen Luebrecht (FJ) 27.2

400 METER DASH - Lauren Slusser (CG) 1:01.9

800 METER RUN - Kinsey Miller (PG) 2:33.6

1600 METER RUN - Kinsey Miller (PG) 5:38.1

*NR 3200 METER RUN - Sara Eubank (PG) 12:16

400 METER RELAY - Natalie Stechschulte, Melissa Metzger, Sarah VonLehmden and Kristen Luebrecht (FJ) 53.1

800 METER RELAY - Natalie Stechschulte, Melissa Metzger, Sarah VonLehmden and Kristen Luebrecht (FJ) 1:53.7

1600 METER RELAY - Melanie Siefer, Kara Heitmeyer, Jenny Lee and Kinsey Miller (PG) 4:29.2

*NR 3200 METER RELAY - Kinsey Miller, Sara Eubank, Karen Schroeder & Jenny Lee (PG) 10:33.9