

Columbus Grove Sweeps PCL Track Title

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Field event records were falling like leaves on a breezy fall day Friday evening at the PCL Track and Field meet. Three PCL field event records were broken during the meet at Clymer Stadium including one state inter scholastic record. However, when all the excitement was over, it was Columbus that accepted the team championship trophy for a sixth straight season.

The Grove girls won their sixth straight title as they outscored Ft. Jennings 194-104. Ottoville was a close third with 101 points while P-G finished with 58 points, Leipsic had 32 points and Continental had 31 points for sixth place.

While the Bulldogs swept the team titles, it was the field events that drew a lot of the early attention. New records were established Friday in the girl's discus and the pole vault.

Overall senior Brittany Klima not only broke the league record in the girl's pole vault, but she also broke the existing state mark. Ironically the senior set that mark at Clymer Stadium in April at the Bulldog Invitational.

Klima, the defending Division III State Champion in the pole vault established the new mark when she cleared 11'4¼" breaking her own one year old record of 10'0". Her previous state record was 11'0". Klima made three attempts at 11'6" but narrowly missed on all three attempts.

Columbus Grove's Jenna Oard and Ashley Donaldson finished second and third respectively as they cleared 9'6".

"It was a great day. I always seem to vault pretty well here," Klima said. "I'd really like to get 11'6" sometime this season. I'm not really thinking about winning or clearing a certain height. I'm more focused on improving. It helps to have some competition. It puts a little more pressure on me. It forces me to jump earlier and not have any misses."

Klima's sophomore team mate Stacey Wannemacher had a banner day in the girl's shot put and discus as she not only won both but did it in record setting fashion.

Wannemacher opened her meet by winning the discus with a record throw of 139'3" breaking the year old record of 127'7½" by Columbus Grove's Dena Benroth. The sophomore then won the shot put with a throw of 39'1" breaking the year old record Grove's Bethany Fuerst (38'8¾").

This was not true. The PCL shot put record was set by Carol Lammers of Miller City in 1977 when she threw the shot 40'10½".

While getting the records was great for Wannemacher just winning was a measure of sweet revenge as she finished second both events last year.

"I came in here and wanted to do my best," Wannemacher said. "To get the records feels really good. Last year I lost both events on the last throw by the winner so it feels really good to get the win. Matt Knippen and I have worked all winter throwing. We always go to the Findlay indoor meets and we throw the shot in the

new school behind the bleachers from a ring we made ourselves with an indoor shot. That extra work has really helped."

While Benroth was one of the two girls to beat Wannemacher last year, this year the Grove thrower finished second to Wannemacher both times.

The Lady Bulldogs won five events and had 12 double placements as they recorded their sixth straight win. Grove also finished second 10 times and had nine third place showings, which first year coach Tim Staley called important.

"Our depth was the biggest thing in our winning tonight," Staley said. "There were a lot of great performances looking at the Ottoville girls in the field events and the Fort Jennings sprinters. They had some great individual performances, but having girls pick up those second and third places is a luxury we have with that many girls on the team."

Cara May won the high jump for the Bulldogs as she cleared 5'1". Katie Schroeder won the 800 run as she nipped P-G's Jessica Latham at the line. Schroeder's winning time was 2:27.10.

Kristen Barkimer won the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:55.7, while the Bulldogs also won the 400 relay behind the efforts of Ali Hoffman, Amanda Schroeder, Alli Raines and May. Raines, Kirsten Ruen, Amanda Schroeder and Katie Schroeder won the 1600 relay with a time of 4:18.30.

Besides winning the pole vault, Klima also won the 400 dash in a time of 1:03.3. Erika Kaufman won the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.1

Traci Hammond and Brooke Norbeck combined to have a hand in all five of the Musketeer wins Friday night.

Hammond won the 100 (12.8) and 200 meter dashes (27.2) while Norbeck won the 300 hurdles (49.2) and the long jump (15'3"). The two also teamed with Christina Metzger and Megan Knippen to win the 800 relay with a time of 1:49.8.

Jessica Latham won the 1600 meter run for P-G in a time of 5:48. She also joined Bess Moser, Rebakah Amstutz and Sarah Amstutz to win the 3200 meter relay in a time of 10:09.9.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 194, Fort Jennings 104, Ottoville 101, Pandora-Gilboa, Leipsic 32 and Continental 31.

SHOT PUT - Stacey Wannemacher (Ottoville) 39'1"

*NR DISCUS - Stacey Wannemacher (Ottoville, 139'3")

HIGH JUMP - Cara Maag (CG) 5'2"

LONG JUMP - Brooke Norbeck (FJ) 15'3"

*NR POLE VAULT - Brittany Klima (Ottoville) 11'4¼"

100 M. INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Erika Kaufman (Ottoville) 17.1

300 METER LOW HURDLES - Brooke Norbeck (FJ) 49.2

100 METER DASH - Traci Hammond (FJ) 12.8

200 METER DASH - Traci Hammond (FJ) 27.2

400 METER DASH - Brittany Klima (Ottoville) 1:03.3

800 METER RUN - Katie Schroeder (CG) 2:27.10

1600 METER RUN - Jessica Latham (PG) 5:48

3200 METER RUN - Kristen Barkimer (CG) 12:55.7

400 METER RELAY - Ali Hoffman, Amanda Schroeder, Allie Raines and Cara Maag (CG) 52.4

800 METER RELAY - Brooke Norbeck, Traci Hammond, Christina Metzger and Megan Knippen (FJ) 1:49.8

1600 METER RELAY - Allie Raines, Kirsten Ruen, Amanda Schroeder and Katie Schroeder (CG) 4:18.30

3200 METER RELAY - Jessica Latham, Bess Moser, Rebakah Amstutz and Sarah Amstutz (PG) 10:09.9