

Bulldogs Sweep PCL Track Titles Friday

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This year's Columbus Grove track teams are not like the team teams they had in the past. This season the Bulldogs have had to rely on more of a team effort than the performances of one or two athletes to be near the top of meet standings. That was the case Friday night as Columbus Grove hosted the annual Putnam County League meet at Clymer Stadium.

Columbus Grove had just one three event winner, but nonetheless was able to claim a double win.

The Lady Bulldogs claimed victory as they outscored second place Leipsic 197.33, to 73. Fort Jennings was third with 71 points, followed by Continental with 69 points. Ottoville was fifth with 59.67 points and Pandora-Gilboa was sixth with 52 points.

The Lady Bulldogs won nine events Friday evening, placed in all 17 events and had double placements in 11 events.

"I think that's our key to victory," Grove coach Tim Staley said. "We're strong in all the events. We don't have that one outstanding athlete. Coach (Chris) Grothaus and I were talking that we had so many solid runners. We can put together some good relays with that and we can score two in most events; all that adds up. They may not be first places, but the seconds and fourths added together is a lot of big points."

The closest the Bulldogs may have to an elite runner is sophomore Jaimie Lewis. Lewis helped the Bulldogs to three wins Friday night, two in the relays and one in the 400.

Lewis anchored two of the winning relays as she joined freshmen Kimberly Selhorst and Ella Diller and junior Jamiene Scott to win the 800 Relay in a time of 1:48.80. Then in the final event of the night she joined Kayla King, Diller and Amanda Schroeder to win the 1600 Relay in a time of 4:14.30.

In between the two relay wins, Lewis won the 400 dash in a time of 1:01.60. The sophomore paced her effort before turning on the jets to pull away in the final 200 meters.

Columbus Grove swept the sprint relays as the unit of Aubrie Stechschulte, Cara May, Grace Needler and Amanda Schroeder won the 400 Relay in a time of 51.80.

May was a double winner for the Bulldogs on the track as she won the 100 dash in a time of 13.0. Fort Jennings' Traci Hammond also ran 13.0 in the 100, but May was given the win a photo finish by the judges.

Kelsey King also was a double winner for the Bulldogs as she won the 100 hurdles in a time of 16.70 as she beat teammate Jenna Oard to the finish line in a time of 16.90.

Columbus Grove also won three field events as Oard won the pole vault clearing 10'0". Stechschulte won the long jump with an effort of 16'2½" and Kelsey King the high jump as she cleared 5'4½". The height was a new meet record by a quarter of an inch.

Coble won the 1600 in a time of 5:42.50, the 800 in 2:28.50 and the 3200 in 12:33.40. She also helped the Pirates to a second place finish in the 3200 Relay with a time of 10:27.10. She was joined in that event by Denise Hanefeld, Rebekah Good and Sarah Spitnale.

Spitnale gave the Pirates a fourth win as she ran a 49.40 in the 300 Hurdles.

Pandora-Gilboa won the 3200 Relay with a time of 10:15.60. Running this for the Rockets were Rebekah Amstutz, Brielle Burrus, Amber Basinger and Kelsey Diller.

The only other record set Friday night was by Ft. Jennings' Traci Hammond. She won the 200 dash in a time of 26.70, which was nearly a full second ahead of Grove freshman Ella Diller (27.50).

Stacey Wannemacher had both of Ottoville's wins as she won the shot put and discus. Wannemacher won the shot with a toss of 42'8½" and the discus with a throw of 138'6".

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 197.33, Leipsic 73, Fort Jennings 71, Continental 69, Ottoville 59.67 and Pandora-Gilboa 52.

SHOT PUT - Stacey Wannemacher (Ottoville) 42'8½"

DISCUS - Stacey Wannemacher (Ottoville) 138'6"

*NR HIGH JUMP - Kelsey King (CG) 5'4½"

LONG JUMP - Aubrie Stechschulte (CG) 16'2½"

POLE VAULT - Jenna Oard (CG) 10'0"

100 M. INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Kelsey King (CG) 16.70

300 M. LOW HURDLES - Sarah Spitnale (Continental) 49.40

100 METER DASH - Cara May (CG) 13.0

*NR 200 METER DASH - Traci Hammond (FJ) 26.70

400 METER DASH - Jaimie Lewis (CG) 1:01.60

800 METER RUN - Sarah Coble (Continental) 2:28.50

1600 METER RUN - Sarah Coble (Continental) 5:42.50

3200 METER RUN - Sarah Coble (Continental) 12:33.40

400 METER RELAY - Aubrie Stechschulte, Cara May, Grace Needler and Amanda Schroeder (CG) 51.80

800 METER RELAY - Jaimie Lewis, Kimberly Selhorst, Ella Diller and Jamiene Scott (CG) 1:48.80

1600 METER RELAY - Jaimie Lewis, Kayla King, Ella Diller and Amanda Schroeder (CG) 4:14.30

3200 METER RELAY - Rebekah Amstutz, Brielle Burrus, Amber Basinger and Kelsey Diller (PG) 10:15.60