

Bulldogs Sweep PCL Track Title Friday

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Columbus Grove knew where they could score points at the Putnam County League track and field meet Friday. It was the unexpected that was a bonus to them. The Bulldogs picked up some unexpected points during the meet that helped them repeat as league champions once again.

On the girl's side, the Lady Bulldogs had a little bigger margin to work with as they outscored Ottoville 143 – 102. Continental grabbed third place with 91 points, while Leipsic was fourth with 76 points. Ft. Jennings was fifth with 61 points and P-G was sixth with 51 points.

The Bulldogs recorded nine wins led by senior Aubrie Stechschulte, who had a hand in four wins. Stechschulte won a pair of field events and twice on the track despite battling a sore quad muscle in her left leg.

"I try not to think about it", Stechschulte said of the injury. "After the races I think about it when it starts hurting. I've been more low-key recently just competing on Saturdays, but it's been a struggle not being out here to compete every meet."

Stechschulte started her day with a win in the pole vault as she cleared 11'0". She made an attempt at the meet record (11'4¼"), but was unable to clear 11'5".

In the long jump, she picked up her second win with a leap of 16'1¾". On the track, she won the 100 dash in a time of 12.9 and then joined Ella Diller, Jamie Scott and Amanda Schroeder to win the 400 Relay in a time of 51.60.

Bulldog junior Jaimie Lewis helped the Bulldogs with three wins on Friday. The junior won the 400 dash in 1:01.3 and joined Schroeder, Diller and Scott to win the 800 Relay in 1:48.20. She ended her night running anchor on the winning 1600 relay team of Paige Heffner, Diller and Schroeder. They won with a time of 4:15.60.

Alex Miller won the discus for the Bulldogs with a throw of 115'7" and teammate Ashley Bonner was second with a toss of 112'8". Kristen Barkimer won the 3200 meter run in a time of 13:17.9. It was her third win in the event in her four years of competing in the league meet.

"The seniors really stepped up tonight," Grove coach Tim Staley said. "Aubrie won four events and Amanda Schroeder stepped in and did a good job filling in where we need her. We have some injuries and the kids have really stepped up and filled in where we need them. This was a great team effort tonight."

Continental's Sarah Coble picked up three wins Friday night, all on the track. The Pirate junior anchored their

3200 relay team to a win in 10:33.40. She was joined by Denise Hanefeld, Stephanie Spitnale and Sarah Spitnale.

Coble also won the 1600 meter in 5:46.8 and the 800 in 2:29.7. She was denied a fourth win when the Pirates took second in the 1600 Relay.

Sarah Spitnale gave the Pirates a fourth win as she took the 300 hurdles in 49.0.

Ottoville also picked up two wins as Tricia Honigford won the high jump clearing 5'0" and Chelsea Bowers won the 100 hurdles in 15.9.

Pandora-Gilboa's Megan Kohl won the shot put with a throw of 32'4¼" and Fort Jennings' Erica Metzger took the 200 dash in 27.0.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 143, Ottoville 102, Continental 91, Leipsic 76, Fort Jennings 61 and Pandora-Gilboa 51.

SHOT PUT - Megan Kohl (PG) 32'4¼"

DISCUS - Alex Miller (CG) 115'7"

HIGH JUMP - Tricia Honigford (Ottoville) 5'0"

LONG JUMP - Aubrie Stechschulte (CG) 16'1¾"

POLE VAULT - Aubrie Stechschulte (CG) 11'0"

100 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Chelsea Bowers (Ottoville) 15.9

300 M.LOW HURDLES - Sarah Spitnale (Continental) 49.0

100 METER DASH - Aubrie Stechschulte (CG) 12.9

200 METER DASH - Erica Metzger (FJ) 27.0

400 METER DASH - Jamie Lewis (CG) 1:01.3

800 METER RUN - Sarah Coble (Continental) 2:29.7

1600 METER RUN - Sarah Coble (Continental) 5:46.8

3200 METER RUN - Kristen Barkimer (CG) 13:17.9

400 METER RELAY - Aubrie Stechschulte, Ella Diller, Jamie Scott and Amanda Schroeder (CG) 51.60

800 METER RELAY - Jaimie Lewis, Amanda Schroeder, Ella Diller and Jamiene Scott (CG) 1:48.20

1600 METER RELAY - Jaimie Lewis, Paige Heffner, Ella Diller and Amanda Schroeder (CG) 4:15.60

3200 METER RELAY - Sarah Coble, Stephanie Spitnale, Denise Hanefeld & Sarah Spitnale (Conti) 10:33.40