

Ottoville Wins PCL Track Title

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Ottoville girls and Columbus Grove boys basically used the same formula in winning Putnam County League track and field championships. Both teams scored well in the field events, then carried it over onto the track to win their respective titles at Ottoville's Bob Kaple Athletic Complex.

The Ottoville girls ran their PCL winning streak to four by scoring 182 points to easily outdistance second place Columbus Grove with 94.5 points. Fort Jennings finished third in the meet with 71 points. Leipsic finished fourth with 67 points, Continental fifth with 58 points and Pandora-Gilboa finished in sixth place with 32.5 points.

Competing on their home track, the Lady Green won a pair of field events and had double placements in the four events they competed in (they did not have a pole vaulter). On the track they picked up another six wins and placed in every event to help them to the title.

"It was a great night for the girls. I thought everyone performed about as well as expected for the training we had this year," Ottoville coach Vaughn Horstman said. "The girls have been stretching hard and we have been using regular meets as practice and tonight we kind of lightened up on them so we could perform a little better. Overall the girls did a great job."

Freshman Tonya Kaufman and sophomore Alyssa Delong were the two field event winners for the Big Green. Kaufman won the high jump as she cleared 5-4, which was just three-fourths of an inch off the league record. Sister Natasha Kaufman was second as she cleared 4-10. Delong won the long jump as she went 15-11 and junior Lauren Koch was right behind her at 15-6¼. The Big Green went two-three in the shot put as Tammy Wannemacher was second at 37-3 and Lauren Kramer was third at 35-4½. Wannemacher finished second in the discus with a toss of 113-1 and Rachel Beining was fifth at 97-0.

On the track the Big Green were led by senior standout Shayla Siefker as she had a hand in four wins for Ottoville.

Siefker opened her night by joining Natasha Kaufman, Kari Beining and Abby Siefker to win the 3200 relay in 10:24.2. She later won the 1600 meter run in 5:37.5, which was 23 seconds faster than runner-up Amber Herron of Columbus Grove. Siefker won the 400 in 1:02 and finished her night by joining Natasha Kaufman, Taylor Mangas and Beining to win the 1600 relay in 4:18.2.

Ottoville swept the hurdle events Friday evening as Mangas, a freshman, won the 100 hurdles in 16.9 as Delong was second in 17.0. Natasha Kaufman won the 300 hurdles in 48.8 as Mangas was second in 50.0.

"We took a lot of points out of the field events, which I thought we would, but I didn't think we would get that many," Horstman said. "On the track we were missing a couple of our better hurdlers, which helps us in the sprints but the younger girls came through for us and ran real well."

"This is a special group. I'm fortunate to have a group of girls like this and they are pretty versatile in that they can do. I can run them in a 200 and have them run an 800 or 4x4 mile. They are versatile and a lot of fun. And seven of my nine seniors are PCL academic kids, so they work hard in the classroom and they work hard for me. We have a lot of fun, but when they step on the track they know its

time to work and they work hard in practice and all I ever ask is for them to do their best and they do," Horstman added.

Fort Jennings girl's squad recorded three wins Friday night led by sophomore Macy Schroeder.

Schroeder won the 100 in 12.9 and the 200 in 26.6, while taking second place in the 400 (1:02.3) to Siefker. She also was on the second place 1600 relay team of Kaitlin Stechschulte, Elaina Maag and Lauren Norbeck (4:26.3). Stechschulte won the 800 meter run in 2:32.5.

Columbus Grove won three events as Nikki Ricker won the 3200 meter run in 13:12.2. The Lady Bulldogs won the 400 relay in 53.5 with the squad of Emily Tabler, Julia Wynn, Nicole Langhals and Brooke Brubaker in 53.5, while Brubaker, Riley Eversole, Tabler and Wynn took the 800 relay in 1:54.4.

Leipsic's Kendra Aversch was a double winner for Leipsic as she won the shot put (40-4½) and discus (122-2).

Pandora-Gilboa's Ellie Braidic won the pole vault clearing 11-0.

SUMMARY

Ottoville 182, CG 94.5, FJ 71, Leipsic 67, Continental 58 and PG 32.5.

SHOT PUT - Kendra Aversch (Leipsic) 40'4½"

DISCUS - Kendra Aversch (Leipsic) 122'2"

HIGH JUMP - Tonya Kaufman (Ottoville) 5'4"

LONG JUMP - Alyssa Delong (Ottoville) 15'11"

POLE VAULT - Ellie Braidic (PG) 11'0"

100 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Taylor Mangus (Ottoville) 16.9

300 METER LOW HURDLES - Natasha Kaufman (Ottoville) 48.8

100 METER DASH - Macy Schroeder (FJ) 12.9

200 METER DASH - Macy Schroeder (FJ) 26.6

400 METER DASH - Shayla Siefker (Ottoville) 1:02

800 METER RUN - Kaitlin Stechschulte (FJ) 2:32.5

1600 METER RUN - Shayla Siefker (Ottoville) 5:37.5

3200 METER RUN - Nikki Ricker (CG) 13:12.2

400 METER RELAY - Emily Tabler, Nicole Langhals, Julia Wynn, Brooke Brubaker (CG) 53.5

800 METER RELAY - Brooke Brubaker, Emily Tabler, Riley Eversole, Julia Wynn (CG) 1:54.4

1600 METER RELAY - Natasha Kaufman, Taylor Mangus, Shayla Siefker, Kari Beining (Ottoville) 4:18.2

3200 METER RELAY - Natasha Kaufman, Kari Beining, Abby Siefker, Shayla Siefker (Ottoville) 10:24.2