

CG Sweeps Titles in PCL Track and Field Meet

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Field events were key at the Putnam County League Track and Field Championships Friday night at Ottoville's Bob Kaple Athletic Complex.

Columbus Grove was able to score a bunch of points in the field events that helped them to repeat as champions at the PCL meet.

In the girl's meet, the Lady Bulldogs outscored Fort Jennings 170 to 127 for the championship. Ottoville was third with 78 points followed by Pandora-Gilboa with 59, Continental 45 and Leipsic 34.

Points in the field events were especially key for the Lady Bulldogs. With Fort Jennings fielding a strong group of sprinters, Grove coach Tim Staley knew getting as many points as they could in the field events would be key. His expectations proved true as the Lady Musketeers scored all of their points on the track.

"It was a team effort," Grove coach Tim Staley said. "The entire team, we challenged them this week because we knew Fort Jennings was going to be so tough on the track and after our invite (Bulldog Invitational), I think our girls felt it was going to be a given that we would win this meet. I knew with top end girls having such good speed it was going to take an effort of the girls going out and doing everything they could. They took ownership of that and gave everything they could. It started in the field events."

The Bulldogs took first and second in the high jump with Cassie Schroeder (5-0) and Alexis Ricker second. Grove also was first and second in the discus with Megan Verhoff (129-3) winning and Annie Schramm (111-8) second. Kenzie Bame won the pole vault for the Bulldogs clearing 7-0 and Megan Langhals was third.

"I give a lot of credit to Kevin and the job he has done with that team," Staley said. "Not having a junior high program or track, they deserve a lot of credit for what they have done. If we were going to lose, I wouldn't mind losing to them, but I don't like to lose. We did everything we could. I couldn't ask for a better performance from the girls."

Columbus Grove won three events on the track as the 3200 Relay team of Mady Vorhees, Alexis Ricker, Sydni Smith and Kristin Wynn won in 10:48.5. Sydney McCluer won the 100 hurdles in 15.9 and the 400 Relay team of Rayia Flores, Julia Wynn, Jessi Smith and Sarah Schroeder won in 52.6.

After not scoring in the field events, the Musketeers used a strong effort on the track led by senior sprinters Macy Schroeder and Lori Bruskotter. Schroeder won the 100 (12.6), 200 (26.6) and anchored the 800 Relay team of Emily Grone, Bruskotter, Elaina Maag to a win in 1:49.1,

while finishing second to Bruskotter in a photo finish in the 400 as both runners were clocked in 1:04.4. Bruskotter also placed in the 100, 200 and 800 Relay.

Kaitlin Stechschulte won the 800 meter run (2:38.5) and was part of the winning 1600 Relay team that included Emily Grone, Stephanie Korte and Elaina Maag. They won with a time of 4:23.2.

"We knew coming in it was going to be an uphill battle," Fort Jennings coach Kevin Horstman said. "We knew realistically we could get there, but we knew we could do the best we have done here before and we did that. The girls ran PRs all over the place and hopefully we can continue that in a couple of weeks."

Fort Jennings finished with 127 points in the meet which is a new high for them at the PCL. Their previous best was 122 points according to coach Horstman.

Paige Ordway was a double winner for Continental as she won the 300 hurdles in 46.4 and she won the long jump with a leap of 15-1/4.

Breana Hovest was a double winner for P-G taking the 1600 meter run in 5:53.4 and the 3200 in 13:13.2. Holly Aversch won the shot put with a throw of 35-7.

SUMMARY

CG 170, FJ 127, Ottoville 78, PG 59, Continental 45 and Leipsic 34.

SHOT PUT – Holly Aversch (Leipsic) 35'7"
DISCUS – Megan Verhoff (CG) 129'3"
HIGH JUMP – Cassie Stechschulte (CG) 5'0"
LONG JUMP – Paige Ordway (Continental) 15'0¼"
POLE VAULT – Kenzie Bame (CG) 7'0"
100 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES – Sydney McCluer (CG) 15.9
300 METER LOW HURDLES – Paige Ordway (Continental) 46.4
100 METER DASH - Macy Schroeder (FJ) 12.6
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400 METER DASH – Lori Bruskotter (FJ) 1:04.4
800 METER RUN - Kaitlin Stechschulte (FJ) 2:38.5
1600 METER RUN – Breana Hovest (PG) 5:53.4
3200 METER RUN – Breana Hovest (PG) 13:13.2
400 METER RELAY – Sarah Schroeder, Raiya Flores, Jessi Smith and Julia Wynn (CG) 52.6
800 METER RELAY – Emily Grone, Lori Bruskotter, Elaina Maag and Macy Schroeder (FJ) 1:49.1
1600 METER RELAY – Emily Grone, Kaitlin Stechschulte, Elaina Maag and Stephanie Korte (FJ) 4:23.2
3200 METER RELAY – Mady Vorhees, Sydni Smith, Alexis Ricker and Kristin Wynn (CG) 10:48.5