

Team Effort Leads Bulldogs to PCL Track Title

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A total team effort carried the Columbus Grove girl's track team to the championship at the Putnam County League track meet Monday evening at Ottoville's Bob Kaple Stadium.

From the field events to the track, the Bulldogs scored points in every event in repeating as league champions in 2017.

The Lady Bulldogs claimed their sixth straight title with 153 point as Kalida finished second with 105 points. Ottoville finished third with 99.5 points while Leipsic had 93.5 points for fourth place. Pandora-Gilboa was fifth with 71 points while Fort Jennings had 22 points and Continental 21 points.

"It has gotten pretty competitive here in the PCL," Columbus Grove coach Tim Staley said. "Leipsic has a good team, Kalida's distance runners had a good showing tonight and Ottoville, for the size of team they have, they did a great job tonight. I'm really happy with the way our girls performed tonight."

Columbus Grove's girls team won six events led by sophomore Rylee Sybert with two individual wins and she was part of two winning relay teams.

Sybert won the 100 dash in 12.93 and the 200 in 26.58. She joined Carlee McCluer, Aycea Ruhlen and Jade Clement to win the 4x100 Relay in 52.50 and the 4x200 Relay in 1:50.42.

"I'm just really proud of our 4x1 and 4x2 team," Sybert said. "We really pushed it and did a great job. I'm really happy with today. I have been doing a block work with my coach and that has helped me. I'm just really proud of our effort today."

McCluer won the 100 hurdles in 15.78, as she had a hand in three wins for the night and Maddie Nicklaus won the pole vault as she cleared 7-6.

"Rylee Sybert is a good, young sprinter. I'm glad she is on our team," Staley said. "She had four wins tonight, two individual and two relays. Carlee McCluer is really coming around in the 100 hurdles. We knew that was going to be a tough field with Alicia Honigford (Ottoville) in the field and she got her tonight.

"Maddie Nicklaus had a big win in the pole vault. She is a sophomore and she is starting to round into form and gain some confidence. Alycea Ruhlen in the 200 made our relays has been a big surprise this year. We've had a good showing in the distance, Maddie Maag in the shot and

discus did a good job for a sophomore. It was a good team effort."

Kalida won four events on the girl's side led by Taylor Luke with two individual wins and she was part of one relay team.

Lucke won the 1600 meter run in 5:34.15 and the 3200-meter run in 12:11.40, while joining Madison Langhals, Kyla Fortman and Kelly Doepker to win the 4x800 Relay in 1:05.78. Doepker won the 400 dash in 1:02.65 for Kalida.

Ottoville picked up four wins on the evening led by senior standout Brooke Mangas in the high jump as she broke her own meet record in the event clearing 5-6¾. Mangas was the record holder in the high jump having cleared 5-6 last season.

Mangas finished the night by joining Lindsay Schweller, Madison Knodell and Alicia Honigford to win the 4x400 Relay in 4:11.97. Knodell won the 800-meter run in 2:27.43 and Haley Hoersten won the discus with a throw of 117-9½.

Carlee Siefker won the long jump for Leipsic with a leap of 17-3 and Grace Rigel won the shot put with a throw of 42-0¾. Freshman Katie Keller won the 300 hurdles in 48.58.

SUMMARY

CG 153, Kalida 105, Ottoville 99½, Leipsic 93½, PG 71, FJ 22 and Continental 21

SHOT PUT – Grace Rigel (Leipsic) 42-0¾

DISCUS – Haley Hoersten (Ottoville) 117-9½

*NR HIGH JUMP – Brooke Mangas (Ottoville) 5-6¾

LONG JUMP – Carlee Siefker (Leipsic) 17-3

POLE VAULT – Maddie Nicklaus (CG) 7-6

100 M. INTERMED. HURDLES – Carlee McCluer (CG) 15.78

300 M. LOW HURDLES – Katie Keller (Continental) 48.58

100 METER DASH – Rylee Sybert (CG) 12.93

200 METER DASH – Rylee Sybert (CG) 26.58

400 METER DASH – Kelly Doepker (Kalida) 1:02.65

800 METER RUN – Madison Knodell (Ottoville) 2:27.43

1600 METER RUN – Taylor Lucke (Kalida) 5:34.15

3200 METER RUN – Taylor Luke (Kalida) 12:11.40

400 METER RELAY – Carlee McCluer, Rylee Sybert, Alycea Ruhlen and Jade Clement (CG) 52.0

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