

Depth Leads Kalida Girls to PCL Track Title Wildcats First Title!

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OTTOVILLE – Overall team depth played a vital role in the outcome of the Putnam County League Track and Field Championship Friday evening.

Kalida took advantage of its deep roster to win the championship at the Bob Kaple Track in Ottoville.

Kalida's girls team used their depth to unseat defending league champion Columbus Grove in a close battle, 155-135. This was the first title for the Lady Cats. Leipsic finished third with 95.33 points.

Peyton Heitmeyer of Leipsic was named the Player of the Meet by accumulating 56 points. She placed 1st in the 400-meter dash and long jump. Peyton also placed 2nd in the 100 and 200-meter dash.

"This is tremendous," Kalida coach Scott Miller said. "Every girl had to step up. We knew it was going to be close with Columbus Grove. They are just awesome every year. We asked a lot of every single one of the athletes. We were stretching them out more than what we usually do and each one of them came through. It was an unbelievable effort by them."

While the Lady Cats have a pair of top-notch runners in Hannah Berheide and Brenna Smith, Kalida received solid efforts from everyone that competed in the field events, sprints, distance events and relays to win the PCL on a damp cool evening.

"I knew coming in we would be pretty balanced," Miller said. "We have two good throwers and jumpers. We then took the 4x800 and competed well in the distance events with the sprinters coming out."

"We asked a lot of Hannah and Brenna today and they kept putting up the points where we needed them. I asked Hannah and Brenna to compete in four events. The other girls, Peyton Vorst, Jordyn Vandemark, Lydia Vorst and Allie Stechschulte ran all the relays and kept getting points. It was just an outstanding effort by everyone."

Kalida won six events and had five runner-up finishes to help their cause.

Hannah Berheide won the 100 (12.68) and 200 (26.59) meter dashes and competed in the long jump for the first time this season nabbing a third-place finish.

Brenna Smith won the 100 hurdles (16.21) and Andrea Burgei won the 3200-meter run (12:40.0). Burgei teamed with Kenzie Fortman, Peyton Wurth and Erica Kahle to win the 4x800 relay (10:50.30), while Fortman, Lydia Vorst, Wurth and Jordyn Vandemark won the 4x40 relay (3:36.81).

Columbus Grove's girls team won six events as Kennedy Flores won the shot put (40-5) and discus (114-6). Makailey Bermudez won the high jump (4-10), Erin Downing won the 1600-meter run (5:28.19), Brynn Fortman the 300 hurdles (47.32), while Kiersten Closson, Morgan Deffenbaugh, Jaylen Sautter and Fortman won the 4x200 relay (1:53.99).

Peyton Heitmeyer won two events for Leipsic winning the long jump (15-5) and the 400 dash in 1:00.06.

Shelby Collier won the pole vault (10'0") for Continental and teamed with Destiny Pier, Bryn Tegenkamp and Jensen Prowant to win the 4x100 relay (53.91). Tegenkamp won the 800-meter run (2:28.42) for the Pirates.

SUMMARY

(1) Kalida 155 (2) Columbus Grove 135 (3) Leipsic 95.33 (4) Ottoville 57.33 (5) Pandora-Gilboa 47.6 (6) Continental 43.33 (7) Fort Jennings 37

SHOT PUT – Kennedy Flores (CG) 40'5"

DISCUS – Kennedy Flores (CG) 114'06"

HIGH JUMP – Makailey Bermudez (CG) 4'10"

LONG JUMP – Peyton Heitmeyer (L) 15'5"

POLE VAULT – Shelby Collier (C) 10'0"

100 M. INTERMED. HURDLES – Brenna Smith (K) 16.21

300 M. LOW HURDLES – Brynn Fortman (CG) 47.32

100 METER DASH – Hannah Berheide (K) 12.68

200 METER DASH – Hannah Berheide (K) 26.59

400 METER DASH – Peyton Heitmeyer (L) 1:00.06

800 METER RUN – Bryn Tegenkamp (C) 2:28.42

1600 METER RUN – Erin Downing (CG) 5:28.19

3200 METER RUN – Andrea Burgei (K) 12:40

4x100 METER RELAY – Destiny Pier, Bryn Tegenkamp, Jensen Prowant and Shelby Collier (C) 53.91

4x200 METER RELAY – Kiersten Closson, Morgan Deffenbaugh, Jaylen Sautter and Brynn Fortman (CG) 1:53.99

4x400 METER RELAY – Kenzie Fortman, Lydia Vorst, Peyton Wurth and Jordyn Vandemark (K) 4:36.81

4x800 METER RELAY – Kenzie Fortman, Peyton Wurth, Erica Kahle and Andrea Burgei (K) 10:50.30