

# Kalida Girls Repeat at PCL Track Meet on Monday

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At this point in the track season, coaches pencil in their lineup and hope injuries and sickness don't force them to make major changes.

Kalida girl's coach, Scott Miller, faced that challenge Monday at the Putnam County League meet. However, the Wildcats dug down to overcome these problems to repeat as PCL Track and Field Champions at Clymer Stadium in Columbus Grove.

Kalida used an overall good team effort to score 148 points for the league title as the Lady Bulldogs were second with 132 points. Ottoville came in third with 88 points. This was the second straight title for the Ladycats.

Coach Miller went into the meet with a good idea of how many points his team could possibly score. But sickness and an in-meet injury put that in doubt. His team, however, dug down deep to help the team overcome these issues.

"I couldn't be prouder of the team. This is our second straight league championship," Miller said. "We got points in all the events we were in. We had a few things, injuries, come up, had to adjust lineups in the middle of it and do a few different things."

"Senior Lydia Vorst spikes herself and has to get stitches after the meet. She went back to the long jump after the injury and finished third and she was second in the high jump. Camille Hovest was sick all day and finished third in the shot and discuss. Those are the cool things you see and there are more stories as we competed in each and every event."

Kalida won only five events on the night, three of them relays.

Sophomore distance runner, Andrea Burgei, won two events for the Ladycats taking the 1600-meter run in 5:39.49 and the 3200-meter run in 12:38.34. In between she finished fourth in the 800-meter run.

Kenzie Fortman, Ady Miller, Maddie Houck and Allie Kuhlman teamed up to win the 4x800 relay in 10:33.01, while Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith Bockrath, Jordyn Vandemark and Averie Unverferth won the 4x200 relay in 1:54.17. Allie Stechschulte, Bockrath, Vandemark and Unverferth won the 4x100 relay in 53.39.

"Columbus Grove did a great job, you know they are always going to," Miller said. "They spread their lineup out to maximize the points. Coming in I thought we were a little bit ahead point wise, but I told the girls we were not going to take anything for granted. You saw Burgei running the 1600,800 and 3200. Things like that were where we could

get those extra points. Those are the type of things you have to do when it comes to a big meet."

Leipsic senior Peyton Heitmeyer won four events Monday starting with long jump as she had a leap of 17-0 for the win. On the track, she won the 100 (12.94), 400 (59.83) and the 200 (26.59) meter dashes.

Teammate Sara Cupp won the shot put with a toss of 40-1.

Columbus Grove kept pace with Kalida as they won five events starting with three field event wins.

Lauryn Auchmuty won the pole vault clearing 10-1 as teammate Kiersten Closson was second at 8-6. Makailey Bermudez won the high jump clearing 4-10 and Faith Anderson won the discus with a throw of 119-10.

Brynn Fortman won the 300 hurdles in 48.30 and teamed with Ella Dotson, Closson and Savannah Ridenour to win the 4x400 relay in 4:24.03.

Jessa Burgei won the 100-meter hurdles for Ottoville with a time of 17:06 and Bryn Tegankamp won the 800-run in 2:27.59.

## SUMMARY

(1) Kalida 148 (2) Columbus Grove 132 (3) Ottoville 88 (4) Leipsic 76 (5) Continental 33 (6) Fort Jennings (7) Pandora-Gilboa 24

SHOT PUT – Sara Cupp (L) 40'01"

DISCUS – Faith Anderson (CG) 119'10"

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

LONG JUMP – Peyton Heitmeyer (L) 17'00"

POLE VAULT – Lauryn Auchmuty (O) 10'01"

100 M. HURDLES – Jessa Burgei (O) 17.06

300 M. HURDLES – Brynn Fortman (CG) 48.30

100 METER DASH – Peyton Heitmeyer (L) 12.94

200 METER DASH – Peyton Heitmeyer (L) 26.59

400 METER DASH – Peyton Heitmeyer (L) 59.83

800 METER RUN – Bryn Tegenkamp (C) 2:27.59

1600 METER RUN – Andrea Burgei (K) 5:39.49

3200 METER RUN – Andrea Burgei (K) 12:38.34

4x100 METER RELAY – Allie Stechschulte, Lydia

Vorst, Jordyn Vandemark, and Peyton Wurth  
53.39

4x200 METER RELAY – Kaylyn Bockrath, Meredith

Bockrath, Jordyn Vandemark and Avrie

Unverferth (K) 1:54.17

4x400 METER RELAY – Brynn Fortman, Ella Dotson,

Kiersten Closson and Savannah Ridenour (CG)

4:24.03

4x800 METER RELAY – Kenzie Fortman, Ady Miller,

Maddie Houck and Allie Kuhlman (K) 10:33.01