

Kalida Girls Repeat as PCL Track Champions

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COLUMBUS GROVE – A good overall team effort by the Kalida girls track and field team Friday night led them to repeat as Putnam County League Champions.

Kalida repeated as the PCL girls champion for a fourth straight year scoring 173 points to 167.5 for runner-up Columbus Grove. Pandora-Gilboa was a distant third with 58.5 points.

Kalida head coach Scott Miller was a little more relaxed after this year's 5½ point win after his team won the 2023 championship by just one point over the Lady Bulldogs.

“This was a little bit less stressful,” Miller said. “Last year was a one-point victory and this year it was 5½ points. Our girls got it done”

“Columbus Grove is a fantastic team, coach Abbie Norton and everyone over there does an outstanding job. Just give credit to our girls for competing today. We knew we had a few events to get after and flip and they did that. Every event we had someone step up and get an extra point or a flip.”

Kalida won six events at the meet, three field events and three on the track. In two of the three field event wins, they went one-two to build on their point total.

Sophomore Malia Romes won the high jump clearing 4-10 and freshman Addilyn Huber was second at 4-8. Romes also took second in the shot put at 31-7 as teammate Mia Burgei won with a throw of 34-10. Burgei won the discus with a throw of 108-5.

On the track side the Ladycats got things started as Allie Kuhlman, Ady Miller, Erica Kahle and Lauren Laudick teamed up to win the 4x800 relay in 10:38.5. Miller was a substitution for Kalida in the event replacing Andrea Burgei to keep her fresh for the 1600 and 3200-meter runs.

Laudick won the 400-meter dash for Kalida running a meet record time of 59.78 and Kuhlman won the 800 in 2:26.21. Burgei finished second in the 1600-meter run with Miller taking third and she was third in the 3200-meter run to help the team.

“We needed senior Andrea Burgei to pass the Grove girl to wash out the points in the two mile or we would be down and she did that,” Miller said. “We flipped the mile on them today and we took 18 points in the shot put. There are too many good replacements to mention and I don’t want to forget anyone. I told the girls that this was about as perfect of a meet that they could run.”

Columbus Grove’s girls team won seven events Friday night as Allison Thompson won the 100-meter dash (12.98) and

Laury Auchmuty the 200-meter dash (26.57). The Bulldogs won the sprint relays the 4x100 (52.06), 4x200 (1:49.94) and 4x400 (4:15.80) and Kendal Palte won the 300-meter hurdles (48.41). Auchmuty started teams winning by claiming the pole vault title (11-0).

Miller City’s Andrea Pfau was a double winner as she won the 1600-meter run (5:23.77) and the 3200-meter run (11:41.68). In both races Pfau went to the front as she was never pushed for the lead.

“I’m pretty happy. I was hoping for a little more push, but I felt like I was pushing myself today,” Pfau said. “I did what I thought I was going to do today. I was still hoping for better times, but it was good enough.”

Leipsic’s Morgan Apple won the 100-meter hurdles (15.40) and Continental’s Rhaegan Marshall won the long jump (16-7)

SUMMARY

(1) Kalida 173 (2) Columbus Grove 167.50 (3) Pandora-Gilboa 58.5 (4) Ottoville 46 (5) Leipsic 35 (6) Miller City 22 (7) Continental 16 (8) Fort Jennings 5

SHOT PUT – Mia Burgei (K) 34’10”

DISCUS – Mia Burgei (K) 108’5”

HIGH JUMP – Malia Romes (K) 4’10”

LONG JUMP – Rhaegan Marshall (C) 16’7”

POLE VAULT – Lauryn Auchmuty (CG) 11’0”

100 M. HURDLES – Morgan Apple (L) 15.4

300 M. HURDLES – Kendal Palte (CG) 48.41

100 METER DASH – Allison Thompson (CG) 12.98

200 METER DASH – Lauryn Auchmuty (CG) 26.47

*NR 400 METER DASH – Lauren Laudick (K) 59.78

800 METER RUN – Allie Kuhlman (K) 2:26.21

1600 METER RUN – Andrea Pfau (MC) 5:23.77

3200 METER RUN – Andrea Pfau (MC) 11:41.68

4x100 METER RELAY – Allison Thomson, Brynn

Halker, Amyah Huff and Jade Roeder (CG) 52.06

4x200 METER RELAY – Allison Thompson, Devanie

Pingle, Bree Closson and Jade Roeder (CG)

1:49.94

4x400 METER RELAY – Jade Roeder, Bree Closson,

Kendal Palte and Devanie Pingle (CG) 4:15.80

4x800 METER RELAY – Allie Kuhlman, Ady Miller,

Erica Kahle and Lauren Laudick (K) 10:38.50