

Columbus Grove Wins Fourth Straight PCL Track Championships

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Columbus Grove's complete domination of the track and field sport in Putnam County went entirely unchallenged last Friday as the Bulldogs came close to outscoring the combined efforts of six other schools which competed in the annual county meet at Pandora.

Racking up its fourth straight county championship and its 10th in the last 11 years, Columbus Grove won nine of the 14 events and tied for first in the 10th. In two of the four events they did not win, the Bulldogs placed second. They also won a second in one event they won. In one event they settled for a third and fourth place.

The only event in which the Bulldogs did not do well was the high jump where two Grove boys tied for fifth. However, they managed to earn points in every event.

The Bulldog thinclads set two new county records and the Grove school now holds claim to exactly half of the standards.

Lynn Darbyshire slowed down by illness during the past year, picked up the shot and threw it 47'1", bettering the old mark by more than two feet. Ed Rigel of Leipsic set the record last year at 44'10½".

THE COLUMBUS GROVE half mile relay team chopped .7 second off the old mark in that event, Darbyshire was also a member of that team, along with Bruce Kissell, Bob Volkmer and Jim Altstaetter. A Columbus Grove team set the former record in 1955.

Altstaetter was the meet's outstanding performer. In addition to anchoring the half mile relay squad, he won three events – the 100 and 220 dashes and the discus.

Grove amassed a total of 91 5/6 points. Second place went again to Pandora-Gilboa, the only school to interrupt the Bulldog victory string in the past 11 years. P-G scored 44 1/3 points. Next in line were Leipsic with 25 1/2, Glandorf 24, Continental 22; Ottawa Public 10 1/3 and Ottawa Sts. Peter and Paul 6. Kalida, which entered only a few events, did not score.

Pandora, running second to Grove in many events, made second and third places pay off. The Rockets won the 120 yard high hurdles and the mile run, won second in four events, tied for second in another and placed third in two.

Other firsts went to Glandorf and Continental, while Leipsic and Grove tied for first in the pole vault.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 91 5/6, Pandora-Gilboa 44 1/3, Leipsic 25 ½, Glandorf 24, Continental 22, Ottawa Public 10 1/3, Ottawa SPPS 6 and Kalida 0.

*NR SHOT PUT - Lynn Darbyshire (CG) 47'1"

DISCUS - Jim Altstaetter (CG) 120'4"

HIGH JUMP - Jack Nienberg (Glandorf) 5'9"

BROAD JUMP - Jerry Troyer (Continental) 18'5"

POLE VAULT - Mike Maag (CG) 9'4"

120 Yd HIGH HURDLES - Rod McDaniel (PG) 17.2

180 Yd LOW HURDLES - Bob Volkmer (CG) 22.6

100 YARD DASH - Jim Altstaetter (CG) 10.6

220 YARD DASH - Jim Altstaetter (CG) 23.7

440 YARD DASH - Ray Schaublin (CG) 54.8

880 YARD RUN - John Welty (CG) 2:10.8

MILE RUN - Dwight Hector (PG) 4:55.7

*NR 880 YARD RELAY – Lynn Darbyshire, Bruce Kissell, Bob Volkmer and Jim Altstaetter (CG) 1:36.1

MILE RELAY - Ray Schaublin, Ed Bailey, Terry Reeder and Bob Volkmer of CG, 3:50.5.