

# Rockets End Grove's Reign as Putnam County Track Champs

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Pandora-Gilboa, given a big assist by the Ottawa Lancers, dethroned Columbus Grove as the kings of track and field in Putnam County last Friday afternoon. Two new records were set and a third was tied.

The Rockets, the only team to win a Putnam track title besides Columbus Grove in the past dozen years, shot ahead in the final evening events to snatch the 1962 crown with 72 5/6 points. Columbus Grove racked up 68 points for second place and Ottawa stayed in the running until late in the meet and finished third with 43 2/3 points.

Four other teams participated. Finishing in order was Continental with 26 points, Leipsic 8, Glandorf 5 1/2 and Ottoville which failed to score.

In the past several years Columbus Grove has practically outscored the rest of the field and the meet was usually a two-way duel between Columbus Grove and Pandora-Gilboa as other county schools made very little showing.

This year, the Ottawa Lancers made it a three-way race, and Continental cut in enough so that the meet outcome was in doubt right down to the final event.

Pandora-Gilboa swept first place in eight of the 14 events and set one of the new records. Grove won four firsts, setting a new standard and tying one of the old ones.

The other two events were won by Continental's Gerald Grant, who took both the shot put and the high jump. Pandora's Dwight Hector was the meet's only other double winner, taking the mile run and the 440 yard dash.

Ottawa, although being unable to win an event, piled up points by taking second in four events, and third in five.

Rod McDaniel of Pandora-Gilboa put his name into the record book when he clipped .2 of a second off the 120 yard high hurdles, going 16.2 seconds.

**This was not true. The PCL record in 1962 for the high hurdles was set in 1926 by Everett Seitz of Ottawa with a time of 14.60.**

Richard Miller, Columbus Grove, just nicked the 220 yard dash mark by .1 second when he went in 23.1 seconds. Both former marks were established in 1955.

Bob Volkmer of Columbus Grove tied the 10.4 second record in the 100 yard dash. He shares that mark with three others dating back to 1928.

**This was not true. The PCL record for the 100 yard dash was set in 1948 by Roger Diller with a time of 10.2.**

One record that was thought sure to fall was the pole vault. The event was won by Paul Etter of Pandora-Gilboa at 10'0" which was 7 3/4" short of the mark. Bruce Kissell, of Columbus Grove, who was believed to have a good chance to crack the standard, came in only in fourth place. Kissell, who had gone as high as 11'6" this year, used a different pole and dropped out at 9'6".

Once the perennial county track winner, Pandora-Gilboa's last county championship was in 1957. Columbus Grove has reigned the last four years and won 10 of the previous 11 meets.

## SUMMARY

Pandora-Gilboa 72 5/6, Columbus Grove 68, Ottawa Public 43 2/3, Continental 26, Leipsic 8, Glandorf 5 1/2 and Ottoville 0.

SHOT PUT - Gerald Grant (Continental) 45'9 1/2"

DISCUS - Jim Dunnett (CG) 119'6 1/2"

HIGH JUMP - Gerald Grant (Continental) 5'7 3/8"

BROAD JUMP, Doug Reichenbach (PG) 18'6"

POLE VAULT - Paul Etter (PG) 10'0"

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES - Rod McDaniel (PG) 16.2

180 Yd LOW HURDLES - Gene Reichenbach (PG) 21.6

100 YARD DASH - Bob Volkmer (CG) 10.4

\*NR 220 YARD DASH - Richard Miller (CG) 23.1

440 YARD DASH - Dwight Hector (PG) 55.5

880 YARD RUN - Jon Reichenbach (PG) 2:09.6

MILE RUN - Dwight Hector (PG) 4:48.5

880 YARD RELAY - Bob Volkmer, Bruce Kissell,

Barrere and Richard Miller (CG) 1:36.2

MILE RELAY - Gene Reichenbach, Bill Stahl, Ranay

Reichenbach and Jon Reichenbach (PG) 3:47.5.