

8 Records Broken, 3 by Leipsic's Shawber in County Track Meet - Columbus Grove Wins

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The best and most exciting Putnam County track meet in history was run at Pandora last Friday and from it emerged Leipsic's Gene Shawber as the fastest sprinter in the annals of the event. Shawber established new records in all three dash events, knocking a whopping big 3.35 seconds from the old mark in 440. In all, there were new records set in eight of the 14 events and one of the old records was even beaten twice.

This was not true. Only seven records were broken. Gene Shawber's 100 yard dash was not a new record.

Ottawa's Corwin Croy also ran the 440 faster than it had ever been run before in the county meet, but his name will not go into the record book as he finished second far behind the flying Shawber.

Columbus Grove, which has won the meet 11 of the last 13 years, took the county championship again last Friday, unseating Pandora-Gilboa, the 1962 champion. The Bulldogs, establishing two new records, amassed 63 points, to Pandora-Gilboa's 57½. P-G also set new records.

Leipsic, with four record-shattering performances, almost came through in second place, being nosed out by just one half point. The Vikings, who also set the new mile relay mark, had 56 5/6 points. Finishing next was Ottawa with 35 1/3, Continental 8 1/2 and Glandorf 3.

Shawber took the 100 yard dash in 10.25, breaking a record which had stood for 35 years. The old mark of 10.4 was first set in 1928 by D. Allen of Ottawa Public and was tied by R. Diller of Pandora in 1948, Bill Thomas of Columbus Grove in 1959 and Bob Volkmer of Columbus Grove in 1962.

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.

The Leipsic speedster whittled .65 seconds off the 220 record by going the course in 22.45. The old record was set by Richard Miller of Columbus Grove last year at 23.1. Larry Rigel of Leipsic set the 440 standard in 1960 at 53.2 but Shawber ran it in 49.85 on Friday.

Leipsic runners ended a near perfect day by picking off the mile relay in 3:41.9, knocking 3.5 seconds off the mark set by a Columbus Grove team in 1958. Members of the new record holding team were Jim Heg, Larry Place, Terry Kaufman and Phil Vance.

Carl Kidd and Jim Dunnett of Columbus Grove also set new marks in the shot put and the discus. Kidd heaved the shot 50'2½", bettering the old mark by 3'1½". Lynn Darbyshire of Columbus Grove set the old mark in 1961.

Dunnett threw the discus 135'8 ½", which was 5'1½" farther than it was ever thrown before in the county meet, and his new mark beat a 22 year old record established by Bob Altman of OP in 1941.

Pandora-Gilboa's Gene Reichenbach was in on two record smashing performances. He was a member of the winning 880 yard relay team and he established a new mark in the 180 yard low hurdles. He ran the latter event in 21.15 seconds, .35 seconds faster than another P-G Reichenbach, Ron by name, ran it in 1955.

The Rocket half mile relay peeled .6 second off the two year old record established by a Columbus Grove team. The new record setters, going the distance in 1:35.5 were composed of Gene Reichenbach, Doug Reichenbach, Doug Reichenbach and Dave Basinger.

Gene Reichenbach just missed the record in the 120 year high hurdles. He came home in 16.9 seconds in that event, just .7 slower than the record.

The pole vault record was also threatened when George Miller of Columbus Grove went over the bar at 10'6½", just 1¼" short of the mark.

Only four records went unthreatened. The 1922 broad jump mark set by a fellow by the name of Lowe from Continental seems unbreakable. Ottawa's Chuck Wilson won that event with a leap of 20'1¼", but it was nearly two feet short of Lowe's records. That was the only event won by Ottawa.

OTHER FIRSTS were won by Smith of Columbus Grove in the mile at 4:55.6 about eight seconds off the record; Rayle of

Leipsic, who went 2:10.2 in the half mile, about five seconds slower than the record; and Ed Rayle of Pandora-Gilboa in the high jump at 5'5", 6¼" lower than the record.

Grove's team strength lay in its power in the field events and their depth. They won three of the five field events and added one second. While able to win only one track event, they finished second in four of the running races.

Leipsic won five track events and if they would have been able to show better in the field they could easily have surpassed Pandora-Gilboa for second place. In field events, Leipsic was able to take only one second, a tie for second, a fifth and a tie for fifth.

The Rockets won one field and three track events and their team depth helped them to pile up points. They also did not fare too well in the field but piled up many points with second, third and fourth place finished in the races.

SUMMARY

CG 63, Pandora-Gilboa 57½, Leipsic 56 5/6, Ottawa Public 35 1/3, Continental 8½ and Glandorf 3.

*NR SHOT PUT - Carl Kidd (CG) 50'2½"

*NR DISCUS - Jim Dunnett (CG) 135'8½"

HIGH JUMP - Ed Diller (PG) 5'5"

BROAD JUMP - Chuck Wilson (OP) 20'1¼"

POLE VAULT - George Miller (CG) 10'6½"

120 Yd H. HURDLES - Gene Reichenbach (PG) 16.9

*NR 180 Yd LOW HURDLES - Gene Reichenbach (PG) 21.2

100 Yd DASH - Gene Shawber (Leipsic) 10.3

*NR 220 Yd DASH - Gene Shawber (Leip) 22.5

*NR 440 Yd DASH - Gene Shawber (Leip) 49.9

880 YARD RUN - Rayle (Leipsic) 2:10.2

MILE RUN - Ed Smith (CG) 4:55.6

*NR 880 Yd RELAY - Gene Reichenbach, Doug Reichenbach, Jim Reichenbach and Dave Basinger (PG) 1:35.5

*NR MILE RELAY - Jim Heg, Larry Place, Terry Kaufman and Phil Vance (Leipsic) 3:41.9