

Titans Win PCL Track and Field Meet

Four New Records Set In County Meet as Basinger Stars for P-G

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A team with only three seniors on the squad may have started a new era in the track and field sport in Putnam County last Friday when Ottawa-Glandorf won the county title in an exciting and hard fought battle with Pandora-Gilboa and six other county schools.

The Titans, coached by Jim Hoess, snapped a 21 year hold on the county title shared by Columbus Grove and Pandora, who have dominated the sport since 1944, but it was a nip and tuck battle with the Rockets until the final two events of the night.

Ottawa-Glandorf finished first with 64 points, setting three new meet records, while Pandora-Gilboa, getting another brilliant performance from Dave Basinger, was second with 57 points. Basinger was the meets outstanding performer winning first place in all four events he entered.

Next was Columbus Grove with 45.5 points. The defending county champs set the only other meet record. Continental finished fourth with 25 points, Leipsic fifth with 14.5 points and Ft. Jennings sixth with 13 points. Ottoville sent only two boys to the meet and scored four points. Kalida's new team failed to score.

O-G WON FIVE events and placed second in three others. They scored points in every event and had two boys place in five events. The Rockets took just the four events won by Basinger but had five second places. They failed to score in only the 880 yard relay and had two boys place in only the shot put.

Illness hampered a possible even greater performance by the Titans as two key runners were out with the flu. They were favored in both relay events, but took two boys off the half mile team in order to salvage other events. They finished third in that relay.

However, the crack mile relay squad with a freshman substitute replacing the ill Mike Marchione knocked more than three seconds off the old record by speeding the mile in 3:35.5. The team is composed of freshman Bob Jones, junior Bill Cutlip and sophomores Bill Roeder and Jim VanHousen.

The Leipsic relay team was second in that event. They led the first half mile, but Roeder turned on the heat to overtake them in the third lap and VanHousen poured it on to win by a long way. Columbus Grove set the old record last year in 3:39.1.

NEIL JAMES of Ottawa-Glandorf and Bob Brinkman of Ottoville put up a real battle in the mile run and both broke the year-old record established by Alan Smith of Columbus Grove.

James let all the way, but only by a couple of steps ahead of Brinkman. Four times during the race James fought off attempts by Brinkman to move ahead and he finished with a record-shattering 4:42.5 and just .9 second ahead of Brinkman. Smith's record was 4:43.7.

Steve Frick set another record for Ottawa-Glandorf in the half-mile run in a time of 2:04.5, just .1 second better than the old standard set last year by Dick Rower of Pandora-Gilboa.

The other new record which went into the books was the half mile relay won by Columbus Grove in a time of 1:35.1, which was .4 second faster than the 1963 record set by a Pandora-Gilboa team. The Grove team was composed of Dave Moffat, Steve Baxter, Jerry Miller and Ted Doty.

Basinger won all three dash events and the broad jump, but failed to set any records, and the 43 year old record of Owen Lowe in the broad jump stays for another year. Basinger came with in 10½ inches of it.

In 1923, Owen Lowe set the long jump record with a leap of 20'11½". A few years later, however, the newspapers incorrectly listed his leap at 21'11½". In 1955, Larry Johnson of Leipsic set the PCL record with a leap of 21'4", but it was not recognized. The mistake was not discovered until 2009.

IRONICALLY, although he was the outstanding individual performer in the meet, his name was erased from the record book. He was a member of the record-holding 880 yard relay team of 1963 which was bettered this year by Grove. He holds no other records.

Ottawa-Glandorf's Bill Roeder won both weight events, tossing the shot put 47'10¾", and the discus 131'0". He also ran a leg of both relays.

Moffat, in addition to running a leg of one CG relay team, was another double winner, taking both hurdle races in times of 16.9 in the highs, and 21.4 in the lows. He also placed 5th in the broad jump.

The Ottawa-Glandorf team, which has won every meet it has participated in this year except the Northwest Conference and Napoleon Gold Medal meet, came through with its best performance of the season, setting school records in eight of the 14 events - the mile run, 880 yard relay, 440 yard dash, 180 yard low hurdles, one half mile run, mile relay, shot put and broad jump.

SUMMARY

OG 64, Pandora-Gilboa 57, Columbus Grove 45.5, Continental 25, Leipsic 14.5, Ft. Jennings 13, Ottoville 4 and Kalida 0.

SHOT PUT - Bill Roeder (OG) 47'10¾"

DISCUS - Bill Roeder (OG) 131'0"

HIGH JUMP - Jerry Miller (CG) 5'8"

BROAD JUMP - Dave Basinger (PG) 21'1"

POLE VAULT - Phil Lawrence (CG)

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES - Dave Moffat (CG) 16.9

180 YARD LOW HURDLES - Dave Moffat (CG) 21.4

100 YARD DASH - Dave Basinger (PG) 10.3

220 YARD DASH - Dave Basinger (PG) 22.6

440 YARD DASH - Dave Basinger (PG) 51.3

*NR 880 YARD RUN - Steve Frick (OG) 2:04.5

*NR MILE RUN - Neil James (OG) 4:42.5

*NR 880 YARD RELAY - Dave Moffat, Steve Baxter, Jerry Miller and Ted Doty (CG) 1:35.1

*NR MILE RELAY - Bob Jones, Bill Cutlip, Bill Roeder and Jim VanHousen (OG) 3:35.5