

# Titans Leave the PCL with the 1966 Track Title

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Three juniors and a sophomore put on a terrific show at the Ottawa-Glandorf stadium Friday night as they paced the Titans to their second consecutive Putnam County Track and Field championship.

Junior Bill Croy scored 28 points as he won three dash events, one of them in record time and he was second in the long jump, to be the meet's high individual scorer.

Another junior, Jim VanHousen, won the long jump and set a new record in the high hurdles and Bill Roeder, as expected, won both the discus and shot put. Both of these boys also ran a lap on the winning mile relay team.

Sophomore Keith Hohenbrink put on a crowd pleasing run in the two mile winning that event in about 20 seconds less than it had been run by any Putnam County boy this spring. The two mile run was a new event in this year's meet.

With Ottawa-Glandorf winning nine of the 15 events and taking six seconds, the Titans turned the meet into the most lopsided win in five years. They scored 93.5 points, while Columbus Grove finished a distant second with 61.

PANDORA-GILBOA was third with 34, Leipsic fourth with 28, Ft. Jennings fifth with 17.5 and Continental sixth with six.

Tom Metzger of Ft. Jennings was the only other double winner in the meet. He won both the mile and half mile runs, coming up with a great finish in both events.

Columbus Grove won three events, the 880 yard relay, the high jump and pole vault, and Pandora-Gilboa took the low hurdles.

There were only two records broken in the meet, although it was believed that a number more might have been snapped. A cold stiff breeze is believed responsible to holding times and distances down.

VanHousen went the 120 yard high hurdles in 16.05 seconds, nipping the old mark set by Rod McDaniel of Pandora-Gilboa in 1962 by .15 seconds.

**This was not true. The PCL record in 1966 for the high hurdles was set in 1926 by Everett Seitz of Ottawa with a time of 14.6.**

Croy sped the century in 10.2, taking .05 seconds off the mark of Gene Shawber of Leipsic in 1963.

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

Roeder was thought a sure bet to better the discus and shot put marks, but the wind kept those distances down considerably. His discus throw went 132'7", which was three feet short of the record and some 30 feet short of his best throw this year. The shot put was won in 49'8¼", four inches short of the record and nearly three feet short of his best this year.

HOHENBRINK BROUGHT the crowd to its feet with a great finish in the two mile race and his time is likely to stay in the record books for some time. The Titan sophomore moved out in front on the second lap and set the pace all the way. After the early laps it turned into a three man race among Hohenbrink, Don Bucher of Pandora-Gilboa and Tim Gasser, the great cross country runner from Ft. Jennings.

Gasser, however, faded in the last two laps. Bucher stayed with in a few feet of Hohenbrink until they went into the back stretch of the last lap. The Titan runner began to sprint as if he were running the 200 yard dash and finished the race nearly 50 yards in the lead. He lapped five opponents en route.

Depth paid off for Columbus Grove. Although able to win only three events, the Bulldogs took five seconds and five thirds. They had two boys' score in seven events and the team scored in all but the mile run and 440 yard dash.

Ottawa-Glandorf also had two boys' score in seven events and they earned points in every event. Although they won the meet by a wide margin, the point standings were fairly close until late in the evening. O-G then won four out of the last six races, took second and third in another, and second in the other to pile up their wide margin.

Ottawa-Glandorf, competing for the last time in the county meet, before entering the Western Buckeye League, holds the record in six events.

## SUMMARY

Ottawa-Glandorf 93.5, Columbus Grove 61, Pandora-Gilboa 34, Leipsic 28, Ft Jennings 17.5 and Continental 6.

SHOT PUT - Bill Roeder (OG) 49'8¼"

DISCUS - Bill Roeder (OG) 132'7"

HIGH JUMP - Dan Griffith (CG) 5'5"

BROAD JUMP - Jim VanHousen (OG) 19'8"

POLE VAULT - Phil Lawrence (CG) 12'0"

120 YARD HIGH HURDLES - Jim VanHousen (OG) 16.1

180 YARD LOW HURDLES - Rich Meinke (PG) 21.7

\*TR 100 YARD DASH - Bill Croy (OG) 10.2

220 YARD DASH - Bill Croy (OG) 23.3

440 YARD DASH - Bill Croy (OG) 52.1

880 YARD RUN - Tom Metzger (FJ) 2:04.9

MILE RUN - Tom Metzger (FJ) 4:42.7

\*NR TWO MILE RUN - Keith Hohenbrink (OG) 10:20.3

880 YARD RELAY - Jerry Miller, Tom Miller, Mike

Zimmerly and Ted Doty (CG) 1:36.5

MILE RELAY - Bob Jones, Jim Fenbert, Bill Roeder and Jim

VanHousen (OG) 3:37.0