

Rockets Win County Track Title

Behind Diller's Four Firsts; Three Records Set

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For years the sport of track in Putnam County was spelled Pandora. But then in 1951 Columbus Grove put an end to that and since that time the Bulldogs have won 15 of the 19 county track meets and they were favored to do so again Tuesday afternoon.

However, John Diller came off the injured list and led his Pandora-Gilboa Rockets to an upset victory as he scored four first places himself, including tying for one county meet record.

PG has won the meet twice previously in the past 20 years, but the last time was in 1962.

The Rockets scored 95.5 points Tuesday as they took seven events. Columbus Grove won six events and finished second with 79 points. Leipsic was third with 38, Continental fourth with 12.5 and Ft. Jennings fifth with 10.

Jennings entered only three events, and Menke won the two mile run for them.

DILLER HAD been laid up with a pulled leg muscle for more than a week, but he was back in form Tuesday as he won all three dashes and the long jump.

His time in the 100 yard dash was 10.2 seconds which tied the record for the meet set by Bill Croy of Ottawa-Glandorf in 1966. He went the 220 in 24.0, slightly better than when he took second in that event last year, but his 440 time was 55.2 which was nearly a second slower than his winning time a year ago. P-G also won two of the distance runs, as Mike Siefer took the mile and Gene Augsburger the half mile. Their other first came in the mile relay.

MIKE NICHOLS set two new meet records in the hurdles as he was expected to do. He cut .3 second off both the low and high hurdle marks

he set a year ago. His time in the highs was 14.8 seconds, and in the lows was 20.8.

Everett Seitz's record time of 14.6 is now thought to be incorrect, but cannot be disproved. Thus Seitz's record and Mike Nichols's time of 14.8 will be considered the same.

One other record was nearly erased by Paul MacDonald of Leipsic who went 12 feet in the pole vault. He had the event won in 10'6", but tried for the record of 12'2½". He missed when he asked to have the bar set at 12'6".

Columbus Grove probably would have won another first place, but their top two-miler, Mark Benroth is on the injured list. He has been running the event about 20 seconds faster than Tuesday's winning time.

Besides Nichol's firsts, Grove won the 880 yard relay and three field events. Gary Bockrath took the shot put, Herb Oglesbee the discus and Steve Roberts the high jump.

SUMMARY

Pandora-Gilboa 95.5, Columbus Grove 79, Leipsic 38, Continental 12.5 and Fort Jennings 10.

SHOT PUT - Gary Bockrath (CG) 43'10"

DISCUS - Herb Oglesbee (CG) 130'10½"

HIGH JUMP - Steve Roberts (CG) 5'10"

LONG JUMP - Jon Diller (PG) 17'11¾"

POLE VAULT - Paul MacDonald (Leipsic) 12'0"

*TR 120 Yd HIGH HURDLES - Mike Nichols (CG) 14.8

*NR 180 Yd LOW HURDLES - Mike Nichols, (CG) 20.8

*TR 100 YARD DASH - Jon Diller (PG) 10.2

220 YARD DASH - Jon Diller (PG) 24.0

440 YARD DASH - Jon Diller (PG) 55.2

880 YARD RUN - Gene Augsburger (PG) 2:13.4

MILE RUN - Mike Siefer (PG) 4:58.0

TWO MILE RUN - Bill Menke (FJ) 10:48.6

880 YARD RELAY - Jim Dunlap, John Longbrake,
Dennis Palte and Mike Snyder (CG) 1:41

MILE RELAY - Steve Kiene, Mike Siefer, David
Grismore and Carey Arthur (PG) 3:51.0