

Columbus Grove Wins Track Title as Bad Weather Spoils County Meet

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It was a miserable day for a track meet and, as a result, the times and distances were also miserable as Columbus Grove squeezed past Pandora-Gilboa to retake the Putnam County Track and Field championship from the Rockets last Friday afternoon and evening.

There was a steady drizzle which not only dampened the spirits of fans and participants, but also kept the track waterlogged, and runners had to slosh to the tape well over times they had posted earlier in the season.

When the night was over Columbus Grove had a 10 point advantage over Pandora-Gilboa, the reigning champion, but the meet was not completed. The pole vault was postponed until Monday due to the bad footing. However, Grove's margin was sufficient to assure the Bulldogs of the team victory, and Pandora-Gilboa had a big enough lead over the rest of the field to take home the runner up trophy. No one even came close to any of the meet records. Grove's victory was their 15th in the last 21 years of the meet.

THE BULLDOGS totaled 82 points, but did not win as many first places as Pandora-Gilboa which scored 71. Grove won five events and Pandora-Gilboa six. Leipsic, with two firsts, was third with 40, while Ottoville was fourth with 25 points and two firsts. Continental scored 15 points and Ft. Jennings 6. Kalida participated with a partial team but failed to score.

Jon Diller of Pandora-Gilboa was the meet's high scorer, taking first in the long jump and

the 440 yard dash, and second in the 100 and 220. Teammate Glenn Rader won both hurdles. Steve Roberts of Grove was a double winner in the high jump and the 220.

Diller repeated his county championship from last year in the long jump and 440, beating both marks from a year ago, but was unable to repeat in the century and 220 which he also won in 1970.

The only other repeater from last year was Paul MacDonald who returned on Monday to win the pole vault at 11'6", which was six inches shorter than he had won it with last year, and nine inches shorter than his best jump of this year.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 82, Pandora-Gilboa 71, Leipsic 40, Ottoville 25, Continental 15, Ft. Jennings and Kalida 0.

SHOT PUT - Paul MacDonald (Leipsic) 41'1"

DISCUS - Jerry Busick (CG) 119'11"

HIGH JUMP - Steve Roberts (CG) 5'8"

LONG JUMP - Jon Diller (PG) 19'0"

POLE VAULT - Paul MacDonald (Leipsic) 11'6"

120 Yd H. HURDLES - Glenn Rader (PG) 16.65.

180 Yd LOW HURDLES - Glenn Rader (PG) 22.4

100 YARD DASH - Phil Trask (CG)

220 YARD DASH - Steve Roberts (CG) 24.8

440 YARD DASH - Jon Diller (PG) 58

880 YARD RUN - Steve Knippen (Ottoville) 2:11.4

MILE RUN - Denny Tavenner (CG) 4:50.45

TWO MILE RUN - Steve Altenburger (Ott) 10:33.0

880 YARD RELAY - (PG) 1:49.4

MILE RELAY - (PG) 3:48.5