

# Grove Wins 17<sup>th</sup> PCL Track Crown

## Ottoville Runs Good Second

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Columbus Grove successfully defended its Putnam County League Track and Field championship Tuesday afternoon as the Bulldogs won their third straight and the 17<sup>th</sup> PCL title overall.

Ottoville came on surprisingly strong for second place as the Big Green finished higher than they ever had before, while Pandora-Gilboa and Leipsic, which were expected to seriously challenge the Bulldogs, were far back.

Grove chalked up 79 points to 61 by Ottoville. Pandora-Gilboa was a distant third with 41, while Leipsic had 35. Continental scored 21 and Kalida 3.

Phil Trask set a new meet record when he raced to a 10.1 clocking in the 100 yard dash. This was one-tenth of a second faster than the old mark set by Bill Croy of Ottawa-Glandorf in 1966 and equaled by Pandora-Gilboa's John Diller in 1970.

**Roger Diller had set standard when he ran the 100 yard dash in 1948 in 10.2 seconds. Croy and Diller both tied the record in 1966 and 1970 respectively.**

Grove's Joe Green also set a new meet record in the discus, breaking the old mark by nearly 10 feet. He threw it 145'1½", eclipsing the old mark of 135'8½" set by Jim Dunnett of Columbus Grove in 1963.

TRASK WAS leading in the 220 but was disqualified when judges ruled he had stepped out of his lane. He also ran a leg of the winning mile relay team.

Corky Breeden won both hurdle events for Grove as the Bulldogs registered six first places and four seconds. Jeff Auchmuty won the shot put for Grove.

Ottoville also had six first place victories, but did not have the depth to keep up with the Bulldogs. They had two double winners as Denny Altenburger took the 440 and the long jump, and Bob Klima the 220 and the pole vault. Virgil Knippen won the 880 for the Big Green while Denny Byrne won the two mile.

Pandora-Gilboa won two events, with Snyder being the first Putnam County boy this year to clear the six foot mark in the high jump. P-G's 880 relay team was their other winner.

Continental's Greg Spitnale took the mile run.

Leipsic, which the day before had come within one point of the Blanchard Valley Conference championship, failed to take a first place.

### SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 79, Ottoville 61, Pandora-Gilboa 41, Leipsic 35, Continental 21 and Kalida 3.

SHOT PUT - Jeff Auchmuty (CG) 48'0"  
\*NR DISCUS - Joe Green (CG) 145'1½"  
HIGH JUMP - Reese Snyder (PG) 6'0"  
LONG JUMP - Denny Altenburger (Ottoville) 18'7½"  
POLE VAULT - Bob Klima (Ottoville) 11'3"  
120 YARD H. HURDLES - Corky Breeden (CG) 16.1  
180 YARD L. HURDLES - Corky Breeden (CG) 21.9  
\*NR 100 YARD DASH - Phil Trask (CG) 10.1  
220 YARD DASH - Bob Klima (Ottoville)  
440 YARD DASH - Denny Altenburger (Ottoville) 55.1  
880 YARD RUN - Virgil Knippen (Ottoville) 2:10.5  
MILE RUN - Greg Spitnale (Continental) 4:53.5  
TWO MILE RUN - Denny Byrne (Ottoville) 10:43.7  
880 YARD RELAY - Joe Siefer, Jerry Payne, Mark Arthur and Steve Kiene (PG) 1:38.9  
MILE RELAY - Phil Trask, Jim Palte, Mark Walls and Tom Wenzinger (CG) 3:42.5