

Columbus Grove Boys

Win the 1981 PCL Track Meet

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What Coach Tracy Brown had hoped for after the field events were over, his Columbus Grove runners came through with in the Putnam County League track meet on Wednesday.

Led by senior Fred Koch, the Bulldogs finished a remarkable one-two in the 880, mile and two mile runs that catapulted them past Ottoville, Continental and Leipsic and into first place with a point total of 68. OHS ended with 53 points, Conti 46 ½ and Leipsic 44 ½. Pandora-Gilboa was fifth totaling 26 marks. The win also knocked off a five year hold on the PCL crown by Ottoville, whose team depth was not here as in the past.

Brown knew the distance events were his team's forte, but thought Continental would give them quite a run and be a major threat at the title. But the Pirates' 440 relay team was disqualified after a false start, an event they expected to win and that seemed to turn the tide on Grove's side.

"I think Continental's false start in the 400 relay was a big difference in the meet," stated Brown. "They had the best time coming in. It not only hurt them point wise but maybe also psychologically."

Koch, capping a fantastic track career, won the 800 in 2:06.4 mile 4:41.5 and two mile 10:24.9 with the only competition his own teammates. Terry Basinger followed the leader around like a shadow with a second place time of 2:09.3 in the 880 and 4:42.1 in the mile. Mike Foulkes' 10:37.5 was good for the Grove second in the two-mile.

Other than the distance events, the winner's only first place came in the 400 relay as Jim Oglesbee, Ron Henderson, Scott Downing and Beau Clymer sped to a 47.7 clocking. CG acquired big points from Downing, Clymer and Denny Barkimer all taking individual seconds. Downing ran a 55.6 440, Clymer a 24.9 220 and Barkimer a pleasant surprise 44'5 1/3" in the shot, a personal best.

With three first and three seconds Ottoville squeezed out a runner up finished. Gary Gerdeman in the discus (120'4"), Rick Eickholt in the high hurdles (16.1); and Mitch Hohlbein the 440 (54.3) took firsts, Eickholt in the long jump (18'6") and low hurdles (44.2) and Mark Kimmet the pole vault (10.0) were award second place spots.

Continental took home the most No. 1 finishes, five, but could not gain needed depth and had to settle for third in the team standings. Scott Woodburn was superman, winning three events, the 100 (11.7), 200 (24.4) and low hurdles (42.2). Dan Troyer leaped 5'10" to win the high jump and the mile relay team of Jeff Polhamus, Mike Mitchell, Dan and Dave Rue captured the event in a 3:33.7 fashion. For Woodburn and

Troy it was repeat PCL titles. Other repeat champs are Koch (mile and two mile) and Eickholt (high hurdles).

After field events, Leipsic was ahead as Keith Cupp tossed his way to the shot title (47'5½") and Brad Brooks the pole vault (11'0") and the team added two seconds and a pair of thirds but the highest the Vikings could finish in the running events was a second from John David in the high hurdles (16.4).

David also gained a second place high jump finish (5'6") along with Conti's Pohlamus and Pirate Paul Schindler a second in the shot (120'4").

Gerry Siefer sparked PG's point total with a first place long jump flying 18'8½", second in the 100 (11.8) and ran in the second place 400 relay team (48.5). He also had a third place time of 25.4 in the 220.

SUMMARY

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SHOT PUT - Keith Cupp (Leipsic) 47'5½"
DISCUS - Gary Gerdeman (Ottoville) 120'4"
HIGH JUMP - Dan Troyer (Continental) 5'10"
LONG JUMP - Gerry Siefer (PG) 18'8½"
POLE VAULT - Brad Brooks (Leipsic) 11'0"
110 M. HIGH HURDLES - Rick Eickholt (Otto) 16.1
*NR 300 M. L.HURDLES - Scott Woodburn(Conti) 42.2
*NR 100 METER DASH - Scott Woodburn (Cont) 11.7
200 METER DASH - Scott Woodburn (Continental) 24.4
400 METER DASH - Mitch Hohlbein (Ottoville) 54.3
800 METER RUN - Fred Koch (CG) 2:06.4
MILE RUN - Fred Koch (CG) 4:41.5
TWO MILE RUN - Fred Koch (CG) 10:24.9
400 METER RELAY - Jim Oglesbee, Ron Henderson,
Scott Downing and Beau Clymer (CG) 47.7
MILE RELAY - Jeff Polhamus, Mike Mitchell, Dan Rue
and Dave Rue (Continental) 3:44.7