

Columbus Grove New Champs in PCL Meet

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Depth had always been the main ingredient to the tremendous track success the Ottoville boys displayed in the last eight years when they dominated Putnam County League track with six titles in that span.

Columbus Grove decided to use that formula Saturday in the annual league meet and placed in all but one of the events with eight double placements to easily outdistance runner up Ottoville 84 to 60½ and earn its second crown in three years.

“The boys did a good job,” said Grove coach Tracy Brown whose team lost by only four points to Leipsic last year. “I wasn’t too surprised we won but I was surprised it was by that wide of a margin.”

The Bulldogs had eight placements in the five field events, four of those first firsts. Dave Jones won both the shot put (41’4¾”) and discus (127’1”), Roger Maag the high jump (6’1”) and John Slechter the pole vault (10’0”). Slechter (high jump), Scott Slusser (discus) and Coffey (long jump), all added second places and Slechter a fifth in the long jump.

The distance events also carried the winners with a one-two finish in the 3200 meters, a first in the 1600 meters and a first in the 300 meter low hurdles. Kevin Riggs, only a sophomore won the distance races and Coffey the hurdles.

“We have some real young distance runners,” added Brown. “They did real well for us too.”

Bob Siefer set a boys mark in the 100 meters with a blazing 11.5 edging Ron Hohlbein of Ottoville by one-tenth of a second.

Siefer, a well-built 5-9 junior, also captured the 200 meters and was second in the shot put. Maybe his best event, however, the long jump, he did not compete in due to an injury.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 84, Ottoville 60½, Pandora-Gilboa 50½, Leipsic 30 and Continental 28.

SHOT PUT - Dave Jones (CG) 41’4¾”

DISCUS - Dave Jones (CG) 127’1”

HIGH JUMP - Roger Maag (CG) 6’1”

LONG JUMP - Kelly Felger (Continental) 18’7”

POLE VAULT - John Slechter (CG) 10’0”

110 M. HIGH HURDLES - Kelly Felger (Cont) 16.9

300 METER LOW HURDLES - Ray Coffey (CG) 43.2

*NR 100 METER DASH - Bob Siefer (PG) 11.5

200 METER DASH - Bob Siefer (PG) 24.4

400 METER DASH - Mitch Hohlbein (Ottoville) 54.8

800 METER RUN - Doug Wells (Leipsic) 2:05.4

1600 METER RUN - Kevin Rigg (CG) 4:47.9

3200 METER RUN - Kevin Rigg (CG) 10:37.2

400 METER RELAY - Troy Wise, Brad Moser, J.R.

Tousley and Bob Siefer (PG) 47.4

1600 METER RELAY - (Ottoville) 3:48.8

3200 METER RELAY - (Ottoville) 9:08.5.