

Three in a Row for Grove Guys

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Columbus Grove boys proved that it does not take flashiness to win titles. Plenty of balance will do just fine.

Scoring well in both the weights and running events the Bulldog boys outlasted runner up Continental 77.5 to 65 and the Leipsic girls out dueled second place Pandora-Gilboa 138 to 120 in the Putnam County League Meet Saturday at Ottawa-Glandorf's Titan Stadium.

It was the third straight PCL title for Columbus Grove.

The other league schools were relatively out of the running for any first place trophy but came up with some spectacular individual performances.

Among the boys Continental's 3200 meter relay team surprised the field especially favored Columbus Grove in another new record setting performance.

Kevin Rigg of Grove had a fantastic day though did not have his best times. He won the 800 (2:10.0), 1600 (4:43.1) and 3200 (10:25.2). He has had better times in all three events but being entered in those three as well as the 3200 meter relay made a chance at any new standard remote.

Continental's Ed Slattman won the 100 (12.0), 200 (24.9) and the long jump (18.9) to help the Pirates to a second place finish. It was good news to Coach Bob Baxter.

"Ed had a good day for us and winning the 3200 meter relay was really pleasing," he said. "I think we kind of surprised Columbus Grove."

The Pirates ran an 8:43.7 edging Grove at the tape by a tenth of a second. Both times shattered the record set last year by Pandora-Gilboa of 8:52.8.

"We have all our points coming back next year," said Baxter.

As expected Dale Honigford took the 110 meter high hurdles (15.8) and the 300 lows (41 flat). He just missed his record set last year of 40.9 in the lows. The talented junior was also second in the 200 meters and ran the first leg of the winning 400 meter relay team (48.1).

"Dale is usually our anchor man on the relay but we wanted to start him out on the first leg to give our team the lead," said Coach Bob Kaple. "He would have had four firsts but came in second in the 200."

The Bulldogs are shooting for third place behind powerful Bluffton and Perry in the Northwest Conference Meet. They will also have John Slechter back who missed the PCL meet because of the band trip to West Virginia.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 77.5, Continental 65, Ottoville 43, Leipsic 42 and Pandora-Gilboa 28.

SHOT PUT - Jeff Steele (CG) 46'9"

DISCUS - Richard Rikard (Leipsic) 124'11"

HIGH JUMP - Bruce Eickholt (Ottoville) 5'10"

LONG JUMP - Ed Slattman (Continental) 18'9"

POLE VAULT - Kurt Lehman (CG) 10'6"

110 METER HIGH HURDLES - Dale Honigford (Ottoville) 15.8

300 M. LOW HURDLES - Dale Honigford (Otto) 41.0

100 METER DASH - Ed Slattman (Continental) 12.0

200 METER DASH - Ed Slattman (Continental) 24.9

400 METER DASH - Steve Gibbs (Continental) 55.4

800 METER RUN - Kevin Rigg (CG) 2:10.0

1600 METER RUN - Kevin Rigg (CG) 4:43.1

3200 METER RUN - Kevin Rigg (CG) 10:25.2

400 METER RELAY - Dale Honigford (Ottoville) 48.1

1600 METER RELAY - Steve Gibb, Randy Rue, Mark Elling and Jerker Anderson (Conti) 3:44.9

*NR 3200 M RELAY, Jeff Ford, Jerker Anderson, Keith Fulmer and Randy Rue (Continental) 8:43.7.