

# Continental Wins 1<sup>st</sup> Ever PCL Meet Track Title

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Continental boy's track Coach Bob Baxter knew his team had a good chance to win the Putnam County League track meet Saturday. That was until his 3200 meter relay team was disqualified for throwing the baton.

"At that point I thought we were done," said the veteran Pirate Coach.

But Continental came back with a stronger than expected effort in the running events to outlast Columbus Grove, 75-69, and win its first ever PCL meet. Ottoville took third with 41 points, Pandora-Gilboa fourth with 35 and Leipsic last with 28.

"The kids really picked up in the running events," said Baxter of his team that won the 400 meter relay, the 400 meter and came in second in the 200, the 300 meter low hurdles and the 1600 meter relay. Switching Steve Gibbs around was the difference," he added. He noted that Gibbs usually was involved in the low hurdles, the pole vault and the relays. Today he ran in the high hurdles, the 200 (second) the 400 (first) and the pole vault (first). "Our depth was also a big factor. We had double placements in several events."

CG did get a record performance in the 3200 meter relay, clocked at 8:34.8. It beat the previous PCL mark by eight seconds. Continental's relay team also

shattered the mark but was disqualified for throwing the baton.

"Columbus Grove made a great comeback in that race," said Baxter. "We had a big lead but their last two guys did a great job."

Ottoville's Dale Honigford was able to set a new standard in the meet. He bettered his own previous record. Honigford, a senior, ran a brilliant 39.9 in the 300 meter low hurdles. He also won the 110 meter high hurdles (16.2).

## SUMMARY

Continental 75, Columbus Grove 69, Ottoville 41, Pandora-Gilboa 35 and Leipsic 28.

SHOT PUT - Mark Silver (Leipsic) 45'4"  
DISCUS - Bruce Eickholt (Ottoville) 124'8"  
HIGH JUMP - Bruce Eickholt (Ottoville) 5'10"  
LONG JUMP - Ed Slattman (Continental) 19'2¾"  
POLE VAULT - Steve Gibbs (Continental) 11'0"  
110 M. HIGH HURDLES - Dale Honigford (Ott) 16.2  
**RETIRED** \*NR 300 METER LOW HURDLES - Dale Honigford (Ottoville) 39.9  
100 METER DASH - Nathan Sprunger (PG) 11.7  
200 METER RUN - Nathan Sprunger (PG) 23.9  
400 METER RUN - Steve Gibbs (Continental) 52.5  
800 METER RUN - Doug Hopkins (CG) 2:05.6  
1600 METER RUN - Craig Smith (CG) 4:41.1  
3200 METER RUN - Craig Smith (CG) 10:17.9  
400 METER RELAY - Randy Rue, Bob Quigley, Matt Hoffman and Marvin Ford (Continental) 47.0  
1600 METER RELAY - Wayne Moening, Mark Windau, Doug Hopkins and Guy Irwin (CG) 3:39.0  
\*NR 3200 M. RELAY - Bryan Smith, Wayne Moening, Doug Hopkins and Guy Irwin (CG) 8:34.