

Continental Runs Away with PCL Boy's Track Meet

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Winning the Putnam County League boys track title came as no surprise to Continental's Coach Bob Baxter. However, the ease in which his team won the five team field came as a total surprise.

The Pirates regained the PCL (taken from them by Columbus Grove last year) crown with 92 points, which was followed by Pandora-Gilboa with 51; defending champ Columbus Grove had 48, Leipsic 35 and Ottoville 26.

Baxter felt his teams all around effort was the telling tale as the Pirates placed in every event, with eight first places and four second places. Pandora-Gilboa and Columbus Grove each had three first places, while Leipsic had the other two.

"This was a great team effort," Baxter said of the win Saturday. "We should have won it last year, but we didn't perform the way we could have. This year the boys performed up to their ability which was great to see. I thought we would be able to win, but I didn't think it would this easy. I felt after P-G's (Greg) Grismore false started in the 100 it deflated them some and we took over."

The Pirates got off to a quick start Saturday as they had three firsts, a second and two thirds in the field events. The most exciting event of the day may have been the high jump where Continental went one-two with a new meet and school record being set.

Chad Olds, who set the new high jump standard as a freshmen, broke his own mark when he cleared 6'6". With teammate Brian Coleman still alive he cleared 6'6" on his second attempt. However, neither boy could clear 6'8", as each knocked the bar off on his three attempts with Olds just catching the bar on his third attempt with his heel.

Mike Zachrich then won the pole vault as he cleared 12'6" (two feet better than the second place of Frank Alfa of Leipsic). In the long jump Ron Rue took first place going 18'11", while Greg Grismore was second at 18'1½" and Olds third at 17'9¾". In the discus and shot Lee Boggs finished third in each tossing the shot 41'8¾" and the discus 119'3".

Continental's success continued as the 3200 meter relay team won in a meet record time of 8:32 even (Paul Coleman, Fulmer, Randy Ruhe and Batt), while Ron Rue was third in the 100 (11.6), P. Coleman was second in the 1600 (4:44.5) and third in the 3200 (11:18.9).

Brian Coleman continued to have a fine day as he won the 100 meter high hurdles (16.7) and the 300 intermediate hurdles (43.4) in record time. Each time Scott Prowant finished second to Coleman.

On an individual basis Pandora-Gilboa's Nathan Sprunger had three firsts and a second. Sprunger won the 100 (11.2) and 200 (22.7) and was a member of the record setting 400 meter relay team (Mike Bryan, G. Grismore, Goddard and Sprunger), while finishing second (54.3) to Mike Alt of Columbus Grove in the 400 (53.7).

The Bulldogs Mondo Tijerina won the 1600 and 3200 meter runs, finishing the 1600 in 4:27.9 and the 3200 in a record time of 9:57.1.

Leipsic's Chad Rigel continued to dominate the weight events as he won the shot and discus. His winning toss in the shot was 52'8½" (his best of the season) and won the discus setting a new meet record of 152'5".

Ottoville's John Flores finished second each in the 100 (11.3) and 200 (22.9) while the Pirates 1600 meter sweetened the day with a win (Randy Rue, Jon Rau, Zachrich and Batt) in 3:40.8.

SUMMARY

Continental 92, Pandora-Gilboa 51, Columbus Grove 48, Leipsic 35 and Ottoville 26.

SHOT PUT - Chad Rigel (Leipsic) 52'8½"
*NR DISCUS - Chad Rigel (Leipsic) 152'5"
*NR H.JUMP - Chad Olds & Brian Coleman (Cont) 6'6"
LONG JUMP - Ron Rue (Continental) 18'11"
POLE VAULT - Mike Zachrich (Continental) 12'6"
110 M. HIGH HURDLES - Brian Coleman (Con) 16.7
*NR 300 M. INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Brian Coleman (Continental) 43.4
100 METER DASH - Nathan Sprunger (PG) 11.2
200 METER RUN - Nathan Sprunger (PG) 22.7
400 METER RUN - Mike Alt (CG) 53.7
800 METER RUN
*NR 1600 METER RUN - Mondo Tijerina (CG) 4:27.9
*NR 3200 METER RUN - Mondo Tijerina (CG) 9:57.1
*NR 400 METER RELAY - Nathan Sprunger, Mike Bryan, Greg Grismore & Jeff Goddard (PG) 44.7
1600 METER RELAY - Randy Rue, Jon Rau, Mike Zachrich and D.J. Batt (Continental) 3:40.8
*NR 3200 METER RELAY - Paul Coleman, Fulmer, Randy Rue and D.J. Batt (Continental) 8:32.0