

Continental Boys Successfully Defend Track Title

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Continental placed at least one person in every event Saturday as they successfully defended their Putnam County League boys track title.

The Pirates ran up 109.5 points as they easily outdistanced second place Columbus Grove, who had 54 points. Ottoville was third with 28 points, Leipsic had 25.5 and Pandora-Gilboa had 23 points.

On the day the Pirates had 11 first place finishes, which include all three relay events, and six second place showings. In nine events Saturday they placed two individuals.

Three of the Pirates were double winners Saturday as Brian Coleman won the 110 high hurdles (16.5) and the 300 intermediate hurdles (43.3) breaking his own record by a tenth of a second (43.4); Mike Zachrich won the pole vault (12'6"), then came back to win the 400 meter dash (54.4), while Ron Rue won the long jump (19'6½") and the 200 meter dash (24.2).

Not only did Zachrich and Rue win individual events they helped the Pirates capture the relay events.

Zachrich joined Rue, Jason Stauffer and Chad Olds in winning the 400 (46.0), then teamed with Jon Rau, Dan Diltz and D.J. Batt to win the 1600 relay (3:51.2). Paul Coleman, Rau, Diltz and Batt gave the Pirates a win in the 3200 relay with a time of 8:52.3.

Junior Chad Olds won the high jump (6'2") for the third straight year, while teammate Brian Coleman was right behind him and Rich Casteel of Leipsic was third. All three competitors cleared 6'2", but Olds won as he had the fewest misses.

Lee Boggs won the shot put with a toss of 46'½" and then finished second in the discus with a throw of 114'10". Scott Prowant provided the Pirates with

a second in the 110 high hurdles (16.5) and Jason Stauffer was second in the 200 meter dash (24.4), while Jon Rau was second in the 400 meter dash (55.2) and Rue was second in the 100 (11.8).

Columbus Grove had four first place finishes on the afternoon with senior distance runner Mondo Tijerina collecting three of them.

Tijerina, who won the state Class A cross country title in November, won the 800 (2:07.1), 1600 (4:37.4) and 3200 (2:07.1). Brad Maag won the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.6.

The remaining first place spot was grabbed by Leipsic's Adam Tussing in the discus where he had a 119'4" for the top spot.

SUMMARY

Continental 102.5, Columbus Grove 48, Ottoville 24, Leipsic 20.5 and Pandora-Gilboa 20.

SHOT PUT - Lee Boggs (Continental) 46'½"

DISCUS - Adam Tussing (Leipsic) 119'4"

HIGH JUMP - Chad Olds (Continental) 6'2"

LONG JUMP - Ron Rue (Continental) 19'6½"

POLE VAULT - Mike Zachrich (Continental) 12'6"

110 M. HIGH HURDLES - Brian Coleman (Cont) 16.5

*NR 300 M. INTERMEDIATE HURDLES – Brian Coleman (Continental) 43.3

100 METER DASH - Brad Maag (CG) 11.6

200 METER RUN - Ron Rue (Continental) 24.2

400 METER RUN - Mike Zachrich (Conti) 54.4

800 METER RUN - Mondo Tijerina (CG) 2:07.1

1600 METER RUN - Mondo Tijerina (CG) 4:37.4

3200 METER RUN - Mondo Tijerina (CG) 10:30.1

400 METER RELAY - Mike Zachrich, Ron Rue,

Jason Stauffer and Chad Olds (Conti) 46.0

1600 METER RELAY - Mike Zachrich, Jon Rau, Dan Diltz and D.J. Batt (Continental) 3:51.2

3200 METER RELAY - Paul Coleman, Jon Rau, Dan Diltz and D.J. Batt (Continental) 8:52.3