

Olds Keys Pirates Third PCL Title in a Row

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This was supposed to be the year the Continental boy's track team rebuilt or reloaded for the future. But after losing a number of talented seniors from last year's Putnam County League winner the Pirates didn't miss a beat in reloading as they collected their third straight PCL title Saturday at Ottawa.

The Pirates rolled up 101 points to just 65 points for second place Pandora-Gilboa. Columbus Grove was third with 49 points, Ottoville had 37 and Leipsic finished with 30.

Continental senior Chad Olds showed Saturday why he is considered among the best track and field athletes in the area. Olds not only won his specialty for the fourth time, but also had time to record three other first place showings.

Olds, the 1989 Class A state high jump champion, won the PCL title for the fourth time as he out dueled Leipsic's Richard Casteel and Pandora-Gilboa's Nathan Neuenschwander in one of the days more featured attractions. Olds won the high jump clearing 6'4" and then just missed on three attempts to break his league record of 6'6" as he attempted 6'7".

Besides winning the high jump Olds came back to win the long jump with a distance of 18' ½". Then on the track Olds came back to edge out P-G's Mike Kinsinger in a photo finish in the 100 meter dash as both had a 12.0 clocking after defending champion Brad Maag of Columbus Grove false started. Then in the 200 meter dash the senior took first with a time of 24.7 with the Rocket's Craig Bryan second (24.9).

All together the Pirates had eight firsts on the day and had another double winner in junior D. J. Batt.

Batt won the 400 meter dash in 54.0 and then teamed with Dan Diltz, Brent Troyer and Aaron Sharp to win the 1600 meter relay in 3:41.3. Brent Troyer won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:08.9 and the Pirates 3200 meter relay team of Troyer, Diltz, Jason Machunas and Jeremy Troyer (Brent's older brother) won easily with a time of 9:01.6.

The Pirates placed in 15 of the 16 events and had double placements in nine events. Doubles were in the shot (Dan Wagner and Larry Kelley), pole vault (Jim Burkhart and Shannon Matthew), high jump

(Olds and Jeremy Troyer), 1600 (J. Troyer and Machunas), 100 (Olds and Batt), 100 HH (Aaron Sharp and Jason Rue), 300 hurdles (Sharp and Burkhart), 800 (B. Troyer and Diltz), and the 200 (Olds and Batt).

Pandora-Gilboa's young squad was paced by junior Nathan Neuenschwander with wins in the 110 high (16.6) and 300 intermediate hurdles (42.7) before joining Jeff Larcom, Craig Bryan and Mike Kinsinger for a win in the 400 meter dash (47.0). The Rockets placed in 14 events.

Ottoville's Todd Hoersten was a double winner in the shot (42'2½") and discus (120'7") while Columbus Grove's Jeff Smith was a double winner in the 1600 (4:56.5) and 3200 (10:30.1). Sean Griffith of Columbus Grove won the pole vault (11'0").

SUMMARY

Continental 101, Pandora-Gilboa 65, Columbus Grove 49, Ottoville 37 and Leipsic 30.

SHOT PUT, Todd Hoersten, Ottoville, 42'2½".

DISCUS, Todd Hoersten, Ottoville, 120'7".

HIGH JUMP, Chad Olds, Continental, 6'4".

LONG JUMP, Chad Olds, Continental, 18'½".

POLE VAULT, Sean Griffith, CG, 11'0".

110 METER HIGH HURDLES, Nathan Neuenschwander, PG, 16.6.

300 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES, Nathan Neuenschwander, PG, 42.7.

100 METER DASH, Chad Olds, Continental, 12.0.

200 METER DASH, Chad Olds, Continental, 24.7.

400 METER DASH, D. J. Batt, Continental, 54.0.

800 METER RUN, Brent Troyer, Conti, 2:08.9.

1600 METER RUN, Jeff Smith, CG, 4:56.5.

3200 METER RUN, Jeff Smith, CG, 10:30.1.

400 METER RELAY, Nathan Neuenschwander, Jeff Larcom, Craig Bryan and Mike Kinsinger, PG, 47.0.

1600 METER RELAY, D. J. Batt, Dan Diltz, Brent Troyer and Aaron Sharp, Conti, 3:41.3.

3200 METER RELAY, Brent Troyer, Dan Diltz, Jason Machunas & Jeremy Troyer, Continental, 9:01.6.