

# Columbus Boys Grove Rules Own Track

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The Columbus Grove boys won seven events, placed second in four others and had eight doubles as they collected a win in the boys meet. They also made it a clean sweep as they placed in all 16 events in compiling 112 points.

“The kids did a good job,” Grove coach Tracy Brown said. “We knew it would be close, but we had a couple of surprises which may have made the difference. This team has been getting stronger all along. We are starting to reach our peak and if you’re going to that it should be right before the district. Our key also is our depth. We got something out of every event.”

Senior Brad Maag and Matt Siefker helped key the Bulldogs with a combined five first places. Maag took firsts in the 100 (11.6) and 200 (24.1) meter dashes and teamed with Shawn Wilmoth, Steve Longwell and Keith Blankemeyer to win the 400 meter relay.

Siefker won the 1600 meter run in a time of 4:47 and then won the 3200 meter relay in 10:55.8. He also took a second in the 800 meter run just losing out to Continental’s D.J. Batt in the final meters as Batt won in 2:09.7 to Siefker’s 2:09.9.

“Maag has been looking real good in the 100 and is getting better in the 200,” Brown said. “Matt has been real consistent in the distance races. Both could be headed for the state tournament this season.”

The Bulldogs picked up a pair of wins in the field events as freshman Alex Moser won the shot put with a toss of 44’3”. Sean Griffith then won the pole vault clearing 12’6”, two feet better than his nearest competitor.

Pandora-Gilboa’s Nathan Neuenschwander had a big day as he won three events and tied a meet record. Neuenschwander, a senior, tied Chad Olds

record in the high jump as he cleared 6’6”, but missed in all three attempts at 6’7”. In the afternoon he won the 110 high hurdles in 16’1” and won the 300 meter hurdles in 45.1.

Overall the rockets won five events as they also got a first from Jamie Burkholder in the long jump as he went 18’8” to edge Leipsic’s Nick Sudlow on his fifth overall jump. P-G’s 1600 meter relay team then took first in 3:46.9 with the team of Cory Ricker, Ryan Redd, Chris Niswander and Mike Kinsinger.

Batt not only won the 800 for Continental, but he also teamed with Aaron Sharp, Jeremy Troyer and Jason Brinkman to win the 3200 relay in 8:44.0. Before winning the 800 he won the 400 in 55.1.

Jason Berger of Leipsic won the discus with a toss of 125.7.

## SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 112, Pandora-Gilboa 94, Continental 72, Leipsic 41 and Ottoville 14.

SHOT PUT - Alex Moser (CG) 44’3”

DISCUS - Jason Berger (Leipsic) 125’7”

\*TR HIGH JUMP - Nathan Neuenschwander (PG) 6’6”

LONG JUMP - Jamie Burkholder (PG) 18’8”

POLE VAULT - Sean Griffith (CG) 12’6”

110 M.HIGH HURDLES - Nathan Neuenschwander (PG) 16.1

300 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Nathan Neuenschwander (PG) 45.1

100 METER DASH - Brad Maag (CG) 11.6

200 METER RUN - Brad Maag (CG) 24.1

400 METER RUN - D.J. Batt (Continental) 55.1

800 METER RUN - D.J. Batt (Continental) 2:09.7

1600 METER RUN - Matt Siefker (CG) 4:47.0

3200 METER RUN - Matt Siefker (CG) 10:55.8

400 METER RELAY - Brad Maag, Shawn Wilmoth, Steve Longwell & Keith Blankemeyer (CG) 46.8.

1600 METER RELAY - Cory Ricker, Ryan Redd, Chris Niswander and Mike Kinsinger (PG) 3:46.9

3200 METER RELAY - D.J. Batt, Aaron Sharp, Jeremy Troyer and Jason Brinkman (Continental) 8:44.0