

Columbus Grove Boys Dominate PC Track Meet

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Columbus Grove's track teams turned in another dominating performance at the Putnam County League meet Friday night in Columbus Grove.

The Grove boys scored in every event as they scored 147 points in winning their seventh straight league title. Pandora-Gilboa was second with 100 points followed by Ottoville with 52, Continental had 29 points and Leipsic was fifth with five points.

"The boys did a pretty good job again," said Grove Coach Tracy Brown. "Pandora-Gilboa has a really outstanding team and will be a tough team in the tournament. What I think helps us is our depth. While some teams don't quite have enough athletes for a full team, our depth allows us to switch kids around and have our two best athletes in an event."

The Grove boys won 11 of the 16 events and in four of their wins they placed first and second to help the point total.

Columbus Grove started their march to the title by winning three of the five field events.

In the shot put the Bulldogs Ron Neidemire won the event with a throw of 46'6" and Greg Verhoff was second with a throw of 41'2". In the discus Grove took the top two spots as Aaron Brown won with a throw of 149'9" and Louis Schroeder checked in second with a toss of 123'1 1/2".

The Bulldogs other field event win came in the high jump as Brent Baxter out dueled Ottoville's Rodney Wenzlick. Both jumpers cleared 6'0" in the meet, but when they didn't clear the next height Baxter won on the basis of fewer misses.

In the running events the Bulldogs Brian Koch won the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 17.2 and then won the 300 intermediate hurdles in 42.7. Brent Baxter was second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 43.2.

Chad Hermiller won two distance events as he won the 1600 meter run in a time of 4:43 and then won the 800 meter run in 2:06.1. Nate Irwin placed second in the 800 with a time of 2:09.8 in the 3200 meter run. Jim Woten was the winner with a time of 10:23.3.

In the 400 meter dash, Chris McClure was the winner with a time of 55.1. The Bulldogs other two wins came in the 3200 and 1600 meter relay events.

The 3200 meter relay team of Chris Howard, McCrate, Alan Knott and Nate Irwin won the event with a time of 9:19.2 and the Bulldogs 1600 meter relay team of Hermiller, Howard, Chris McClure and Baxter won with a time of 3:43.4.

"We had some real good performances tonight," Brown said. "Chad has been running real well and Chris McClure won the 400 and then finished third in the 100. Brian Koch ran real well in the hurdles. Brent Baxter had a good night and Jim Woten ran well in the distance events. Plus we had some real good showings in the field events as Ron Neidemire won the shot and Aaron Brown won the discus."

Pandora-Gilboa was able to mount a challenge to the Bulldogs as they won four events Friday night.

Senior sprinter Jesse Miller won the 100 meter dash in 11.5 and won the 200 in 23.9 as both times teammate Joel Diller was second. Diller was second in the 100 in a time of 11.8 and took second in the 200 in 24.3.

Miller and Diller also teamed with Brian Kempf and Matt Hartzler to win the 400 relay in a time of 47.0. Hartzler also won the pole vault as he cleared 13'0".

In the long jump Eric Kosch won the event with a leap of 19'5 1/2". Kosch is a member of the Continental track team.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove, 147, Pandora-Gilboa 100, Ottoville 52, Continental 29 and Leipsic 5.

SHOT PUT - Ron Neidemire (CG) 46'6"

DISCUS - Aaron Brown (CG) 149'9"

HIGH JUMP - Brent Baxter (CG) 6'0"

LONG JUMP - Eric Kosch (Continental) 19'5 1/2"

POLE VAULT - Matt Hartzler (PG) 13'0"

110 METER HIGH HURDLES - Brian Koch (CG) 17.2

300 M. INTERMED HURDLES - Brian Koch (CG) 42.7

100 METER DASH - Jesse Miller (PG) 11.5

200 METER DASH - Jesse Miller (PG) 23.9

400 METER DASH - Chris McClure (CG) 55.1

800 METER RUN - Chad Hermiller (CG) 2:06.1

1600 METER RUN - Chad Hermiller (CG) 4:43.0

3200 METER RUN - Jim Woten (CG) 10:23.3

400 METER RELAY - Jesse Miller, Joel Diller, Brian Kempf and Matt Hartzler (PG) 47.0

1600 METER RELAY - Chad Hermiller, Chris Howard, Chris McClure and Brent Baxter (CG) 3:43.4

3200 METER RELAY - Chris Howard, Keith McCrate, Alan Knott and Nate Irwin (CG) 9:19.2