

Bulldogs Win PCL Track Title on Friday

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This year's Columbus Grove track teams are not like the teams they had in the past. This season the Bulldogs have had to rely on more of a team effort than the performances of one or two athletes to be near the top of meet standings. That was the case Friday night as Columbus Grove hosted the annual Putnam County League meet at Clymer Stadium.

Columbus Grove had just one three event winner, but nonetheless was able to claim a double win.

On the boys side the results were a little closer as Grove outscored P-G 170-92.5 for their 17th straight league crown. Ft. Jennings finished third with 85 points, Ottoville was fourth with 81.5, Continental was sixth with 78 and Leipsic was sixth with 16 points.

While the Grove girls used balance, the male Bulldogs jump started their win with a strong performance in the field events winning four of them and having a double placement in all four of them.

Junior Cory Meuleman picked up two of the wins as he won the shot put with a throw of 49'6" and the discus with a toss of 161'5". Teammate Mike Utrup was second in the shot with a toss of 43'4" and Jeht Risser took third in the discus with a toss of 127'8".

Kyle Meyer won the high jump as he cleared 6'0" and Riley Morman was second in 5'0". Heath Nickles won the pole vault as he cleared 12'0" and Clete Stechschulte was third as he cleared 10'0". "I think Cory Meuleman really set the tone with his wins in the shot and discus," coach Grothaus said. "He was over 160 in the discus and around 50 in the shot. He is hitting the weights now and his strength is coming."

Three of the other Bulldogs wins came in the distance events. The unit of Brandon Roof, Bryce Luginbill, Meyer and Eric Maag won the 3200 Relay in a time of 8:51.30.

Luginbill won the 1600 in a time of 4:54.40 and Chris Niese won the 3200 meter run in a time of 10:50.0 as he beat Luginbill (11:00.10) to the finish line.

The Bulldogs seventh win in the meet was a record setting effort by Morman in the 300 hurdles. Morman

set a new meet record with a time of 40.60 as he nipped teammate Nickles by three-tenths of a second.

Fort Jennings picked up four wins Friday evening mostly in the sprints. Brad Bruskotter won the 200 dash in a time of 23.90 after he joined David Smith, Matt Burgei and Alex Maag to win the 800 Relay in a time of 1:34.40, just off the meet record. Bruskotter also teamed with Brad Luebrecht, Trent Stechschulte and Burgei to win the 1600 Relay in a time of 3:32.50. Burgei also won the 800 run in a time of 2:07.30.

Pandora-Gilboa's Levi Arthur had a hand in both of the Rockets wins Friday.

Arthur, a sophomore, won the 400 in a time of 52.90 after he joined Luke Diller, Darren Morrison and Mike Shuey to win the 400 Relay in a time of 45.60.

Continental's Joel Matson was a double winner as he won the long jump with a leap of 21'2 1/2". Matson also won the 100 with a time of 11.30.

Ottoville's Curtis Heitmeyer won the 110 High Hurdles with a time of 15.30.

SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 170, Pandora-Gilboa 92, Fort Jennings 85, Ottoville 81½, Continental 78 and Leipsic 16.

SHOT PUT - Cory Meuleman (CG) 49'6"

DISCUS - Cory Meuleman (CG) 161'5"

HIGH JUMP - Kyle Meyer (CG) 6'0"

LONG JUMP - Joel Matson (Continental) 21'2½"

POLE VAULT - Heath Nickles (CG) 12'0"

110 M. HIGH HURDLES - Curtis Heitmeyer (Otto) 15.30

*NR 300 M. INTERM HURDLES - Riley Morman (CG) 40.6

100 METER DASH - Joel Matson (Continental) 11.30

200 METER DASH - Brad Bruskotter (FJ) 23.90

400 METER DASH - Levi Arthur (PG) 52.90

800 METER RUN - Matt Burgei (FJ) 2:07.30

1600 METER RUN - Bryce Luginbill (CG) 4:54.40

3200 METER RUN - Chris Niese (CG) 10:50.0

400 METER RELAY - Levi Arthur, Luke Diller, Darren Morrison and Mike Shuey (PG) 45.60

800 METER RELAY - Brad Bruskotter, David Smith, Matt Burgei and Alex Maag (FJ) 1:34.40

1600 METER RELAY - Brad Bruskotter, Brad Luebrecht, Trent Stechschulte and Matt Burgei (FJ) 3:32.50

3200 METER RELAY - Brandon Roof, Bryce Luginbill, Kyle Meyer and Eric Maag (CG) 8:51.30