

CG Sweeps Titles in PCL Track and Field Meet

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Field events were key at the Putnam County League track and field championships Friday night at Ottoville's Bob Kaple Athletic Complex.

Columbus Grove was able to score a bunch of points in the field events that helped them to repeat championships at the PCL meet.

On the boy's side, the Bulldogs repeated as PCL champs with 188 points. Leipsic finished second with 96 points followed by P-G with 78, Continental and Ottoville both with 69 and Fort Jennings with 20.

Columbus Grove's boys team got off to a strong start in the field events as Dakota Vogt won the discus (171-7) and Trevor Schroeder (143-9) was second, Collin Grothaus the pole vault (14-0) and Joey Warnecke was third, while Schroeder (50-9½) the shot put. The Bulldogs had double placements in each of these events.

"I think our depth paid off," Grove coach Chris Grothaus said. "We have a lot of seniors and are going to miss them next season, but I was pleased with what I saw from some of our younger kids tonight. It seems like that is a trend for us to get off to a good start in the field events. It's been a staple for us and our program and I give my assistants a lot of the credit for that."

On the track the Bulldogs picked up wins as Derek Rieman won the 110 hurdles (15.4) and Collin Grothaus the 300 hurdles (40.2). Columbus Grove won the 800 Relay in 1:37.8 with the team of Warnecke, James Schroeder, Alec Gladwell and Baily Clement. Colton Grothaus won the 1600 meter run in 4:40.8

One of the highlights for the night was senior Jake Graham in the 3200 meter run as he set a new meet record of 9:39.9 to win the event. The Bulldogs also won the 3200 meter relay in 8:43.1 with David Bogart, Alex Giesige, Colton Grothaus and Alex Shafer. Shafer was second in the 3200 (10:30.6).

"We were relaxed once we got on the track," Grothaus said. "The guys really took care of business. After the field events, I think they knew we were kind of in control. They put up some good numbers and times."

Derek Steffan helped the Vikings to a second place finish as he won three individual titles and one relay.

Steffan won the high jump (6-2) and the long jump (21-5¼). On the track he won the 400 meter run (52.5) before teaming with Nate Brecht, Randy Avila and Jordan Chamberlin to win the 400 Relay (46.2). Chamberlin also won the 100 (11.4) and 200 (23.7), while Oscar Lopez-Gonzalez won the 800 (2:06.4).

Continental finished the night by winning the 1600 Relay in 3:41.0 with the team of Adam Lawhorn, Brenden Foy, Dallas Geckle and Dalton Bradford.

SUMMARY

CG 188, Leipsic 96, PG 78, Contin 69, Ottoville 69 and FJ 20

SHOT PUT – Trevor Schroeder (CG) 50'9½"

DISCUS – Dakota Vogt (CG) 171'7"

HIGH JUMP – Derek Steffan (Leipsic) 6'2"

LONG JUMP – Derek Steffan (Leipsic) 21'5¼"

POLE VAULT - Collin Grothaus (CG) 14'0"

110 METER HIGH HURDLES - Derek Rieman (CG) 15.4

300 M. INTERMED HURDLES – Collin Grothaus (CG) 40.2

100 METER DASH – Jordan Chamberlin (Leipsic) 11.4

200 METER DASH – Jordan Chamberlin (Leipsic) 23.7

400 METER DASH – Derek Steffan (Leipsic) 52.5

800 METER RUN – Oscar Lopez-Gonzalez (Leipsic) 2:06.4

1600 METER RUN – Colton Grothaus (CG) 4:50.8

*NR 3200 METER RUN – Jake Graham (CG) 9:39.9

400 METER RELAY – Nate Brecht, Randy Avila, Derek Steffan and Jordan Chamberlin (Leipsic) 46.2

800 METER RELAY – Joey Warnecke, Alec Gladwell, James Schroeder and Baily Clement (CG) 1:37.8

1600 METER RELAY – Adam Lawhorn, Dallas Geckle, Brenden Foy and Dalton Bradford (Continental) 3:41.0

3200 METER RELAY – David Bogart, Colton Grothaus, Alex Giesige and Alex Shafer (CG) 8:43.1