

Bulldogs Sweep PCL Track Championships

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Columbus Grove swept the Putnam County League track championships by comfortable margins.

One of those was expected, the other was a bit of a surprise. But using their depth and some solid performances the Bulldogs defended their league championship at Clymer Stadium Friday night.

Columbus Grove won the boys' team title by outscoring rival Pandora-Gilboa 204-104.5. Depth was a key for the male Bulldogs as they were able to score points on the track and in the field events.

"Our depth was a factor," Columbus Grove coach Chris Grothaus said. "Just with our numbers it doesn't take that much to figure that our odds of winning were pretty good. The things we were looking at were to improve and put up some good times. And with the 4x8 setting a meet record, that was a good start. We had a lot of good performances, the kids were focused, considering from a point standpoint they were going to win it."

Columbus Grove got off to a good start Friday evening as their 4x800 relay team of Alex Giesige, Colton Grothaus, Lee Altenburger and Bryce Sharrits won in a meet record time of 8:24.8. The Bulldogs later won the 4x200 relay in a record time of 1:34.1 with a foursome of Joey Warnecke, David Bogart, Austin Price and Baily Clement.

Clement, Bogart, Giesige and Sharrits won the 4x400 relay in 3:37.8. Clement also won the 200 (23.0), while Giesige won the 800 (2:05.8) and Altenburger won the 1600 (4:47.3).

Columbus Grove won four of the five field events as Clement (5'9") won the high jump in a jump off, Kyle Shafer (12'3") won the pole vault; Bogart claimed the long jump (18'11½") and Rece Roney (45'10¾") won the shot put.

"We're surprised, pleasantly surprised, with what we have done on the track," Grothaus said. "The kids worked hard in the off-season in the weight room, a lot of these kids had a great cross country season and now it's kind of a tradition thing. The kids feel if they don't go out and perform that they are letting the kids in front of them down, our program down which is a good thing to have."

The Fort Jennings boys garnered one win on the night as freshman Dylan Wiechart won the 3200 meter run in 10:44.0, followed by sophomore teammate Alex Berelsman in 11:18.6.

Leipsic's Terrill Murriel was a double winner for Leipsic as he won the 110 hurdles in 15.6 and the 300 hurdles in 41.3. Jordan Chamberlin won the 100 in 11.6.

Pandora-Gilboa had a pair of wins as Addison Diller, Grant Lugibihl, Jacob Miller and Josiah Basinger won the 4x100 relay in 46.0 and Tyler Boes won the discus with a toss of 142'5".

Continental freshman Jacob Williams won the 400 in 53.6.

SUMMARY for 2014

CG 204, PG 104.5, Contin 55, Leipsic 50, Ottoville 50 and FJ 49.5

SHOT PUT – Rece Roney (CG) 45'10¾"

DISCUS – Tyler Boes (CG) 142'5"

HIGH JUMP – Bailey Clement (CG) 5'9"

LONG JUMP – David Bogart (CG) 18'11½"

POLE VAULT – Kyle Shafer (CG) 12'3"

110 METER HIGH HURDLES – Terrill Murriel (Leipsic) 15.6

300 M. INTERMED HURDLES – Terrill Murriel (Leipsic) 41.3

100 METER DASH – Jordan Chamberlin (Leipsic) 11.6

200 METER DASH – Bailey Clement (CG) 23.0

400 METER DASH – Jacob Williams (Continental) 53.6

800 METER RUN – Alex Giesige (CG) 2:05.8

1600 METER RUN – Lee Altenburger (CG) 4:47.3

3200 METER RUN – Dylan Wiechart (FJ) 10:44.0

400 METER RELAY – Addison Diller, Grant Lugibihl, Jacob Miller and Josiah Basinger (PG) 46.0

800 METER RELAY – Joey Warnecke, David Bogart, Austin Price and Baily Clement (CG) 1:34.1

1600 METER RELAY – Bailey Clement, David Bogart, Alex Giesige and Bryce Sharrits (CG) 3:37.8

*NR 3200 METER RELAY – Alex Giesige, Colton Grothaus, Lee Altenburger and Bryce Sharrits (CG) 8:24.8