

# Bulldogs Repeat PCL Track Championships

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The Bulldogs dominated the meet winning 14 of 17 events to continue their string of PCL titles. Columbus Grove won the title with 202 points to outdistance second place Pandora-Gilboa with 100 points, Fort Jennings finished third with 65 points, Continental was fourth with 60 points, Ottoville was fifth with 56 points and Leipsic was sixth with 39 points.

Grove got off to a good start as they won all five field events and they continued it on the track winning 9 of the 12 events. The only events they did not win were the 100 dash, 400 relay and 3200 meter run.

“Obviously on paper we were sitting pretty good,” Columbus Grove coach Chris Grothaus said. “The most impressive thing for me is that we got better. That tells me the kids were focused, the kids were on a mission, they can see things ahead. We’re looking a little ahead as far as where we need to get better to take that next step. The Northwest Conference is going to be tough with some good teams and a lot of depth. This is a step in the right direction and we can’t falter next week.”

Rece Roney won the shot (50’3½”) and the discus (153’11”) for the Bulldogs, while Colton Grothaus won the long jump (20’1½”), Baily Clement the high jump (5’10”) and Caiden Grothaus the pole vault (13’0”) as he beat teammate Kyle Shafer (13’0”) on the basis of fewer misses.

The Bulldogs finished off the win on the track as their sprinters, something they have been lacking in recent years, took care of business.

Alex Tabler won both hurdle events taking the 110 high hurdles (16.18) and 300 intermediates (43.24), while Clement won the 200 dash (22.31) and Alex Giesige the 400 (52.15). Bryce Sharrits won the 800 (2:06.18) and Boone Brubaker the 1600 (4:45.11).

Joey Warnecke, David Bogart, Brandt Follas and Clement won the 800 relay (1:33.76) in a meet record time, while Clement, Giesige, Sharrits and Bogart won the 1600 relay (3:32.43). Giesige, Colton Grothaus, Boone Brubaker and Bryce Sharrits won the 3200 relay (8:21.05) in a meet record time.

“It helps having experienced runners,” Grothaus said. “The kids we had at state last year, they know in their

minds when they have to peak. They are strong and we are improving every week. We have a little more speed this year. It’s nice to have Baily Clement anchoring that 4x2 and they set a meet record. Our 4x8 team set a meet record and it was really windy when they ran. We talked about beating those records as motivation for them. Rece Roney hit 50 in the shot put and Caiden Grothaus went 13-0 in the pole vault for the first time. I give them a lot of credit for what they did tonight. It’s those little things that will help us down the road.”

Fort Jennings’ Brandon Krietemeyer won the 100 dash (10.99) and Brendan Siefker won the 3200 meter run (10:15.06) for Ottoville.

Pandora-Gilboa’s Jacob Basinger, Tyler Boes, Jacob Miller and Josiah Basinger won the 400 relay in 44.90.

## SUMMARY

CG 202, PG 100, FJ 65, Continental 60, Ottoville 56 and Leipsic 39

SHOT PUT – Rece Roney (CG) 50’3½”

DISCUS – Rece Roney (CG) 153’11”

HIGH JUMP – Baily Clement (CG) 5’10”

LONG JUMP – Colton Grothaus (CG) 20’1½”

POLE VAULT – Caiden Grothaus (CG) 13.00”

110 METER HIGH HURDLES – Alex Tabler (CG) 16.18

300 M. INTERMED HURDLES – Alex Tabler (CG) 43.24

100 METER DASH – Brandon Krietemeyer (FJ) 10.99

200 METER DASH – Baily Clement (CG) 22.31

400 METER DASH – Alex Giesige (CG) 52.15

800 METER RUN – Bryce Sharrits (CG) 2:06.18

1600 METER RUN – Boone Brubaker (CG) 4:45.11

3200 METER RUN – Brendan Siefker (Otto) 10:15.06

400 METER RELAY – Jacob Basinger, Tyler Boes, Jacob Miller and Josiah Basinger (PG) 44.90

\*NR 800 METER RELAY – Joey Warnecke, David Bogart, Brandt Follas and Baily Clement (CG) 1:33.76

1600 METER RELAY – Baily Clement, Alex Giesige, Bryce Sharrits and David Bogart (CG) 3:32.43

\*NR 3200 M. RELAY – Alex Giesige, Colton Grothaus, Boone Brubaker and Bryce Sharrits (CG) 8:21.05