

Columbus Grove Sweeps PCL Track Championship

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The Bulldogs scored 159.5 points for their sixth straight PCL title. Pandora-Gilboa was a distant second with 80.5 points and Continental was third with 79 points.

Columbus Grove was led by senior Baily Clement with four wins and the Bulldogs had four wins in the field events.

For the second straight year, Clement won four events at the PCL Meet as Friday night he won the 200 (23.06) and 400 (50.53). He joined Brandt Follas, Lachlan Clymer and Caiden Grothaus to win the 800 Relay in a meet record time of 1:33.15. Their time broke the 2004 record of 1:34.30 set by Ottoville. To finish the night, Clement joined Alex Giesige, Grothaus and Boone Brubaker to win the 1600 Relay in 3:30.25.

“I ran these events last year and took first in all of them, so I had to come back and repeat them. I had to show them I didn’t get slower, I’m still here,” Clement said. “If my guys can get me a lead in the relays, I won’t let you down.”

Roney won the shot put with a throw of 52-11 and the discus with a throw of 147-8. Grothaus won the pole vault clearing 14-1 and Ryan Tabler, after finishing second in the pole vault (13-0), won the high jump clearing 5-10.

“The key for us, every year, is getting off to a good start in the field events,” Grove boys head coach Chris Grothaus said. “Ryan Tabler won the high jump and had a great vault in the pole vault. Getting off to a good start in the field events is the key to us winning.”

“Guys on the track did their job. It gives us a little confidence and lets us feel good about it and everything.”

Ottoville sophomore Brendan Siefker set a meet record in the 1600 meter run winning with a time of 4:29.84. The time surpassed the record of another Ottoville athlete, Jay Clementz, set at the 2000 meet of 4:31.5. Siefker later won the 3200 meter run in 10:07.37 as he won by 25 seconds.

This article was inaccurate when it stated that Clementz set a new record for the 1600 meter run. This record was set in 1988 by Mondo Tijerina of Columbus Grove with a time of 4:27.9. It is still the record.

“I knew the record was 4:31 and my PR was 4:34, so I would have to take a second off each lap,” Siefker said of the record. “That’s kind of what I did. I ran a good first lap and a really good fourth lap. I’m pretty happy with that. In the two mile my PR is 13 seconds off the record and after the mile my legs were kind of heavy. Usually I can do both and be fine, but I put a lot into the mile. In the two mile I was fine for two laps, but then my legs got heavy.”

Leipsic senior Nate Brecht won a pair of events as he won the long jump with a leap of 19-11 and the 300 hurdles in 41.59.

Pandora-Gilboa’s Josiah Basinger won the 100 dash in 11.8 and Josh Moore won the 110 high hurdles in 16.12. Basinger, Damon Neuenschwander, Erik Young and Jacob Merz won the 400 Relay in 46.63.

Fort Jennings won the 3200 meter relay in 8:38.05 behind the team of Dylan Wiechart, Drew Grone, Jeff Hoersten and Kyle Maag.

In their first PCL Meet, the Kalida boys’ team recorded a win as Jordan Kortokrax won the 800 meter run in 2:03.73 passing Fort Jennings’ Kyle Maag down the stretch for the win.

SUMMARY

CG 159.5, PG 80.5, Continental 79, Kalida 64.5, Leipsic 52.5, Ottoville 49.5 and FJ 42

SHOT PUT – Rece Roney (CG) 52’11”

DISCUS – Rece Roney (CG) 147’8”

HIGH JUMP – Ryan Tabler (CG) 5’10”

LONG JUMP – Nate Brecht (L) 19’11”

POLE VAULT – Caiden Grothaus (CG) 14’1”

110 METER HIGH HURDLES – Josh Moore (PG) 16.12

300 M. INTERMED HURDLES – Nate Brecht (L) 41.59

100 METER DASH – Josiah Basinger (PG) 11.80

200 METER DASH – Baily Clement (CG) 23.06

400 METER DASH – Baily Clement (CG) 50.53

800 METER RUN – Jordan Kortokrax (K) 2:03.73

1600 METER RUN – Brendan Siefker (Otto) 4:29.84

3200 METER RUN – Brendan Siefker (Otto) 10:07.37

400 METER RELAY – Damon Neuenschwander, Erik Young, Jacob Merz and Josiah Basinger (PG) 46.63

*NR 800 METER RELAY – Lachlan Clymer, Caiden Grothaus, Brandt Follas and Baily Clement (CG) 1:33.15

1600 METER RELAY – Baily Clement, Alex Giesige, Caiden Grothaus and Boone Brubaker (CG) 3:30.25

3200 M. RELAY – Dylan Weichart, Drew Grone, Jeff Hoersten and Kyle Maag (FJ) 8:38 05