

Leipsic Win Second Straight Girls' Title

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The girls' meet and the selection of the meet's outstanding performer seemed pre-staged, as if some great architect had blueprinted the meet, filed it away for a time, then suddenly pulled it out saying "Alright kids, here's how it's going to be."

Leipsic dominated the girls' meet by totaling 130 points to 111 for second place Continental. Columbus Grove (69), Pandora-Gilboa (59), Ottoville (50) and Miller City (2) completed the standings for the girls. Leipsic's victory was the Vikings' second straight and third in the past four years.

While the weather pretty much kept the boys' times well off the record setting pace, nothing was going to stop the ever improving girls in the meet. Two meet records were broken and a new mark established in a new event as Leipsic walked off with the girls' county championship.

Leipsic won just three events in capturing the county title for the third time in the past four years, but overall balance saw the Vikings take five seconds, seven thirds and four fourths for their 130 point team total. Continental, at one time just 12 points behind Leipsic in the standings, finished second, 19 points behind.

Pam Agner tossed the discus 89'11" and Brenda Wells took the 440 in 1:05.1 for the individual firsts for the Vikings while the medley relay team of Jane Agner, Cindy Steffan, Annette Warnimont and Brenda Wells added another winning effort. Rounding out the Viking total were second place standings in the discus, long jump, 100 meter hurdles and mile and 880 relays and thirds in the shot, high jump, 100 meter hurdles, 100 yard dash, 220, 880 and 440 relay.

Sherry Mansfield's record setting 5'¼" leap in the high jump paced Continental to second place as the Pirates finished first in five events but could

not match the depth of Leipsic. Lori Grant set the standard at 17.0 in the new 100 meter hurdles. Karen Perry, the defending record holder in the mile, won that event. Jenny Worline topped the 880 field and the Continental mile and 880 relay teams netted first place time.

A record setting time of 54.8 by Grove's Chris Gerdeman, Jane Schroeder, Mary Meyers and Mary Stechschulte was one of three firsts the Bulldogs used to place third overall. Besides anchoring the 440 relay team, Mary Stechschulte also won the 100 yard dash (12.4) and 220 (28.2) to become the outstanding performer in the girls' competition.

Jayne Knippen won the shot and Sue Honigford the long jump for Ottoville's two first place efforts while Karen Fenstermaker and Dawn Ketner figured in four second place efforts for Pandora-Gilboa. Miller City placed fifth in the 440 relay for its only points in the meet.

SUMMARY

Leipsic 130, Continental 111, Columbus Grove 69, Pandora-Gilboa 59, Ottoville 50 and MC 2.

SHOT PUT - Jayne Knippen (Ottoville) 32'¼"

DISCUS - Pam Agner (Leipsic) 89'11"

*NR HIGH JUMP - Sherri Mansfield (Conti) 5'¼"

LONG JUMP - Sue Honigford (Ottoville) 14'9½"

*NR 100 METER HURDLES - Lori Grant (Conti) 17.0

100 YARD DASH - Mary Stechschulte (CG) 12.4

220 YARD DASH - Mary Stechschulte (CG) 28.2

440 YARD DASH - Brenda Wells (Leipsic) 1:05.1

880 YARD RUN - Jenny Worline (Conti) 2:50.3

MILE RUN - Karen Perry (Continental) 6:17.5

*NR 440 YARD RELAY - Chris Gerdeman, Jane

Schroeder, Mary Meyers and Mary Stechschulte (CG) 54.8

880 YARD RELAY - Tina Britsch, Sheri Mansfield, Dawn Winkle and Marilyn Donaldson (Conti) 2:00.4

MILE RELAY - Tina Britsch, Jeana Alt, Marilyn Donaldson and Deb Wasserman (Conti) 4:36.6

880 YARD MEDLEY - Jane Agner, Cindy Steffan, Annette Warnimont and Brenda Wells (Leipsic) 2:04.6