

# Columbus Grove Girls Win PCL Track Title

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Columbus Grove's track teams turned in another dominating performance at the Putnam County League meet Friday night in Columbus Grove.

The Grove girls were led by Andrea Ruen, Tara Ruen and Augusta Halker who were multiple event winners for the Bulldogs.

Andrea Ruen won the 100 meter dash in 13.5 and the 200 in 27.9, and then teamed with Steph Palte, Aimee Gertsen and Arin Gertsen to win the 400 meter relay in 55.3. Ruen also anchored the winning 800 meter relay team of Halker, Arin Gertsen and Jill Duling as they won in a time of 1:58.3.

Individually Halker won the 100 intermediate hurdles in 16.4 and then won the 300 low hurdles in 47.9 which led tied a meet record set by Columbus Grove's Paula Stechschulte in 1987.

Halker's fourth title came in the 1600 meter relay as she teamed with Kristen Carpenter, Arin Gertsen and Tammy Bogart to win in a time of 4:33.7.

Tara Ruen won the shot put with a toss of 34'9" and won the discus with a throw of 107' 10 1/2". In the shot, Arin Gertsen was second with a throw of 34'8".

"Our seniors really performed well," Staley said. "For Augusta Halker to tie a meet record in this weather was just great. Andrea Ruen won the 100 and 200 and helped anchor two relays and Arin Gertsen did a nice job helping out on the relays and she finished second in the shot. Ann started throwing the shot last year at the NWC (Northwest Conference) and she set a school record. She doesn't really like running the 1600 relay but she took us from second to first on her leg."

"We also had some underclassmen come through for us. Aimee Gertsen was second in the 100 and ran on the winning 400 relay team. Jill Duling was third in the 200 dash and was on a winning relay team, which isn't bad for a girl, 6'2", running the sprints, plus this is her first year on the varsity. We have a lot of good depth and it showed tonight."

Pandora-Gilboa had a triple winner as Kinsey Miller won the 1600 meter run in 5:55.5 and won the 800

meter run in 2:43.5. She also teamed with Karen Schroeder, Jessie Arthur and Betsy Hermiller to win the 3200 relay in 11:13.7. Schroeder also won the 3200 meter run in a time of 14:03.6.

Ottoville's Jaime Knippen won the long jump with a leap of 15'5 1/2" and Kristen Smith of Continental won the high jump as she edged Miller City's Jill Schumaker on the basis of misses. Both jumpers cleared 4'10" in meet. Miller City's Kristy McKibben won the 400 meter run in a time of 1:06.4.

## SUMMARY

Columbus Grove 174.5, Pandora-Gilboa 92, Continental 68, Miller City 66.5, Ottoville 59 and Leipsic 32.

SHOT PUT - Tara Ruen (CG) 34'9"

DISCUS - Tara Ruen (CG) 107' 10 1/2"

HIGH JUMP - Kristen Smith (Continental) 4' 10"

LONG JUMP - Jaime Knippen (Ottoville) 15' 5 1/2"

100 M. INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Augusta Halker (CG) 16.4

\*TR 300 METER LOW HURDLES - Augusta Halker (CG) 47.9

100 METER DASH - Andrea Ruen (CG) 13.5

200 METER DASH - Andrea Ruen (CG) 27.9

400 METER DASH - Kristy McKibben (MC) 1:06.4

800 METER RUN - Kinsey Miller (PG) 2:43.8

1600 METER RUN - Kinsey Miller (PG) 5:55.5

3200 METER RUN - Karen Schroeder (PG) 14:03.6

400 METER RELAY - Andrea Ruen, Steph Palte, Aimee Gertsen and Arin Gertsen (CG) 55.3

800 METER RELAY - Andrea Ruen, Augusta Halker, Arin Gertsen and Jill Duling (CG) 1:58.3

1600 METER RELAY - Augusta Halker, Kristen Carpenter, Arin Gertsen and Tammy Bogart, (CG) 4:33.7

3200 METER RELAY - Kinsey Miller, Jessie Arthur, Karen Schroeder and Betsy Hermiller (PG) 11:13.7