

Ottoville Wins Girl's PCL Track Meet

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Ottoville and Pandora-Gilboa both had their work cut out for them after the field events Friday. Both teams trailed defending Putnam County league track and field champions Columbus Grove by huge margins. That didn't matter as the teams made their adjustments on the track to overcome the Bulldogs leads and end their dominance of the meet.

On the girls side the Big Green used adjustments in their running lineup to overcome the Bulldogs for a 172-149 win. Continental was third with 52 points and P-G was fourth with 50 points.

Ottoville started to adjust its lineup two weeks before the league meet in order to give themselves a chance to top the Lady Bulldogs.

"Two weeks ago (assistant coach Gertsen), Susan and I told the girls, the way it stands now we can't beat Columbus Grove," Big Green Coach Vaughn Horstman said. "We had to move some girls around and run four events, which they hadn't done until tonight. That's why Jamie Rieger ran seven races tonight, because we moved her into the sprint events. It was an all around good effort by the girls running the extra events."

Besides Rieger being around, Horstman moved Shayla Siefker into the 400, along with Kari Beining and Molly Maag into the mile run. These moves paid off in an extra 17 points for the Big Green.

Siefker, a freshman, grabbed second place in the 400 (1:00.8) as she finished second to the Bulldogs' Jaimie Lewis (1:00.4) who tied the meet record time. Beining (1:03.7) was sixth in the event. Maag (5:29.4) finished second in the 1600 to Siefker (5:25.1), then won the 800 (2:26.3), her normal event.

"We moved a few people, but they still ran their main events, Horstman said. "We moved Shayla and Kari to the 400, stuff like that. And we normally don't run Molly in the mile, back to back with the 800, but we just told her she had to finish second and she did. We had some very good placements."

Overall, the Big Green won eight events as Natasha Kaufman won the high jump (5'2") just ahead of teammate Tricia Honigford (5'2"). Brittany Beining won the shot put (33'7½") and she was second in the discus (110'7").

Maag, Beining, Melissa Turnwald and Siefker won the 3200 relay (9:59.9), while Rieger (16.9) and Kaufman

(17.5) went one-two in the 100 hurdles. Siefker and Maag went one-two in the 1600 and Holly Heitmeyer won the 300 hurdles (49.5). The Big Green ended the meet as Beining Maag, Krystal Markward and Siefker won the 1600 relay (4:13.8).

Columbus Grove won seven events that started with Grace Needler winning the pole vault (8'6") and Heather Twining (8'0") taking second. Alex Miller won the discus with a throw of 118'0" after taking second in the shot. Kimberly Selhorst won the long jump with a leap of 15'10" and Ella Diller was second (14'11 ¼").

Kimberly Selhorst won the 100 dash (12.9) and Needler was second. Lewis won the 200 (27.5) after winning the 400. Paige Heffner (27.7) was second in the 200. The Bulldogs won a pair of relays as Selhorst, Heffner, Ella Diller and Lewis took the 800 relay (1:49.1), while Selhorst, Diller, Needler and Emily Stephens won the 400 relay (52.30).

Pandora-Gilboa's Sarah Flickinger won the 3200 meter run (12:28.6) as she beat Ottoville's Melissa Turnwald.

SUMMARY

Ottoville 172, Columbus Grove 149, Continental 52, Pandora-Gilboa 50, Fort Jennings 46 and Leipsic 35.

SHOT PUT - Brittany Beining (Ottoville) 33'7½"

DISCUS - Alex Miller (CG) 118'0"

HIGH JUMP - Natasha Kaufman (Ottoville) 5'2"

LONG JUMP - Kimberly Selhorst (CG) 15'10"

POLE VAULT - Grace Needler (CG) 8'6"

100 METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES - Jamie Rieger (Ottoville) 16.90

300 M. LOW HURDLES - Holly Heitmeyer (Otto) 49.50.

100 METER DASH - Kimberly Selhorst (CG) 12.90

200 METER DASH - Jaimie Lewis (CG) 27.50

*TR 400 METER DASH - Jaimie Lewis (CG) 1:00.40

800 METER RUN - Molly Maag (Ottoville) 2:26.30

1600 METER RUN - Shayla Siefker (Ottoville) 5:25.10

3200 METER RUN - Sarah Flickinger (PG) 12:28.60

400 METER RELAY - Kimberly Selhorst, Ella Diller, Grace Needler and Emily Stephens (CG) 52.30.

800 METER RELAY - Kimberly Selhorst, Paige Heffner, Ella Diller and Jaimie Lewis (CG) 1:49.10

1600 METER RELAY - Kari Beining, Krystal Markward, Molly Maag & Shayla Siefker (Otto) 4:13.80

3200 METER RELAY - Molly Maag, Shayla Siefker Melissa Turnwald & Kari Beining (Otto) 9:59.90