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Haunted Woods Classic

The Running Titans traveled to Oldham County High School Oct. 12th to compete in the Haunted Woods Classic. The cool temperature (54 degrees) and sunny morning was conducive to running as the athletes ran past ghosts and goblins during their "woods" portion of the race. Woodford County's Addison Moore took over from Manual's Bailee Montgomery in the second mile and won the girls' race by seven seconds in a fast 18:04.

Collins' girl top finisher again was senior Emma Kendall coming in ninth in 19:16 (US Silver Standard). This is a season best for Kendall and only five seconds off her personal best. The Titan girls placed three runners in the top 35 to score 160 points which was good for seventh place out of 18 teams. Their team time of 1:45:05 (21:01 per scorer) is number seven on the Collins all-time list.



(Photo: S. Moran)

Emma Kendall hit the US Silver Standard for the third consecutive year at Haunted Woods.

The second Titan to score was sophomore Sophie Bolin, who broke her personal record (PR) by 14 seconds, going 19:53 for 15th place. She knocked a full minute off her time last year at this meet. Senior Grace Nelson (21:05) was the next Titan to score in 33rd. Freshman Margo Treece took a whopping 1:26 off her PR by finishing in 21:41 (49th). Fellow freshman Mya Drake rounded out the Titan scoring.



(Photo: S. Moran)

Collins' Margo Treece's big PR helped the Titans record the seventh fastest team time in history.



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Collins' girls nabbed the seventh fastest time in school history at the Haunted Woods Meet.



On the boys' side, all the Titans either got a personal record, course, or season best. Senior Chase Delaney led the way in 16th (16:23) getting the National Silver Standard and a course best. Junior George Diakhate (67th in 18:13) got a course best as the next Titan to score. Sophomore Vance Boyd got a season best (19:54), while freshmen Liam Royse and Josiah Midkiff were the final Titans to score. Both freshmen got PRs as Royse took a huge 1:39 off his previous best, while Midkiff took 18 seconds off his previous best. The Titan boys finished in 16th out of 24 teams.



(Photo: S. Moran)

Chase Delaney hit the National Silver Standard at Haunted Woods.



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Losing a shoe in the last mile did not deter Liam Royse from getting a big PR at the Haunted Woods Meet.



Director of Cross Country and Track and Field, George Sanderlin said, "The girls did great, getting one of the top team times in school history and surpassing their season goal. Margo and Halle (Stubbs) got big PRs. Sophie also got a PR and joined the 19 minute club. She is now only eight seconds off the National Silver Standard. On the boys' side, Chase has been our most consistent runner all season. This is the second race in a row that he has been under the National Silver Standard. We needed our freshmen boys to step up today since we had a couple of athletes out. That they did, as both Liam and Josiah got PRs. This positions us well for the Region race."

The Running Titans next race is the Region 4 AAA Meet at Seneca Park in Louisville on Oct. 26th at 2:00 PM.

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