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Collins High School, Shelbyville, KY

Cross Country 11-2-23 (v1)

State AAA Meet

Collins had two boys and the girls team run in the State Class AAA meet in Lexington at the Kentucky Horse Park Course on Oct. 28th. In the boys' race, junior Nathan Janes, who had made State the two previous years, got off to a good start, clocking 5:17 at the mile and 10:56 at the two mile mark. He held his position through two miles but lost a little ground on the third mile as the tough course caught up to the runners. Janes finished in 17:17 for 55th place, a marked improvement from his 144th place last year. Janes was stalked in the early stages by junior teammate Chase Delaney. In Delaney's first appearance at State, he ran a 17:43 to finish in 86th place.



(Photo: G. Wehrheim)

Chase Delaney (1414) battles with Daviess County sophomore Ben Nunley at the finish of the State AAA Meet at the Kentucky Horse Park on Oct. 28th.

The girls' team made State for the second time since moving up one classification to 3A four years ago. The girls' team has made State in ten of the fourteen years of the school's existence.

The Titan girls got their second fastest start of the year as the top five scorers averaged 6:27 for the first mile. However, the rolling hills on the second mile of the Horse Park Course started to take a toll. The Titans did pick it up in the third mile, finishing with a team time of 1:49:38 (21:56) which was slower than last years' average top five time (21:37). Collins scored 497 points to finish 18th in the state. This was exactly their rating going into State. It was down



slightly from their 16th place finish of last year mainly because of injuries. Number two runner, Katelynn Gaddis, was out with an injury and Collins third finisher, junior Grace Nelson, had been fighting injuries all season.

The Titan girls were led by junior Emma Kendall who finished 44th. She was followed by sophomore Sophie Bolin in 93rd. Nelson (96th) also got a top-100 finish for the Titans.



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Wehrheim)

Running Titans (red circle) are tightly bunched at the start of the State Meet at the Horse Park on Oct. 28th.



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Collins' Sophie Bolin (1816) battles with Christian County junior Taylor Morris (1815) and Daviess County sophomore Haley Wolfe (1848) in the early stages of the State Meet.



Collins senior Laura Vidourek (1824) mid-race at the State Meet.



Collins' girls' team "savors the moment" after their second highest State Cross Country meet finish at the Horse Park on Oct. 28th since moving up to the 3A classification.

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "This was not exactly how we wanted to finish the season, but the girls had several injuries that held us back. We finished just how we were ranked. It's good anytime you can accomplish that. Nathan and Chase both capped excellent seasons. We are using this as a good preparation for our indoor track and field season."

The Titans start the indoor season on Sat., Jan. 27th at Centre College's new indoor 200 meter track in Danville. Coach Sanderlin said, "This four-way Border Battle between Team Shelby, Fayette, Boyle, and Oldham, will be the first non-invitational high school meet on a 200 meter track in Kentucky history. It should be a doozie!"

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