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Collins High School, Shelbyville, KY

Cross Country 11-4-24 (v1)

State AAA Meet

Collins had one boy and three girls run in the State Class AAA cross country meet in Lexington at the Kentucky Horse Park Course on Nov. 4th. In the boys' race, sophomore Reece Delaney, who was running in his first State Meet, got off to a fast start, going through the mile in 5:14. He maintained position at the two mile in 10:58. He picked it up in the third mile. His 5:35 third mile allowed him to gain about ten places. He finished in 17:09 (56th place).



(Photo: M. Burgess)

Reece Delaney (549) nears the finish of the State AAA Meet at the Horse Park in Lexington.

The girls had three veterans in the lineup – seniors Emma Kendall and Grace Nelson, as well as junior Sophie Bolin. They had a combined total of 13 State Meet appearances between them. Kendall made history at the Horse Park as she became the first Collins athlete to compete in six consecutive State Meets in the same sport (cross country). Once again, she was the first Titan across the finish line as she ran 20:01 for 29th place. Nelson, who was running in her fourth



consecutive State Meet, put down a good last mile and moved up, passing teammate Bolin in the last 90 meters. She scored a course best time of 20:56 (70th place). Bolin, who was fighting a cold, also got a course best time (20:58) to finish 74th. This was Bolin's third State Meet appearance.



(Photo: M. Burgess)

Sophie Bolin (166) and Grace Nelson (168) battle with Ryle junior Jaz Bartlett (404) and Notre Dame freshman Kay Mayer (369) at the State AAA Meet.



(Photo: S. Moran)

Emma Kendall (R) battles with nemesis South Oldham senior Abigail Crask at the State AAA Meet. Kendall capped her senior year by re-writing the Collins record books by becoming the first Titan in any sport to make six consecutive State Meet appearances!

The Titans start the indoor track and field season on Sat., Jan. 18th at Centre College's indoor 200 meter track in Danville. Coach Sanderlin said, "This six-way Border Battle between Team Shelby, Fayette, Bluegrass, Central KY, Laurel, and Oldham, will be the largest border battle in state history. It should be a doozie!"

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