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Eastern Indoor

The Collins Running Titans onslaught of the indoor track and field school record book continued unabated. On Feb. 8th at the Eastern Indoor meet, the Titans faired exactly as they did last year at this meet. They entered seven events and either tied or broke school records in four of them. The meet was held on the Norton SportsPlex's hydraulically banked indoor 200-meter track in Louisville.

Junior Ziara Taylor got the action started when she tied her own triple jump indoor school record, going 32-9.5. Senior Emma Kendall ran her fastest indoor 800 of the season, as she clocked a 2:19.07. This hit the US Silver Standard and was good for the third best 800 time in Collins history. Kendall has the six fastest indoor 800 times at Collins. Junior Sophie Bolin continued her charge in the 2-mile with a quick 12:11.95 for a PR, as well as the second-best time in school history.

On the boys' side, sophomore Reece Delaney ran even splits for eight laps to shave .77 seconds off his recently minted indoor mile school record with a time of 4:39.94. Senior Nathan Janes tied the indoor school record in the pole vault that he shares with Elijah Patton ('22). He scaled 12-6 to end up in a tie for fifth place. Janes also got an indoor personal record (PR) in the 800 as he clocked the second fastest time in Collins history with a 2:02.91. He now owns five of the seven fastest indoor 800 times at Collins.



(Photo: C. Delaney)

Collins senior Nathan Janes tied the school record in the pole vault at the Eastern Indoor meet.



The Titans saved the best for last, as the girls' 4 X 400 relay ran an exciting race, to finish in sixth place overall. They won their section with a time of 4:07.79. This broke the indoor school record they set at this meet last year by a snitch (.42). The team of Sofia Leon, Grace Nelson, Ziara Taylor, and Emma Kendall ran the fastest time in Kentucky so far this season and made the US Silver Standard.



(Photo: C. Delaney)

Collins junior Sofia Leon (3) leads off the girls' record setting 4×400 -meter relay, as she holds off Male (4) and duPont Manual (2).





(Photo: C. Delaney)

Grace Nelson (991) hands the baton ("Pinky") to Collins' 4 X 400 third leg Ziara Taylor (993). Taylor also tied her triple jump school record.



At the Eastern Indoor meet on Feb. 8^{th} , this Collins foursome not only broke the indoor 4 X 400-meter relay school record they set at the same meet last year, but they also made the US Silver Standard, and currently have the fastest time in the State (all classifications). (L to R), Asst. Coach Heather Rowe, Sofia Leon, Grace Nelson, Ziara Taylor, Emma Kendall, and Head Coach George Sanderlin pose with their favorite baton, "Pinky." (Photo: C. Delaney)



Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "I thought the 4 X 400 relay would be special. However, I had no idea it would be that exciting. It is for these moments I am glad that I'm a high school coach. Our relay girls have worked hard, and they proved it. They all ran great legs. To have Reece continue to lower his mile record as well as tie two more school records was great. This puts us in excellent position for the state indoor meet."

The Titans' next indoor meet is the Presidents Day Weekend Inv. Feb. 15th at the Norton SportsPlex in Louisville. The Titans will host the outdoor Shelbyville Hexagonal on March 22nd.

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