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Eastern Indoor

The Collins Running Titans onslaught of the indoor track and field school record book continued unabated. On Feb. 10th at the Eastern Indoor meet the Titans 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.

Sophomore Ziara Taylor got the action started when she upped her own triple jump school record (indoor and outdoor best) by 1.5 inches, going 31-11.5 for fifth place.

Junior Grace Evans was the next to break a school record as she cleared 11 feet on her last attempt in the pole vault. This was good for fifth place and upped her previous school record by 2.75 inches. It was a stellar day for Collins vaulters as junior Nathan Janes got a personal record (PR) by tying Elijah Patton's ('22) indoor school record of 12-6. His vault was good for sixth place. Janes also got a PR in the 800 (2:04.41).



Grace Evans brushed the crossbar slightly but it stayed up as she cleared a new school record of 11-0 in the pole vault.



Junior Emma Kendall finished 10th in a stellar 800 field going 2:18.57 for the US MileSplit Silver Standard and the second best indoor 800 time in school history.

The Titans saved the best for last, as the girls' 4 X 400 relay ran an extremely exciting race, just getting edged out by Male High School. Their time of 4:08.21 was good for fifth place and made the US MileSplit Silver Standard. The team of Sofia Leon, Maleah Wilson, Ziara Taylor, and Emma Kendall chopped a whopping 16.58 seconds off the previous indoor mark they set at the State Indoor Meet last year. It also was under the outdoor school record of 4:10.36 set by this very same quartet at the outdoor State Meet last year. Their time is the fourth fastest in the state.



Collins sophomore Sofia Leon led off the girls' record setting 4 X 400 meter relay.

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "I knew the 4 X 400 relay would be special. Our relay girls have worked hard and it showed. To have both of our vaulters, Grace and Nathan get school records was also super. Ziara Taylor continues her improvement in the triple jump. This puts us in great position for the state indoor meet."



This Collins foursome not only smashed the indoor 4 X 400 meter relay school record, but they also broke the outdoor mark as well and made the US Silver Standard. (L to R) Head Coach Sanderlin, Emma Kendall, Ziara Taylor, Maleah Wilson, and Sofia Leon pose with their favorite baton, "Pinky."

The Titans' next indoor meet is the Presidents Day Weekend Inv. Feb. 18 at the Norton SportsPlex in Louisville. The Titans will host the Bojangles Bullskin Relays on May 11th.

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