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### **Presidents' Day Weekend Inv.**

The Collins track & field team continued to re-write the indoor school record books on Feb. 15-16<sup>th</sup> at the Presidents' Day Weekend Invitational meet in Louisville by taking down three more records. On the girls' side, senior Emma Kendall got the action started when she knocked off Sophie Bolin's recently minted (5:58.16 on Jan. 18, 2025) school record (SR) in the 1600. Kendall chopped a whopping 34 seconds off Bolin's previous mark to finish second in 5:24.30. Junior Bolin also went under her previous SR, going 5:38.91 for a personal record to finish tenth.



(Photo: H. Rowe)

*Collins' Emma Kendall (429) holds off Lexington Catholic senior Cecilia Lowry (1044) to finish second in the 1600 and break the school record in the process.*

Junior Ziara Taylor had an excellent series in the triple jump as she upped her recent school record (32-9.5) on all three attempts. Her series (34-1, 34-4.75, and 34-7.25) averaged a huge 34-4.25. Her best upped her SR by almost two feet (1-9.75). Her superb series placed



her second in the event. Taylor also ran the 200 in the second fastest time (27.37) in school history to finish 12<sup>th</sup>.



(Photo: H. Rowe)

*Ziara Taylor executes the jump phase of her school record triple jump at the Presidents' Day Weekend Meet in Louisville at the Norton SportsPlex.*

On the boys' side, senior Nathan Janes finished sixth in the pole vault with a 12-0 jump. Janes also finished fifth in the 800 (2:03.83). Senior Christian Olvera Lira finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the weight throw (29-9.25) to become the second furthest weight thrower in Collins history behind two-time discus State Champ Nathan Jacobs ('19). Senior Chase Delaney finished fifth in the 3200 in a PR 10:18.68 which took a full minute off his previous SR in the event.

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "We had strong performances from all our athletes and broke three more school records. Taylor's triple jump series was outstanding, and Kendall continues her top finishes in the mid-distances. She now holds seven individual indoor school records in every event from 200 to 3000. The senior boys really stepped up with Nathan, Christian, and Chase all having good performances."



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*Collins' Christian Olvera Lira muscles the 25-lb. weight out to the fourth longest throw in school history.*

The Titans' next indoor meet is the High School Classic on Feb. 23 at the Norton SportsPlex in Louisville. The outdoor season begins on Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>. The Titans will host the Shelbyville Hexagonal on March 22nd.

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