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High School Classic

The Collins track & field team continued their unrelenting torment of the indoor school record books on Feb. 23rd at the High School Classic in Louisville. The Running Titans took down five more records and tied yet another. On the boys' side, senior Nathan Janes tied his pole vault record of 12-6 to finish fourth. He also ran a personal record (PR) in the 800 (2:01.43) to finish 12th.



(Photo: H. Rowe)

Nathan Janes clears 12-6 on this jump at the High School Classic to tie his indoor school record.

Sophomore Reece Delaney continued to lower his school record in the 1600 by running almost all even split laps to finish 17th in 4:34.39. This chopped a big 11 seconds from the mark he established on Jan. 18th. Reece's brother, senior Chase Delaney, chiseled .15 off his previous 3200 school mark going 10:18.53 to finish 11th.



(Photo: H. Rowe)

Chase Delaney (344) shows the determination that enabled him to break his own indoor school record in the 3200 at the High School Classic.

In the first girls event, the 4 X 800 relay quartet got things rolling. Juniors Ziara Taylor and Sophie Bolin combined with seniors Grace Nelson and Emma Kendall to lead almost the entire race and win in an impressive 10:12.83. Kendall's strong 2:19 anchor leg was too much for second place Beechwood (10:15.69) which led for a short while.



(Photo: H. Rowe)

Collins' Emma Kendall (340) passes a Beechwood opponent (213) on the anchor leg of the school record breaking 4 X 800 Relay.



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Collins' record breaking 4 X 800 Relay – L to R: Taylor, Bolin, Nelson, and Kendall pose with their favorite baton, "Pinky."

Junior Sofia Leon took down Sarah Erhard's ('15) 13-year-old school record (8.27) in the 55-meter dash by blitzing a 7.93. Bolin came back late in the meet to lower the school mark in the 3200 with a 12:42.61 for 13th place. After taking some time off from pole vaulting, senior Grace Evans opened her indoor season with a 9-6 vault to place second.



(Photo: H. Rowe)

Left to Right: Collins' Sofia Leon battles with regional foes from Seneca, Sacred Heart, and Atherton in route to breaking the school record in the 55-meter dash.

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "It doesn't get much better than this – five school records and one tie. We had solid performances from all our athletes as the endurance athletes continue to re-write the record books. Grace Evan's time off will only make her a better vaulter down the road. The girls' 4 X 800 relay time just missed the overall school record and outdoor mark by just one second. I think they can get under 10 minutes outdoors."



The Titans' next meet is the Kentucky State 3A Indoor Championships on Mar. 6th at the Norton SportsPlex in Louisville. The outdoor season begins on Mar. 15th. The Titans will host the Shelbyville Hexagonal on March 22nd.

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