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State Indoor Meet

The Collins track & field team traveled to Louisville on March 6th to compete in the second KHSAA Indoor Track and Field State Meet at the Norton SportsPlex. The boys' team had three entrants, seniors Nathan Janes in the pole vault and the 800, and Chase Delaney in the 3200. Sophomore Reece Delaney also competed in the 1600, placing 20th. Janes finished ninth in the pole vault (12-0) and got a personal best (PB) of 2:00.27 in the 800 to finish tenth. Chase Delaney finished 16th in the 3200. He took a whopping 23 seconds off his previous school record with a 9:55.73 which also broke the previous outdoor record of 9:59.52.



(Photo: M. Burgess)

Naathan Janes (647) of Collins takes down Lafayette senior Buzz Christensen (822) at the finish of the 800 at the State Indoor Meet.



(Photo: M. Burgess)

Chase Delaney got the fastest time in Collins history, indoors or out, at the State Meet in the 3200.

The Titan girls finished ninth out of 38 scoring teams with 20 points. This is both their highest finish and point total ever. Junior Sophie Bolin lowered her school record in the 3200 by a huge 44 seconds with an 11:58.97 which placed her 11th.



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Sophie Bolin (216) got under 12 minutes for the first time in the 3200 as she lowered her school record in the event at the State Meet.

The first of three girls to score for Collins was Senior Grace Evans. Evans scored for the fifth consecutive year at State in the pole vault going 9-6 for fifth place. The next girl to score was senior Emma Kendall who lowered her one-year-old school record in the 800 with a 2:16.70 to nab third place.



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Grace Evans (second from left) is no stranger to the podium at the State Indoor vault competition. This is the fifth consecutive year that she has scored. This year was also her highest finish – fifth.



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Emma Kendall (218) at the start of the 800 at the State Meet. Kendall lowered her school record to 2:16.

Junior Ziara Taylor, who went 32-9.5 in the triple jump last year at State Indoor for sixth place, was a pleasant surprise for the Titans. Taylor had an incredible series, with four jumps past 36 feet. She averaged 35-10 for her six jumps. Her second attempt was her longest at 36-9.25. This earned Taylor a State Title as she edged North Oldham senior Aubrey Anderson who finished second with a 36-3.25. Taylor's jump broke not only her previous indoor school record (34-7.25), but also her outdoor record (35-2) as well.



(Photo: M. Burgess)

Ziara Taylor surpassed both her previous indoor and outdoor school records in the triple jump at the State Meet going 36-9.25 for the win.



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Ziara Taylor became Collins' second State Champion (first girl) in the triple jump.

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "We worked extremely hard during the indoor season. Our senior girls really stepped up. I told Ziara the day before the meet to try to pop a big one early. That way she could take the pressure off herself and put it on her competitors. She did just that. We are right where we need to be with the outdoor season kicking off next week. It looks like, yet again, we set a school record for the number of indoor school marks that were bettered this year."

The Running Titans first outdoor meet is the Harry Greschel Inv. at CAL on Mar. 15th. The Titans host the Shelbyville Hexagonal on March 22nd.

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