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Harry Greschel Invitational

The Collins track & field team traveled to Louisville on March 16th to compete in the Harry Greschel Invitational at the Christian Academy of Louisville. The boys finished with 49 points good for fifth place out of 14 teams. The girls scored their highest point total at any invitational in history with 103 points for second place (14 teams) behind Male's 141 points.

Nathan Janes got out of the blocks first for the Titan boys winning the pole vault with a 12-0 jump. The boys 4 X 800 relay team of Reece Delaney, Eli Moreno, George Diakhate, and Melbyn Velasquez came in second. The 4 X 400 relay team of Janes, Chase Delaney, Jack Fuhrmann, and Velasquez finished fourth in 3:46.65.

The Collins boys got 18 points in the distance events as Fuhrmann finished fourth in the 800 with a personal record of 2:06.82. Also scoring in the 1600 were Janes (fourth in a PR 4:39.31) and C. Delaney (seventh in a PR 4:52.79). Reece Delaney chopped five seconds off his 3200 PR as he went 10:39.83 for third.



(Photo: C. Vaughn)

Nathan Janes finishes the 1600 strong with a PR and a fourth place finish. Janes was the highest point scorer for the Titan boys with 16.25 points.



(Photo: C. Vaughn)

Reece Delaney (5160) got a five second PR in the 3200 and finished third at the Harry Greschel Inv.

Junior DaVaughn Wilson scored and finished fifth with PRs in both throws as he threw the shot 38-4 and the disc 104-9.



(Photo: C. Vaughn)

DaVaughn Wilson got fifth with PRs in both the shot and disc. Here he pushes the 12 pound ball out to 38-4.



The girls had a powerful performance as they scored in every event except the long jump and the throws. Junior Emma Kendall got 18 points by finishing second in the 1600 and led a 1-2 finish in the 3200 with sophomore Sophie Bolin in second. Junior Michele Burgess finished fifth in the 1600, going sub-5 for the first time with a PR of 5:59.70.

Junior Luci Renda led the Collins scoring charge in the 800 as she finished fourth in a PR 2:38.83. Senior Grace White finished seventh for the Titans. Junior Grace Evans won the pole vault.



(Photo: C. Vaughn)

Grace White (5157) and Luci Renda (Black) both scored for Collins in the 800.

Sophomore Ziara Taylor was the highest point scorer (20 points) for the Titans as she won the 400, was third in the triple jump, and fourth in the 100. In the 400, she blazed through the first 200 in 26-mid and finished strongly to record a 59.42 for the win. This chipped .03 off the previous school record set by Kendall. Sophomore Sofia Leon was second in the 400 with a PR of 1:01.60. Leon also led the charge in the 200 as she and fellow sophomore Maleah Wilson finished third and fourth, respectively.



(Photo: C. Vaughn)

Ziara Taylor heads for the finish as she won the Harry Greschel 400 and broke the Collins school record held by teammate Emma Kendall.

In her first outdoor 100 hurdles race, senior Lauren Janes finished fifth in 19.64. In the long hurdle race (300 hurdles), junior Grace Nelson finished fourth in 53.79 for a nice comeback. She has been battling injury and had not run the 300 hurdles since her freshman year when she made State.



(Photo: C. Vaughn)

Grace Nelson is back to the form that took her to State in the 300 hurdles her freshman year.



Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "This was a great opener for us. Our girls showed why they are one of the top teams in the state. They scored in every event we entered except two. Going one two in both the 400 and 3200 and winning the pole vault was great. The boys did well too. This positions us well for the remainder of the outdoor season."



Collins girls with their Harry Greschel Inv. second place trophy. (L to R) Grace White, Hannah Rosenow, Emma Kendall, Grace Evans, Sophie Bolin, Lauren Janes, Head Coach George Sanderlin.

The Running Titans next meet is the Shelby County All-Comers on Mar. 19th. They then travel to Oldham Co. for the Oldham Co. Kickoff meet on Mar. 23rd.

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