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### **SHELBYVILLE HEXAGONAL MEET**

Collins H.S. hosted the Shelbyville Hexagonal (6-way) meet on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The boys scored 52 points and finished fifth while the girls finished fourth with 64 points. On the boys' side, senior Jaquan McNeal got the only Titan sprint points, placing second in the 100 with a personal record (PR) time of 11.53. His time ranks number four on the Collins all-time list.

In the field events, the Titan boys also got points in both throws from junior new-comer Wyatt Butler. He placed fourth in the shot put with a 37-0 PR and third in the discus with a throw of 106-0. The Titans picked up 12 points in the triple jump. Senior new-comer Lincoln Laubach went 38-8 to place second in his first triple jump competition ever. Sophomore Liam Royse jumped a PR 34-3 to place fourth.



(Photo: L. Bolin)

*Wyatt Butler prepares to throw the platter at the Shelbyville Hexagonal Meet at Collins on March 21<sup>st</sup>. He scored in the event.*

In the 800, the Titan runners held off a game charge by Christian Academy of Louisville Junior Jackson Fitzgerald. Junior Reece Delaney got out quickly (59 for the first 400) with Fitzgerald and Laubach a few meters back. Delaney held on to win in a PR 2:02.89, as Laubach passed Fitzgerald in the last 50 meters to finish second in 2:04.37. This one-two punch gave the Titans 18 points in the event.



(Photo: S. Delaney)

*Collins' Lincoln Laubach (L) and Reece Delaney finished second and first, respectively in the 800 at the Shelbyville Hexagonal.*

The last event was exciting as the Collins 4 X 400 relay quartet of McNeal, freshman Alex Vega, Delaney, and Laubach led from gun to wire to clock a surprisingly fast 3:33.81 which is currently the fastest time in Kentucky (all classifications), as well as the number two time in Collins' history.



(Photo: S. Delaney)

*Alex Vega did lead-off duty for the Titans' 4 X 400 relay at the Shelbyville Hexagonal. Their time leads the state.*

On the girls' side, senior Sophie Bolin ran the 1600 in 5:43.42 for third place. In the 400, the Titans scored ten points with freshman Clara Drake running a PR 1:08.51 PR for third. She was followed by teammate sophomore Clair Livingston in fourth with a PR 1:10.11.

The treat of the day for the Running Titans was both the girls 100 and 200 meter dashes. Collins picked up a combined 38 points in these two events. In the 100, senior Sofia Leon



sprinted a PR 12.99 to go under her previous school record of 13.16 set in 2024. She got four points for fourth place. However, sophomore TyLiyah Thompson ran a scorching 12.66 PR for the win and a new school record. She won by a nice margin of .21 seconds over Franklin County junior London White. Her time is now number six in Kentucky.



(Photo: L. Bolin)

*TyLiyah Thompson (4) breaking the school record in the 100 in her first race as a Titan. On the right is Sofia Leon.*

In the girls' 200, the Titans swept, going 1-2-3 to pick up a big 24 points. Senior Maleah Wilson was third in 28.23 with Leon in second with a PR 27.36. Thomson showed her strength as she powered out of the curve to finish in 26.41 for the win. Her time is currently number nine in Kentucky and broke legendary Titan Emma Kendall's school record of 26.67 set at Brother Borgia in 2024.

The girls were still not finished, as they capped off an exciting day of records with a win in the 4 X 400 relay. The quartet of Wilson, Leon, Bolin, and senior Ziara Taylor sped around the track in 4:24.74 for the fourth fastest time in Kentucky and number 11 on the Collins all-time list.



Photo: S. Delaney)

*Maleah Wilson handles lead-off duty for the Titans' 4 X 400 at the Shelbyville Hex.*

Director of Track and Cross Country George Sanderlin said, "We had an amazing out of the blocks first meet start. We had several top times in the state and are positioned well for the remainder of the season. TyLiyah did a fantastic job in her first outing as a Running Titan – two wins, both with school records. If she continues to work hard, she can be a state scorer. Our throws coach, Nic Horine has worked hard with Wyatt Butler who continues to improve. Most of our athletes got a PR today. It doesn't get any better than that."

The Titans' next meet is the Shelby County Pre-Break Invitational at County High on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

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