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### **State Indoor Meet**

The Collins track & field team traveled to Louisville on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to compete in the first ever KHSAA sanctioned Indoor Track and Field State Meet at the Norton SportsPlex. The boys' team only had two entrants, junior Nathan Janes in the pole vault, and the 4 X 800 meter relay team. The 4 X 800 relay team finished 17<sup>th</sup> while Janes scored by clearing 12-0 for eighth place.

The Titan girls finished 15<sup>th</sup> (their third highest finish ever) out of 39 scoring teams with 11 points. This ties their highest point total ever. Junior Claire Turpen qualified in the high jump and sophomore Sophie Bolin qualified in the 3000 meter run. The girls' 4 X 800 meter relay team also qualified. Collins had three scorers on the girls' side. Junior Grace Evans scored for the fourth consecutive year at State in the pole vault going 10-6 for sixth place. Sophomore Ziara Taylor went 32-9.5 in the triple jump to increase her school record by 4.75 inches. This was good for three points and sixth place. Taylor now owns the top five indoor marks in school history.



(Photo: H. Rosenow)

*Claire Turpen prepares to clear 4-4 at the State Indoor Meet on Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>.*



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Sophie Bolin waits to "get out" on the second leg of the 4 X 800 meter relay at the State Meet. Bolin also ran the 3000 meter run.



Grace Evans (third from left) celebrates on the podium with the other girls who got medals in the pole vault at the State Class 3A Indoor Meet.

The girls' 4 X 400 meter relay team of sophomores Sofia Leon, Maleah Wilson, and Taylor teamed with junior Emma Kendall to run the second fastest time in school history (4:08.70) and just missed the school record they set earlier this year by a scant half second. They finished in fourth place which was good for five points.



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*Ziara Taylor gets good height on the jump phase of her triple jump. She was Collins' highest scorer in the meet with 4.5 points. She scored in both the triple jump, where she broke her school record, and the 4 X 400 relay.*

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "We have never started our season this early and came at the indoor season very hard. So, our athletes earned a nice little break. We are right where we need to be with the outdoor season kicking off in a couple of weeks. It looks like 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. 16<sup>th</sup>. The Titans host the Bojangles Bullskin Relays on May 11th which is the only high school meet in Kentucky this year with a major corporate sponsor.

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