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Steepleville

Collins sophomore Katelynn Gaddis completed in the Steepleville meet at Eastern High School on April 12th. It was only the second time in her career that Gaddis has competed in the seldom run 2K steeplechase. The steeplechase consists of five 30 inch barriers and a water jump on each of the five laps of the 400 meter track.



(Photo: E. Kendall)

Collins' Katelynn Gaddis (hip number 9 – in black at upper left) at the start of the 2000 meter steeplechase at the Steepleville Inv. at Eastern H.S. Gaddis faced some of the state's top runners.

Gaddis went out strong (1:35 first 400) and ran even splits. She finished strong with a 1:35 closing lap to end up with an 8:09.18 for seventh place. Oldham County junior Tula Fawbush (hip number 1 in picture above) ran a 7:00.12 (US # 3) for the win. Gaddis' time ranks as number three on the Collins all-time list behind teammate Emma Kendall (7:39) and former Xavier University collegiate stand out Katerina Karas ('12) who clocked a 7:43 in her senior year. Gaddis' time is currently the ninth best time in the state and best for a sophomore. It is also top-100 US (# 79) and US number six for sophomores.



(Photo: E. Kendall)

Katelynn Gaddis (# 1796) shows good hurdle form over the second barrier at the Steepleville Meet.

About the race Gaddis said, "It was a lot of fun to run some of the toughest and fastest girls (Fawbush holds the state record for the 1600 and Barren County's Gracie Reed is the fastest freshman in the state) in Kentucky and have some of my teammates there to support me made it even more exciting."



(Photo: E. Kendall)

Katelynn Gaddis (# 1796) pushes off on the water jump in the 2K steeplechase.



Collins Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "Katelynn did an excellent job of executing her race plan. She beat her target by a mile, her barrier hurdling was strong, and her splits were even. I don't think I've ever seen a standard deviation as low as hers (two seconds) in the lap times in an event as unpredictable as the steeplechase."

The Running Titans will be in action next in Louisville at the Johnny Conn Invitational at Male High School on April 15th.

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