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HEART OF THE BLUEGRASS INVITATIONAL

The Running Titans traveled to Mercer County High on April 12th for the Heart of the Bluegrass Invitational. The boys' team scored 20 points to finish eleventh out of 21 teams. 18 of the Titans points came in the endurance events. The other two points were scored by senior Nathan Janes who finished seventh in the pole vault. Janes also scored in the 800 with a fifth place finish.



Collins senior Kevon Woodard rounds the turn in his first 200-meter dash at the Heart of the Bluegrass Inv.

Senior Chase Delaney and his brother, sophomore Reece, doubled in the 1600 and 3200 for the first time. In both races they amassed 14 points for Collins. In the 1600, Reece finished seventh with Chase on his heels in eighth place. Chase turned the tables in the 3200 with a strong last lap to finish in third place (10:11), with Reece one second behind in fourth place.



Chase (2) and Reece Delaney (4) in the early stages of the 3200 at the Heart of the Bluegrass meet.

The girls' team scored in just five events. However, that was enough to earn 39 points to finish seventh out of 24 teams. 54% (21 points) of their scoring came in the 1600 and 3200. The 1600 featured many of the fastest girls in the state. Woodford County's Addison Moore led after a slow first 400 and then poured on the pace. Seniors Emma Kendall (Collins) and Olivia Holbrook (Campbell Co.) tried to stay with her. Then Kendall fell off the pace, leaving it up to Holbrook to challenge Moore. Moore finished with a strong last lap to win in 5:05 with Holbrook in second (5:10) and Kendall third (5:21). Collins junior Sophie Bolin picked up a point with her eighth-place finish.

In the girls 3200, Collins picked up 14 points (36% of their total points). Bolin went out fast (1:22 opening 400) to take the lead and then settled in nicely with steady splits. She led from gun to wire to win in 12:08. Senior Michel Burgess was Collins' other scorer in the event as she ran a personal best time of 13:20 to get four points for a fifth-place finish.



(L) Sophie Bolin won the 3200 and also scored in the 1600. Michele Burgess got a PR in the 3200 and finished fifth.

Other scorers for Collins were junior Ziara Taylor in the long jump with a sixth-place finish and senior Grace Nelson in the 300 hurdles. In her first 300 hurdles race of the year, Nelson ran a steady, consistent race and finished fourth with a personal best time of 50.37.

The girls also picked up a win in the last event, the 4 X 400 relay. The quartet of Taylor, senior Luci Renda, Nelson, and Kendall picked up the ten points for Collins. Campbell County's Olivia Holbrook moved to almost even with Kendall on anchor leg with 60 meters to go. Kendall looked over her shoulder and would have none of that. She found another gear and took the win for the Titans in 4:13.78 (5th best time in school history) to Campbell's 4:14.17.



Ziara Taylor hands the baton to Luci Renda (center) in the 4 X 400-meter relay.



Two of the top runners in the state, seniors Olivia Holbrook (7 of Campbell Co.) and Emma Kendall (5 of Collins), battle it out at the finish of the 4 X 400-meter relay. Collins won with the fifth fastest time in school history.

The Titans' next meet is the Eastern Relays at the University of Louisville on April 18-19.

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