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Johnny Conn Inv.

The Running Titans traveled to Louisville Male H.S. on April 12th to compete in the Johnny Conn Inv. The boys finished eighth out of 15 teams with 27 points. Junior Nathan Janes was the high point getter as he finished with 11.75 points. He was third in the pole vault (12-0), fourth in the 300 hurdles (44.01 PR), and ran a leg of the sixth place 4 X 400 relay.



(Photo: C. Delaney)

Nathan Janes on his way to a PR in the 300 hurdles at the Johnny Conn Invitational on April 13th.

Junior DaVaughn Wilson also had a big day in the throws as he got personal records and scored in both the shot (39-6.75 for eighth place) and discus (107-01 for seventh). Freshman Reece Delaney scored in the 3200 as he got clocked a PR of 10:23 for fifth place. He also teamed up with his brother Chase, Jack Fuhrmann, and Melbyn Velasquez to run the number three time in Collins history in the 4 X 800 relay for fourth place.



(Photo: E. Kuzman)

Melbyn Velasquez (R) takes the baton from Reece Delaney in the 4 X 800 relay as relay team member Chase Delaney (570) cheers them on. The relay squad recorded the third fastest time in Collins history.

The girls finished with 32 points, also placing eighth out of 15 teams. Sophomore Sofia Leon got out of the blocks quickly and won her section of the 100 meters by a huge margin. Her time of 13.33 broke Brittany Smith's ('14) eleven year old school record of 13.38. Leon finished ninth.



(Photo: E. Kuzman)

Sofia Leon (580) won section 3 of the 100 meter dash at the Johnny Conn meet at Male HS taking down Huntington, WV senior T'Rayah Paschall (428) and Mercy junior Haley Raybourne (606) in the process. Leon finished ninth out of 43 competitors and her time of 13.33 broke the eleven-year-old school record in the 100.



Junior Emma Kendall got a "threepeat" in the 800 as she won Johnny Conn for the third consecutive year. Her time of 2:18.58 broke the meet record she established as a freshman. Sophomore Sophie Bolin took third in the 3200 in 12:46.18.



(Photo: C. Delaney)

Emma Kendall (L) holds off Huntington H.S. (WV) freshman Laurel Johnson in the last 50 meters to win the Johnny Conn Inv. 800 for the third consecutive year. Her time of 2:18.58 broke her own meet record.

In the field events, junior Grace Evans finished second in the pole vault (10-0) and sophomore Ziara Taylor upper her own outdoor school record in the triple jump by a whopping two feet nine inches, as she sailed 34-8 for second place.



(Photo: E. Kuzman)

Grace Evans has had a top three finish in the pole vault at the Johnny Conn Inv. for each of the last three years. This year she finished second.

Collins Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "Nathan Janes had a big day, just like he did last year at this meet. We had some truly outstanding performances with both Ziara and Sofia breaking school records. Emma's "threepeat" shows that she is now back to the form that made her a state scorer in the 800 the last two years."

The Running Titans will be in action next at the University of Louisville in the Eastern Relays on April 19th and 20th.

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