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Johnny Conn Inv.

The Running Titans traveled to Louisville Male H.S. on April 15th to compete in the Johnny Conn Inv. The boys got all their points from sophomore Nathan Janes as he dramatically upped his personal record in the pole vault going from 9-0 to 10-6. This was good for fourth place and five points.



Nathan Janes, shown here in the 110 hurdles at the Johnny Conn Inv., scored in the pole vault with a 10-6 PR.

The girls got points from the field, relays, and endurance events. Sophomore Grace Evans finished third in the pole vault going 10-0. Senior Makayla Wilson scored in both the discus (7th place) and shot put (8th place). She spun the platter 97-8 to best her previous school record in the discus by over two feet. Eighth-grader Faith Nelson had a big day getting two PRs in the high jump to finish clearing 4-6 for eighth place and a point. She also got a PR in the triple jumping, sailing 31-1 for fifth place. Her mark is only 1.5 inches off the triple jump school record.



Makayla Wilson scores in the shot put for the Titans at Johnny Conn.

In the endurance events, the girls got points from sophomore Katelynn Gaddis as she finished eighth in the 1600 with a PR of 5:42.34. Freshman Sophie Bolin moved up a couple of spots in the last three laps of the 3200 to finish with a 13:10.50 for seventh place. Sophomore Emma Kendall defended her Johnny Conn 800 crown from last year as she led from the gun to tape winning in 2:22.31.



Emma Kendall defended her Johnny Conn Inv. crown in the 800 at Male H.S.



Sophie Bolin (R) leads Titan teammate Grace White (L) at the midpoint in the Johnny Conn 3200. Bolin scored in the event.

Finally, the Collins' girls ran a school record in the 4 X 400 relay taking the baton around in 4:23.09 to chip two seconds off the record they set two years ago. The 4 X 4 team of Evans, Nelson, freshman Sofia Leon, and Kendall finished in third place to get six points. In the team scoring the Collins girls finished ninth (34 points) out of 18 teams.



These Collins girls broke the school record in the 4 X 400 meter going 4:23.09 for third place at the Johnny Conn Inv. (L to R): Head Coach George Sanderlin, Emma Kendall, Sofia Leon, Faith Nelson, Grace Evans, and Asst. Coach Jason Fahey pose with the baton ("Pinky").



Collins Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "Nathan Jans had a big day by upping his pole vault PR by a foot and a half. The girls' team did very well with scoring from several sectors and Emma repeating as 800 champ. Eighth-grader Faith Nelson had a big day with three PRs and a school record. It doesn't get much better than that."

The Running Titans will be in action next at the University of Louisville in the Eastern Relays on April 21st and 22nd.

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