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More School Records Fall at Eastern Relays –

The Running Titans traveled to the University of Louisville on April 19th and 20th to compete in the Eastern Relays. The boys' team was out to break the distance medley relay (DMR) school record of 11:37.59 that they set at this meet last year. On the first night of the meet, Senior Jack Fuhrmann got the baton going quickly on his leadoff (1200) leg with even splits of 1:09 per lap. Junior Chase Delaney ran the next leg (400). The third leg (800) was handled by senior Melbyn Velasquez who went 2:06 and took the team from 13th to tenth. Junior Nathan Janes handled anchor (1600) duty and with a fast last lap (1:07), he brought the team up a place to finish ninth. Their time of 11:12.66 broke the school record that this same quartet set by a whopping 25 seconds.



(Photo: R. Delaney)

This year at the Eastern Relays, the Collins boys demolished the distance medley relay school record that this same quartet set last year at this meet. (L to R) Head Coach Sanderlin, Jack Fuhrmann, Chase Delaney, Melbyn Velasquez, and Nathan Janes.

Also on the first night of the meet, sophomore Sophie Bolin lowered her PR in the 3200 by five seconds and she cruized to a time of 12:10.

On the meet's second day, the boys' 4 X 800 relay team was intent on making a full assault on the school record of 8:27.31 set way back in 2013. Fuhrmann again led off for this quartet and he had the fastest split of his career (2:05). Freshman Reece Delaney split 2:11 for the second leg and Velasquez (2:08) again handled the third leg. Just like on the DMR the night before, Janes handled anchor duties. He recorded the best 800 split of his career and dove at



the finish to try to get the record. The Titans finished seventh to score. However, even with Janes' dive at the finish, they came up a scant one tenth second short of the school record. Their time of 8:27.4 is the number two time in Collins history.



(Photo: R. Delaney)

Jack Fuhrmann (L) hands off to Reece Delaney to start the second leg of the 4 X 800 relay at the Eastern Relays.

Junior Emma Kendall got the US Silver Standard in the 800 going 2:16.26 for fifth place among some of the top 800 runners in this part of the country. Bolin came back on day two to score in the steeplechase. In only the second steeple of her career, she chopped 15 seconds off her previous best, going 8:14.84 for seventh place.



(Photo: R. Delaney)

Emma Kendall (5) battles with sophomore Johnson Larkin (2597) of Sheridan (OH), and Oldham Co. senior and University of Tennessee commit Tula Fawbush (4) of the first lap of the 800 at the Eastern Relays.



(Photo: E. Kendall)

Sophie Bolin scored at the Eastern Relays steeplechase with a PR for seventh place.

In the boys' steeplechase, Janes chipped 3.05 seconds off the school record that he minted only 10 days previously. He gained ground on each of the water jumps by running out of the water and finished fourth in 6:29.03.



(Photo: E. Kendall)

Nathan Janes shows good form over the steeple barrier at the Eastern Relays. He scored in the event and broke his own school record in the process.



Collins Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "We set the boys DMR team up to not only break but demolish the school record this same quartet set last year. They both did just that. Then with Emma running a season best in one of the most competitive 800s ever run in the state was exciting. I told Sophie that she needed to get out faster than normal in the steeple and run out of the water jump, and she did. She continues to bring down her time in the steeple with a 15 second PR. All our steplers did a good job of running out of the water jump today. This allowed them to gain ground on their competition."

The Running Titans will be in action next at St. Xavier in Louisville in the Brother Borgia / Coach Cooper Inv. on April 27th.

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