



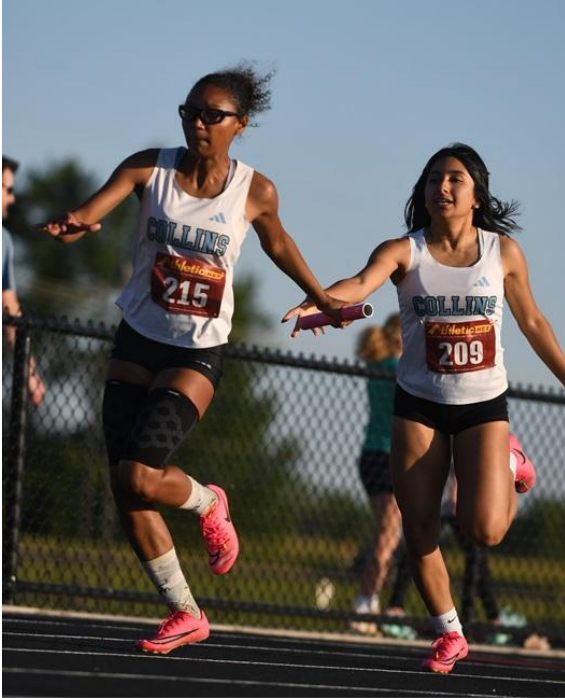
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3A Region 4 Meet

The Running Titans traveled to North Oldham H.S. in Louisville on May 12th for the AAA Region 4 Track and Field Championships. The Titans had two automatic qualifiers for State (top two in each event). Senior Ziara Taylor won the girls triple jump (35-9 – number two outdoor mark in Collins’ history) and sophomore TyLiyah Thompson placed second in the 100 meter dash (12.56 – also the number two mark in Collins’ history).

The girls scored 40 points to finish sixth out of ten teams. Highlights for the girls included a school record in the 4 X 200 relay. The team of Sofia Leon, Maleah Wilson, Taylor, and Thompson, ran a 1:47.19 to finish third and will get an “at-large” bid to compete at the State Meet. Their time chipped .4 seconds off the previous record they recently set at the Sundown Invitational.



(Photo: T. Smith)

Maleah Wilson (L) takes the baton from Sofia Leon in the 4 X 200 meter relay at the Regional Meet. The Titans broke the school record they set on April 30th.

Ziara Taylor had a busy day winning the triple jump, running a leg on the 4 X 200 relay, and anchoring the 4 X 400 relay which set a seasonal best. She also ran the open 400 and ran under one minute for the first time all season. She ran a season best time of 59.86 for fourth place which should get her an at-large State Meet bid.



(Photo: T. Smith)

Ziara Taylor runs the number three time in Collins' history (59.86) in the 400 at Region to qualify for the State Meet.

Thompson finished fourth in the 200 (25.64) as she lowered her previous school record by .21 seconds and should make State on time. After the first and second place qualifiers from each of the seven regions, the next ten best marks, across all regions, make the State Meet.

Multiple time state meet qualifier (cross country, indoors and outdoors) senior Sophie Bolin "punched her ticket" to the State Meet by finishing third (11:23.24 PR) in a hotly contested 3200 race with some of the best runners in the state. She went through a fast first mile in 5:32 with a pack of runners that included Grace Horan of North Oldham and Fern Creek senior Carmen Guerrero. Bolin spurred ahead in the last 500 to finish ahead of Horan (11:24.47) and Guerrero.



(Photo: T. Smith)

Sophie Bolin (207) battles with North Oldham sophomore Grace Horan (350), Fern Creek senior Carmen Guerrero (291), and Assumption senior Caitlin Perkins (in back).



The Titans' 4 X 400 team of Leon, Wilson, Clara Drake, and Taylor got a season best time of 4:19.87 to finish fifth for two points.

The boys scored 25 points to finish seventh out of 10 teams. Junior Wyatt Butler scored in both the shot (6th place) and discus where he got a personal record of 127-7 to finish fourth. Sophomore Liam Royse got a big PR in the 110 hurdles (17.64 for number 11 in Collins' history) to finish fifth. He also finished seventh in his first-ever 300 hurdles race.



(Photo: T. Smith)

Liam Royse got one of Collins' top 25 marks in his first 300 hurdles race.

The boys' 4 X 200 relay team of Caleb Askew, Kady Johnson, Cole Weber and Alex Vega broke the 14 year old school record of 1:35.97 by .36 seconds to finish seventh in 1:35.61. Junior Reece Delaney "punched his ticket" to state with a PR 4:28.30 to finish third in the 1600. Senior Lincoln Laubach finished fifth in the 400 with a PR 50.33 (number five in Collins' history) which should be good enough for an at-large State qualification.



(Photo: T. Smith)

Caleb Askew (L) takes the baton from Cole Weber as the Titans broke the school record in the 4 X 200 meter relay.



(Photo: T. Smith)

Collins' Reece Delaney battles with Trinity senior Drew Koon (NYU commit) in the Region 1600 meter race.



(Photo: T. Smith)

Lincoln Laubach ran one of the fastest 400 times in Collins' history at the Regional Meet.

To cap off the regional meet, the boys 4 X 400 relay ran their fastest time (3:29.03) of the season for fourth place. The team of Vega, Delaney, Jaquan McNeal, and Laubach broke the school record of 3:32.54 which was set at the State 3A meet in 2022, where Collins finished 12th.



(Photo: T. Smith)

The boys 4 X 400 relay broke the Collins' school record at Region. L to R: Head Coach Sanderlin, Vega, Delaney, McNeal, Laubach, Asst. Coach Rowe, and Asst. Coach Goad.

Director of Track and Field and Cross Country George Sanderlin said, "We had a regional meet for the ages. It doesn't get any better than that. Any time you lose track of how many records you set, then it was a great meet. We set four school records and had multiple PRs and season bests (SB). 95% of our athletes either set either a PR, SB, or school record, so we are peaking at the right time and are ready for State."

The Running Titans next meet is the Class 3A State Meet at the Univ. of Kentucky on May 23rd.

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