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3A Region 4 Meet

The Running Titans hosted the AAA Region 4 Track and Field Championships on May 20th. The only automatic qualifier (top two in each event) was sophomore Ziara Taylor who won the triple jump. Her leap of 34-10 broke the record she previously set earlier in the season by two inches. She also finished fourth in the long jump (16-4.25) for the second best mark in school history. After the horizontals, Taylor tackled the 300 hurdles. She was with the leaders until the last hurdle where she hooked her foot and stumbled to the track. She got up and finished third in an amazing 48.16, which is the number three time in Collins history. Both her long jump and hurdles mark should punch her ticket to State. However, she was not done yet. She teamed up with Sofia Leon, who earlier broke her own school record in the 100 going 13.16 for sixth, Maleah Wilson, and Emma Kendall to run a "barn burner" 4 X 400 relay. The girls relay team finished third, clocking 4:06.80 to break the school record that they just set indoors. Currently, that is one of the top five times in the state's 3A classification.



Ziara Taylor had a big day at the Regional Championships, qualifying for the State Meet in four events.

The highlight of the evening was the girls 800 where the field was stacked with the top 800 runners in the state. Collins junior led most of the way but could not hold off a challenge in



the last 70 meters by Assumption senior Julia Schmitt (2:14.08) and Oldham Co. senior Tula Fawbush (2:14.27). Kendall finished third in 2:14.71 for the second fastest time in school history. Four runners were under 2:15 and made the US Silver Standard as Assumption's Mabel George finished fourth in 2:14.76.



Emma Kendall (4) leads Oldham County's Tula Fawbush and Assumption's Julia Schmitt (2412) and Mabel George (2399) in the early stages of the 800 at the 3A Region 4 Championships at Collins H.S. These four girls all went under 2:15 in the race and made the US Silver Standard. They now hold the top four seed time going into State.

Junior Grace Evans scored in the pole vault finishing fourth. Senior Hannah Rosenow got a personal best in both the discus (89-11 for fourth) and shot put (27-3 for sixth). The girls ended up with 43 points to finish sixth out of 12 teams.



Collins senior Hannah Rosenow prepares to uncork the discus ("Pinky") at the Region meet.



Collins' Sofia Leon (2510) Maleah Wilson (2519) battle it out in the 100 meter dash. Leon bested her own school record in the race.

The highlight on the boys' side was the 4 X 800 relay team of Jack Fuhrmann, Reece Delaney, Melbyn Velasquez, and Nathan Janes. They scurried the baton around the track in a time of 8:14.07 for sixth place in the most competitive region in the state in this event. Their time chopped a huge ten seconds off the previous school record that they set earlier this season. Janes also got points for the boys with a third in the pole vault. Junior DaVaughn Wilson got PRs in both the discus (111-10 for sixth) and shot (40-4).



Nathan Janes anchors the Collins' Boys' 4 X 800 relay to a new school record of 8:14.07.



The girls 4 X 400 relay team blasted the school record yet again this season, taking it down to 4:06.8. Here they pose with their favorite baton, "Pinky." L to R: Head Coach Sanderlin, S. Leon, M. Wilson, Z. Taylor, and E. Kendall.

Collins Head Track and Field Coach George Sanderlin said, "We had an excellent regional meet especially on the girls' side. Two thirds or 19 out of 29 athletes who competed got at least one PR. That tells me that we are peaking at just the right time. Over the years, I have seen a lot of girls' 800 races. However, this one was the best I have seen. Both of our relays did excellently. Ziara really came through in the clutch. Here getting up and finishing the 300 hurdles got her to State. Taking down four school records in this meet positions us to do well at State."

The Running Titans next meet is the Class 3A State Meet at the University of Kentucky on June 1st.

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