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### **3A Region 4 Meet**

The Running Titans headed to Middletown on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to compete in the Class AAA Region 4 Meet. The boys were led by sophomore Nathan Janes who finished second in the pole vault and punched his ticket to the State Meet. He had no misses through eleven feet. He cleared a personal record 11-6 on his second attempt and then sailed over 12-0 on his second attempt. Janes upped his PR by a huge one foot.

The boys 4 X 800 relay team of Janes, Eli Moreno, Melbyn Velasquez, and Jack Fuhrmann scored with a sixth place finish. Janes also got points for the boys with a fourth in the 300 hurdles.

The girls finished in sixth place with 37 points, just two points behind fifth place Ballard. The girls were led by freshmen Ziara Taylor and Sofia Leon, as well as sophomore Captain Emma Kendall. Taylor flew through the 300 hurdles in 48.71 to lower her school record by almost a second. Sofia Leon, who was using the 200 as a tune-up for the 4 X 400 relay, took down the outdoor school record in the process. She ran a 27.59 to eclipse the old mark by .09. Kendall holds the overall record at 27.27 (set indoors).

Kendall repeated as Regional 800 champion in an exciting come from behind finish where she passed Assumption's Reagan Gilmore in the last 50 meters. Kendall's time of 2:14.83 is the number three mark in Collins history and met the US MileSplit Gold Standard. Her win earned her a trip to Lexington for the State Meet where she is the defending Class 3A 800 champion.



*Emma Kendall (2) is third here in the 800 with 180 meters to go behind Tula Fawbush of Oldham Co. and Reagan Gilmore of Assumption. Kendall won the race, repeating as regional 800 champion.*



Sophomore Grace Evans earned a trip to the State Meet with a second place finish in the pole vault (9-0). Freshman Sophie Bolin also scored (5<sup>th</sup>) in the pole vault. Sophomore Katelynn Gaddis scored in the 3200 in a PR 11:56.38 (5<sup>th</sup>). Senior Captain Makayla Wilson scored in both the shot put (3<sup>rd</sup>) and discus (4<sup>th</sup>).



*Grace Evans earned her third consecutive trip to the State Meet with a second place finish in the regional pole vault competition.*



*Katelynn Gaddis (7) and Sophie Bolin (9) duke it out with two Oldham Co. runners in the regional 3200.*



*Makayla Wilson scored for the Titans in both the shot and discus. She ends her career at Collins with both the shot and discus school records.*

The girls' 4 X 400 relay team of Leon, Maleah Wilson, Taylor, and Kendall chopped a huge eight seconds off their recently minted school record of 4:23 as they finished sixth in 4:15.61.



*The girls 4 X 400 relay team blasted the school record yet again this season, taking it down to 4:15.61. L to R: Head Coach Sanderlin, E. Kendall, Z. Taylor, M. Wilson, S. Leon, and Asst. Coach Fahey.*

Collins Head Track and Field Coach George Sanderlin said, "We had an excellent regional meet with many athletes getting a PRs. Nathan, Ziara, Sofia, and Emma all came through in the clutch. Taking down three school records 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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