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Rumble Through the Jungle

The Collins cross country team traveled to the Creasy Mahon Nature Preserve in Goshen on Sept. 7th to compete in the Rumble Through the Jungle Invitational. The boys' team finished twelfth out of 37 teams with 334 points. Percentage wise they were in the top 32% while last year they were in the top 36% (eight out of 22 teams).

In the boys' race, five of Collins' six runners got season bests (SBs). The Titans were led by senior Nathan Janes with a time of 16:45 to finish 17th. Senior Chase Delaney followed close behind (20th in 16:55). The next Titan to cross the finish line was Chase's brother, sophomore Reece Delaney (29th in 17:15) and junior George Diakhate (101st in 18:37). Sophomore Vance Boyd rounded out the scoring for the Titans. The boys' team time of 1:30:12 (18:02 per scorer) was the 14th fastest in school history.



George Diakhate (L) battles with Davin Rose of Campbell Co. at the finish of the Rumble Through the Jungle meet.

The girls finished sixth (225 points) out of 23 teams for their proportionally best Rumble finish in school history (26th percentile). The girls were led by senior Emma Kendall who was eleventh, one place higher than last year and seven seconds better (20:01). The next two Titans to cross the finish line were junior Sophie Bolin (18th in 20:18) and senior Grace



Nelson (42^{nd} in 21:47). Bolin's time was a personal record (PR), as she chopped a huge 24 seconds off her previous best. The final two Titan scorers were freshmen Margo Treece (72^{nd} in a SB 23:12) and new-comer Mya Drake (106^{th} in a PR 24:04).



Sophie Bolin got a big PR at the Rumble Through the Jungle Meet on Sept. 7th..



Senior Michele Burgess (L) and Margo Treece (R) close in on the one-mile mark at the Rumble Through the Jungle meet.

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "Our runners did a great job at Rumble. Emma and Nathan continued to lead the team and Sophie got a big PR. Mya Drake showed us that her hard work continues to bring her times down as she moves up on our depth chart. The boys had one of the fastest times in school history. Our athletes continued hard work positions us well for the rest of the season."



The Running Titans host the Shelby vs. Oldham Border Battle at their home Bullskin Course on Sept. 13th.

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