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Rumble Through the Jungle

The Collins cross country team traveled to the Creasy Mahon Nature Preserve in Goshen on Sept. 9th to compete in the Rumble Through the Jungle Invitational. The boys finished eighth out of 22 teams with 212 points. They were only six points behind seventh place Male. This betters the boys' 16^h place finish of last year and ties their best finish ever at Rumble.

In the boys' race, five of Collins' seven runners got personal records (PRs). The Titans were led by Junior Nathan Janes who ran a personal record (PR) time of 17:00 to finish 19th. The next three Collins boys got PRs as junior Chase Delaney was next (28th in 17:22). He was followed by his brother, freshman Reece Delaney (41st in 17:41) and senior Jack Fuhrmann (66th in 18:34). Senior Melbyn Velasquez got a season best time of 18:41 to round out the scoring for the Titans. The boys' team time of 1:29:24 (17:53 per scorer) was the sixth fastest in school history.



(Photo – G. Wehrheim)

Jack Fuhrmann (699) and Reece Delaney (697) both got PRs at the Rumble Through the Jungle meet.

The girls finished fifth (172 points) out of 18 teams for their highest Rumble finish in school history. The girls were led by junior Emma Kendall who held her position the entire race and finished twelfth in a season best (20:08). The next two Titans to cross the finish line were sophomore Sophie Bolin (21st in 21:27) and junior Katelynn Gaddis (38th in 21:51) who both



recorded season bests. Junior Grace Nelson (53rd in 21:51) and senior Grace White (55th in a PR 22:58) rounded out Collins' scoring.



(Photo - S. Moran)

Emma Kendall, who missed this meet last year, finished strong in a season best time of 20:08 at Rumble.



(Photo - G. Wehrheim)

Katelynn Gaddis finishes the 5K race at Rumble in a season best.



(Photo – L. Bolin)

Sophie Bolin displays her medal for a top finish at Rumble. For the past two years, she has been the first or second Titan across the finish line. She improved upon her 50th place finish last year, coming in 21st this year.

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "Our runners did a great job at Rumble. Last year 70% of the team got a PR or seasonal best. This year we moved that up to 79%. So, that is a great day when the vast majority of your team either gets a PR or season best. Emma and Nathan continue to lead the team and Grace White stepped up to help the girls. The boys had one of the fastest times in school history. Before the race, I told the girls that we could finish fifth, so that was the goal. We accomplished that as we finished fifth among the top teams in the state. In fact, the girls team champion, Assumption, who is in our region, is ranked 23rd in the country. Our athletes' hard work positions us well for the rest of the season."

The Running Titans are off this weekend but will host the Shelby vs. Oldham Border Battle at their home Bullskin Course on Sept. 22nd.

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