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**Collins High School, Shelbyville, KY**

**Cross Country 9-18-24**

### **Border Battle**

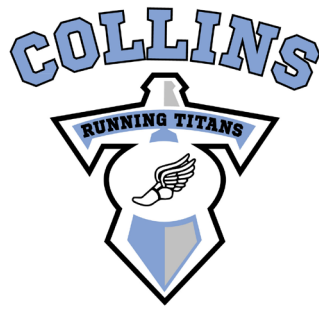
Collins hosted the Border Battle on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> which featured the seventh inter-school district competition in Kentucky state history. The Shelby County School District's Team Shelby (Collins and Shelby County) battled the Oldham County School District's Team Oldham (Oldham County and South Oldham). The meet was held at Collins Head Coach George Sanderlin's Blue Meadow Farms' Bullskin Athletic Complex off Joyes Station Rd. in Shelbyville.

Collins senior Emma Kendall won the girls' race for the second straight year. She missed running against her nemesis, senior Abigail Crask of South Oldham, who had a previous commitment. The second Titan across the line for the girls was junior Sophie Bolin who ran a course best of 21:19 to give Collins the one-two punch. Senior Grace Nelson was next in fifth place. Placing three girls in the top five gave Collins 39 points. That was good for second place out of four teams. Oldham County won with a low 30 point score.



photo: L. Bolin)

*Emma Kendall proudly displays the coveted "Pumpkin" trophy as a two-time winner of the Shelby – Oldham Border Battle.*



The other scorers for the girls were freshman Margo Treece in 17<sup>th</sup> place with a course best time of 23:20 and senior Michele Burgess in 25<sup>th</sup> place.



(photo: L. Bolin)

*Margo Treece (13) and Michele Burgess (12) pace together at the 1K mark at the Border Battle. They are wearing the Collins "throwback" retro singlets. Treece got a course best on the tough J.R. and Sarah Sanderlin 5K course. I*

Esther Van Zee was Shelby County's top finisher in fourth with a time of 24:42 for 18<sup>th</sup> place.

The boys' race finish was exciting as Collins senior Chase Delaney battled South Oldham junior Rick Mshindi down the final 150 meters as both athletes finished with a time of 17:02.70. However, in the photo finish, Mshindi took second with Delaney third. Oldham County senior Sean Crady won in 16:58.3. Collins' top three runners got course bests, as sophomore Reece Delaney was fifth (17:28) and junior George Diakhate was seventh (18:32). Vance Boyd (22<sup>nd</sup>) and Ethan Kuzman (24<sup>th</sup>) were the final two Titan scorers. South Oldham won the boys race with 35 points and Oldham Co. (42 points) was second. Collins finished with 53 points in third and Shelby County had 109 points in fourth.

Shelby County's top finishing boy was senior Jace McDowell in 23<sup>rd</sup> place (20:49).



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*South Oldham's Rick Mshindi (30) battles with Collins' Chase Delaney (2) at the finish of the Border Battle.*



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*Collins boys at the start of the Border Battle on Coach Sanderlin's Blue Meadow Farms – C. Delaney (2), Kuzman (5), R. Delaney (3), Midkiff (7), and Diakhate (4).*



*The Blue Meadow Farms – Bullskin Athletic Complex was the site of the Border Battle. It is a picturesque rolling course nestled in the heart of Shelby County.*

The Running Titans travel to Tom Sawyer Park on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> to compete in the Trinity Valkyrie Inv.

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