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Border Battle Results

Collins High School hosted the Border Battle on Sept. 23rd which featured the fifth 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 (North Oldham and South Oldham). The meet was held on the Blue Meadow Farms' Cross-Country Complex (Joyes Station Rd. and US 60) in Shelbyville.

The girls' race pitted two of the top sophomores in the state (Abigail Crask of South Oldham and Emma Kendall of Collins) against each other. Kendall took the early lead but was passed by Crask at the midpoint. Crask widened her lead in the last mile for the win in a course record 19:17 for the 5K race. Kendall was second in 19:56. Titan Sophomores Grace Nelson (21:08) and Katelynn Gaddis (21:11) were the next two across the finish line. Freshman Sophie Bolin got a personal record (PR 21:50) to finish ninth and junior Laura Vidouek was eleventh (22:13) to round out the Titan scoring. In the girls' team battle Team Oldham won with 50 points to Team Shelby's 57. When the meet was scored as a quadrangular (Collins, South, North, and Shelby), Collins won with 29 points to South Oldham's 46 points for second. North Oldham had 49 points and Shelby County had 117 points.



(Photo: G. Evans)

Titans Grace Nelson (11) and Katelynn Gaddis work together at the 4000 mark of the Border Battle on Sept. 23rd. It was both "throwback Friday" (wear retro singlets) and "crazy sock day" for the Titans.



(Photo: G. Evans)

Sophie Bolin crosses the finish line at the Border Battle with a big PR in ninth place. She improved upon her 12th place finish last year.



On the boys' side South Oldham showed their strength by placing six runners in the top 10. South senior Aj Kern led from the 1st kilometer mark, going through the first mile in 5:17. He won by over a minute against his teammate Rick Mshindi. Kern broke the course record with a time of 16:42. Mshindi had to out lean Titan sophomore Nathan Janes (PR 17:48) at the finish, only beating Janes by .09 seconds. Junior captain Eli Moreno was the second Titan across the line, placing sixth in a PR 18:12. The next Titan scorers were sophomore Chase Delaney (9th in 18:33), junior Jack Fuhrmann (13th in 19:08), and eighth-grader Reece Delaney (15th in 19:11).



(Photo: G. Evans)

South Oldham Head Coach Stan Clark (L in green) watches the exciting race for second place at the finish of the Border Battle at the Bullskin Athletic Complex between Collins' Nathan Janes (5) and South Oldham's Rick Mshindi.

In the boys' team battle Team Oldham won with a low 37 points to Team Shelby's 76. When scored as a quad meet, South won (23 points) with Collins second (43 points). When both the girls' and boys' scores are combined, Team Oldham (87 points) beat Team Shelby (133 points).



(Photo: G. Evans)

Collins' freshman George Diakhate finishes the Border Battle race in a PR 20:36.

Collins Head Coach, Meet Director, and manager of the Bullskin Athletic Complex where the meet was held said, "The course was in great shape today as evidenced by the fast times. There were multiple course bests, PRs, and season bests. On the J.R. and Sarah Sanderlin 5K Course both the girls' and boys' course records were broken. Both the Collins' girls' and boys' teams did well. This positions them well for the regional meet."



The Blue Meadow Farms – Bullskin Athletic Complex was the site of the Border Battle. It is a picturesque and rolling course nestled in the heart of Shelby County. It featured both boys and girls course records on the J.R. and Sarah Sanderlin 5K Course.

The Running Titans travel to Terre Haute, IN on Oct. 1st to compete "under the lights" in the Nike XC Town Twilight Meet at the Lavern Gibson Championship Course. The first race is at 7:00 PM.

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