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### **Shelby County Inv.**

The Collins cross country team traveled across the county to compete in the Shelby County Invitational on their course on Sept. 2nd. The Titan girls placed first, third and fourth and put all five scorers in the top twenty to win the meet with a season low 24 points. This is the first time in school history where a cross country team has won back-to-back invitational. Last week, the girls won the Bourbon County Colonel Charge.



(Photo - H. Rosenow)

*Emma Kendall led the girls' race at the Shelby County Invitational from start to finish, winning by a big 49 seconds.*

The Titans were led by junior Emma Kendall who led wire to wire and won the race in a season best time of 20:22. Sophomore Sophie Bolin also got a season best time to finish in 21:36 for third. Juniors Katelynn Gaddis (4<sup>th</sup> in 21:56) and Grace Nelson (10<sup>th</sup> in 22:48) were the next Titans to score. Senior Laura Vidourek (18<sup>th</sup> in 23:55) rounded out the Titan scoring. The Titan girls finished second in this meet last year.



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The Titan girls won back-to-back invitationals pictured here with their trophy from the Shelby Co. Inv. on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. (L to R) B. Capps (manager), G. Nelson, L. Vidourek, K. Gaddis, M. Burgess, E. Kendall, S. Bolin, and Head Coach G. Sanderlin.

In the girls' junior varsity race, Collins went 1-2, as eighth-grader Margo Treece won her debut race (23:57) with freshman Adaline Harris second.



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*Eighth-grader Margo Treece went wire to wire to win her debut race by a large margin of 1:28 in the Shelby Co. Invitational JV race.*

Junior Nathan Janes (17:16) finished fifth to lead the Titan boys to a third place finish with 62 points. The Delaney brothers were the next Titans to cross the finish line as junior Chase finished ninth in 17:43 with freshman Reece in 15<sup>th</sup> (18:05). Seniors Melbyn Velasquez (21<sup>st</sup>) and Eli Moreno (24<sup>th</sup>) rounded out the Titan scoring.



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*Nathan Janes (583) leads Country Day's Ryan Shaps at the two-mile mark of the Shelby County Inv. Janes finished fifth and Shaps sixth.*

Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "Our team did great today. I'm thankful that Grace Nelson has healed up and is getting back to her previous form. Her injuries have kept her from racing since the state cross country meet last year. For Emma to win and the girls to get back-to-back invitational wins for the first time in Collins history just shows how strong our girls can be. Our real test will come next weekend at the Rumble Through the Jungle."

The Running Titans travel to the Creasy Mahon Nature Preserve in Goshen on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> to compete in the Rumble Through the Jungle Invitational.

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