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State AAA Meet

Nine members of the Collins track and field team traveled to the University of Kentucky on June 1st to compete in the State Class AAA Meet. Juniors Grace Evans and Emma Kendall, as well as sophomores Ziara Taylor, Maleah Wilson, and Sofia Leon made up the girls' team. The girls bettered their 27th (7 points) place finish last year by scoring 12 points to finish 21st out of 42 teams. This is the girls' best finish and point total since Coach Sanderlin has been at the helm.

Taylor ran the second fastest 300 hurdles race in Collins history (47.93) to finish ninth. She now owns the top eight fastest 300 hurdle times in school history. In a strategic 800 race Kendall dogged the leaders until the final 150 when Assumption's Julia Schmitt and Campbell County's Olivia Holbrook broke loose from the pack. Kendall held on for third (2:18.10) as the top six finishers hit the US Silver Standard. Four of the top five finishers came from Collins' Region.



(Photo: C. Delaney)

The athletes show the toll of the 800 near the finish line as Collins' Emma Kendall (235) holds off regional foes Assumption sophomore Mabel George (113) and Oldham Co. senior Tula Fawbush (535), as well as Woodford Co. sophomore Addison Moore (734) to finish third.



Taylor came back after the hurdles and scored in the triple jump with a fifth round hop, step, and jump of 35-2 (into a 0.4 meter per second headwind) which was good for seventh and upped her school record by four inches. She now owns the top four triple jump marks in

Collins history.



(Photo: C. Delaney)

Ziara Taylor popped a school record 35-2 in the triple jump at the State Meet at the University of Kentucky track and field that was good for a scoring seventh place.

The girls also scored in the 4 X 400 relay, as the team of Wilson, Leon, Taylor, and Kendall ran the second fastest outdoor time in school history (4:09.08) to finish fifth.





Collins' fifth place 4 X 400 Relay team of (clockwise from top) Ziara Taylor, Emma Kendall, Sofia Leon, and Maleah Wilson pose on the podium at the State Meet.

The boys 4 X 800 relay team of Jack Fuhrmann, Reece Delaney, Melbyn Velasquez, and Nathan Janes finished 18^{th} out of 24 teams.



(Photo: C. Delaney)

Jack Fuhrmann (873) passes the baton to second-leg runner Reece Delaney in the 4 X 800 relay at State.

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