

## PRESS RELEASE

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**Cross Country 9-21-17** 

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Titan Classic Preview

The course is prepped in Shelbyville, KY for the seventh annual Titan Classic at Collins High School. The Collins course, which is one of the most picturesque in Central Kentucky, will feature hay bales for the high school athletes to clear. Collins Head Coach George Sanderlin said, "Our course is gently rolling with no big hills. So, we are placing a line of bales every mile to make it interesting. Our course manager and his crew of parents worked very hard to make this course spectacular."



The hay bales are set at the Collins High cross country course in preparation for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Titan Classic.

Assistant Coach and Course Manager David Vest said, "This is the nicest the course has ever looked. We spent a lot of time with many people trimming, mowing and prepping the course to get it to the best shape it has been in."





Collins parent Sean Powell (L) and Assistant Coach David Vest make boxes for the elementary school 2K start.

The girls' race is shaping up to be a doozy. On paper, the top four teams (Dunbar, Shelby Co., Collins, and Scott Co.) are only separated by 17 points. Paul Dunbar's top girl, Caroline Inman, and top boy, Austin Mathews are running in another race that day. Accordingly, all eyes will be on Scott County freshman Erin Luckett (20:13) who won the Double S Stampede last Saturday and was second at the Bourbon County Colonel Opener on Aug 26th. Seniors Anne Vandenberg (Dunbar) and Anna Kiser (Shelby Co.) will try to disrupt the freshman. Butler sophomore Anabelle Walker and Collins junior Maddie Petty could also threaten.

On the boys' side Scott Co. senior Jacob Fryer has the best time posted of 16:44 in winning the Bourbon Co. Colonel Opener back on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>. Although, Butler senior Cody Horn's times (16:51 best for 12<sup>th</sup> at Rumble Through the Jungle) have been more consistent. Sophomores James Wireman (Scott Co.) and Logan Bradshaw (Dunbar) could make it interesting. Wireman beat Cardinal teammate Fryer by one second at the Grant County Inv. on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On boys' team side, the Cardinals will be hard to stop. St. Xavier's "B" or "C" or whatever you want to call them, will be in the mix even though they are not bringing any of their 14 runners who have already gone sub-17 this season. Butler and Dunbar could also get under 100 points and may catch the Tigers by their tail.

The action gets going on Sat. Sept. 23 with the girls' varsity race at 9:00 AM. For meet information go to: <a href="http://ky.milesplit.com/meets/279523/info#.WcRydL3ypzx">http://ky.milesplit.com/meets/279523/info#.WcRydL3ypzx</a>





The finish is ready to welcome athletes for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Collins Classic on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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