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Zaxby's Bullskin Relays – Meet Preview

Zaxby's will sponsor the Collins H. S. Bullskin Relays Track and Field meet on March 19, 2022. This will be the largest meet thus far of the young outdoor season. It is one of the few true relay carnivals in Kentucky with eight relay events, both hurdles and the full list of field events. The meet has attracted some powerhouse teams like West Jessamine, Trinity, duPont Manual, Christian Academy of Louisville (CAL), and Fort Knox. Last year at the 3A State Outdoor meet the Manual and West Jessamine girls placed first and second. Their rematch awaits at Zaxby's Bullskin.

The meet should get off to a blazing start as the seldom contested 4 X 1600 relay will hear the starter's pistol at 10:45 as the girls toe the line. The girls' race could be an epic one as Manual tries to dethrone Ryle for the all-time State best. On March 10th at the Boone County Opening Night Relays, the Ryle girls moved the baton around the track for 16 laps to clock 22:09.90. That broke the twenty-year-old mark of 22:13.0 set by Notre Dame. On paper, Manual has the strength to chop a huge amount of time off Ryle's newly minted mark. With junior Jessica Secor now running better than ever, as evinced by her 4:56 win in the mile at the UK Indoor Invitational in February, Manual could even threaten the 21:30 mark. Her teammates Wyatt, French, and Treinen should all put in mid-five-minute legs. Currently, the Atlanta endurance powerhouses of Blessed Trinity (21:32.49), St. Pius X (21:42.29), and Brookwood (21:56.06) hold the US number one, two, and four positions respectively. The race for second should be a doozey as CAL, West Jessamine and Collins all have the horsepower to threaten the 23-minute mark.



Manual's Jessica Secor (5) could lead Manual to a top US time in the 4 X 1600 Relay at the Zaxby's Bullskin Relays.

The girls high jump should also be a marquis event as three of the girls with the top five marks in the state this year will go at it. The field includes six girls who have gone over 5-0 and another four who have cleared 4-10. Mayzuri Allen of North Hardin went 4-10 on Mar. 15th at the Owensboro Spring Relays. Sacred Heart's seniors Ava Pisacrita (4-10) and Evie Hanley (4-8) are fresh off a 1-2 finish at the St. X Master Meet. This trio will be joined by indoor and outdoor State 3A Champion Lillian Hodge of West Jessamine who went 5-8 at the Eastern Indoor Meet, as well as Indoor State 3A fourth place finisher Aly Doyle, also of West Jessamine, who has a PR of 5-0. CAL sophomore Ella Daniels who won six out of seven outdoor meets last year (PR of 5-4), could end up stealing the show.



3A State high jump champion Lillian Hodge of West Jessamine leads a strong high jump field at the Zaxby's Bullskin Relays.

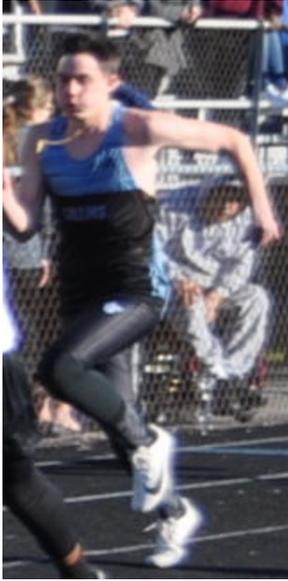


On the boys' side there are several standouts to watch including North Hardin junior Devin Sealey. He has already scaled 6-8 in the high jump for the top outdoor mark in the state. Sealey's teammate, senior Elijah Palmer went 15.15 in the 110 hurdles at the Owensboro Spring Relays to garner the top mark in the state. North Hardin's boys have the fastest time in the 4 X 100 relay (43.72) this year and Trinity has the boys fastest 4 X 400 relay mark of 3:37.97.



North Hardin junior Gabe Russell (R) will be running the 4 X 1600, 4 X 800, as well as a leg on the distance medley relay at the Zaxby's Bullskin Relays.

Meet Director and Collins' Director of Track and Field and Cross Country George Sanderlin said, "I have been planning a meet like this for a long time. Coach Leticia Bailey of Wheeler H.S. in Marietta, GA organized the Zaxby's Wheeler Relays. I would take my team there when I coached at North Atlanta. It was a great meet and partnership with Zaxby's. So, it was only fitting that I brought the concept to Kentucky. The meet will be unique in that the field events will be staged in the morning ahead of the relays. That way, fans, athletes, and coaches won't have to hustle back and forth between the track and field events. The fans will be the big winners. Another thing that will set the meet apart is that t-shirts will be given to the event winners."



Avery Farmer competes for Collins in the 100-meter dash at the Shelby Co. All-Comers meet on Mar. 26, 2019. Avery died before he could graduate. The Zaxby's Bullskin Relays will honor him with the Avery Farmer Memorial 4 X 100 Relay.

For more information on the Zaxby's Bullskin Relays, including the meet schedule, go to:
<https://ky.milesplit.com/meets/451439-bullskin-relays-2022#.YdcjFI0m3B>

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