

## RUNNING SHORTS

### Plenty of Huntsville runners in Houston races

By Ken Johnson

Nearly 20,000 runners finished the Chevron Houston Marathon, Aramco Half Marathon and El Paso 5K in Houston on Sunday.

Teshome Gelana of Ethiopia set a new Chevron Houston Marathon record with a time of 2:07:37. Defending womens' champion, Teyba Erkesso of Ethiopia, also set a new record with a time of 2:23:53. Antonio Vega of Minnesota won the Aramco Half Marathon with a time of 1:01:54 and two-time Olympian, Shalane Flanagan of Oregon, set a new Aramco Half Marathon record with a time of 1:09:41.

There were plenty of Huntsville runners participating in all three races. Nathan Winkelmann, a multi-sport athlete, led the local runners in the marathon with a time of 3:25:34, bettering his time of 3:39:34 last year. Suzy Riley of Richards and mother of four, finished her second Houston Marathon with a time of 3:40:18, qualifying her for the Boston Marathon.

Melvin Neely finished his 12th Houston Marathon.

Jesse Parker, cross-country coach at Sam Houston State University, was the fastest local runner in the Aramco Half Marathon with a time of 1:28:52. This was a personal record for Parker.

Congratulations to all Huntsville runners who competed in these races.

#### **Chevron Houston Marathon (26.2 miles)**

Nathan Winkelmann, 29	3:25:34
J. C. Guzman, 38	3:39:46
Suzy Riley, 31	3:40:18
Melvin Neely, 53	4:00:14
Darryl Shreves, 49	4:07:13
Jody Slaughter, 46	4:23:26
Mark Robinson, 63	5:14:45
Ken Johnson, 68	5:46:31
Jason Tafelski, 35	5:48:50

#### **Aramco Half Marathon (13.1 miles)**

Jesse Parker, 26	1:28:52
Emily Garner, 29	1:39:49
Leslie Wiggins, 28	2:00:38
Stephenie Kieschnick, 29	2:06:41
Jackie Edwards, 50	2:13:18
Leslee Cade, 38	2:23:08
Lavonne Zaiontz, 42	2:36:27
Marty Reeder, 33	2:40:11
Garrett Craddock, 31	2:40:12
Anna Shreves, 50	2:49:53
Leah Mulligan, 31	3:00:02
Angie Taylor, 28	3:00:02

Patsy Collins, 51                      4:15:50

**El Paso 5K (3.1 miles)**

Kevin Andrews, 46                      24:02

Cindy Andrews, 46                      26:22

Theresa Ballew, 33                      32:40

Jason Barnett, 35                      32:46

Naomi Vance, 25                      35:04

Kristian Cross, 18                      42:31

Linda Sue Farrell, 62                      45:46

Jennifer Driscoll, 34                      51:31

**Other recent race results:**

**USA Fit Half Marathon, Sugar Land, Jan. 10**

John Cook, 54                      2:51:33

**Run the Woodlands 5K, The Woodlands, Jan. 9**

Ken Johnson, 68                      33:33

**Upcoming Huntsville races:**

January 30 - **Frost Your Fanny 10K, 5K, 1-Mile**, Health & Kinesiology Center, SHSU.

February 6 - **Rocky Raccoon 100 and 50 Mile**, Huntsville State Park

For more about these and other races in the area, visit the Seven Hills Running Club web site at <http://www.7hills.us> and click on Race Schedule.