

RUNNING SHORTS

Local runners shine at Love.Run.Marathon

By Ken Johnson



Donna Fabian is all smiles after she crosses the finish line of her first marathon at the Love.Run.Marathon on Saturday at Huntsville State Park.

There were plenty of local runners participating in the 3rd Annual Love.Run.Marathon on the trails at Huntsville State Park on Saturday. This race is fundraiser of Project: Love One of Spring to support the adoption of children and help those in distress. Over 400 runners from all over Texas and other states participated in the event.

In the full marathon (26.2 miles), Huntsville's Jacob Gautreaux, 41, was first overall with a time of 3 hours, 36 minutes and 15 seconds. Gautreaux, a Houston Fire Captain, also won the race last year.

A special congratulations to Donna Fabian, 39, of Huntsville for completing her first full marathon. Fabian, who is a school teacher in Onalaska and mother of two, finished the 26.2-mile course in 5 hours, 45 minutes and 45 seconds.

Jose Torres of Trinity celebrated his 21st birthday on Saturday by winning the half marathon (13.1 miles) event. It was his first trail run and he finished in 1 hour, 34 minutes and 28 seconds.

Dodge's Sherrie Martin, 52, won her age group in the 10K event. She completed the 6.2-mile distance in 53 minutes and 28 seconds.

Over at the Austin Marathon on Sunday, Lainie Fritz, 22, completed her first full marathon in 3 hours, 44 minutes and 42 seconds. She is a student at SHSU. Her younger sister, Brooke, 16, finished her first half marathon in 1 hour, 49 minutes and 43 seconds. Both are daughters of the former SHSU football coach, Willie Fritz.

Congratulations to all local runners who are participating in races and staying healthy.

Recent race results:

Austin Marathon, Feb. 16
Marathon (26.2 miles)

Lainie Fritz, 22 3:44:42

Randy Kenyon, 21 5:36:10

Half Marathon (13.1 miles)

Brain Hauls, 30 1:34:39

Brooke Fritz, 16 1:49:43

Jessica Payne, 36 2:01:11

Jenna Tomei, 27 2:12:44

Carla Munoz, 33 2:12:45

Chris Synan, 42 2:32:57

5K (3.1 miles)

Elizabeth Fry, 22 29:52

Megan Kaldenbach, 19 38:06

Cupid 5K, Galveston, Feb. 16

Steve Bickford, 53 34:49

Cathy Bickford, 52 34:49

**Love.Run.Marathon, Huntsville State Park, Feb. 15
Marathon**

Jacob Gautreaux, 41 3:36:15 (1st overall)

Donna Fabian, 39 5:45:45

Ken Johnson, 72 7:13:01 (1st in age group)

Half Marathon

Jose Torres, 21 1:34:28 (1st overall)

J. C. Guzman, 41 1:46:59 (2nd in age group)

Cody McKinley, 30 1:54:53

Steve Allen, 41 1:58:24

Jacob Bertling, 33 2:00:17

Herbert Rodriguez, 45 2:02:48

Dana Formon, 25 2:28:46

Erin Castro, 24 3:00:42

James Stewart, 29 3:57:45

Matthew Peters, 13 3:57:46 (3rd in age group)

Emily Stewart, 27 3:57:46

Jim Peters, 50 3:58:30

10K (6.2 miles)

Sherrie Martin, 52 53:28 (1st in age group)

Brent Butler, 55 53:32 (2nd in age group)

Samuel Walsh, 26 57:47 (2nd in age group)

Sarah Browning, 26 1:04:01

April Payne, 34 1:06:15

Michael Browning, 26 1:08:21

Jan Parks, 57 1:09:20

Lauren Mullane, 22 1:10:25

Laura McDonald, 51 1:14:00

Leslie Cade, 43 1:14:05

Scott McDonald, 50 1:14:13

Jasmin Kolaja, 31 1:19:18

Katie Burwell, 22 1:23:33

Rhythm & Blues Half Marathon, Houston, Feb. 9

Leah Koester, 48 2:27:02

Run the Woodlands 5K, The Woodlands, Feb. 8

Steve Bickford, 53 22:42

Ken Johnson, 72 36:00

Cathy Bickford, 52 56:22

Marilynn Johnson, 68 56:22

Upcoming races in Huntsville:

Feb. 23 – Sweetheart 5K & 1-Mile Run/Walk

Mar. 1 – Miles for Missions 5K Run/Walk

Mar. 23 – Run the Trails, 3.5 miles, non-competitive, Huntsville State Park

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