

Feb. 6-7 Highlights

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The Feb. 6-7 weekend was great for running with just a chill in the morning as the temperatures warmed throughout the day. And runners took advantage of the good conditions by posting some fast times in the Metroplex events.

* The Kitts team, with two former UT-Tyler runners taking the overall male and female awards, dominated the **Cupid's Couples Run** on Sunday (Feb. 7) in McKinney. **Carly Kitts**, 22, of Midlothian, was the overall female winner and overall runner-up with a 17:55.2, which was .6 better than her posted PR. Winning was **Alex Wilson**, 24, of McKinney and who was a teammate of Kitts at UT-Tyler. He zipped to a 16:18.4.

* **Sergio Amendariz**, a 16-year-old Dallas Adamson High School athlete, skipped through the beads at the **Dash for the Beads** on Saturday (Feb. 6) in Dallas to win by 20 seconds with a 17:11. **Jason Trevino**, 27, was runner-up. Emily Field, 34, earned the female overall award with a 19:11.

* There were several thousand runners at the **Hot Chocolate 15K/5K** in Dallas, and **Reggie Jonaitis**, 34, of Midlothian won the 15K by about a minute with a 53:24. The overall female winner and 12th overall finisher was **Kearci Smith**, 26, of Plano with a 59:46. Jonaitis was fourth overall last year when his time was more than a minute slower (54:54). In the 5K, 14-year-old **Edgar Avila** of Farmers Branch won by 21 seconds as he sped to a 17:13. **Cole Atchison**, 22, of Lewisville was runner up with a 17:34, 13 seconds in front of **Johnathan Flint**, 14 of Flower Mound. Another Flower Mound runner, **Allie Lyda**, 14, won the overall female award with an 18:58, 20 seconds in front of **Rachel Sutliff**, 13, of Grapevine.