

March 12-13 Highlights

By Charles Clines

* **Jack Morrow** popped in from Tulsa, Okla., to take the overall male award at the **Panther City Half Marathon** on Sunday (March 13) in Fort Worth. Morrow, 26, finished in 1:19:42.02 to win by almost three minutes over **Nicholas Beers**, 36, of Fort Worth. Female winner **Marisol Lopez**, 21, of Fort Worth was fourth overall with a 1:27:10. The female masters winner was 66-year-old **Theresa Grivich** of Huntsville with a speedy 1:34:23.40. The male 5K race was close as **Jeth Rey II**, 19, of Corpus Christi won by about six seconds over **William McFadden**, 29, of Bedford with a time of 19:07.07. And a duel between **Jeth Rey**, 50, of Honolulu and **Creg Arnold**, 45, of Haslet for the male masters award was decided by a step as Rey (the male winner's father?) crossed the line in 28:46.92 and Arnold stepped across in 20:47.35.

* The Mejorada and Loyola families carted off awards at the FWRC's **Chasing Leaks 5K** on Sunday. **Jose Mejorada**, 35, of Fort Worth won the male overall honor with a 16:57.9, and **Jose Loyola**, 46, of Stephenville won the male masters award with a 19:56.8. **Josue Mejorada**, 12, won the 14-younger age group by racing to a 19:41.3 and **Alex Loyola**, 11, was runner-up with a 21:51. There was something unusual at the race as **Alex Neville**, 41, of Arlington was the lone entrant in the male 40-44 division. That seldom happens in this usually highly competitive division.

* **Emily Field**, 34, continues to impress as she won at least her seventh overall female award by zipping to a 17:50.6 to win the **Paddy Dash** female 5K award in Frisco on Saturday (March 12). She wasn't too far behind male winner **Kelvin Busieni**, 25, who clocked a 17:08.2, runner-up **Karl Huchthausen**, 35, of Frisco, who had a 17:39, third-place **Cameron Hunter**, 13, (17:48.3) and fourth-place **Jonathan Cantu**, 14, (17:50.5).

* **Froylan Franco**, 47, of McKinney has been making his presence felt at many area races this year and added an overall male award at the **Pickle Run 10K** in Mansfield. He won with a 38:18 while the busy **Antonio Lopez**, 32, of Hurst came in at 38:41. Lopez had a bountiful weekend last week when he carted off two overall and one runner-up awards. And this was his first of two Saturday races. **John Miller**, 45, of Grand Prairie held off **Rick Rosales**, 44, of Grand Prairie for the male masters award with times of 41:08 and 41:30.

* 50-year-old **Tommy Smith** held on to win the male award at the **Run of the Irish** in Plano, finishing with an 18:28, nine seconds in front of **Noe Robles**, 37.

* **Boston Ross**, 25, of Plano won by about eight seconds at the Fort Worth Officers Down 5K by crossing the finish line with a 20:52. Not sure how close Antonio Lopez, 32, of Hurst comes to making the starting time, but he was second overall with a 20:58. He also had raced in the Pickle Run in Mansfield Saturday. Of course, it helped that the Fort Worth event began at noon.