

May 14-15 Highlights

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Sunday (May 15) was nearly a perfect morning for running for most road-race participants in the Metroplex with overcast skies, slight breezes and the temperature barely reaching 60F. It was a better day than Saturday, which had higher breezes and many of the streets and trails were wet from overnight rains.

* In Sunday's events, female runners finished one-two at the **McKinney Officers Down 5K** as 14-year-old **London Culbreath** of McKinney was first with a 19:01.3 and 44-year-old **Debbie Koch** of Greene, Maryland, was second with a 21:01.2. The male winner and third overall was masters runner **John Daniels**, 45, of McKinney with a 21:16.8.

* The first three finishers at Sunday's **Fort Worth Runners Club's Michelob Ultra 5K** were masters. **Chris Oesch**, 48, of Florida was first across the line with an 18:18.2, followed by **Sergio Hernandez**, 42 at 18:28.2 and **Chris Andrews**, 42, at 18:39. Hernandez and Andrews already have won at least three and two masters titles, respectively, this year. The overall female was a teen, 15-year-old **Allison Green** with an 18:51.6. And frequent FWRC competitor 79-year-old **Ken Brewer** clocked in at 28:36.

* Not sure how the first and second females were determined at the **Tracy's Race Against Melanoma** in Fort Worth, but **Kaitlan Beretch**, 23, was listed as the overall winner with a clock time of 23:11 and a chip time of 23:08 while **Lauren Berrtich** was second with a 23:10 clock time and a 23:08 chip time. This wasn't the only puzzler for those of us who weren't at the events as **Kim Andres**, 63, of Irving was listed as the overall female at the **Love Run 10K** in The Colony though her posted time of **54:37.16** was slower than the posted time of 12-year-old **Kaylee Veath** of The Colony, which was 52:40.06. And the early posted results are jumbled for the **Chase the Mission 5K in Plano**.

* **Elizabeth Northern**, winner of every Cowtown distance and an Olympic Trials qualifier, was first overall at the **Mimosa Run 4-Mile** race in Fort Worth, zipping to a 24:37, a 6:09 pace. This is at least the fourth overall female award for Northern, including the Komen Greater FW Race for the Cure on April 23.

* **Dane Batzel**, 38, of Dallas and winner of the Mayfest 10K on April 30, led the field at the **Strut Your Mutt 5K** in Dallas, posting an 18:18, about 20 seconds in front of **Alfonzo Gonzalez**, 36, of Lancaster. In the female race for overall, **Karyn Nyholm**, 29, of Dallas edged **Maggie Cappell**, 27, of Dallas, with times of 21:34 and 21:37.

Latest news: The Dallas Marathon board of directors has announced a multiyear title sponsorship agreement with BMW of North America and the Dallas-Fort Worth Area

BMW Centers for the organization's marquee race property: the Dallas Marathon. So, this year the event's name will be known as the BMW Dallas Marathon, Half Marathon and Behringer Relay. [Read more about the announcement.](#)

Also, Elizabeth Eder Northern of Fort Worth and an Olympics Trials qualifier, is helping organize a new mile race -- the Magnolia Mile, which could attract some fast competitors. There will be several age divisions for the mile race, scheduled June 11. Veteran runners will remember the All Saints Mile, which offered prize money and attracted several elite competitors. [Read more about the event.](#)

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team In Training® campaign has announced that the BMW Dallas Marathon will be included in its 2016 lineup of exciting national marathon events. Team In Training (TNT) is the premiere charity sports program that inspires discovery of personal goals and helps turn training into treatments for blood cancer patients. The 46th running of the BMW Dallas Marathon, Half Marathon and Behringer Relay is Sunday, December 11. Registration for the event opens at bmdallasmarathon.com on May 19.