

## Sept. 3-4-5 Highlights

By Charles Clines

Cooler mornings Saturday and Sunday, with temps usually in the lower 70s, have been welcome for runners and walkers at road racing events. However, the temperature Monday morning crept into the low 80s, giving 15K competitors in Fort Worth a warm challenge.

\* In Monday's **FWRC Labor Day 5K** in Fort Worth **Carlos Casamajor Prats**, 28, of Fort Worth held off **Mike Batson**, 22, of Springfield, La., and **Bryan Ruiz**, 29, of Weatherford to win with a 17:34. Batson pushed ahead of Ruiz as they finished at 17:46 and 17:48. **Rachel Harp**, 33, of North Richland Hills won the female overall 5K award with a 20:03 while Dundee, Scotland visitor **Portia Brown**, 23, finished second with a 20:23, just six seconds in front of **Anara Ickes**, 16, of Mansfield. And **Gabriel Zambrano**, 22, of Fort Worth won the 15K just a day after winning the Rangers Labor Day Weekend 5K. He ran a 52:38 to take the 15K award for the second consecutive year. **Caitlin Keen**, 22, of Fort Worth had little trouble winning the female award with a 1:03:10.

\* In three years, **Gabriel Zambrano** has completed a sweep of overall awards at two events – the Rangers Labor Day Weekend Race in Arlington and the FWRC Labor Day 15K and 5K in Fort Worth. Zambrano, 22, of Fort Worth ran away with the male overall award at the **Texas Rangers Labor Day Weekend Run** Sunday (Sept. 4) as he sped to a 15:24.5 for the 5K. The female overall award wasn't so clear-cut as there was quite a duel before **Jodi Thompson**, 30, of Grapevine nudged **Magaly Soto**, 43, of Arlington to claim the award with a 19:06.2. Soto was just behind at 19:08.6. Soto won the female overall award last year with a 19:28.1 while Thompson, who has won at least three female overall awards this year, was the 2014 winner. Zambrano added this award to his FWRC Labor Day 15K overall award from last year and the event's 5K overall award in 2014. He was almost a minute slower that year with a 16:14.53 winning time. This year's victory was at least his third overall male award this year. There were 609 timed finishers at the popular Arlington event that offers views of the Rangers and Cowboys stadiums on the 3.1-mile course.

\* **Brent Woodle**, 31, of Carrollton added at least his fifth overall award this year by breezing to victory at the **DRC 5-Mile Breakfast Bash** in Dallas on Saturday (Sept. 3). Woodle finished with a 27:22. Among his feats this year was participating with **Ranja Ivandic** as sister-city competitors in the Sendai International Half Marathon. He finished second among sister-city competitors with a PR of 1:12:36. In the DRC race, **Kiran Gyr**, 39, of Richardson held off 50-year-old **Joe Landry** for second with times of 30:13 and 30:40. **Moeko Wilson**, of Dallas won the female overall award by 25 seconds over **Jennifer Fundaro**, of Dallas with a 34:35. And kudos to 69-year-old **Theo Scholtz** of Wylie, who finished with an impressive 34:46, and 73-year-old **Bill Shaw** of Frisco, who sped in with a 36:50. Timed finishers were 473.

\* **Mark Eichorn**, 19, won the **Cox Running Club's Labor Day Weekend 5K** with a 20:38. He had masters runner **Mike Leach**, 45, in close pursuit. Leach finished with a 20:53. Two other masters runners, **Jace Jenkins**, 41, and **Travis Combs**, 47, finished third and fourth with times of 21:39 and 21:50. Also, 9-year-old **Grady Jenkins** finished 16th overall with a 25:47. **Meghan Hennessey**, 33, easily won the female award with a 22:12. Antonia Lopez, 33, zipped to an easy victory in the 10K with a 39:28. **Rebecca Haynie**, 41, however, had **Kayla Mauldin**, 23, challenging for the female award before winning with a 46:39. Mauldin came in at 47:00.