

After the Fort Worth Runners Club **3 Amigos 4-Mile**, which was conducted June 25, it might be a good time to look back at 1996 when **Ernie Ozuna**, then 41, was first across the finish line in the June 23 event. The longtime FWRC competitor outkicked **Michael Pomes** to win the race in 22:22. He credited track workouts with **Don Nelson** and **Rodney Orand** as the key to some of his better times during that span. He also won the Masters title in the **Trinity Trot 4-Mile** run with a 22:33 that month. **Debbie Sanders** won the women's division with a 25:04. It was one of five overall titles for Debbie.

Other summer results in '96 included **Terry Garrett** winning the **Trinity Trot 4-Mile** with a 20:54 and **Leticia Lechon** taking the women's title in 24:47. **Linda Musil** (now Kelly) won the masters in 27:43. In the 10K, **Todd Copeland** won in 32:57, and **Don Nelson** was first masters runner with a 35:22. **Alice Pruitt** won the women's division with a 41:05, and **Marylyn Patrick** was first masters with a 44:03. Pruitt also is a former **Cowtown Marathon** women's winner and she was runner-up that year. Pruitt said she was somewhat surprised by her Trinity Trot victory. She had considered **Mary Beth Errington** the favorite because Errington had beaten Pruitt in a recent **Trinity 5000** run by 36 seconds. But Pruitt turned in one of her better efforts and Errington finished in 43:01.

A fun event that summer was the **Murphy's Law** run at Bear Creek Park in Keller. The distance wasn't revealed until just before the race. Runners had to predict their time over a course they hadn't seen, and winners would be determined by the closest prediction. **Mike Murphy**, a former Fort Worth runner who designed many of the challenging **Mid-Cities Runners Club** courses set the route for this one. True to form, he made it challenging with a couple of difficult hills. But he knew runners wouldn't be deterred by the difficulty. His philosophy about runners: "If you cone it, they will run." The winner: **Donnie Sullivan**. The road-race regular, 58 at the time, predicted his time exactly. It was the only time anyone had hit their time on the nose. He predicted he'd finish in 37 minutes, and runners were not allowed to wear watches. He crossed the finish line in exactly 37 minutes. Women's winner **Vicki Carter** missed her 52-minute prediction by one second.