

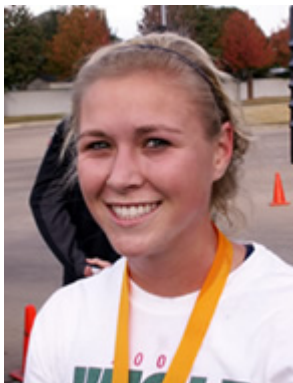
## Thanksgiving Day serving missed some



Eric Anderson

Eric Anderson, a Southlake Carroll alum who just graduated from UT-Austin, said he was the "winner by default" at the Park Glen Turkey Trot in Fort Worth on Thursday, Nov. 27. The event, on a near-perfect more for running (low 40s and no breeze), was an alternative to those living nearby and those wanting to avoid the crowds at the Fort Worth and Dallas turkey trot runs. And though not as big, it was still a good way to burn off a few calories before digging into the turkey and fixin's.

Anderson, 24, who played hockey and ran cross country in high school, said he came in first because of a "misinterpretation" of the course, causing four runners to take a wrong turn and lop about a mile off the course. Ed Swiatocha and his son Jonathon were among the two, who probably were about 150 yards ahead of Anderson.



Ericka Stam

"Things happen," said Swiatocha, a former winner of the White Rock and Cowtown marathons. "I ran it last year and should have known better."

After running about a mile and a half, with much of course in Arcadia Park, the course takes a right back into another section of the park. However, Swiatocha said the lead bicycle rider turned left toward the finish. "We ran about two miles," he said after finishing, noting it's not the first time something similar has happened when he was the lead runner. "I thought we should be going left, but you have to follow the lead bike. I thought maybe the course had been changed," Swiatocha added.

Ericka Stam, 17, won the women's race. The Central High runner, who's running Junior Olympics while training for track season, finished second last year. She said she chose the Park Glen race because she lives close to the race site at Park Vista and Redwood and also it's part of the school's Project Graduation.

Anderson, who is trying to round back into shape after not running competitively in college, also competes in triathlons. He said he almost took the wrong turn, too, but fortunately figured out the left turn before straying too far. Anderson said his family and another family have always competed at the Fort Worth Turkey Trot, but chose Park Glen to enjoy a more leisurely event and avoid the bigger crowds.