



Kolin Styles and Laura Nelson



Jaden Bassett and parents
Kim and Jason

Quick finish at NT and good food

By Fiona Green

Unlike most weekends when races in the Metroplex are plentiful, the only race on Saturday (Aug. 21) morning's calendar was the 2nd annual North Texas Touchdown 5K in Denton. Held on the campus of the University of North Texas, the event saw several fast times, which suggested the course, offering runners an interesting tour of the campus, might have been slightly short. Most participants were unconcerned. After setting their new PRs, they headed happily over to the food tables to replenish their stores with one of the best postrace breakfasts this summer, thanks to the generosity of several local restaurants. Age group winners were then awarded their unique trophies - construction worker hard hats bearing the Mean Green eagle logo while overall and masters winners also

received football tickets.

Using the event as a tune-up for her first triathlon was 7-year-old Jaden Bassett of Lewisville who completed the course with her mother, Kim, in 36.58. Having watched her father compete regularly, Jaden decided it would be fun to try a tri herself and will compete in her first kids' triathlon in October.

Winning the overall male and female titles were Kolin Styles of Holliday and Laura Nelson of Grapevine with times of 15:45.8 and 18:58.4, respectively. Masters winners were Froylan Franco (18:41) and Fiona Green (19:35.5).