

Cool morning, but some warm times at DRC Half

Kiprotich Kirui, a Kenyan living and training in Santa Fe, N.M., won the DRC Half on a cool (in the 40s at race time) Nov. 7 morning by finishing in 1:04:38. Patrick Rotich of Houston was second in 1:05:19. In the women's division, winner Lucy Kurgat, a Kenyan living in Allen, almost matched her PR by zipping to a 1:16:21. Atalelech Aslaw of Albuquerque, N.M., was runner-up with a 1:17:13, just 16 second ahead of D'Ann Arthur of Dallas. In the masters divisions, Laura Nelson of Grapevine, who had raced and won a 5K on Saturday (see below) held off Cora Turner of Alvarado, won with a 1:29:20. Cora came in at 1:29:55. Brian Schmidt of Sachse won the men's masters division with a 1:15:19. Ernesto Caballero of Dallas finished second with a 1:16:32. Melissa Cook of Lantana, last year's women's runner-up, won the 30-34 age division with a 1:25:45, just about two months after having her second child. Overall winners earned \$800, runners-up took home \$500. The next three earned \$400, \$300 and \$200. Masters' payoffs were \$150, \$100 and \$50. There were 2,937 who finished the half and 325 who finished the 5K.