

## **Edward Tabut wins White Rock Marathon as record 20,000 participate in the events**

Edward Tabut, a Kenyan and member of the AmeriKenyan Running Club in Santa Fe, won the Dallas White Rock Marathon on Sunday (Dec. 13) morning with a 2:16:53. It was a personal record for Tabut who made his marathon debut in January when he ran a 2:18:30. Runner-up was course record holder Moses Kororia, who finished in 2:20:29. Tabut pulled away from Kororia at about mile 19. Tabut won \$2,000 for the victory and also earned \$500 for finishing under 2:20 and another \$500 for dipping under 2:18. A course record (which is 2:12:04) would have earned another \$3,000 and an added \$10,000, which was offered late Friday by White Rock Chairman Emeritus Chuck Dannis.

Winning the women's race and \$2,000 was Rose Jebet of Kenya in 2:48:21. She missed out on any bonuses.

Three-time Cowtown Marathon winner Keith Pierce finished fourth with a 2:22:53.

Winning the half marathon was Stephen Muange in 1:05:02. He was coming off a second place finish on Dec. 6 in Las Vegas with a 1:03:11. The women's winner was Ngetich Hyvon on Kenya in 1:18:24.

Near perfect weather for running greeted the participants at the Dallas White Rock Marathon, Half and Relay. Temperatures remained in the mid to high 40s throughout much of the event.. Three Kenyans -- Tabut, Kororia and Daniel Gakara -- were deemed to be the favorites in the marathon. The three stayed together through 18 miles before Tabut and Kororia broke away.

The prize money breakdown for the first five male and female finishers was \$2,000, \$1,300, \$800, \$500 and \$400. Also, the first three men who beat 2:20 would have earned another \$500. The first three women under 2:44 could have earned an additional \$500, and if the winner had been under 2:42, she would have taken home another \$500. And, if the men's and women's winners would have run under 2:18 and 2:42, respectively, they would have earned an extra \$3,000 as did Tabut.