



Va Patricia Vargas was on her way to the women's title in the Texas Half Marathon in Dallas with a 1:21:43.



David Jones of Frisco finished second in the Texas Half with a 1:21:26. The 43-year-old won the men's Masters title.



Hamlin Jones of Frisco was third in the Texas Half with a 1:21:36.

**Clint Bell** continued his winning ways two weeks in a row as he won the **Mardi Gras 2-Mile** (10:05.55) and **4-Mile** (21:19.95) men's titles Saturday (Feb. 17). He had won the **Texas Half Marathon** the week before. He wasn't the only runner to double-up on trophies. **Sheila Natho** and **Frances McKissick** had an interesting duel in both events. Sheila won the women's masters title in the 2-mile and added the 40-44 age division title in the 4-mile. She had beaten Frances by about 10 seconds in the 2-mile (12:25.30 to 12:36.65) for the masters title, but Frances came back in the 4-mile to beat Sheila by about 11 seconds (26:31.25 to 26:40.55) in the 4-mile. Frances won the 40-44 age division in the 2-mile. The runner who took home the most trophies, though, was **Mark Olateju**. He earned two in the Mardi Gras and one in Arlington. Mark won the masters title in the men's 2-mile, earned the third place trophy in the 45-49 age division in the 4-mile in Dallas, then drove to Arlington to run in the **MLK Day & Dream 5K**, which didn't start until 11 a.m. He won the second place trophy in his age division there. **Clint Bell** also won **The Texas Half Marathon** on Saturday (Feb. 10) in Dallas with a 1-hour, 20-minute, 24-second effort.



Clint Bell won the Texas Half Marathon in Dallas on Feb. 10.

Here's Clint's brief report of the race: It was cold when the race started and cold when the race finished. The early leader (don't know his name) ran two sub 6-minute miles. Near three miles, he started off course but was redirected by a following runner. Not long after that, his shoe came untied and his race unraveled as well. I took over the lead when he stopped to tie his shoe. David Jones of Frisco was second in 1:21:26, and he won the Masters title. Jones won the Masters title last year in 1:23:18. **Patricia Vargas** of Ennis had only men to contend with in her victory. She finished fourth overall and won by 13 minutes, 27 seconds with her 1:21:43.