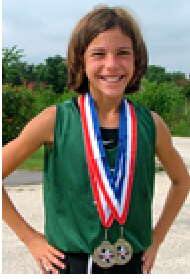


Molly Tucker takes two silvers in state meet



Molly Tucker of Colleyville, who turned 11 in July, was one of many Dallas-Fort Worth area youngsters who won medals at the TAAF State Meet at Round Rock High School on July 26-29. What sets Molly apart from most of the others is her success in road races, where she has won overall female titles as a 10-year-old and has lowered her PR to 18:05.

Molly's competed in the 12-under division at Round Rock and placed second in the 800 meters with a 2:36.93. She was edged out by Mawardi Berkhadley of McKinney, who ran a 2:34.57. In the 1,600, Molly and winner Hannah Booher of Deer Park broke the previous record of 5:37.86 with Hannah running a 5:33.14 and Molly a 5:34.22. Molly also competed on a 4x100 relay team, but a handoff error dropped their team from competition.

Molly's dad, John, said in the 800, Molly was boxed in and had to literally turn around, run backward and then run around her competitors to find running room.

The medal winners are eligible to advance to the 2009 State of America games in Colorado City, Colo.