

Colorado Runners Win New Year's Day 5K

There were 401 runners who managed to roll out of bed New Year's Day morning and finish the New Year's Day 5K in Dallas. Leading the way in the men's and women's divisions were a couple of former University of Colorado aces, Austin Baillie and wife Renee Metivier-Baillie of Boulder, Colo.

And they weren't the only out-of-state runners who showed up on the chilly morning. There also were runners from Chicago, Long Beach, Calif., Winston-Salem, N.C., Colorado Springs, Campo, Colo., and Cartwright and Marietta, Okla. And some from as close as North Richland Hills were still snuggled under the covers.

Austin Baillie helped Colorado dominate in the Big 12 cross country championships, and Renee won the NCAA Indoor 3,000 meters during their careers. Renee also was runner-up twice in the NCAA Cross Country Championships. And both now lead the Fastest In The Metroplex listings. Even though neither is from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, they will be on the list because many events don't list home towns in their results, so I don't know where many runners are from So, the fastest times in the Metroplex is what is used for the Fastest In The Metroplex list.

The new season thus has begun. Some of us will move into a new age division this year while others will still be battling the same age-group competitors. And, as always, there will be numerous events to choose from.

For Texas marathoners, there are 26.2 mile tests awaiting in Houston, Austin, Fort Worth and Dallas from January to April.

Frequent visitors to this website will also notice a slight change in the home page. There will be other changes during the year, and hopefully they will be for the better.

Again I'm requesting more input from runners. I need more names to nominate for the Unheralded Heroes page, for one thing. Any other information that can be shared would also be welcome. If anyone has digital photos of a race, let me know and maybe some of them can be posted here. Also, I accept first-person reports on events. In other words, I would like more interaction. Thanks for visiting.