

Molly wins again; Wrong turn costs men's leader

Molly Tucker, 10-year-old speedster from Southlake, won her



fourth women's overall title Saturday (April 14) at the chilly, wind-blown Secret Service Run in Irving.

Though Molly won in 19:30, the time was almost a minute slower than her past two 5K efforts when she won the women's title at Run To Joe's in Fort Worth in 18:43.2 and placed second at the Big D Texas 5K in Dallas with a 18:45. She said the gusty cross wind made it difficult on Las Colinas Blvd., where runners were tested going out and coming back on the 3.1-mile course.

In the men's race, 50-year-old Victor Salinas of Carrollton benefitted from Mason McCallister's wrong turn just before the 3-mile mark.

Molly Tucker, 10, won her fourth overall women's title with a 19:30 at the Secret Service Run in Irving.

"I had about a 30-yard lead on him, but I turned left instead of right (when the runners left Las Colinas to the final stretch up O'Connor Blvd," Mason, a UT-Arlington student, said. "I was just focusing on the cement in front of me and wasn't paying attention. I probably ran another quarter of a mile. But, at least, I won my age division." He also came away with Dallas Stars tickets he won in the prize drawing.

Salinas, who said he is nursing a sore left knee, won in 18:20, which was about 20 seconds slower than his non-winning effort last year.

Mason said he ran track for Bryan Adams High School in Dallas. Besides a few road races, Mason said he's focusing on triathlons this season.





Mason McCallister, white hat, took a wrong turn just before the 3-mile mark. He had been about 30 yards in front of Victor Salinas, who went on the win in 18:20.



Some of the items that were available to bid on at the Silent Auction.



Caleigh Tucker was among the youths who had their faces painted.



Available food included barbecue beef, turkey, ham, beans and potato salad.



The Fort Worth Zoo brought an owl and crocodile to show participants and spectators.



A band also helped entertain.

