



## **ARGYLE'S PICKETT WINS SECOND ANNUAL 'NO LIMITS' WILD ASPHALT RUN HALF MARATHON AT TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY**

**FORT WORTH, Texas (Oct. 26, 2013)** – Troy Pickett, a 42-year-old from Argyle, Texas, captured the first overall half marathon crown of his running career in Saturday's "No Limits" Wild Asphalt Run Half Marathon & 5k benefitting Speedway Children's Charities-Texas at Texas Motor Speedway.

Amid ideal temperatures in the low 50s at start time, Pickett recorded a time of 1 hour, 28 minutes and 44.5 seconds to outdistance Fort Worth's Tim Olson by 1 minute, 25 seconds to claim the overall title. Pickett, who ran at a 6:46 per mile pace, took the lead about eight miles into the 13.1-mile layout and then overcame a cramp in his calf late in the race to hang on for the victory in just his third half marathon start.

"I got onto the road course and my left calf started cramping on me," Pickett said. "I was not sure I was going to finish actually. It got me three times. I changed my gait and my foot falls and I was able to keep it going. I had to pull back a little bit on the pace and that seemed to work. I'd get back in my comfort zone and get back in my normal rhythm and my pace started to pick up and it would cramp up again and I just kept backing off. I wasn't sure if I did finish if I was going to be able to win, but the lead held up so it was great."

Pickett had visited Texas Motor Speedway with his brother for NASCAR races so he enjoyed the opportunity to run the course across the speedway's 1,500 acres, including the final 1.5 miles coming inside the facility on the speedway that traditionally plays host to the running of NASCAR and INDYCAR races. Just like those NASCAR and INDYCAR race winners, Pickett, along with the other major category winners, was presented a winner's black felt Charlie 1 Horse cowboy hat and posed with the six shooters.

"I love the race theme of it," Pickett said. "That was really cool. Watching the races and being out here, the place looks huge watching cars go around it, but when I had to go around it on foot I thought it was never going to end. It was ridiculous. It went forever. It was great though. Absolutely, I will be back next year for sure."

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Kevin Reneau, a 16-year-old junior at Ferris (Texas) High School, won the overall 5k title in a dramatic battle to the tape. Reneau ran the 5k layout in 18 minutes, 47.3 seconds to edge 40-year-old Lee Roskop, of Fort Worth, by .5 of a second. Reneau improved on his time by more than a minute when he competed in last year's inaugural "No Limits" Wild Asphalt Circus Run 5k and finished fifth overall.

"It was really fun (last year) and I was hoping I could win like I did," Reneau said. "I just love running and I love the people here. It's really different. I don't know anywhere else you can run around a race track in an actual 5k race, so it's really exciting being on the actual track."

Pickett and the 45-year-old Olson (Masters winner) took the top honors in the men's half marathon results. On the women's side, Holly Harsh, a 27-year-old from Fort Worth, was the overall women's champion with a time of 1:39:51.2, which was 17th overall in the field.

It was a tremendous day for Toni Biggerstaff, who began the day serving as a co-Grand Marshal of the event with her close friend, Jennifer McAlister. The two local-area runners were chosen in a tribute to those affected by April's Boston Marathon bombings as both competed in the race and were in the final mile when the explosions went off nearby. Biggerstaff, a 44-year-old Keller resident, culminated the day by winning the Female Masters division with a time of 1:47:55.1 with Fort Worth's McAlister finishing second.

The youngest and oldest half marathon category winners were 14-year-old Jorge Laylie, of Hallsville, Texas, at 1:47:43.5 (29th overall male) and 75-year-old Arthur Sheldon, of Edmund, Okla., at 2:16:31.9 (121st overall male).

On the 5k side, Stephanie Rivera (no hometown given) was the overall female winner with a time of 20:18.6 in the Open division. Other category winners were Flower Mound's Kylie Steskal (Female Youth 17 and Under), Trophy Club's Leena Robinson (Female Masters), Irving's John Marquart (Male Open) and Roskop (Male Masters).

In the team competition, IronTex and GE Manufacturing Solutions swept the 5k and half marathon competition in the Open and Corporate divisions, respectively. Burton Hill Running Club won the 5k school competition.

The second-year event attracted more than 1,000 competitors from across 15 states as well as Germany and Alberta, Canada. The running event officially kicks off the festivities for next week's AAA Texas 500 NASCAR tripleheader weekend at Texas Motor Speedway.

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