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Marion, West Memphis Runners Set Pace at MSCC's Greyhound 5K

Jason Webb of Marion and Candice Smith of West Memphis won the overall titles at the first Greyhound 5K on Saturday, Oct. 6. More than 280 runners and walkers competed in the event which started and finished on the campus of Mid-South Community College.

"We are really excited about the turnout for the inaugural Greyhound 5K," said Jason Carmichael, Mid-South Community College Athletic Director and Dean of Students. "For a first time, I think everything went well. We heard good feedback from runners, and that's always a positive sign."

"We had some people who were all about the details, and it was really exciting because of that. Start 2 Finish did a great job for us. We also had great sponsors and great volunteers. It's just amazing to me that everything went as smoothly as it did because there are always so many variables in an event of that magnitude."

Weather threatened to put a damper on the race, but the skies cleared on Saturday morning. Rain and the possibility of more precipitation resulted in some last-minute changes.

“The weather was ominous most of the week, but we ended up with a nice day for a race,” Carmichael said. “It was a minor miracle that our maintenance folks and our logistics people pulled it off. They did a wonderful job.”

Planning has already begun for the Second Annual Greyhound 5K in 2013.

“We have some opportunities to improve and hope to get even more people really excited about our event,” Carmichael said. “Going forward, I think this race can be a neat rallying point for our community.”



Jason Webb

In the race itself, Webb finished the course in 20:40 to set the men’s pace, and Smith came across the finish line at 26:47 to lead the women.

Robert Wilson, Memphis, and Gordon Reynolds, Marion, placed second and third, respectively, in the men’s overall competition. Wilson crossed the finish line at 20:53, and Reynolds clocked a 21:37.

Sara Byrd, Memphis, and Rachael Sowers, Batesville, came in second and third respectively in the women’s and 27:52.



Candice Smith

In the Male Masters division, Carlyle Telesford, Marion, placed first with a time of 22:16. Sonya Lageman, Olive Branch, Miss., captured the Female Masters competition with a 28:33.

The No. 1 finishers in the Grand Masters divisions included Shawn Jewell, 22:49, and Phyllis Robinson, Marion, 30:49

Age/gender group top finishers are as follows:

Male 9 & Under -- Chase Henry, Marion, 28:21, first; Elijah Abanda, Marion, 49:48, second; Charles Woods, Memphis, 58:17, third;

Male 10-14 -- Martavious Johnson, West Memphis, 22:22, first; Michael Gibbs, Marion, 32:09, second; Jace Webb, Marion, 35:10, third;

Male 15-19 -- Marcus Graney, 22:45, first; Santurrius Booker, West Memphis, 23:27, second; Jake Spurlock, West Memphis, 32:20, third;

Male 20-24 -- Martin Medina, 23:16, first; Gregory Bowman, 25:24, second; Darius Key, Crawfordsville, 27:50, third;

Male 25-29 -- Jeff Gray, Harrisburg, 23:37, first; Brian Weathers, Southaven, Miss., 28:18, second; Gary Mason, Memphis, 28:45, third;

Male 30-34 -- Jon Pegg, Bartlett, Tenn., 26:42, first; A.J. Hogan, Turrell, 26:52, second; Nick McElhaney, Germantown, Tenn., 27:18, third;

Male 35-39 -- Carl Brown, Marion, 25:19, first; Pete Sullivan, Memphis, 26:19, second; Wesley Burt, West Memphis, 28:03, third;

Male 40-44 -- Gary Wehrum, Marion, 24:50, first; Mike Leonard, 25:22, second; David Lorrison, Memphis, 27:59, third;

Male 45-49 -- Michio Kasuya, Germantown, Tenn., 24:42, first; Barry Smith, Millington, Tenn., 25:27, second; Randy Sullivan, West Memphis, 26:22, third;

Male 50-54 -- Kenny Boone, West Memphis, 25:07, first; Clyde Nelson, Memphis, 26:51, second; Jay Pollard, Memphis, 28:10, third.

Male 55-59 -- Gwin Anderson, Dresden, Tenn., 24:18, first; Art Weekley, Munford, Tenn., 25:12, second; Steven Bernard, Forrest City, 33:26, third;

Male 60-64 -- David Phelps, West Memphis, 29:37, first; Brice Hammerstein, Sherwood, Ark., 41:12, second; Samuel Christopher, 1:03:11, third;

Male 65+ -- Bill Graham, Marion, 34:55, first; George Allen, Memphis, 44:38, second.

Female 9 & Under -- Hadleigh Watson, Hernando, Miss., 30:55, first;

Female 10-14 -- Kayla Parker, Marion, 40:42, first; Amberlyn Parker, Marion, 52:18, second; Alexis Young, West Memphis, 55:17, third;

Female 15-19 -- Samantha Butcher, Marion, 31:34, first; Carvenia Nance, 40:19, second; Cailen Williams, West Memphis, 52:00, third;

Female 20-24 -- Lindsey Widick, Southaven, Miss., 30:05, first; Jennifer Sherrill, Marion, 30:12, second; Sarah Shepson, Memphis, 34:44, third;

Female 25-29 -- Robin Freeman, West Memphis, 29:36, first; Brittany Brown, Memphis, 30:19, second; Jennifer Johnson, Marion, 33:41, third;

Female 30-34 -- Jocelyn Woods, Memphis, 29:22, first; Sara Fenter, Marion, 29:48, second; Amber Tackett, Marion, 31:43, third;

Female 35-39 -- Stacy Casper, Marion, 30:19, first; Katina Griffin, Marion, 30:44, second; Kristina Tucker, Cordova, Tenn., 36:52, third;

Female 40-44 -- Julie Faulkner, Marion, 31:09, first; Tina Barrow, Marion, 31:46, second; Amy Miller, 32:23, third;

Female 45-49 -- Paige Laws, Forrest City, 29:37, first; Rhonda Goodfellow, West Memphis, 31:05, second; Sandy Malloy, Marion, 32:13, third;

Female 50-54 -- Sandra Morrow, Marion, 33:42, first; Jody Fenter, West Memphis, 35:09, second; Alice Wiginton, Marion, 36:21, third;

Female 55-59 -- Bonnie Nichols, Tyronza, 41:27, first; Lisa Johnson, Marion, 46:23, second; Kathy Walker, West Memphis, 46:23, third;

Female 60-64 -- Jan Goslin, Marion, 33:04, first; Jackie Brubaker, Jonesboro, 56:54, second; Michelle Wilemon, Southaven, Miss., 58:50; third;

Female 65+ -- Panzy Anthony, Marion, 48:07, first; Barbara Lehr, West Memphis, 56:33, second; Sue Sides, 1:03:12, third.

MSCC's Greyhounds and Lady Greyhounds also participated in the event. Damar Reed led the men's effort with a time of 26:39, and Arica Wallace set the women's pace with a 36:32.

The race, conducted in collaboration with Start 2 Finish Event Management of Memphis, drew contestants from 34 cities and towns in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

The event was made possible with assistance from numerous generous sponsors.

Southland Park Gaming and Racing served as the event's title sponsor, and the West Memphis Advertising and Promotion Commission participated as the presenting sponsor. Lenny's Sub Shop of West Memphis served as the food sponsor.

Gold sponsors included Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare of Memphis and Fidelity National Bank of West Memphis.

Arkansas Distributing, Guiltner-Steele Tire Center, Entergy, the Evening Times, Holly Chevrolet, Scarbrough Dentistry, Greenway Equipment, The Fogleman Firm, Bluff City Sports, Start2Finish, and Flash Market participated as silver sponsors.

Other contributors included Colton's Steak House and Grill of Marion, DeVazier Distributing Company (Tom's and Lance snacks), Follett Bookstore on the MSCC campus, Crittenden Regional Hospital, Huey's Restaurant in Memphis, and Smoothie King of Memphis.

