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## **GARCIA, TERRY WIN 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COLLEGE STATION 10 RUNNERS SUCCESSFULLY FOLLOW COVID-19 RACE PROTOCOLS**

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (January 31, 2021) – Over 360 runners and walkers successfully followed COVID-19 return to racing protocols at the eighth annual College Station 10-Miler and its affiliated events here on Sunday at College Station High School.

And the two winning College Station 10 runners – Conroe's **Jason Garcia** and Spring's **Tricia Terry** – echoed the sentiments of the rest of today's race fields.

"There's hardly any races going on these days so just to have one was really nice," said Terry, the former Texas Christian University Horned Frog.

Garcia, who ran collegiately for Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, added, "I'm just glad that everyone's out here being able to race at the same time."

Participants, while not on the course, race staff and volunteers and a limited number of spectators were asked to wear a mask or face covering while on the College Station High School campus as well as maintaining physical distance from other individuals not in their immediate household.

After finishing their race, athletes were asked to put masks back on before leaving the finisher's chute and if they lost it on the course, race officials provided one to them.

Runners then received their finisher's medal and post-race food in an individually packed bag.

And while the traditional awards ceremony was scrapped, athletes checked their race results online and were able to retrieve their awards individually before leaving the race site.

It is the second race that Texas 10 Series athletes have adhered to the return to racing guidelines -- the other being late November's ninth annual Conroe 10.

College Station 10 races, always susceptible to varying weather conditions with its late January date, saw a six percent increase in the number of timed finishers from a year ago as nervousness of the impacts of COVID-19 last year dropped the field to its lowest numbers in the event's eight-year history.

Garcia and Terry, though, led eager racers across the finish line first.

Both athletes used their winning efforts – Garcia in 54:02 and Terry in an event-best 59:12 – in preparation for events with the tenth annual The Woodlands Marathon.

The 30-year-old former Islander and Conroe High School runner ran nine miles before the race started as part of his marathon training for Saturday, March 6, 2021 – and could not have been happier with the results.

"Fortunately, I was able to figure out the course," said Garcia about his pre-race warmup. "As long as you took the first two miles fairly easy, the rest of it was pretty controlled from there.

"Plus the cold weather, of which I'm glad the cold front came in."



Terry expects to leverage her record-setting efforts at The Woodlands Marathon's inaugural 10K in five weeks.

"It was a really good challenge today," said Terry, 29, who ran in high school for McAllen Memorial. "I've never run this course before. It was challenging. It was windy, but it was really good."

She recorded the sixth win under an hour in the Texas 10 Series' 49-race history since its inception in November 2012.

Terry now holds the event records at College Station and Conroe, while former Aggie **Hillary Montgomery** has the best time in Texas 10 Series history in 58:17 at Sienna 10 in 2016. **Samantha McClellan** and **Megan Saloom** have the only other sub-one-hour wins, all in the Conroe 10.

The former event record in the College Station 10 was set by current Nicholls State head men's and women's track and field and cross country coach **Stefanie Sleakis** in 2014 in a time of 1:01:04.

In the men's race, Garcia was the first to cross the finish line, but Bryan's **Connor McNellis**, 20, who hails from Albuquerque, New Mexico and was on Texas A&M's track and field roster in 2019, posted the fastest time of the day, starting in a later wave, with a mark of 53:13.

Third best was Spring's **Rick Hawley**, 24, in 58:51.

Garcia has won the last four races he has entered, including Conroe 10 in 2019 and 2020 as well as the 2020 Bridgeland 10 five-miler.

Following Terry across the finish line was **Amanda Jenkins** -- College Station 10's overall women's winner in 2017 and 2018 -- who finished second in 1:03:46 while Austin's **Becca Sawyer**, 37, stopped the clock in 1:06:34 for third.

Jenkins, 29, who ran collegiately for Texas A&M, has won seven all-time Texas 10 Series races.

Tomball's **Steve Sievert**, 52, and Pasadena's **Eugenia Carter**, 56, were the top 10-mile masters finishers in 1:02:24 and 1:14:05, respectively.

Former College Station High School runner **Matthew McGinnis**, 20, of College Station and Huntsville's **Julie Davis**, 41, won the five-mile race in 29:26 and 37:34.

Rockdale High School freshman **Jesus Bocanegra**, 15, who competed at the UIL 3A state cross country meet in late November, and The Woodlands High School senior **Tyne Green**, 17, won the Aggieland 5K in 19:39 and 21:09, respectively.

The next - and third - race of the 2020-2021 Texas 10 Series, the third annual Bridgeland 10, will take place on Sunday, February 7, 2021 in Conroe as the race has been moved due to Harris County's unwillingness to issue a permit at the original race site in the Bridgeland master planned community.

Online registration for all future events, results from past events and details of the Armadillo and Stretch Lab Cup competitions is available at [www.texas10series.com](http://www.texas10series.com).



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