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Philadelphia Half Marathon and Rothman Institute 8K Results

Results for the First Events of the Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend

PHILADELPHIA (November 19, 2016) – Today's Philadelphia Half Marathon kicked off the first of four races during the 2016 Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend. In the men's field, Tsegaye Getachew of Ethiopia placed first with a time of 1:03:54. Getachew will also be racing the Philadelphia Marathon tomorrow, his first time taking on the 26.2-mile distance race. Coming in second was Eliud Ngetch with a time of 1:03:56 and Panuel Mkungu came in third with a time of 1:04:18.

On the women's side, Birukayit Degefa, also of Ethiopia, took home the Half Marathon crown. She achieved a personal record with a time of 1:11:42. In 2015, she placed second in the Philadelphia Half Marathon. Sinke Biyadgilign came in second with a time of 1:13:04 and Susan Jerotich placed third with a time of 1:13:52.

"I'm so happy for the success of today's Philadelphia Half Marathon and Rothman Institute 8K," said Sheila Hess, Executive Director for the Philadelphia Marathon. "Today was a beautiful day to explore historical Fairmount Park while running the updated Half Marathon course. This weekend's success could not be possible without the dedicated volunteer and tremendous support from our sponsor including longtime sponsor the Rothman Institute. We are looking forward to another exciting race day tomorrow."

Today's Half Marathon marked the first time since its inaugural year in 2006 that the race has taken place on Saturday of Race Weekend. In previous years, the Half Marathon occurred simultaneously with the Philadelphia Marathon on the Sunday of Race Weekend.

"Rothman Institute is pleased to be part of another Philadelphia Marathon Race Weekend," said Justin Samra, Director of Marketing for Rothman Institute. "Over the two decades of our involvement as sponsor of the 8K, race weekend has become an international draw that shines a bright light on the beautiful city we call home. We look forward to many more years of being part of this event."

The Rothman Institute 8K began roughly three hours after the half marathon with an Elite field highlighting local and regional runners in addition to national runners. Thomas Awad, a Philadelphia local, placed first overall with a finish time of 00:24:00. Awad's mantra, "Kick logic to the curb and do the impossible," certainly helped him

achieve a victory today. Coming in first for the women's division was Sophy Jepchirchir of Kenya with a finish time of 00:26:57

HALF MARATHON RESULTS

Men's Half Marathon Results

Tsegaye Getachew, 19, Washington DC, 1:03:54
Eliud Ngetich, 23, Santa Fe, NM, 1:03:56
Panuel Mkungo, 22, Elkton, MD, 1:04:18
Musa Ido, 27, Potomac, MD, 1:05:35
Stephen Kersh, 25, Flagstaff, AZ, 1:06:11

Women's Half Marathon Results

Biruktayie Degefa, 26, Albuquerque, NM, 1:11:42
Sinke Biyadgilign, 22, Washington DC, 1:13:04
Susan Jerotich, 29, Chapel Hill, NC, 1:13:52
Grace Kahura, 23, Katonah, NY, 1:14:12
Marci Klimek, 29, Cambridge, MA, 1:15:21

ROTHMAN INSTITUTE 8K RESULTS

Men's 8K Results

Thomas Awad, 22, Philadelphia, PA, 00:24:00
Louis Serafini, 25, Brighton, MA, 00:24:11
Owen Dawson, 28, Coatesville, PA, 00:24:18
Jonathan Phillips, 23, Boston, MA, 00:24:24
Kyle Dawson, 28, Philadelphia, PA, 00:24:25

Women's 8K Results

Sophy Jepchirchir, 23, Chapel Hill, NC, 00:26:57
Meghan Bishop, 31, Philadelphia, PA, 00:28:45
Katie O'Regan, 31, Lititz, PA, 00:29:26
Lauren Kelly, 26, Philadelphia, PA, 00:29:30
Kelley Riffenburgh, 23, Haverford, PA, 00:29:40

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About the Philadelphia Marathon:

The Philadelphia Marathon weekend, organized by the Office of the City Representative and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, welcomes nearly 30,000 runners, 60,000 spectators, and 3,000 volunteers each year. Race Weekend 2016 features the Philadelphia Marathon on Sunday, November 20; the Half Marathon, Rothman Institute 8K and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, November 19; and a free two-day Health & Fitness Expo on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19. Race participants pass many of Philadelphia's famous attractions on the swift and scenic USATF-certified course, which is a Boston qualifier. Take the first step to experiencing 26.2 miles of fun, beauty, history and excitement by registering at philadelphiamarathon.com.

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