

Texas Largest 5km racewalk and annual 5km run

TEXAS LARGEST 5K RACEWALK January 1st, 2011 Liberty Middle School, Pharr, Texas
From: USATF Junior Elite Race Walk – Olympic Development Camp, Pharr, Texas

Two-time Olympian Tim Seaman fought back the challenges of Sweden's Andreas Gustafsson and Texas high school star Alejandro Chavez, to capture the USA's first race walk competition of the new year. Seaman's winning time was a modest, for him, 22:07.5 but it was Chavez, racing on the wide boulevards of hometown of Parr who nearly stole the show.

A high school senior at PSJA High School in Pharr, Alejandro Chavez lead several times during the race by a stride or two before Seaman surged to the win. Chavez, of the South Texas Walking Club, faded slightly in the final straight but held on to score a new personal record of over a minute with his third place finish in 22:18. Gustafsson, a 50 kilometer specialist who trains in San Diego California, edged Chavez at the line in 22:17.

In the women's race Canadian Rachel Seaman, New Yorker Miranda Melville, and Mexican Nirvana Zolba went win, place show. Seaman defended her 2010 victory by walking the 3.1 mile distance in 22:48. Rochester New York's Melville, a senior at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside, also realized a personal best with her second place time of 24:02. Third went to Chihuahua, Mexico's Nirvana Zalba in 24:24.

Also breaking the 25 minute barrier with career bests were Katie Burnett from William Penn University in Iowa and Hong Kong's Jessica Chin. Burnett was 7th overall in 24:49 with Chin, a student at Lindenwood University in Missouri, a step behind in 8th at 24:50.

Ohio was represented by a pair of Miami Valley TC athletes. Erika Shaver, a student at Furman University in South Carolina, was 9th out of the field of 37 participants with a time of 25:14. Brickson was the second HS male across the line with his tenth place finish in 25:22.

1) Tim Seaman (M38) New York AC	22:07.5
2) Andreas Gustafsson (M29) Sweden	22:17
3) Alejandro Chavez (M17) South Texas WC	22:18
4) Rachel Seaman (F24) Canada	22:48
5) Miranda Melville (F21) U.of Wis.-Parkside	24:02
6) Nirvana Zolba (F17) Mexico	24:25
7) Katie Burnett (F22) William Penn U., Iowa	24:49
8) Jessica Ching (F23) Hong Kong (Lindenwood U)	24:51
9) Erika Shaver (F18) Miami Valley TC (Oh)	25:13
10) Mitchell Brickson (M17) Miami Valley TC (Oh)	25:22
11) Jonathan Hallman (M17) Pickens HS (SC)	25:37
12) Janelle Brown (F22) Cornerstone U (Mich)	25:38

13) Aleks Jakobsen (M20) Ashland U (Iowa)	26:52
14) Rachel Zoyhoski (F19) R.I.T. (NY)	26:56
15) Molly Josephs (F16) Garden City HS, NY	27:53
16) Lila Haba (F15) Lynbrook HS, Ca.	28:43
17) Katie Michta (F14) Sachem North HS, NY	29:27
18) Annie Schide (F17) Gardiner Area HS, Maine	29:36
19) Geraldo Flores (M14) South Texas WC	30:03
20) Mallory White (F16) Lakeland Christian HS, Fla	30:33
21) Ellerie Lagerhauser (F17) Dobson HS, Ariz.	30:33
22) Emily Reed (F18) Farmington HS, Maine	31:59
23) Kasandra Rodriguez (F12) South Texas WC	32:11
24) Ruth Barless (F16) WHHE, Katy, Tx	32:33
25) Jonathan Aguilar (M10) South Texas WC	33:53
26) Dianita Flores (F16) South Texas WC	35:07
27) Desiree Espericueta (F12) South Texas WC	35:15
28) Katrina Aggelopoulos (F54) Sinton, TX	36:24
29) Norman Izard (M78) Weslaco, TX	36:58
30) Ryan Hernandez (M10) South Texas WC	38:44
31) Abisa Aguilar (M13) South Texas WC	39:55
32) Olga Bazan (F58) McAllen, TX	43:04
33) Joe Castor (M65) Carvieter, KS	44:08
34) Gracie Olabarriete (F53) Pharr, TX	45:47
35) Brenda Rodriguez (F39) Mercedes, TX	47:20
36) Connie Haluska (F61) McAllen, TX	48:10
37) Thelma Lanfrancz (F58) Pharr, TX	48:11