

Jane Kibii and Nico Montanez Win 2019 Credit Union SACTOWN Run

Race raises over \$200,000 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

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SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The 2019 SACTOWN Run, organized by the Sacramento Running Association and sponsored by credit unions from California and Nevada, raised over \$200,000 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, including Sacramento's UC Davis Children's Hospital.

Nearly 2,000 runners took to the streets of Sacramento on Sunday morning for the Children's Hospital Miracle Mile, the SACTOWN 5k and the SACTOWN 10-mile races.

The event's featured race, the 10-miler, saw returning champion **Jane Kibii** of Auburn, Calif. defend her title, while **Nico Montanez** of Mammoth Lakes, Calif. improved upon his 2018 runner-up finish to capture his first SACTOWN Run win.

Kibii has now won six SACTOWN 10-mile titles in the event's nine-year history (2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019).

Kibii separated herself from the rest of the women's field from the start, coming through the five-mile halfway split in 27:22, with **Kaylee Flanagan** of Louisville, Colo. and **Molly Grabill** of Boulder, Colo. running together through halfway in 27:51.

Kibii would go on to cross the finish line in first in 55:18, Flanagan second in 55:57 and Grabill third in 56:17.

"I'm really fortunate to have the support of the Sacramento Running Association and the Sacramento running community," said Kibii. "It means a lot to me to win this race because it's a way to give back to the SRA and the city that supports me. Thank you!"

The men's race had four runners distance themselves from the rest of the pack early on, with **Seth Totten** of Santa Barbara, Calif. leading the group through the first five miles in 24:15. Montanez made a move just past halfway to separate himself from the group, with only **William Reyes** of Chico, Calif. able to cover the move.

Montanez would prove to be the best on the day, crossing the finish line first in 48:36 after battling with Reyes over the second half of the race. Reyes secured a runner-up finish in his first SACTOWN appearance, running 49:02, with third place finisher CJ Albertson of Fresno, Calif. close behind in 49:06

“It felt good to come out here and finally win this race,” said Montanez. “I’m super appreciative for guys like Seth Totten and Will Reyes for making the race an honest one—it brought out the best in me.”

The event served as the 10-mile championship for USA Track & Field’s Pacific Association. Unofficial scoring looks to have the SRA Elite women and the HOKA ONE ONE Aggies men winning the team titles.

Morgan Gonzales of Folsom, Calif won the women’s 5k in 18:24. **Jedidiah Soliz** of Carmicheal, Calif. won the men’s 5k in 16:26.

Credit Unions for Kids (CU4Kids) is the brand under which America’s credit unions and affiliated organizations fundraise for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. To date, credit unions have raised more than \$170 million since the introduction of the CU4Kids program in 1996.

Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals is an affiliation of children’s hospitals throughout the country. Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals treat more than 17 million patients each year, including 98 percent of all children needing heart or lung transplants and 88 percent of all children with cancer. Each year these non-profit hospitals provide state-of-the-art care, cutting edge research and preventative health education.

The Sacramento Running Association (SRA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding ways to encourage people of all ages and abilities to run. The SRA is committed to developing new, quality running events that appeal to a broad variety of runners.

Other SRA events include the recently completed Super Sunday Run, the Gold Country Half on May 19, 2019, the Capital Cross Challenge on September 29, 2019, the Youth XC Series in October, the Run the Parkway on November 10, 2019 and the California International Marathon on December 8, 2019.

Credit Union SACTOWN 10 Mile Results

Sunday, April 7

Men:

1. Nico Montanez - 48:36
2. William Reyes - 49:02
3. CJ Albertson - 49:06
4. Malcolm Richards - 49:38
5. Jack Polerecky - 50:09

Women:

1. Jane Kibii - 55:18
2. Kaylee Flanagan - 55:57
3. Molly Grabill - 56:17
4. Hannah Dorman - 57:09
5. Teresa McWalters - 57:17

Link to full results: runsactown.org