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SAN ANTONIO COUPLE "DAUM"-INATES INAUGURAL TEXAS10 BOERNE FIELDS

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (April 1, 2014) – Boerne's **Moses Luevano** had his race bib turned upside down and was sporting the retro Boerne singlet from Champion High's 2009 Nike Cross Nationals championship team.

Not that the 22-year-old former Stephen F. Austin State University student-athlete needed any extra mojo with San Antonio's **Jeremy Daum** on the start line.

While Luevano, who lost the lead before the 20-mile mark of November's San Antonio Rock 'N' Roll Marathon to Arlington, Virginia's Michael Wardian, finished second in an impressive debut marathon time of 2:34:44, Daum lurked behind in third -- finishing in 2:39:37.

It was nothing more than a tune-up for the 28-year-old Daum, who posted a personal best, 2:24:23 at January's Chevron Houston Marathon where he was 19th overall -- and the first Texan -- in a stacked field.

Daum, though, on Sunday in Boerne, led Luevano out hard and made the teardrop loop by the Patrick Heath Public Library with the fastest five-mile split -- 26:15 -- in the short six-race history of the young Texas 10 Series.

Luevano was 15 seconds behind, but Daum kept his feet on the gas on the second loop to take the inaugural Texas10 Boerne in a Series record time of 52:57, eclipsing the 53:50 mark set by fellow San Antonio native **Erik Burciaga** at last September's inaugural Texas10 Katy.

Daum captured the winning prize of \$150 as well as an additional \$75 going to the first male runner to reach the 5-mile split.

Luevano was second, 32 seconds behind in 53:29, while San Antonio's **Michael Merwarth**, 41, out legged Lufkin's **Blake Kemp**, 22, for third by seven seconds in 1:03:34.

Meanwhile, without the pre-registered Texas10 College Station winner **Stephanie Slekis** in the field, Jeremy's wife, Emily, didn't quite need to harness all of the speed that allowed her to win three consecutive USA Space City 10-Mile races in Houston from 2010-2012.

The four-time All-American at Trinity University, where she's now the assistant cross country and track and field coach, came through the first loop in 32:41 – seventh overall, but the first female to hit the five-mile split and earn \$75.

The 27-year-old Daum then passed four men on the second loop with a 30:28 effort that allowed her to win the inaugural Texas10 Boerne in 1:03:10 and the top prize of \$150.



Boerne's **Lauren Haney**, the former National Merit Scholar who ran for Comal Smithson Valley, was second overall with an evenly-paced effort of 1:08:28 while San Antonio's **Kristin Neal**, 31, was third in 1:09:09.

Merwarth and January's USA Fit Marathon winner **Erica Cahill**, 48, of The Woodlands, were the masters' winners in 1:03:34 and 1:14:13, respectively.

Former Northside Taft High School long jumper **Jeremy Rawlings**, 22, of San Antonio and Boerne Runners' **Karen Wohlrabe**, 59, of Boerne, won the companion 5-mile race in 35:16 and 38:59, respectively.

Sunday's age group winners in the marquee 10-mile event earned a free entry to the 2015 Texas10 Boerne and 17 points in the Series' Armadillo Cup competition, which awards the top three runners in 26 different age groups – 13 male and female – up to \$14,300 in age group prize money at the end of the Series.

All running clubs and training groups – for finishing all three races, including the 5-miler and the Lil Texas Kid's Race – earned points in the Series' Ten-Gallon Club Cup competition.

Runners from five organizations – Volte Endurance Training, The Woodlands Running Club, We Run San Antonio, Seven Hills Running Club and Cypress Running Club -- dominated pre-registration and turned out Sunday in an effort to take home \$3,250 for their groups this year.

Boerne resident **Jody Wyse** led the race in an invocation before the playing of the National Anthem.

Participants were supported on the course by volunteers from the Aquatic Science class at Boerne High School and Shared Beat, a Boerne-based organization providing healthy futures for children and families in Guatemala through basic healthcare, prevention and education.

The Texas 10 Series heads back to the greater Houston area for the second annual Texas10 Huntsville on Sunday, April 13th.

Online registration for all future events, results from past events and details of the Armadillo and Ten-Gallon Club Cup competitions is available at www.texas10series.com.

About Texas 10 Race Management, LLC

Founded in 2012 and located in The Woodlands, Texas 10 Race Management, LLC, combines the talents and expertise of some of the best event producers in the nation. Texas 10 Race Management, LLC aims to provide local running communities with a new premier running event and series. Our mission is to promote the advancement of running while supporting the community with positive economic impact, healthy initiatives and educational benefits.

About Boerne

Nestled in the magnificent setting of the Texas Hill Country, Boerne (pronounced "Bur-nee") is only minutes north of San Antonio, via Interstate 10. A stroll down Hauptstrasse (Main Street in German) through Boerne's charming historic district offers a world of specialty shops including great antiques, fine home accessories, unique gift items, trendy boutiques, and jewelry and art galleries. Year round parades, festivals and cultural events fill the air with music and merriment. Boerne offers 475 sleeping accommodations, including hotel chains, quaint bed and breakfasts, historic hotels and a



destination resort with a conference center. A visit to Boerne is not complete without sampling the unique cuisine, ranging from Texas barbeque and home style cooking to fine dining.

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