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## Ethiopians capture Race Against Racism

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A record turnout, perfect running weather and a palpable sense of community were on display Saturday at Musser Park for the 13th running of the Race Against Racism, a 5k run that helps fund the Lancaster YWCA's local racial justice initiatives.

Ethiopian runner Ketema Nigusse was the winner of the race, completing the course in 15:06 and besting countrymen Demesse Tefera and Seiff Geletu, who finished second and fourth in 15:17 and 15:33, respectively.

Former Millersville All-American Mark Stallings, of Washington Boro, was the top local male

finisher, placing third in 15:22.

On the women's side, Tezata Dangnrsa, also of Ethiopia, took the victory and the \$500 winnings by completing the course in 16:58.

Dangnrsa appreciated the event, saying "I'm very happy with my time. I heard about the race and knew I could run a good time here."

Keneni Chala was second in 18:20, just ahead of Messiah graduate and Wormleysburg resident Sayard Tanis in 18:25.

Last year's female runner-up Lynn Knothe, of Wilmington, Del., was fourth in 19:21, and Lancaster's Angela Myers was fifth.

Despite ideal weather — a slight breeze and cool temperatures — the times were slightly slower



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Runners move down East Chestnut Street at the start of the YWCA's Race Against Racism.

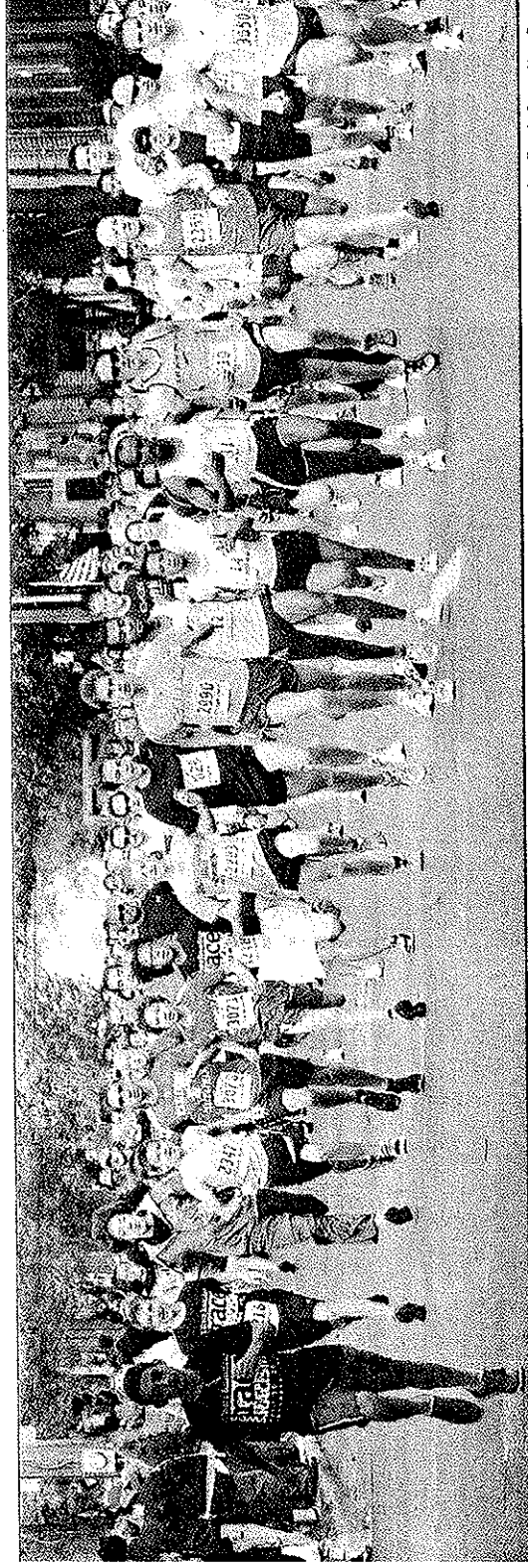


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### ETHIOPIAN SWEEP:

Race Against Racism attracts more than 3,600. C1





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East Chestnut Street was crowded with runners at the start of the Race Against Racism.

# Race: Ethiopians claim wins in Race Against Racism

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han in the 2010 edition. The more deliberate pace is likely due to the fact that today is the 10-mile Broad Street Run in Philadelphia. Typically, these two events do not occur on back-to-back days, with the Race Against Racism falling on the final Saturday of April and the Broad Street Run scheduled for May's first Sunday.

Nigusse, a four-time participant in the IAAF World Cross-Country Championships, will be competing in the Broad Street Run, where he was runner-up in 2010. "I treated today more like a training run because I'm racing tomorrow," Nigusse explained.

Stallings, who was fourth in this race last year, noticed the slower pace immediately. "We went out slower than I expected, about five minutes through the first mile. I've run here where we've gone through in 4:30."

Stallings was in a pack with Nigusse, Kefera and Geletu for the first portion of the race, before fall-

ing behind the top two finishers. "I felt like they were sitting on me," Stallings said, "but I feel like I ran a solid time based on how we went out."

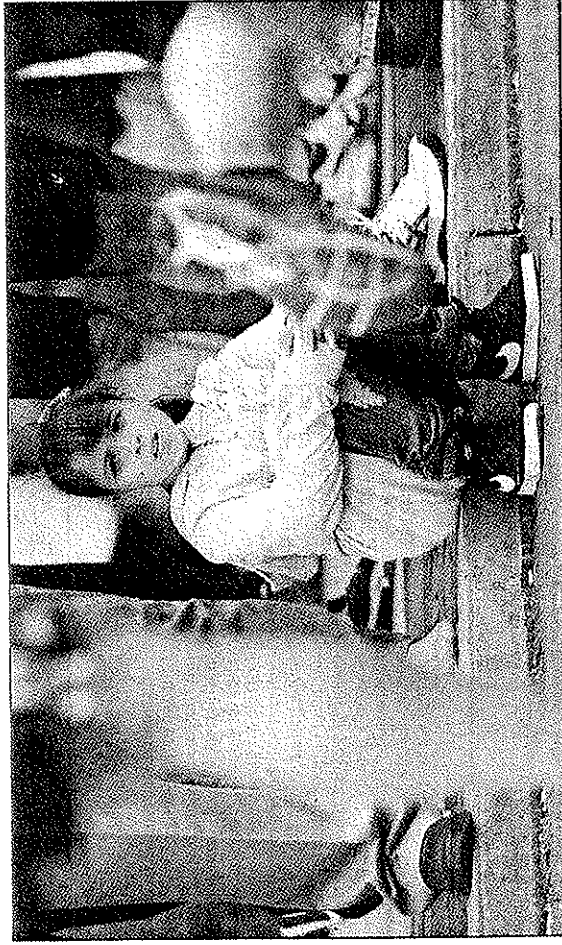
Now 30, Stallings has larger goals for this season. He will be heading to Fargo, N.D., on May 21 to compete in a half marathon with the intent of qualifying for the 2012 Olympic Marathon Trials.

If Stallings can run a 1:05:00 half marathon, he will be eligible for the trials in Houston in January.

Not every runner Saturday has goals as high as Stallings. Myers, the top Lancaster finisher of the women, was happy simply to improve upon last year. "This was my second time (in the Race Against Racism)," she said. "I wanted to beat my time from last year, which I did." Myers was eighth among women in 2010 in 20:46, and fifth in 19:46 this year.

Wendy Kimmel of Lancaster (19:49) and Evan Sandt of Conestoga (17:35) were the top masters finishers Saturday.

Overall, there were 3,643 registered participants for the race and



Azhae Saez, 9, watches as the runners go by in the Race Against Racism.

the corresponding 5k walk, about 300 more than the 2010 event. A total of 1,432 runners completed the race.

The race is part of day-long festivities at Musser Park held to fight the ills of racism.

John Jascoll, chief development officer of the Lancaster YWCA and race director, said, "[This] is a wonderful opportunity for individuals and the community as a whole to stand up and express their



Tezeta Dangursa was the first female finisher, in 16:58.

abhorrence for racism."

YWCA Chief Executive Officer Maureen Powers was pleased with the record attendance. "I think it shows a growing awareness that racism still exists in the community, and that people want to make a statement that they do not support racism," she said.

In addition to a historically high number of participants, the event also drew a record

number of corporate teams competing, which Powers attributed to "awareness at a higher level."

Event Co-Chair Kelly Kirk-Wentzel called the turnout "awe-inspiring." She continued, "It's wonderful to have a large group of like-minded individuals come together for an amazing cause."

The Lancaster Race Against Racism is the longest-running YWCA event of its kind in the world.

The event funds the YWCA's racial justice initiatives, which include anti-bias curriculums, customized training sessions, a three-day workshop about confronting racism and guided group discussions about issues related to racism. ■

**RUNNING**

**Race Against Racism**

5k

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**Top 25 Males**

1. Ketema Nigusse, 15:06;
2. Demesse Tefera, 15:17;
3. Mark Stallings, 15:22;
4. Seiff Geletu, 15:33;
5. Bob Dressler, 16:15;
6. Justin Krebs, 16:27;
7. Nick Mouselis, 16:47;
8. Bryan Grill, 17:01;
9. Mark Amway, 17:15;
10. Connor Zimmerman, 17:19;
11. Evan Sandt, 17:35;
12. Tyler Rivera, 17:35;
13. Greg Cauller, 17:38;
14. Nick Fanning, 17:41;
15. Ian Maffett, 17:43;
16. Eric Williams, 17:46;
17. Rick Kerns, 17:53;
18. Evan Williams, 17:56;
19. Ian Auman, 17:59;
20. Matt Zimmerman, 18:10;
21. Corey Fogleman, 18:31;
22. Bill Boben, 18:33;
23. Tanner Hilton, 18:39;
24. Randall Wever, 18:40;
25. Dwight Yoder, 18:45.

**Top 25 Females**

1. Tezata Dangnrsa, 16:58;
2. Keneri Chala, 18:20;
3. Sayard Tanis, 18:25;
4. Lynn Knothe, 19:21;
5. Angela Myers, 19:46;
6. Wendy Kimmel, 19:49;
7. Diana Widdowson, 20:30;
8. Greta Stoner, 21:03;
9. Andrea Kramer, 21:12;
10. Lori Kerr, 21:22;
11. Christina Fidler, 21:34;
12. Kelly Fogleman, 21:44;
13. Martha Boben, 21:55;
14. Michelle Chaffin, 21:58;
15. Heather Hoffman, 22:31;
16. Paige Miller, 22:41;
17. Margaret Gasser, 22:49;
18. Mary Rice, 22:49;
19. Felicia Chirico, 22:51;
20. Maureen McGeehin, 22:57;
21. Erika Echternach, 23:02;
22. Nichole Hill, 23:09;
23. Megan Reese, 23:11;
24. Jessica Conrad, 23:18;
25. Carolyn Mastropietro, 23:19.

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