

# Tejada, Roghi secure 2nd wins of season

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RIYADH — Adolfo Tejada and Claudine Roghi secured their second wins of the Riyadh Road Runners' 2013-2014 season at Salwa Compound Friday.

Tejada and Roghi had recorded wins in the 5-mile race in December, and they once again showed their prowess in the shorter events to win the second installment of the 10km series.

The manner in which they won the male and female races did differ however. Tejada led from start to finish to win in an impressive time of 40:19. Through 5km in a mere 9:30, it looked as if a sub-40 minute finish was in the cards, however, the second half of the race saw him slow down slightly, potentially due to the lack of top class rivals.

Roghi had to come from behind for the victory, as Deborah Karakesisoglu struggled to maintain the form that saw her to victory in the half

marathon and the previous 5-km race. Karakesisoglu led after the first lap, but Roghi had closed the gap by the halfway point. Kiwi Roghi began to pull away, increasing the gap to 1:11 and eventually winning in a time of 48:55 to Karakesisoglu's 50:06. Adriana Anderson finished third, with Kate Scott hot on her heels.

In the men's race, Abdul Mohsin Al Hashim, representing Saudi Arabia, took second place in a highly respectable time of 41:30, with Russ McArthur finishing third in 44:44, struggling somewhat to replicate his early season form in the aftermath of some time out in Australia.

Other performances of note included that of Elmer Bool, who beat the time he ran in September's 10-km race by an astonishing 16 minutes, and Lana Al Soufi, who ran 57:33 meaning she smashed her personal best by nearly 7 minutes. Matti Aalto also ran a good race, dominating the Senior category once more and proving that age is no barrier to speed!



Adolfo Tejada (R) coming up to lap another rival



Matti Aalto (No. 81) and Mukhtar Murtaza