

Venkateshwar, Saraswati beat rain, opponents

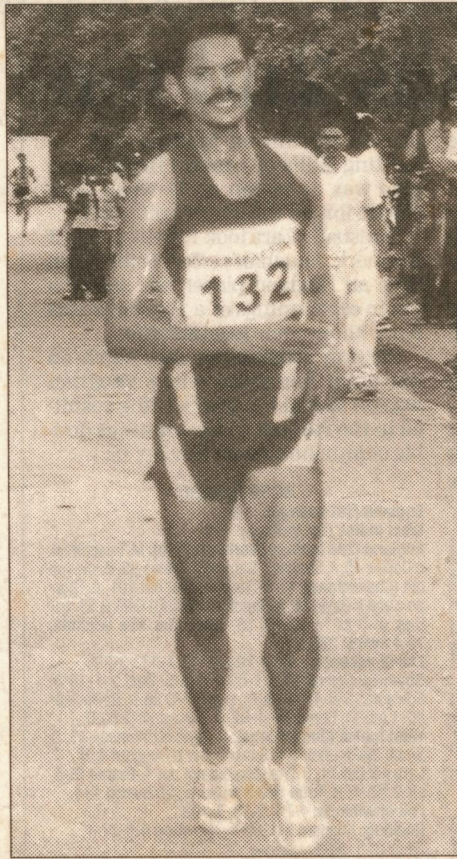
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Hyderabad: The rains did not dampen the spirits of the athletes, who braved the intermittent downpour and took part in the third series of the Hyderabad road races sponsored by the Hyderabad 10K Foundation at the Osmania University campus, here on Sunday.

Though the weather was gloomy, the participants made up for it by their spirited display. Participants as young as six years to the older ones in the 50 plus category braved the sharp drizzle to come up with some outstanding performances.

Venkateshwar Rao of Andhra Pradesh Postal won the men's 5-km race with a time of 14:48 seconds. Rao did not face much of a challenge as his competitors failed to keep pace with the leader. Pradeep Kumar of Boys Sports Company came in second and Ajay Kumar of SAI Hostel was third.

Saraswati of SAI Hostel claimed honours in the women's 3-km race. Like Rao, she took virtually went unchallenged. Saraswati completed her race in 11:11 sec-



Venkateshwar Rao of AP Postal and Saraswati of SAI Hostel, who won the 10K Foundation Hyderabad road races, on the home stretch at the Osmania University campus on Sunday.

onds. Vijay Laxmi of RRC and M Keerti of 10K Foundation came in second and third respectively.

Shantesh and Surender Singh of Boys Sports Company won the boys under-16 and 13 races, while Durgesh of Lions Club ran away with the title in the under-10 race.

In the girls' section, BV Sirisha of Bhavan's Junior College won the U-16 race, while Bhavani of 10K Foundation and Rajya Laxmi of St Martin claimed the U-13 and U-10 titles.

Results: Men: Venkateshwar Rao (AP Postal, 14:48), Pradeep Kumar (Boys Sports Company), Ajay Kumar (SAI Hostel). Veteran men: P Raju (10K Foundation, 7:35), Soundar Rajan (SBI), Venkateshwarlu (Central Excise). **Boys U-16 years:** Shantesh (Boys Sports Company, 8:53), Sai Kiran (10K Foundation), Rakesh (Boys Sports Company). U-13: Surender Singh (Boys Sports Company, 7:00), SK Khaleel (10K Foundation), K Srinivas (10K Foundation). U-10: Durgesh (Lions Club, 7:42), Kranti Kumar (Shiv Mandir), Sai Kiran (St Martin).

Women: Saraswati (SAI Hostel, 11:11), Vijay Laxmi (RRC), M Keerti (10K Foundation). Veteran women: Lavanya (Hyd, 14:48), Srisila (Hyd), Subba Laxmi (Hyd).

Girls U-16: BV Sirisha (Bhavan's JC, 11:35), Deepthi Krishna (St Martin), Rajya Laxmi (10K Foundation). U-13: Bhavani (10K Foundation, 7:32), M Shruti (10K Foundation), Yogitha (St Martin). U-10: Rajya Laxmi (St Martin, 8:47), Shabnam (Apollonia HS), Sandhya (10K Foundation).