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1-2 punch helps Lady Texans tie for share of NJCAA Half-Marathon Championship

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Marietta, Ga. – After earning All-American awards one week ago at the NJCAA Cross Country Championships, Darroneshia Lott and Kirsten Taylor were the top two finishers to cross the finish line of the NJCAA Half-Marathon Championships. The feat not only earned the duo an additional NJCAA All-American award, but also led the Lady Texans to a tie of the championship, finishing with only 12 points. The championship marks the 26th NJCAA Championship South Plains College has won in men's and women's cross country, half-marathon, indoor, and outdoor track and field.

Lott's time of 1 hour, 25 minutes and 30.96 seconds was just ahead of Taylor's runner-up time of 1:25:51.25. Michaela Johnson finished ninth in 1:31:39.43 to assure the Lady Texans a share of the title.

Britney Shedd also ran, completing the 13.1 mile course in 1:38:30.36 for a 29th place finish.

The Texans team total of 46 points was good for third overall in the men's team race. Isacc Placencia led the SPC men with a 10th place finish and a 1:11:56.86 clocking. Joey Villarreal (1:13:01.74) and Jonathan Lira (1:13:14.25) rounded out the team scoring finishing 20th and 21st overall. Bretton Villarreal (1:15:26.17) was the fourth Texan to cross the line, finishing 42nd. Kemoy Campbell (1:28:16.08), the Texan front runner all year, struggled to a 90th place finish.

The NJCAA Half-Marathon Championships will conclude the fall cross country schedule. Attention will now turn to track and field as South Plains College will begin their indoor schedule in January.

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