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New National Record set by Tonya Nero at the Rotterdam Marathon



Trinidad and Tobago marathon runner Tonya Nero ran a time of 2hours 43minutes and 14 seconds placing 22nd overall in the ladies category at the ABN AMRO Rotterdam Marathon in the Netherlands on Sunday 15th April 2012.

Tonya set a new national record, breaking the previous record that was held by her mother Cyrelene Nero (3:05.16)

Tonya's Splits: 5k---17:26, 15k---53:42, 20k---1:12:33,

Half Marathon---1:16:48, 25k---1:31:48, 30k---1:51:24, 35k--2:11:13, 40k---2:32:46

Her previous Half Marathon best was 1:15:40

Tonya Nero's first Marathon was the Dallas White Rock (Dec 2011) time 3:08, an improvement by 26 minutes.

The women's race was won by Tiki Gelana who beat the Rotterdam record. The Ethiopian athlete finished in the Coolsingel in 2.18.58, the fastest worldwide time this year so far. The old Rotterdam record was held by the Kenyan Tegla Loroupe, who in 1998 completed the marathon on 2.20.47. Gelana had standing as a personal record 2.22.01.

At the second position at the finish line was 36-year-old Italian mother of two Valeria Straneo in 2h23:44. She achieved the Italian Marathon record and qualifies for the Olympic Games.

In the men category Yemane Adhane of Ethiopia won the Rotterdam Marathon in 2 hours, 4 minutes and 48 seconds.