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Tapia Breaks Into Top 10 At Boston Marathon; Finishes As Second American

(Colorado Springs, CO) - Daniel Tapia (SRA Elite) was patient in the early stages of Monday's Boston Marathon and that patience payed off as he moved up from the chase pack to finish in 9th-place and as the second fastest American on the day.

Tapia, who posted a personal best of 2:14:30, earned \$5,200 for his efforts and put himself on the short-list for possible selection to the US national team for the World Championships to be held in Moscow, Russia, in August. His time significantly bettered the "A" standard of 2:17:00 necessary for selection.

Including Tapia, the Americans had an impressive day with three placing in the top 10 with Jason Hartman in 5th and Craig Leon in 10th, an accomplishment that has only happened twice in the last thirteen years at Boston. On a day that provided slow times across the board, Lelisa Desisa of Ethiopia won in 2:10:22, well off the course record of 2:03:02.

Top 10 Results:

1 Desisa, Lelisa (ETH)	02:10:22
2 Kogo, Micah (KEN)	02:10:27
3 Gebremariam, Gebregziabher (ETH)	02:10:28
4 Hartmann, Jason (USA)	02:12:12
5 Korir, Wesley (KEN)	02:12:30
6 Geneti, Markos (ETH)	02:12:44
7 Chumba, Dickson (KEN)	02:14:08
8 Hunt, Jeffrey (AUS)	02:14:28
9 Tapia, Daniel (USA)	02:14:30
10 Leon, Craig (USA)	02:14:38