Bloomsday 199

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Results for Bloomsday 1994

John Keating

Time: 43:53 **Place: 196**

Ran the race with a pace of 05:53 per mile.

May 1, 1994

Registered: 60,037

Finished: 55,195

This is the first year runners cross the new T.J. Meenach Bridge. Wheelchair racers Craig Blanchette and Jean Driscoll again set course records. Josphat Machuka and Olga Appell win the men's and women's elite races.

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Early in the year, the LBA moves to a new office along the course at 1610 W. Riverside in a building overlooking Peaceful Valley. Construction elsewhere sees the completion of renovation of the T.J. Meenach Bridge in time for it to be used by Bloomies. Entries reach 60,037, only 67 short of the record set in 1991. Finishers total 55,195, also just shy of the record. In a Bloomsday first, a 19-yearold male runner is attacked by a goose before the race in Riverfront Park. He (the runner) is treated and released. Josphat Machuka outduels Armando Quintanilla over the final half mile for the first of his back-to-back victories. To highlight female competition, start of the elite women is moved to 8:45, 15 minutes before the men's elite start. Olga Appell becomes only the second woman to break 39 minutes as she posts a 38:57 victory (adjusted time reflecting course mismeasurement). Craig Blanchette and Jean Driscoll win again, both setting wheelchair course records. The men's wheelchair race goes down to the wire, and Paul Wiggins files a protest alleging that Blanchette cut him off. The protest is overruled. Coverage of Bloomsday '94 is aired nationally on two different ESPN shows. Later in the year, Ken Spiering's poster showing the Bloomsday finish line in a collage of styles of eight different artists is selected by Runner's World magazine as the best poster of 1994.

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