

Bloomsday 1997

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Results for Bloomsday 1997

John M Keating

Time: 44:44 Place: 179

- Ran the race with a pace of 06:00 per mile.

May 4, 1997

Registered: 55,270

Finished: 49,467

181 Bloomsday finishers run the race on their birthday, the largest group ever. 92-year-old Grace Reynolds completes the race in three hours and 26 minutes. Runners from St. Albert, Alberta, clock the fastest times with an average of one hour, 20 minutes. Blackfeet Indian youths from Browning, Mont., members of the Running Start for Blackfeet Youth program, run their 10th Bloomsday race. The five Harvala sisters, ranging in age from 71 to 88, walk Bloomsday together. Spokane runner Kim Jones wins the women's division for the first time in eight attempts. Lazarus Nyakeraka repeats from 1996 to win the men's division. Paul Wiggins and Jean Driscoll again place first in the wheelchair divisions.

Bloomsday adds online registration as an option for entrants, becoming one of the first races in the nation to do so. Entries reach 55,270, and finishers total 49,467. The aftermath of Ice Storm '96 is reflected in Ken Spiering's poster, which shows a sculptor carving runners out of fallen trees. The Spokesman-Review reports that five Harvala sisters, ranging in age from 71 to 88, walk Bloomsday together, and that Blackfeet Indian youths from Browning, Montana, members of the Running Start for Blackfeet Youth program, run their 10th Bloomsday. Patrick Tabak proposes to his girlfriend by holding a sign on the hillside above Doomsday Hill saying, "I love you, Becky McKimmey. Will you marry me?" In elite competition, Lazarus Nyakeraka repeats as champion, but only after Jon Brown loses his place among the leaders twice when he has to stop to tie his shoelace. Kim Jones wins the women's division for the first time in eight attempts, becoming the first Spokane resident, male or female, to win Bloomsday. In wheelchair competition, Paul Wiggins and Jean Driscoll repeat as race winners, Driscoll for the ninth time.

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