

Diez wins Lee Kantor run; Monahan 1st female, Sabogal-Mora, Kearns 2d-



Joan Monahan repeats as women's YMCA champion



Theresa Coffey Cassells, comes back for 3rd



Phil Toop is third in YMCA Race



Henry Diez breaks the tape

Henry Diez, of the West Side YMCA won the Lee Kantor Memorial Y Championship Run, Saturday, in 25:15, covering the five mile Central Park course nine seconds ahead of runner-up and teammate Cesar Sabogal-Mora. Sabogal Mora was the defending champion in the event.

Joan Monahan of the WSY and Susan Kearns of the Vanderbilt Y repeated as winner and runner-up. The two ran neck and neck for most of the race and they both broke Theresa Coffey's course record of 31:43 set in 1982. Joan won in 31:14 and Susan was second in 31:30.

Twentyfive members of the Achilles TC competed with four wheelchair competitors sweeping the race in what may have been the strongest wheelchair competition ever in Central Park. Several guests who are in town for the Olympic Games for the Disabled dominated from the beginning and in a very close battle, Peter Trotter of Achilles-Australia edged out Jim Martinson, from Washington state, in 21:27 to 21:28.

Melody Williamson of Los Angeles, competing for Achilles, was the first woman wheelchair in 21:51. The Achilles TC, founded by Dick Traum, entered participants in four categories — wheelchair, crutches, ambulatory, and novice.

Third male overall was Phil Toop of WSY in a PR of 25:33 followed by Edwin Cosme, WSY, in 25:50. Theresa Coffey Cassells, former course record holder, of Vanderbilt was third woman in 33:35



Start of the Lee Kantor YMCA 5 Mile

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followed by her teammate, Kathleen Lyons in 33:38 and Audrey Spierling, WSY, in 33:49.

West Side Y swept the first 17 places in the men's division, winning the team title over the McBurney YMCA. Vanderbilt Y edged out WSY for the women's championship.

Men overall: Henry Diez, WSY, 25:14; Open: Cesar Sabogal-Mora, WSY, 25:23; 2. Phil Toop, WSY, 25:33; 3. Edwin Cosme, WSY, 25:50; 4. Jorge Baez, WSY, 26:06; 5. Edgar Ramos, WSY, 26:21; 6. Remaldo Gonzalez, WSY, 26:21; 7. Gabriel Ramirez, WSY, 26:27; 8. Cesar Hernandez, WSY, 27:36; Subvet: 1. Hector Vargas, WSY, 26:02; 2. Edgar "Fantasma" Sandoval, WSY, 27:29; 3. Hank Pach, WSY, 27:38; 4. Adrian Ramos, WSY, 28:34; 5. Martin Bunn, WSY, 28:35; 6. Jose Rodriguez, WSY, 28:38; 7. Gabriel Ramirez, WSY, 28:40; 8. Cesar Hernandez, WSY, 29:31; 3. David Lilly, McBurney, 30:11; 4. Eli Colon, WSY, 30:18; Masters: William Schwartz, 92nd St. Y, 52:00; 2. John Lynch, Vanderbilt, 32:36; Senior: Peter Mahta, WSY, 33:15; 80 plus: Samuel McConna, WSY (age 84), 53:36; Juniors: Jim Sadowsky, WSY, 35:00; 1. David Howell, 32:51

Women overall: Joan "Juanma" McMahon, WSY, 31:14; Open: Susan Kearns, Vanderbilt, 31:30; 2. Theresa Cassells, Vanderbilt, 33:35; 3. Marianne Jeffreys, WSY, 34:50; 4. Suzanne Enriquez, WSY, 37:10; Subvet: Kathleen Lyons, Vanderbilt, 33:38; 2. Audrey Spierling, WSY, 33:49; 3. Carmen Otero, WSY, 37:14; 4. Debra Califia, WSY, 38:27; 5. Erma Colon, WSY, 38:42; 6. Judith Lewis, WSY, 39:37.

Vets: 1. Esther Marcus, McBurney, 37:57; 2. Marge Skaggs, WSY, 38:06; Masters: 1. Julie Economou, WSY, 45:24; Juniors: 1. Mercedes Diez, WSY, 34:48; Racewalk: Maggie Richards, WSY, 75:04.

Achilles awards: Wheelchair men: Peter Trotter, 21:23; Women: Melody Williamson, 21:51; Crutches men: Mike Pucci, Achilles, 1:28:14; Women: Linda Down, Achilles, 1:18; Ambulatory men: Dennis Kendrick, 1:00:22; Women: Yvonne Myvest, 59:35; Novice: Hugh Hap Palmer, 1:39:02; Best PRs: (tie) Sandy Davidson, Achilles, 1:39:02; Anne Francis, Achilles, 1:17:13 (wheelchair).

FOOTNOTES: Many of the NYKRC regulars were on hand to help out in the race including Joe Kleinerman, Ann DeGroff, Lou White, and Mamie Phillips. Katerina Barker of the WSY was race director. Bill Starr was the emcee.