

1998 Big Butte Challenge

Saturday, 18 April – Tenth Time a Charm for Kaluza.



Montana Tech hydro-geology professor Marvin Speece crests Big Butte on his way to his fourth consecutive victory in the Big Butte Challenge 11K.

As has become tradition, Rufus Whitaker of the YMCA directed simultaneous 9 a.m. starts for today's Big Butte Challenge 5K and 11K races, before the two groups of runners headed in opposite directions on the road behind Montana Tech's HPER Building. All races ended at the gate of the World Museum of Mining.

Marvin Speece of Butte won his fourth consecutive Big Butte 11K in 45:53, and Sherry Vogel, also of Butte won the female 11K for the second time in 59:13.

Ten times in a row Butte's distance queen, Susan Kaluza, has now won the Big Butte 5K, and during that streak, Kaluza has also placed highly among the men's field, a feat previously highlighted by two overall 2nd place finishes. Kaluza placed third behind two men in last year's race, and just two seconds behind the second man, Bozeman's Leon Shearman. This year, Kaluza pulled a 'switch-a-roo' on Shearman and beat him by 45 seconds for her first outright victory over all comers, male and female alike. Kaluza timed in 20:21, and Sherman won the male division in 21:06

Breakdown of Race Finishers				
Race	5K	11K	1M	Total
Females	20	5		25
Males	7	17		24
Total	27	22	?	49

5K Females Overall: 1, Susan Kaluza, 20:21; 2, Magdalena Pesanti, 27:33; 3, Brittany Quinn, Butte, 27:37; 4, Sandy Antonich, Butte, 33:25; 5, Kim Hueftle, 33:29; 6, Cheryl Peterslie, 33:37; 7, Gabrielle Antonioli, Butte, 37:35; 8, Alexandra Antonioli, Butte, 39:40; 9, Erin Popovich, Butte, 42:17; 10, Marie Cook, Butte, 42:18; 11, Donetta Fallon, 46:08.

13-18: Kim Hueftle, Butte, 33:29.

30-39: 1, Susan Kaluza, Butte, 20:21; Cheryl Peterslie, Butte, 33:37.

60+: Donetta Fallon, Clancy, 46:08.

5K Walk: Casey Golden; Debi Harrington; Devin Harrington; Brooke Hueftle; Karen Hueftle; Shera Konen; Kris Miller; Julie Marki; Beth Shaw.

5K Males Overall: 1, Leon Shearman, 21:06; 2, Bob Topling, Butte, 21:47, 3, Bruce Robinson, 23:01; 4, Jim Quinn, Butte, 5, Jim Larson, Belgrade, 27:47; 6, Mike McCarthy, Butte, 28:49; 7, Fred Fallon, Clancy, 29:38.

50-59: 1, Leon Shearman, Bozeman, 21:06; 2, Bruce Robinson, Butte, 25:14.

11K Females Overall: 1, Sherry Vogel, 59:13; 2, Nola Cassidy, Butte, 1:11:04; 3, Melissa Morin, Butte, 1:23:55.

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11K Walk: Julie Bury; Nancy Lester.

11K Males Overall: 1, Marvin Speece, 45:53; 2, Dave Mueller, 49:59; 3, Jim Ryan, Jr., 51:41; 4, Chris Anderson, 52:17; 5, Anthony Tangaro, Butte, 52:46; 6, John Tomich, Butte, 53:47; 7, Jim Woy, Butte, 55:49; 8, Larry Driscoll, Butte, 58:03; 9, Kirivan Webb, Butte, 58:05; 10, Dan Mueller, Butte, 58:14; 11, Joe Griffin, Butte, 58:55; 12, Steve VanWoy, Butte, 1:00:13; 13, Mark Morin, Butte, 1:01:23; 14, James Hueftle, Butte, 1:05:20; 15, Pete Madison, Butte, 1:07:28; 16, Tim Mueller, Butte, 1:08:28; 17, John Wulf & Daisy the dog, Butte, 1:10:28.

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