

1986 Big Butte Run

Saturday, 26 April – Wintery weather too tough for track meet but just right for Big Butte Run.



Former Butte resident Tony Banovich pushes up Heartbreak Hill nearing another 5K victory.



13 year old, Heather LaFontaine of Deer Lodge wins the women's 5K.

Snow, rain and cold weather caused several area track meets to be canceled on Saturday, including a junior high meet in Dillon which freed seventh grade runner Heather LaFontaine of Deer Lodge to compete in the Big Butte Run 5K, and she won the event in 21:32, 33 seconds faster than runner-up Joan Downey of Butte. Defending 5K champion Maggie Smith of Butte finished third in the event today with a time of 22:16. Last year, Smith established the still standing 5K course record of 20:41. LaFontaine said she tried to push hard during the middle of the race to ward off the threats of Downey and Smith.

In the males' 5K, Butte native Tony Banaovich made a triumphant return from his current home in Shelby. Banovich legged the course in 16:34, 47 seconds ahead of runner-up Tor Gudmundson of Norway who is currently a junior at Montana Tech. In 1983, Banovich established the still standing 5K course record of 15:04.

John Dunn of Butte timed 47:37 to chop nearly ten minutes off his 5K wheelchair division record that he set in last year's race.

In the Big Butte 11K, Jeff Thomas, a Montana Tech computer science graduate who is employed in Butte's Montana Power Company office, has run all seven editions, and this year he captured his third overall victory with a time of 41:55 which bested second place finisher David Mueller of Butte by over five minutes. Impressively, Thomas' average finish time for his six runnings of the current 11K course is 42 minutes even.

Female 11K course record holder Mary Murphy of Butte also won her third 11K title with a time of 54:05. Although her time was 10 seconds slower than her 1984 course record time of 53:55, she was still 12 seconds ahead of second place Penny Johnson who also resides in Butte.

Breakdown of Race Finishers				
Race	5K	5K Wheelchair	11K	Total
Females	27	-	15	42
Males	49	1	41	91
Total	76	1	56	133

5K Females Overall: 1, Heather LaFontaine, 21:32; 2, Joan Downey, 22:05; 3, Maggie Smith, 22:16.

0-8: 1, Cheryl Nugent, 37:07.

9-12: 1, Tammy Hash, 27:55; 2, Becky Horvath, 37:34.

13-15: 1, Heather LaFontaine, Deer Lodge, 21:32; 2, Robin McManus, Whitehall, 23:03; 3, Julie Michelotti, 26:18; 4, Stephanie Bates, 26:34; 5, Michelle Kaney, 26:47.

16-18: 1, Siobhan McGuire, 27:42.

19-29: 1, Joan Downey, 22:05; 2, Maggie Smith, 22:16; 3, Linda Granger, 23:18; 4, Tracey Peoples, 23:51;

5, June Pusich, 24:34; 6, Karla Canavan, 27:10; 7, Lori Sullivan, 27:20; 8, Carole Boerner, 27:41; 9, Carma Clem, 28:41; 10, Cheryl Hall, 29:04; 11, Lynnette O'Mara, 29:04.

30-39: 1, Joanne Eide, 22:43; 2, Judy Anderson, 23:39; 3, Mary Smith, 25:40; 4, Noreen Walter, 27:46; 5, Jenny Mitchell, 33:20.

40-49: 1, Rita Rasmussen, 33:04.

50-59: 1, Gerri Horvath, 34:24.

5K Males Overall: 1, Tony Banovich, 16:34; 2, Tor Gudmundsen, 17:21, 3, John Willard, 18:17.

0-8: 1, Cory McGreevey, 25:19; 2, Dan Johnson, 27:24.

9-12: 1, Darby McGuire, 23:29; 2, Nathan Johnson, 24:50; 3, Randy Riley, 26:46; 4, Joe McKee, 27:36; 5, John McKee, 27:42.

13-15: 1, Chris Marshall, 19:42; 2, Chris Campbell, 32:11.

16-18: 1, Kevin Babcock, Whitehall, 18:45; 2, Mark Combs, 18:58.

19-29: 1, Tony Banovich, 16:34; 2, Tor Gudmundsen, 17:21; John Willard, 18:17; 4, Chuck Slaughter, 20:04; 5, Burt Todd, 21:14; 6, Tom Breigenzer, 21:25; 7, Dave Morris, 21:46; 8, Todd Erickson, 22:03; 9, John McKeon, 25:20; 10, Joe Yakawich, 25:43; 11, Eric Alexander, 25:48; 12, Ron Miller, 26:34; 13, Chris Hauge, 26:37.

30-39: 1, Ted Mahoney, 18:48; 2, Pat Kearney, 19:22; 3, Bob Eide, 19:25; 4, Dan Sullivan, 21:34; 5, Tom Lindgren, 21:46; 6, Dan Mueller, 22:04; 7, Dan McGuire, 23:41; 8, Graham Munsell, 23:44; 9, Dennis Kluksdahl, 24:16; 10, Ken Watts, 24:32; 11, Fred Quivik, 24:50; 12, John Conlan, 25:38; 13, Tom McGuire, 28:01; 14, Dan Bradley, 29:57.

30-39 Wheelchair: 1, John Dunn, 47:37.

40-49: 1, Ed Foley, 18:50; 2, Andy Sandgray, 21:37; 3, Bruce Robinson, 23:05; 4, Jack Kelley, 25:57; 5, Doug Smith, 26:10; 6, Smiley Johnson, 28:06; 7, Ron Kuecks, 28:27; 8, Ralph Rasmussen, 35:06.

50-59: 1, Jack McGuire, 26:19; 2, Bill Horn, 26:32.

60+: 1, Luke McKeon, 28:48.

11K Females Overall: 1, Mary Murphy, 54:05; 2, Penny Johnson, 54:17; 3, Sandra Germer, 57:22.

13-15: 1, Tammy O'Brien, 59:13.

19-29: 1, Mary Murphy, 54:05; 2, Peg Havlovick, 58:51; 3, Lisa Bogar, Bozeman, 1:00:51; 4, Patty McDonald, 1:05:31.

30-39: 1, Penny Johnson, 54:17; 2, Sandra Germer, Three Forks, 57:22; 3, Sharon Olsen, 1:04:19; 4, Jo Buysse, 1:06:09; 5, Marie Owens, 1:11:44; 6, Deirdre Caughlan, 1:12:02; 7, Lanore Kaney, 1:12:20; 8, Laurie Berry, 1:17:47.

40-49: 1, Roberta Campbell, 1:05:43; 2, Sandy Johnson, 1:28:37.

11K Males Overall: 1, Jeff Thomas, 41:55; 2, Dave Mueller, 47:07; 3, Dan Volk, 47:21.

9-12: 1, Mike Bonner, 1:08:22.

13-15: 1, Tom O'Neill, 1:03:27.

16-18: 1, Matt Marinovich, 59:46.

19-29: 1, Jeff Thomas, 41:55; 2, Dan Volk, Centerville, 47:21; 3, Matt Storrud, 47:25; 4, Peter Carter, 51:36; 5, Ken Murray, 1:00:42; 6, Joe Garcia, 1:03:06; 7, Brian Arthur, 1:09:56; 8, John Ballow, 1:14:45.

30-39: 1, Dave Mueller, 47:07; 2, Bob Webster, 52:26; 3, John Cummings, 52:45; 4, Chuck Watts, 53:34; 5, Tom Holland, 54:14; 6, Brian Hockett, 54:45; 7, Mike Judd, 57:16; 8, Tim Casey, 59:01; 9, Sam Davies, 1:00:35; 10, Tim Lazzari, 1:03:41; 11, Don Davis, 1:03:45; 12, Haley Beaudry, 1:04:08; 13, Jim Benner, 1:08:31.

40-49: 1, Jim Lester, 51:28; 2, Richard Douglass, 52:06; 3, Jerry Youngblood, 52:25; 4, Rick Swinney, 53:43; 5, John Wulf, 55:31; 6, John Conlan, 58:41; 7, Jim Maloney, 59:47; 8, Terry Aleksich, 1:00:29; 9, Gary Bogar, 1:00:51; 10, Pete Madison, 1:02:54; 11, John Alley, 1:04:04; 12, George Calcut, 1:04:36; 13, Albert Coushin, 1:10:11; 14, Williard Lovell, 1:25:26..

50-59: 1, Gordon Griffith, 1:02:22; 2, Irving Dayton, 1:09:04.

60+: 1, Phil Zamudio, 1:01:13.