

At the sound of an airhorn blaring away in the hand of race coordinator Diane Chaplin, runners head for the finish line 6.2 miles away. Miss Chaplin figures indicated that 1,320 persons registered for the race. Of that num-

ber, 1,095 actually went the whole distance. The Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce will soon be officially approaching the state's Department of Transportation with the request to make the Seven Mile Bridge run an annual event.

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Kinney takes first

MARATHON — A lanky, 27-year-old runner from Indian Rocks Beach was named the overall winner of the Seven Mile Bridge Dedication Run here Saturday.

Jim Kinney ran the 6.2-mile (10-kilometer) race in an official time of 33:16.

First-place overall in the women's division went to Sharon Beal, 35, of Fort Lauderdale who ran the new span in 42:02.

Mr. Kinney was not actually the first of the 1,095 runners to finish the race. The finish-line ribbon was broken by Billy Convey, a 16-year-old runner who was disqualified from the race when it was discovered he had not registered and was running with another person's number.

"I just can't say enough about all the help I received," race organizer Diane Chaplin said following the run. "The people with the Marathon Runners Club just pulled through great in this, their first race."

Second- and third-place awards in the overall men's division went to Barry Dusch, 31, of Fort Lauderdale, and Adalberto Almora, 31, of Miami.

In the women's division, second and third-place overall went to Kathleen Benilli of Key West and Karen Ladd-Raush of Summerland Key.

The top three awards, in order, went to the following people in the following age divisions:

Male (18 and Under): Dean Storelli, Fort Lauderdale; Chris Black, Tavernier; and Chris Novack, Coral Springs.

Female (18 and Under): Cindy Novak, Coral Springs; Tracey Broadwater, Fort Lauderdale; and Laura Ernst, Marathon.

Male (19 to 29): Bob Cutione, Fort Lauderdale; Don Stenson, Miami; and Jeff Killin, Homestead.

Female (19 to 29): Lizzette Gomez, Key West; Beba Pantin, Coral Springs; and Patty Kelly, hometown not available.

Male (30 to 40): Al Vera, Boca Raton; Fernando Solano, Miami; and Tim Loftus, Miami.

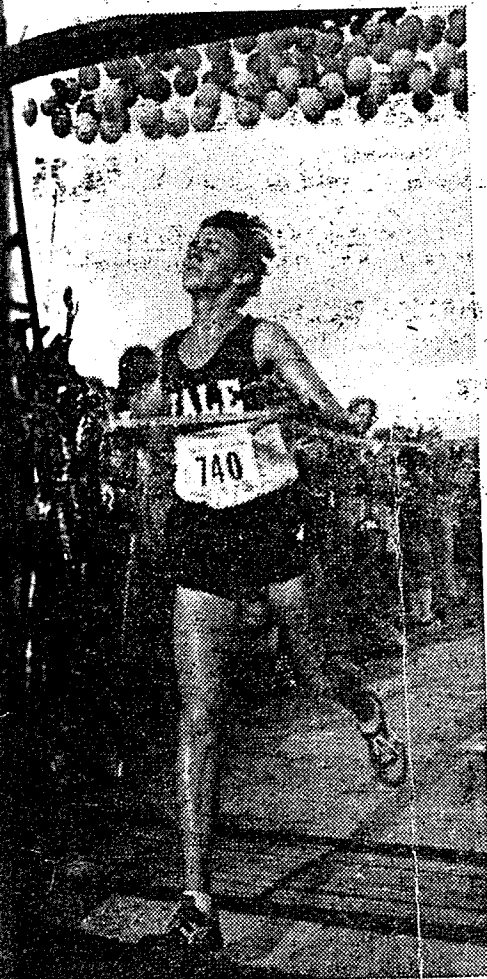
Female (30 to 39): Elsy A. Green, Miami; Betsy Smith, Miami; and Gwen Smith, Key West.

Male (35 to 39): Pudge Hoffman, Miami; Pete McGivney, Fort Lauderdale; and Johnathan Goodman, Coral Springs.

Female (40 and over): Renate Skinner, Miami; Joy MacDonald, Fort Lauderdale; and Miami Oliveria, Miami.

Male (40 to 49): William Springer, Fort Lauderdale; Joseph Singer, North Miami Beach; and George Pringle, Hialeah.

Male (50 and over): Gib Kuett, Miami; A.J. Ryan, Fort Lauderdale; and Tom Holland, Key West.



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CONVEY, a 16-year-old runner, was first to cross the finish line in Saturday's 10k-dedication race over the new Seven Mile Bridge. The young man was disqualified by officials when it was learned he had not registered and was running with another person's number.



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HUNDREDS THROUG the finish line in Saturday's 10k race over the new Seven Mile Bridge. No major mishaps were reported among the nearly 1,300 runners.