



Wheelchair Perspective

•Division Started in 1982

Fastest Times: Men 25:24/ Women 29:58*

•Top Speeds ~ 40+ mph

Last Race Winners

Open: Aaron Pike -27:34

Women: Susannah Scaroni -29:58*

Quad 52: Cristian Torres -36:36

Quad 51: Ernesto Fonseca -1:12:36

Junior Male: Jackson Atwood -29:04

Masters: Ulysses Elija -39:29

2022 Field

•34 Racers

•Oldest ~ 66 yrs / Youngest ~ 13 yrs

•11 Paralympians

•Largest women's field since 1998 (8)

After a Gold and Bronze medal performance in Tokyo, Susannah Scaroni returned home to Illinois in her finest form, excited for the fall 2021 Road Race circuit. Fate would have it that she was struck by a car while on a training run. Her first race back was the formidable Boston

Marathon where she secured a second place finish. She is the class of the field at her "home" course here in Spokane. Joined by fellow Ilini Yeh Hoang, fresh off a 2nd at the New York Half, and Hannah Dederick who just completed her first Boston Marathon. Bloomsday Rookie Chelsea Stein is also one to watch. This is the largest women's field since 1998.

23 year old Daniel Romanchuk has already cemented his wheelchair racing fortitude coming off a strong win in Boston just weeks ago. The 2x Tokyo Paralympic Medalist won Bloomsday in 2018, but didn't return to defend his title due to injury. His 26:08 win in 2018 made him the 3rd fastest Male racer in Bloomsday History. The 2019 champion Aaron Pike has had an eventful year competing at 2 Paralympic Games as a wheelchair racer and a nordic / biathlon athlete. Keep an eye on Hermin Garic who has made great strides over the last two years under coach Santi Sanz. There is a great contingent of youth including four rookie men. It is great to once again see the collegiate programs at the University of Arizona and the University of Illinois facing off at Bloomsday.

Cristian Torres will seek to defend his 2019 win against Cheney's own Isaiah Rigo and the 12x Bloomsday Champ Santi Sanz.

Jim Hudec from Salmo BC, is competing in his 25th Bloomsday!

Returning Champions

Susannah Scaroni

- Won Bloomsday in 2019/16/14/13
- Best time 29.58 '19 –Course Record!
- Master's Student at University of Illinois
- From Tekoa, WA, Resides in Urbana, IL
- 30 years old
- 3x Paralympian – '12/'16/'21
- Paralympic Gold in Tokyo 5,000m
- 2nd in Boston 2022 – 1:46:20
- 15th Bloomsday

Aaron Pike

- Returning Bloomsday Champion
- From Campaign, IL
- Age 36
- Dual Sport Paralympian Wheelchair Racing & Nordic/Biathlon
- 6x Paralympian '12/'14/'16/'18/'21/'22
- 11th Bloomsday
- Best Time 27.34

Daniel Romanchuk

- Won Bloomsday in 2018
- 3rd Bloomsday
- 2x Boston Marathon Winner 1:26.26
- Age 23
- Resides in Champaign, IL
- 800m World Record Holder (1:29.54)
- 2x Paralympic Medalist (Tokyo Gold/Bronze)
- Best Bloomsday Time: 26:04 –'18
- 2x Paralympian '16 /'21

Ulysses Elijah

- Returning Masters Champion
- 7th Bloomsday
- Best time: 38:04
- From Decatur, GA
- Age 65

Cristian Torres

- Returning 52 Division Winner
- 3rd Bloomsday
- Best time: 34:49 in '19
- Age 41
- From Columbia
- Paralympian –'16

Ernesto Fonseca

- Returning 51 Division Champion
- 2nd Bloomsday
- Best time: 1:21:43 in '19
- Age 40
- From Costa Rica

Open Division

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Tyler Byers

- Green Acres, WA
- Age 39
- 2004, 2008 Paralympian
- 24th Bloomsday
- Highest Placing: 2nd -2006
- Best Time: 29:08
- ParaSport Spokane Athlete

Philip Croft

- 4th Bloomsday
- Best time 34:46
- Age 23
- From Spokane Valley
- Sophomore at University of IL
- 2022 Boston Marathon -18th
- ParaSport Spokane Alumni

James Senbeta

- From Savoy, IL
- Age 35
- 2016 Bloomsday Champ
- 2016 Paralympian
- 7th Bloomsday
- Best time: 27:30 –'16

Hermin Garic

- 4th Bloomsday
- Best time: 30:36
- From Utica, NY
- Age 32
- 2022 Boston Marathon -8th
- 2nd at 2022 NY Marathon
- Coached by Santiago Sanz

Maclean Dzidzienyo

- 6th Bloomsday
- Age 34
- From Ghana
- Member of Go Get Dem Racing Team
- Best time: 34:37 in '16

Dustin Stalberg

- Bloomsday Rookie
- Age 19
- Sophomore at University of Arizona
- Winner '20 Houston Marathon
- '22 Honolulu marathon 3rd
- '22 Boston marathon - 16th
- '21 Peachtree 10k -8th

Bob Hunt

- 17th Bloomsday
- Age 32
- From Spokane, WA
- Was 11 when he first raced!
- Best time: 35:21 in '13
- ParaSport Spokane Athlete

Valera "Jacob" Allen

- Bloomsday Rookie
- Age 21
- Sophomore at University of Arizona
- '22 Boston Marathon -14th
- '22 Houston Marathon Champion
- '21 Hawaii Marathon -2nd

Peyton Gunnarson

- Bloomsday Rookie
- Age 19
- From Utica Minnesota
- Freshman at University of Arizona

Jason Robinson

- Bloomsday Rookie
- Age 19
- From Rome, NY
- '22 Boston Marathon -15th
- Freshman at University of Arizona

Junior Division

Aiden Youngblood

- 2nd Bloomsday
- From Spokane
- Age 13
- Has been racing since 3 years old
- Plays wheelchair bball with ParaSport Spokane
- ParaSport Spokane Athlete

Women's Division

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Hannah Dederick

- Freshman at University of Illinois
- From Mead, WA
- Age 19
- 2021 Paralympian
- 4x World Jr Champion in 2017
- 3rd fastest women's 100m in 2021
- 3rd Bloomsday
- Best time: 37:27 –'18
- ParaSport Spokane Alumni

Elizabeth Floch

- 4th Bloomsday
- Best time: 37:14
- Junior at Valley Christian
- Age 19
- From Blanchard, ID
- 2017 World Jr Silver Medalist
- 1st team all-tournament at the 2022 NWBA Women's wheelchair basketball championships
- ParaSport Spokane Athlete

Yen Hoang

- First Bloomsday
- From Champaign, IL
- Age 25
- 2022 NYC Half Marathon, 2nd
- 2021 Boston Marathon, 3rd
- 2021 Chicago Marathon, 2nd
- 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Team (100m, 400m, 800m)

Lee Kuxhaus

- Bloomsday Rookie
- Age 56
- From Schertz, TX
- Warrior Games Wheelchair racer
- Triathlete
- Retired Airforce

Heather Sealover

- Bloomsday Rookie
- Age 35
- From Bossier City, LA
- Dare2Tri Development Team Member
- Named to 2022 US Airforce Warrior Games team
- Winner '22 Disney Tower of Terror 10miler

Chelsea Stein

- Bloomsday Rookie
- Age 19
- Freshman at the University of Arizona
- Pursuing Nursing Degree
- 2x Honolulu Marathon Champion

Kayla Woputz

- Bloomsday Rookie
- 38 yo
- From Bend, OR
- '22 America's Triathlon Para Championships -5th

Masters Division

Ulysses Elijah

- Returning Masters Champion
- 7th Bloomsday
- Best time: 38:04
- From Decatur, GA
- Age 65

Raphael Botsyo

- 7th Bloomsday
- Age 42
- From Ghana
- 3xParalympian –'08/'12/'16
- Best time: 32.01 in '08
- Founder of Go Get Dem Racing Team

Fidel Aguilar

- 3rd Bloomsday
- Best time: 31:39 –'16
- From Chandler, AZ
- Age 44
- 2019 Para Pan American Gold 800m
- 2017 LA Marathon -3rd

Jose Pulido

- 8th Bloomsday
- Best time: 33:02 –'19
- From Clarkesville, GA
- Age 41
- 2000 Paralympian in Wheelchair Basketball

Edwin Figueroa

- 20th Bloomsday
- Best time: 35:27 –'05
- From Commerce, CA
- Age 51

Jim Hudec

- From Salmo, British Columbia, Canada
- Age 66
- 25th Bloomsday
- Best time: 36:43 –'91

52 Division

Cristian Torres

- Returning 52 Division Winner
- 3rd Bloomsday
- Best time: 34:49 in '19
- Age 41
- From Columbia
- Paralympian –'16

Isaiah Rigo

- 2018 52 Division Champion
- Best time: 33:16 –'18
- Tokyo Paralympian
- Junior at University of Illinois
- From Cheney, WA
- 10th Bloomsday
- Age 23
- ParaSport Spokane Alumni

Santiago "Santi" Sanz

- 12x Bloomsday Champion
- 52 division course record holder
32.14 –'08
- 14th Bloomsday
- Age 41
- 6x Boston Marathon Winner
- 4x Paralympian

John David "JD" Duran

- 3rd Bloomsday
- Best time 1:07:17 –'18
- From Portland, OR
- Age 27

Jordan Clyburn

- 17th Bloomsday
- Best time: 57:24 –'17
- Age 32
- From Spokane
- Plays wheelchair basketball with
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Geographic and performance Statistics

States-11

Washington

Idaho

Illinois

Georgia

Arizona

Texas

Oregon

California

Minnesota

New York

Louisiana

Nations -7

United States

Canada

Columbia

Costa Rica

Ghana

Mexico

Spain

Paralympians

Sanz '00/'04/'08/'16

Pike '12/'14/'16/'18/'21/'22'

Scaroni '12/'16/'21

Nkegbe '04/'08/'12

Torres '12/'16

Byers '04/'08

Romanchuk '16/'21

Dederick '21

Hoang '21

Senbeta '16

Rigo '21

Pulido '00 (Basketball)