
RUNNING

***Griskus, Cruz,
Down, Traum,
Davidson star
in marathon***

Achilles Track Club, the team of athletes who have overcome disabilities through running, produced a number of inspiring performances in the NYC Marathon on October 23. Pat Griskus who runs with an artificial leg (which he lost below the knee) turned in an incredible 3:55, the first amputee ever to break 4 hours. John Cruz who was born with one leg and runs on crutches turned in a time of 7:06. Linda Down, who has cerebral palsy ran the marathon with Dick Traum who runs with an artificial leg in 8:45. This is a PR for Linda by a whopping 2 hours 15 minutes. This was Dick's 5th marathon.

Sandy Davidson, who is partially paralyzed due to a stroke, coursed the blue line in 10:15. This was Sandy's first marathon and he was accompanied by Wilma Davidson.

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Other runners were supportive during the race. Jerry Maher also ran with Sandy Davidson. Kathy Romano ran the 1st 18 with Linda Down. Dr. Tom Einhorn ran with John Cruz. At the 22 mile point Katie Knight Perry passed Linda Down (who had a head start) and saw that Linda was shivering. Katie gave Linda her jacket. Everyone who knows Katie knows that she has always been a real sweetheart.

After the race, several runners were invited to meet President Reagan including the overall winners and our local favorite Paul Cruz. Last year, Linda Down was invited to the White House to meet the President.