

# MASSACHUSETTS

## Boston Marathon

Monday, April 21, 2014 • Boston, MA

Marathon/Ultra number:	213
State (first in state):	31 (yes)
Finish Time:	3:17:25
Overall Place:	5783 of 31805
Gender Place:	5050 of 17523
Age Group Place:	2819th
Age on race day:	33



It's the dream of any marathon runner to run the Boston Marathon. It was the first and oldest annually held marathon dating back to 1896. It's also requires you to run a qualifying time, which isn't easy. After running a 3:01 marathon the September before, I looked forward to running this race.

It was also the one year anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing. Which made race even more special.

My friend Jon and I flew into Boston on Friday and stayed the Buckminster Hotel (across the street from Fenway Park) at mile 25 of the marathon. Saturday and Sunday were spent hanging out at the expo and chatting with other runners.

Come race day, we took a cab to pickup a special bus to the start of the marathon in Hopkinton. The atmosphere at the Athlete's Village was amazing as I waited for my corral to be called. As I walked to the start line my excitement grew and grew. I even ran into Chuck Engle and we chatted on the walk to the start.

Once the race started, I busted out running a quick pace. There was an estimated one million spectators cheering us on. I put my name on my shirt and at every turn people were cheering me on by name.

I ran a strong race from beginning to end finishing in 3:17:25. My goal was sub-3:30 so needless to say I was thrilled.

After the race we attended the after party at Fenway Park and had our pictures taken with the World Series trophy. We did some sightseeing on Tuesday before flying home Tuesday evening.

