

OKLAHOMA

Route 66 Marathon

Sunday, November 23, 2014 • Tulsa, OK

Marathon/Ultra number:	238
State (first in state):	40 (yes)
Finish Time:	3:26:43
Overall Place:	79 of 1682
Gender Place:	71 of 929
Age Group Place:	13th
Age on race day:	34



The Route 66 Marathon is one of the most popular marathons among Maniacs and 50 staters. They provide perks for Maniacs, Fanatics and 50 staters that rival any other marathons. This included a special VIP area with exclusively provided food, a custom MM medal and bib. All this adds up to huge Maniac turnout.

I had eyed this marathon for a few years. I decided almost a year earlier to register and added White River in Arkansas the day before to do another two state double.

After running the White River Marathon and drove to Tulsa and picked up my packet and chatted with other Maniacs.

On race morning I arrived at the downtown area early to get a good parking spot. The large Maniac group gathered for a group photo and then lined up for the race.

The race was a hilly one. I didn't have too high of expectations, I only really wanted to break 3:30. I started off running a decent pace, but I could never really get too far below a 7:30/mile pace. I hit the half way point in 1:38. But the second was slower for me.

Between mile 25-26 there is a 0.3 mile detour that you can take through the Center of the Universe Park. By doing this you get a special coin. Since I was well on my way to a sub-3:30, I took the detour. I ended up running 26.5 miles in 3:26:43.

After the race I drove to Joplin Missouri and spent the night before flying home from Springfield on Monday.

