

WEST VIRGINIA

Marshall University Marathon

Sunday, November 1, 2015 • Huntington, WV

Marathon/Ultra number:	287
State (first in state):	49 (yes)
Finish Time:	3:24:29
Overall Place:	36 of 395
Gender Place:	35 of 254
Age Group Place:	4th
Age on race day:	35



There was no doubt which marathon I would run for West Virginia. I had heard many good things about the Marshall University Marathon. But it didn't work into my schedule until 2015. This meant it would be my 49th state.

The whole trip was taken for this race. I flew into Columbus Ohio and drove the 2.5 hours to Huntington. I was suppose to arrive Saturday morning on the red eye flight. But the flight times changed and I arrive about 1pm. I drove straight to Huntington and picked up my packet. I chatted with a few Maniacs then headed to Charlestown. I wanted to see the state capitol in Charlestown and managed to get there before sunset and spent the night.

I arrived back in Huntington early on race day. The race started outside the football stadium and finished on the field. It was a double loop marathon. I ran the first half in a solid 1:37, but knew I couldn't keep the pace. I slowed down in the second loop and cruised in for a 3:24 finish time.

The coolest part was finish on the football field at the end zone. When you enter the field they hand you a football and you run across the field scoring a touchdown at the finish line. They also have a memorial for the football players that died in the 1970 plane crash. Runners are handed a rose and place the rose at the memorial on the way to the stadium.

It was a humid day, but was cooler and dry. I drove back to Columbus and flew home on Monday. One more state to go!

