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Icebreaker Indoor Marathon

Sunday, January 26, 2014 • Milwaukee, WI

Marathon/Ultra number:	207
State (first in state):	29 (yes)
Finish Time:	3:39:43
Overall Place:	26 of 87
Gender Place:	20 of 61
Age Group Place:	4th
Age on race day:	33



I first heard about this race a few years earlier. A marathon run indoors on a track. Sounds crazy, but in recent years it has become more and more common. This race was special because it was at the Pettit Ice Center (where Olympic speed skaters train). They have a 0.276 mile running track around the speed skating oval.

This event offered a half marathon on Saturday and a full marathon on Sunday. Anyone running both would get an extra medal for completing the "gold medal challenge". I was game. It sounded like fun, although 48 laps on Saturday and 96 laps on Sundays, seemed crazy.

My great aunt lives just a mile from the training center and my grandma had not seen her sister in 20 years. She joined me on this trip and we flew into Milwaukee on Friday and drove to my aunt's house. It was about 15 degrees when we arrived, but the wind chill was about -10 below. The whole time we were there the highs never got above 40 degrees and the lows got down to about -10 below. The wind chill was constantly 20-30 below the actual temps. This spelled C-O-L-D!!! Fortunately the indoor facility was a steady 40-45 degrees.

I ran the half marathon on Saturday and it was good practice at running indoors, which I had never done before. I finished it in 1:43:24.

On Sunday I arrived early and got ready in a room they had setup for pre and post race. During the marathon, they had a 50k and 100k speed skating race. It was crazy to see the speed skaters zipping around at a much faster pace than any of the runners.

I had a tricking time pacing, as my GPS watch wasn't getting reception and I had to rely on my lap times which fluctuated in time greatly and I ended up running a 3:39:43. I was fine with that.

We flew home on Monday and I was happy to get out of the cold weather.

