

Hello Ben,

I just had to send off a quick email while the experience of yesterday is still fresh in my mind (and my legs!). Jodie and I talked about it all the way home. What an awesome day -and what a super job you and all of your staff do to put on this event. I simply cannot say enough about everyone's attitude, advice, and overall fun and positive outlook. The people at the full service aid station - (the one 2 miles from the finish area. I wish I could refer to them by name but I don't think I ever got their names) .... they were so encouraging to me- so upbeat and treated me as if I was someone going for the win! The "magic soup" was the best, I found myself so looking forward to it every time around.

Being my first ultra, and my first trail race of any distance, I certainly went in knowing that one or two loops may be all that was within my capability. With the ice, on the first loop I gave myself a snowball's chance of doing 3. Even though I was the last one across the line, it is still possibly the biggest feeling of accomplishment I have had from a race- marathon or otherwise. Somewhere on the course, I think it was early in the loop, one of your little "Toto" signs said something like, "Find your limits and then exceed them." This event gave me the opportunity to do exactly that, and it was an experience that I will never, never, never forget!!! Kansas City and your race will always hold a very special place in my heart, and will undoubtedly give me the confidence to tackle other challenges. As the saying goes, I will never say never again. :)

Thank you for keeping the finish line up for me, and for everyone who stayed and cheered me in. I've run marathons with 2 million spectators, but I don't think it meant as much as that. A huge "thank you" to you and everyone! Would it be possible for you to send me Ron's email so that I can send him an email to say a special thanks? To run the last 6 miles with me was completely "above and beyond". Please also feel free to share this message with any one of your staff.

With Love from Joisey,  
Laurie