

# It was a wet run in College Station

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The Run thru the Vines (in College Station on April 18) was a fun one with some rain thrown in. The race was originally slated for a 9:00 a.m. start, but was delayed 30 minutes due to lightning. Guess here in A&M a little lightning delays a race.

Although the rain never let up, we began the race anyway. The race started in the vineyards of Messina Hof. The 5K and 10K runners began the trek through splish/slooshy mud and water for about 3/4 of a mile. I could hear several runners behind me talking about where to step. Instead of tip-toeing here and there, I just plunged through the water. Once we hit the streets, we split up into two groups with the 5K runners going right and the 10K runners going left.

I ended up running all alone the entire 10K race. Once we returned to Messina Hof, it was back to splishing and splashing in the vineyards. Given the conditions, I still ended up with a 33:21. Actually, I didn't want to push the race to 31 minutes race because I have the half marathon (Thoroughbred Half Marathon in Houston) tomorrow. (Kiplimo later said a friend who was supposed to take him to Houston never showed up, so ran a 5K in Austin on Sunday, April 19. He won that race, the Stanberry Scholarship in 15:39.)

So, about my performance today (Saturday), am happy with it and I have nothing to complain about except for the deep waters and mud in the first three quarters of the race and at the end.

When we started, we ran through the water and I nearly lost my shoes, so I had to slow down till I hit the dry road when I picked up the pace.