My Last Run Before 13.1 and Splash Pad Fun

Description

Sunday brought us beautiful weather here in the South, and Going Mom had a great idea to go to a splash pad with Avery. I was planning on going for a run in my Soft Star Dash RunAmoc Shoes. They have a bullhide leather sole instead of the typical rubber sole you find on most shoes.

Definitely not what youâ€™d picture a running shoe to look like, but they are awesome for the barefoot enthusiast! And not just for running, these things are comfortable around the house and would easily pass for work shoes in the office. Desk jockeys, rejoice! Iâ€™ll have a review posted after running the Motherâ€™s Day half-marathon I signed up for.

I havenâ€™t run over 10 miles in over a year, so Iâ€™m interested in seeing how I do. Stay posted to find out. My wife will be running the 5k and my mom (G-Ma), will be with Avery watching and cheering us on. Then weâ€™ll go out to enjoy a Motherâ€™s Day brunch together. Big weekend ahead!

But back to this past weekend, running and a splash pad. Kelley drove with Avery to a splash pad a few miles from home and I ran to meet them there. This was Averyâ€™s first splash pad experience, so she was a little unsure of what to make of it at first.

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I showed up not too long after they arrived and Kelley told me how Avery seemed more intrigued by the surrounding grass than the colorful water-spraying structures. Makes senseâ€¦.NOT! So I decided to swing Avery around one of the sprayers.

What kid doesnâ€™t love water sprayed in their face? Seriously though, Avery actually got a kick out of it.

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Her smile and laughter is worth more than any sum of money I could imagine! So I continued my *earning the riches* with more swinging in the water.

You can see how smart I was by keeping my leather running shoes on while splashing in the water. For some reason, leather soles with no tread donâ€™t provide the best traction on wet surfaces. Hmmm, probably why Soft Star even warns about this! Just had to test them out for a thorough review!

I took a break from swinging Avery around the water streams and my wife took over for a while. First she had to catch the little grass lover who is too quick for her little legs!

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Then back to getting swung around for more toddler soaking madness.

I swear, that smile, itâ€™s infectious! That goes for my wifeâ€™s too! Thereâ€™s no doubt fun was had by all.

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Of course, Avery seemed a little lost when we set her down to have a go in the pad by herself.

Ummm, Momâ€¦.Dadâ€¦.a little help here?

Once more, we took turns throwing our daughter around the water like any awesome parent would. First I played helicopter with her as the propellerâ€¦.

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â€¦and then Going Mom reenacted The Lion King with our girl â€œSimbaâ€•.

Circle of life, gotta love it. Also gotta love these twoâ€¦a lot, which I do.

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Avery was getting cold and slightly fussy so it was time to head home. Kelley drove, I ran. With the run there and then back, I totaled about 7 miles, give or take a few tenths of a mile. As expected, traction was limited, but I enjoy running in the Dash RunAmocs thus far.

Once home, the fun didnâ€™t stop there as I had a full-grown lawn to mow. No problem there since mowing with our EGO Power+ Mower took all but 25-30 minutes and I was done. Great way to wind down the weekend for sure. We never watched an episode of The Walking Dead after our date night, but snuck one in on Sunday.

Getting close to the yet-to-be released on Netflix Season 5, what are we to do?! Besides pay for it, I refuse, even though Kelley is threatening to buy it and watch alone.

Oh yeah, Happy Cinco de Mayoâ€¦â€¦if you care.

Ever take your kids to a splash pad?

Would you wear leather-soled shoes to go running or just in general?

What do you think wait for The Walking Dead Season 5 to come out on Netflix or give in and pay $27 for instant gratification?

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