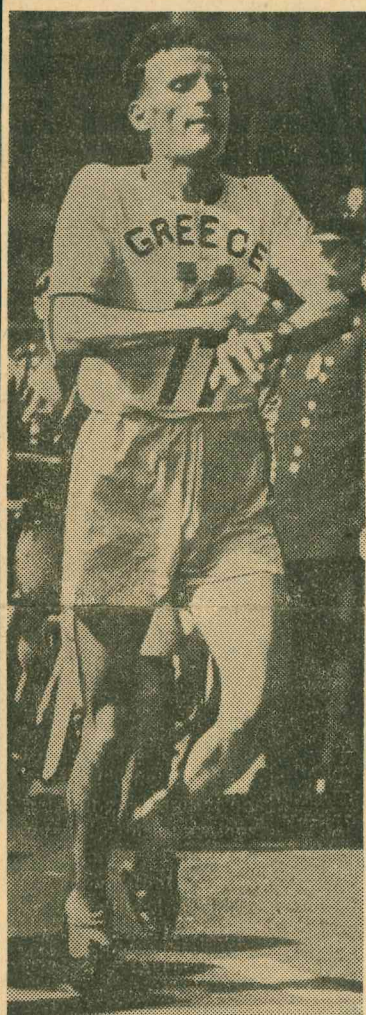




Like Old Times



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Stylianos Kyriakides of Athens, Greece, where the marathon was invented, finishes first in golden anniversary 26 mile Boston marathon.

ATHENIAN WINS BOSTON'S 50TH MARATHON RACE

Boston, Mass., April 20 (AP)—A true son of Phidippides, the Grecian immortal who ran the first marathon almost 2,500 years ago, courageous Stylianos Kyriakides from war ravaged Athens, today won the Boston A. A.'s 50th anniversary 26 miles 385 yards race from one of the most capable fields in its long history.

The 33 year old Kyriakides, running only to gain American aid for his starving countrymen, ran shoulder to shoulder with Johnny Kelley, last year's winner, for almost 25 miles before starting a terrific closing drive that brought him to the finish line in two hours, 29 minutes, 27 seconds.

While placing second for the sixth time in the last 10 B. A. A. races, Kelley, who also won in 1935, arrived two minutes later than the Greek victor.

Gerry Cote Finishes Fourth.

The pre-race favorite, Gerry Cote of Montreal, who was bidding for his fourth B. A. A. victory since 1940, suffered severe stomach cramps about half way along the hilly and tortuous course, but fought them off well enough to place third in 2:36.34. It was Cote's farewell appearance in the marathon, as he intends to turn professional or retire for business reasons within a week or so.

Lou Gregory of New York raced away to such a wide lead in the early stages of the race that he had little difficulty saving fourth place, in 2:37:23. He was followed in order, by Ab Morton of Galt, Ont., John Kernason of New York, Lloyd Evans of Montreal, Charlie Robbins of Boston, Ted Vogel of Boston, and, the remaining one of the first 10, Lou Young of Medford.

Germans Spared His Life

Kyriakides, who distributes bills for an Athens power company, had his life spared during the German invasion of Greece because he had finished seventh in the Olympic marathon in Berlin in 1936.

Before starting in the marathon, Kyriakides was given a sealed envelope marked "not to be opened until after the race" by his Boston host, George Demeter.

When the happy Athenian opened it, he found a card enscribed "ei tan ei api tas."

Demeter's translation was that stern admonition given ancient Greek warriors before battles—"Return with your shield or on it."

Winners Make Showing

There were two other winners in the starting field of 101 and both of them made creditable showings. Two time winner Ellison [Tarzan] Brown of Westerly, R. I., came back after a long layoff to place 12th and the 57 year old Clarence Demar, who has had seven triumphs since 1911, was the 32d finisher.

The other European entrant, Kenneth H. H. Bailey of Bournemouth, England, suffered the novice's usual fate—blistered feet—but he wound up 37th, well ahead of many of the race's regulars.