



Stylianos Kyriakides, from the land of the original marathon, crossing the finish line in twenty-six-mile event. Associated Press Wirephoto

Kyriakides of Greece Beats Kelley in Boston Marathon

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BOSTON, April 20—A true son of Phidippides, 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 fiftieth anniversary race of 26 miles 385 yards in one of the most capable fields in its long history.

The 33-year-old Kyriakides, competing only to gain American aid for his starving countrymen, ran shoulder to shoulder with Johnny Kelley, last year's winner, for almost twenty-five miles before uncorking a terrific closing drive that took him to the finish line in 2 hours 29 minutes 27 seconds.

While placing second for the sixth time in the last ten B. A. A. races, Kelley, who led the pack in 1935, arrived two minutes later than the Greek victor. At the end of a marathon two minutes means about a quarter-mile. Race Manager Tom Kanaly explained.

The pre-race favorite, Gerry Cote of Montreal, bidding for his fourth B. A. A. victory since 1940, suffered severe stomach cramps about halfway 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 this classic, for he intends to turn professional or retire for business reasons within a week or so.

Lou Gregory of New York, an experienced marathoner, raced away to such a wide lead during the early stages that he had little difficulty saving fourth place, in 2:37:23. He was followed home, in order among the first ten, by Ab Morton of Galt, Ont.; John Kernason of New York, this golden anniversary race's first pace-setter; Lloyd Evans of Montreal; Charlie Robbins of Boston, the national marathon champion; Tel Vogel of

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Boston and Lou Young of Medford.

Kyriakides, who distributes bills for an Athens power company, is an experienced long-distance runner. During the German invasion of Greece his life was spared because he had finished seventh in the Olympic marathon at Berlin in 1936; but the experts hereabouts, recalling his sorry efforts in the 1938 B. A. A. race, paid scant attention to him.

He had the "savvy" to step out fast with the top favorites, and pick them one by one until only Kelley remained. After they had trudged over all of the many hills, the Greek hurled three challenges at Kelley before the latter wilted, almost in sight of the finish line.

"How can you beat a guy like that?" Kelley demanded after the race. "He wasn't running for him-

self, he was doing it for his country."

There were two other former winners in the starting field of 101 and both of them made creditable showings. Two-time winner Ellison (Tarzan) Brown of Westerly, R. I., returned after a long layoff to place twelfth and 57-year-old Clarence Demar, who boasts seven triumphs since 1911 was the thirty-second finisher, much to the delight of his thousands of admirers.

Yet that daddy of all marathoners was disappointed. Determined to make the long journey from Little Hopkinton in three hours, he missed his goal by almost ten minutes.

The other European entry, Kenneth H. H. Bailey of Bournemouth, England, suffered the novice's usual fate—blistered feet. He carried on gallantly, though, and was thirty-seventh, well ahead of many of the race's regulars.

Crowned with the laurel wreath, the emotional Kyriakides, whose first act in victory was to embrace the disappointed Kelley, has volunteered to tour this country for a month or so in the interests of Greek relief.