

Gerry Cote Choice In 50th B. A. A. Run

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Thrice winner of this famous event, the 132-pound Cote is expected not only to win his fourth crown but to threaten the course record of 2 hours 26 minutes 51 1-5 as well.

While most marathon experts are going along with Cote, they still reserve the right to pick half a dozen other contenders who are good enough to win—and for whom a victory should not be surprising. First and foremost will be little Johnny Kelley, the 120-pound worry-man from West Acton who won the race in 1935 and repeated last year when Cote wasn't around.

Kelley's showing in the recent Reddish A. A. 15-mile race was every bit as sensational as was Cote's earlier triumph in the North Medford 20-miler. In addition, Johnny will be the object of warm affection from a sympathetic crowd, while Cote will get only the sportsmanlike applause accorded a visiting champion.

LLOYD BAIRSTOW

BLUE-PLATE SPECIAL

The red-hot blue-plate special is 23-year-old Lloyd Bairstow, the chunky Coast Guardsman who was second last year and is good enough to win. Highly popular among marathoners themselves is Don Heinicke of Baltimore, whose consistent appearances among the first half-dozen finishers each year qualify him for one outstanding day.

Drama in the race will ride on the blue jersey of Stylianos Kyriakides, the slim Greek emissary who hopes to awaken America to his country's sad plight through the national publicity afforded a marathon winner.

Also definitely worthy of attention are Lou Gregory, the New Yorker who still hopes to add the B. A. A. marathon to his list of 18 national titles of one kind or another, and Charlie Robbins, the University of Connecticut graduate who has twice won the national marathon championship at Yonkers.

Those are the six that the experts won't forget, but they also cast troubled eyes at a flock of other real contenders. Tony Madeiros of North Medford, for example, has twice been in the first 10 and is running better than ever this year. Lloyd Evans of Canada has been fifth for the past two years, might very well do better today. Then there's a sealer from Galt, Ont.—

Listing Past Victors Of B. A. A. Marathon

25 MILES

		h. m. s.
1897	J. McDermott, New York.	2 55 10
1898	R. McDonald, Cambridge.	2 42 00
1899	L. J. Brignoli, Cambridge.	2 54 38
1900	J. Caffrey, Hamilton, Ont.	2 39 44 2/5
1901	J. Caffrey, Hamilton, Ont.	2 29 23 3/5
1902	S. Mellor, Yonkers.	2 43 00
1903	J. C. Lorden, Cambridge.	2 41 29 4/5
1904	M. Spring, New York.	2 39 04 2/5
1905	F. Lorz, Yonkers.	2 38 25 2/5
1906	T. Ford, Hampshire.	2 45 45
1907	T. Longboat, Toronto.	2 24 24
1908	T. Morrissey, Yonkers.	2 25 43 1/5
1909	Henri Renaud, Nashua.	2 53 36 4/5
1910	F. Cameron, Amherst, N.S.	2 28 52 2/5
1911	Clarence DeMar, Boston.	2 21 39 3/5
1912	Michael Ryan, I. A. A. C.	2 21 18 1/5
1913	Fritz Carlson, Minneapolis	2 25 14 4/5
1914	J. Duffy, Hamilton, Ont.	2 25 01 1/5
1915	Edouard Fabre, Montreal.	3 14 11 1/5
1916	Arthur Roth, Dorchester.	2 27 16 2/5
1917	Wm. Kennedy, New York.	2 28 37 1/5
1919	Carl Linder, Quincy.	2 29 13 2/5
1920	P. Trivoulides, New York.	2 29 31
1921	Frank Zuna, New York.	2 18 57 3/5
1922	C. DeMar, Dorchester.	2 18 10
1923	Clarence DeMar, Melrose.	2 23 47 2/5
1924	Clarence DeMar, Melrose.	2 29 40 1/5
1925	Charles Mellor, Chicago.	2 33 00 3/5
1926	J. Miles, Syd. Mines, N.S.	2 25 40 2/5

26 MILES, 385 YARDS

1927	Clarence DeMar, Melrose.	2 40 22 1/5
1928	Clarence DeMar, Melrose.	2 37 07 4/5
1929	John Miles, Hamilton, Ont.	2 33 08 4/5
1930	Clarence DeMar, Melrose.	2 34 48 1/5
1931	John Henigan, Medford.	2 46 45 4/5
1932	Paul DeBruyn, New York.	2 33 36 2/5
1933	Leslie Pawson, Pawtucket	3 01 31 3/5
1934	D. Komonen, Sudbury, Ont.	3 25 53 4/5
1935	John Kelley, Arlington.	3 07 27 2/5
1936	Elison Brown, Alton, R.I.	2 33 40 4/5
1937	W. Young, Verdun, Can.	2 33 20
1938	Leslie Pawson, Pawtucket.	2 35 34 4/5
1939	Elison Brown, Westerly.	2 28 51 4/5
1940	G. Cote, St. Hycacinthe.	2 28 28 3/5
1941	Leslie Pawson, Pawtucket	2 30 38
1942	Joe Smith, Medford.	2 26 51 1/5
1943	G. Cote, Canadian Army.	2 28 25 4/5
1944	Gerard Cote, Montreal.	2 31 50 2/5
1945	John Kelley, West Acton	2 30 40 1/5

Ab Morton by name—who might be considered.

It's still Cote against the field—but what a field!

ALONG THE ROADS

The race will be started by a Brown, but no one seems to know which one. George V. Brown, name-sake of the race's greatest promoter and older brother Walter, who has kept the race alive, will both be on hand, and each wants to defer to the other. Maybe they can make it a joint effort.

Besides Kelley and Cote, other former winners in the field are Tarzan Brown (1936 and 1939) and Clarence DeMar, who won seven times from 1911 to 1930. DeMar is running for exercise, while Brown has high but probably fruitless hopes.

Further international flavor is lent by Ken Baily of England and Oswald Kisson of Trinidad. The latter is the West Indies marathon champion and is now studying printing in Canada.

Finally there's an Indian named Wahoo Fraser who insists he is going to win and break the record. It would make a great story, anyway.