

178 to Compete in BAA Marathon

When starter Walter Brown fires the gun that sends 178 athletes on the long marathon journey from Hopkinton to Exeter st., Back Bay, Saturday afternoon, the greatest array of stars in the history of this gruelling event will get away. The great

Indian, Tom Longboat from Toronto, was the great star many years ago. He justified all advance notices. Then along came other great marathoners of merit, including Henri Renaud, Johnny Hayes, Pat Kennedy, Tom Morrisey, Bob Fowler, Andy Sockel-

axis, Jimmy Lee, Mike Ryan and others.

Then, in more modern times, such great stars as Clarence DeMar, Tarzan Brown, Gerard Cote, Johnny Kelley, Joe Smith, Stylianos Kyriakides and others have broken the tape first.

Marathon director Tom Kanaly, reports this year's entries include runners from the most widespread spots in the history of the famous run. Officers and GI's quartered in Korea have so much faith in three Korean distance runners that they chipped in and paid their expenses to the classic.

So it goes all down through the entry list. They are coming from many quarters of the globe. Which is added proof that the B.A.A. Marathon is regarded as the world's greatest distance running event.

Manager Kanaly reported this morning that the entry list for Saturday's race has been closed. The final list of eight entries received yesterday sends the total to 178. No additional entries will be accepted.

Joe Smith of Medford Hillside, running unattached and winner of 1942 race in which he broke the course record with a time of 2:26.2, figures to try it again.

Another late entry of class is that of Don Heinicke, representing the White Horse Club of Baltimore. Don has always fin-

ished in the first group, but never was quite able to put over a victory. With a trip to London for the Olympic Marathon next year, Heinicke has his sights set for the impending race.

Other entries received were from Samuel Stein, also from Baltimore; George Carpozi, Jr., Grand Street Boys' Association, New York City; Hilary Chester, Cambridge; Orrington R. Hall, Pittsburgh; Peter R. Ruplenas, North Medford Club, and Carlos Whitlock, Adams.

Walter Brown, B.A.A. president and marathon director Tom Kanaly yesterday made final arrangements in the various cities and towns through which the race passes for policing the course. They met with fine cooperation from all police departments.

Locally, Police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan, Supt. Edward Fallon, and Capt. William Donovan of Division 14 and Leo Masuret of Division 16 have assured the B.A.A. officials that they will play ball, as they always do.

One of the tough problems in conducting a big race of this nature is the need of assistance before the runners reach the Boston city limits. Commissioner John E. Stokes, with the assistance of Capt. Shumkus and Lt. Alexander of the State police, will take over this assignment.