



WINNER AND RUNNER-UP—Athenean Stylianos Kyriakides, winner of the 50th B. A. A. Marathon (left), gets a glass of water from Johnnie Kelley, last year's winner, after their neck-and-neck race yesterday.

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Greek Star Wins Marathon

Johnny Kelley Follows Victor to Tape, With Gerry Cote Third

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Stylianos Kyriakides, a slender Greek with a flaming purpose and a fighting heart, won the B. A. A.'s Golden Anniversary Marathon yesterday in a race that followed a story-book pattern.

The 36-year-old bill collector from Athens had vowed he'd win this premier road racing event as an inspiration to his suffering nation. He made good on his promise in striking fashion as he burst into the finish at Exeter st. in 2:29:27, excellent time, although it missed Joe Smith's record of 2:26:51 1-5. As he moved through a

shouting swarm of his countrymen and delighted Boston fans, Kyriakides, his arm upraised in a kind of salute, said: "I did my best for Greece."

Before he gained the victory that will be wildly hailed in Greece and the Balkans generally, Kyriakides had to come through torried duel with 38-year-old Johnny Kelley, the defender and a double winner of the B. A. A. race.

At the finish Kelley was a full two minutes behind the flying Greek, who was still full of running, but he had provided a thrilling contest before

he faded in the finishing stretches.

Even though he was consigned to second place for the seventh time, Kelley heartily congratulated his conqueror with: "It was great that you won, Stanley. It's great for your country."

Stanley, as his name is literally translated, had selected Kelley as the man to beat some time ago. For more than 20 miles Kyriakides and Kelley ran in tandem with neither able to break the twain until the Greek made his finishing bid.