

## 1938 Winner:

**LESLIE PAWSON**

*Pawtucket, R. I. . . . Time: 2h 35m 34s*

**W**inner in '33 with a record run which still survived, Pawson became the Marathon's fourth repeater when he survived the 75-degree temperature, an early attack by Johnny Kelley and a late rush by Pat Dengis, the powerful stretch runner from Baltimore.

The hot sun made this a race of attrition. The fast early pacer — little Duncan McCallum from Canada — yielded after eight miles of running. Johnny Kelley then made his bid, from the eighth to 15th miles, with Pawson shadowing him like a Pinkerton. At Newton Lower Falls the course record-holder pressured the lead away from "Kel" and was never threatened in the closing 10 miles. Pawson was weary at the end, but his big effort over the hills left him a margin of 1m 6s on the strong-finishing Dengis, who'd begun his charge when 3½ minutes behind at 20 miles. Kelley was third in 2h 37m 34s, once again unable to sustain a stretch run.

## 1939 Winner:

**ELLISON M. BROWN**

*Alton, R. I. . . . Time: 2h 28m 51s (Record)*

**P**acing himself beautifully—in contrast to his "Crazy Horse" race as a rookie in '36—"Tarzan" Brown brought down Pawson's 2h 31m 01s race record on a cold, drizzle-punctuated day.

The Indian, perhaps the finest physical specimen to ever win the event, refrained from uncorking a "sprint" start this time. He closed in behind the early leadership of two-time winner Pawson and '37 winner Young. At the eighth mile Brown sputtered to Young's shoulder and fought the gangling Canadian to the first of the Newton hills, 17 miles.

The redskin romped home from there, defeating late-driving Don Heinicke of Baltimore and Young by almost three minutes. The Indian now held every checkpoint record on the course, from Framingham to the tape.

**1946 Winner:**

**STYLIANOS KYRIAKIDES**

**Greece . . . Time: 2h 29m 27s**

**U**nquestionably the most significant B.A.A. race of all-time was this one, won with an almost fanatical determination by the gaunt Greek Kyriakides, who caught Johnny Kelley with 1½ miles to race.

Kyriakides, himself a victim of malnutrition, aspired to win in an effort to propagandize the plight of his starving nation—and he did, soliciting electrifying assistance from America. His sensational feat also triggered a flood of foreign entries in ensuing years.

This race was so congested and hampered by flotillas of fumes-raising cars, that Pres. Walter A. Brown of the B.A.A. the next year limited the entourage to three official busses. Almost instantly, records began to topple in the rarified atmosphere.

Kyriakides ran this race to a plan: hook onto Kelley early, and run him down. This he did, lurking at “Kel’s” shoulder for almost the entire distance—he lost contact only twice—then surging to his late 2h 29m 27s to 2h 31m 27s victory. Gerard Cote was a 2h 36m 34s third man.