

Boston Marathon Captured by Pawson

PAWTUCKET STAR REPEATS IN GRIND

34-Year-Old Pawson Is First
at Boston, Leading Field of
180 in 2:35:34 4-5

DENGIS FINISHES SECOND

Kelley Is Third and Porter,
New Yorker, Fourth—DeMar
Seventh Across Line

By The Associated Press.

BOSTON, April 19.—Leslie Pawson, 34-year-old Pawtucket, R. I., playground instructor, today became the fourth "repeater" in the forty-two-year history of the famous Boston A. A. marathon by defeating Pat Dengis of Baltimore, regarded as the country's greatest long distance runner, by almost a fifth of a mile.

Despite the midsummer heat, which handicapped all but the most seasoned veterans in the starting field of 180, Pawson's time for the 26-mile-385-yard journey over the tortuous hilly course from Hopkinton to the Back Bay section of Boston was 2 hours 35 minutes 34 4-5 seconds, only 4 minutes 33 1-5 seconds slower than the record he set when he gained his first triumph five years ago.

Pawson, with Arlington's Johnny Kelley, the 1935 victor, trailing by a step, forged to the front of the pack eleven miles from the starting line and they raced shoulder to shoulder for five more miles before the Rhode Islander shook him off on the second of Newton's string of hills.

Dengis Overtakes Kelley

Meanwhile, Dengis, who reached the first timing station at the six-mile point in thirty-second place, was working his way through the field and he managed to overtake Kelley early in the last mile and lead him to the finish line by 53 1-5 seconds, about a 300-yard margin.

Mel Porter of New York, the national marathon champion, placed fourth. The others in the first ten were Paul Donato, Boston; Mike Mansulla, Brockton; Clarence DeMar, Keene, N. H., 49-year-old seven-time winner; Gerard Cote, St. Hyacinthe, Que., in seventh place for the second year; Walter Hornby, Hamilton, Ont., and Fred Ward of New York, who dropped back six places from his 1937 fourth position.

There were four other former winners in the field, described by DeMar as "the greatest I ever competed against." Dave Komonen of Sudbury, Ont., who triumphed here in 1934, placed thirteenth today; 54-year-old Bill Kennedy of Greenwich, Conn., who won back in 1917, was twenty-sixth, and Ellison M. (Tarzan) Brown of Alton, R. I., the Narragansett Indian who raced to glory two years ago, was away back in fifty-fourth place.



LESLIE PAWSON FINISHING BOSTON MARATHON

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