

Kelley Sees Win by Greek Big Boost for Marathon

The runner most pleased with the result of Saturday's race (with the exception of winner Kyriakides) was Johnny Kelley, second for the seventh time and one of the finest losers as well as one of the finest marathoners anywhere . . . "It's the greatest thing that ever happened to marathoning," claims Johnny, "and will do more to boom the game than all the fancy writing in the world."

GREEK PAYS TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY KELLEY

Kyriakides (pronounced Kee-ree-a-kee-dees with the accent on the second "kee") paid a great tribute to Johnny's sportsmanship yesterday saying, "He's a great boy and a fine sportsman and I wouldn't ever mind losing to him."

The big "K" is not sure about returning next year . . . Not that he doesn't want to . . . The Greek Athletic Association may have some other duties for him, however, that would prevent his competing in the B.A.A. . . . If he should be back, he claims he will not wear the No. 1 to which he is entitled as this year's winner, but prefers the one he wore Saturday—No. 77 . . . That incidentally is the number Red Grange wore to fame as the Galloping Ghost of Illinois . . . K thinks it is his lucky number . . . Who knows, maybe he has something at that.

He is still anxious about the sweat shirt that some souvenir scavenger confiscated after the race . . . It has great sentimental value to the Galloping Greek, for he has worn it for 12 years ever since the 1932 Olympics in which he finished 11th.

Stanley doesn't think very highly of the way Charlie Robbins, Gerry Cote and some of the other runners poured cold water over their legs Saturday . . . "The muscles are too hot and the water is too cold. That makes your legs tighten up," says Stanley.

He has ambitions of talking his home A.A. into planning a world-wide marathon and inviting the best runners of America . . . "I don't think any of them could finish a Greek Marathon," he claims . . . The Reason? . . . He says that, although it would be held in October, the weather is still so hot that it melts the asphalt on the road, and it would be much too torrid for our boys because they are not used to it . . . Also the Greek mountains would make the Newton hills look flat . . . "Our course is over mountains, not hills, for all but the last six miles," says Kyriakides.

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