

500,000 Line Roads To See BAA Marathon

By MIKE GILLOOLY

A human canyon of an estimated half-a-million fans were lined on the roadways from Hopkinton to Boston as 184 marathoners left the starting line for the 51st annual plod over heart-break highways in the BAA classic run of 25 miles, 385 yards to the finish at the former club house on Exeter st.

It was a wide-open affair with at least half-a-dozen possibilities named for the winner's laurel wreath with defending champion Stylianos Kyriakides of Greece topping the list.

The Greek has the backing of the experts to lead the lengthy parade once again. It might very well happen that he'd be forced to break the record in victory and he was just confident enough—and smart enough, too—to run his opposition in the rocky pavements. He was the focal point of the race, a well-versed marathoner who knew every angle of the run.

The list of potentials behind the Greek were extremely threatening.

For example, the trio of Guatemalans who flew into town after 14-hours in the air must offer some type of threat or they'd hardly have gone to the bother of the hurry-up trip. The three—accompanied by Dr. Ochaita, rode over the course last night and Doreta Flores, Guillermo Rojas and Ovidio Barillas seemed content that they would be in the contention.

Locally, three runners figured to be close up. Charlie Robbins, Hartford, Ct., Navy veteran, has been named by some experts as the winner; Ted Vogel, BAA, loomed as a dangerous challenger; Johnnie Kelly, second again last year, never has been counted out of any marathon. Add Dave Mazzeo, Portland, Me., to this group and New England figured on equality in representation.

The Koreans had their Olympic championship to live up to. And, after their widely quoted remark "when do we get to the hills?", Yun Bok Su, Seung Yong Nam and Ki Chung Sorm must stand as a trio who would pound down to Coolidge Corner with the front runners.

But then the Finns—Mikko Hietanen and Vaino Muinonen—could not be forgotten. Nor the Turk—Sevki Koru. Nor the Hawaiians—Takeo Takushi, Bert Hooper, Felix Castilliano and Norman Tamanaka, although the distance might have been too much. And just possibly the other Greek—Athanasios Ragazos. Or even a few of the Canadians—especially the natty Gerard Cote, a triple winner since 1940.

Cote's pride was punctured last year when he fell back with cramps as Kyriakides and Kelly roamed home. This season, he moved into town unheralded; a distinct danger to upset everybody in the grind.

All told, there were seven former champions at the starting mark, including the aging Clarence DeMar, the king of the marathon. There was plenty of room for ... to jump to the front as the champions wore themselves out in individual duels.

But for a flyer, stick with Charlie Robbins. He could have

NAMES AND NUMBERS IN BAA MARATHON

- 1—Sevki Krou, Ankara, Turkey.
- 2—John A. Kelley, Boston Edison.
- 3—Gerard Cote, Canada.
- 4—Clarence H. DeMar, Reading.
- 5—Albert "Ab" Morton, Canada.
- 6—John Kershason, Millrose A. A.
- 7—Lloyd G. Evans, Montreal.
- 8—Charles A. Robbins, Norfolk.
- 9—Ted Vogel, Boston A. A.
- 10—Louis Young, Cambridge.
- 11—Oswald Kissoon, Canada.
- 12—Perry Such, Canada.
- 13—Gavin Bourdeau, Brockton.
- 14—Fred Ward, Dover, N. J.
- 15—Arthur L. O'Sullivan, North Medford.
- 16—Charles Regan, Norfolk.
- 17—Lee E. Pelkey, Norfolk.
- 18—Frederick W. Brown, Sr., North Medford.
- 19—John R. Anderson, Amsan A. A.
- 20—George Waterhouse, North Medford.
- 21—Alton F. Bradley, North Medford.
- 22—Claude M. Ghosh, Jr., North Medford.
- 23—Charles E. Timpany, Boston YMCA.
- 24—Francis J. Monahan, Jr., Newton.
- 25—Donald A. Post, Rochester, N. Y.
- 26—Herbert Wilshire, Canada.
- 27—Michael J. O'Hara, Millrose A. A.
- 28—Robert J. Gilchrist, Norfolk.
- 29—William F. Lenigan, Boston.
- 30—Robert V. Pace, North Medford.
- 31—Mike Kish, Springfield.
- 32—George B. Caldwell, Norfolk.
- 33—Lucien J. Briere, Plainfield, Ct.
- 34—Athanasios Ragazos, Greece.
- 35—Christros Vartzakis, Greece.
- 36—William J. Dacey, Boston.
- 37—Peter R. Gough, Canada.
- 38—Cecil S. Earnest, American Optical.
- 39—Theodore R. Horne, Norfolk.
- 40—George B. Dickson, Millrose A. A.
- 41—Wilfred L. Lawrence, Canada.
- 42—Stephen G. Wool, Burlington, Vt.
- 43—Arnold G. Briggs, Syracuse.
- 44—Frank J. McElroy, Boston.
- 45—Harry F. Stinson, Jr., Brookline.
- 46—Robert C. Templeton, Burlington, Vt.
- 47—Henry L. Sage, North Medford.
- 48—Paul A. Donato, General Electric.
- 49—James H. Montague, Washington, D. C.
- 50—John D. Semple, Boston A. A.
- 51—Francis L. Austin, Boston A. A.
- 52—Lloyd E. Bairstow, Boston A. A.
- 53—Donald E. Osborne, Boston A. A.
- 54—Warren Dupree, Boston A. A.
- 55—Harold Miller, Boston A. A.
- 56—Michael Fitzgerald, Boston A. A.
- 57—Walter Emery, Boston A. A.
- 58—Ollie Mannion, Boston A. A.
- 59—Stanley Berg, Boston A. A.
- 60—John A. Rozman, Rockland.
- 61—Roy C. Geist, Brooklyn.
- 62—Louis Boig, Millrose A. A.
- 63—Joseph Kleinerman, Millrose A. A.
- 64—Albert Bradie, Millrose A. A.
- 65—Aldo Scandura, Millrose A. A.
- 66—William Connelly, Millrose A. A.
- 67—Mikko Hietanen, Finland.
- 68—Vaine Muinonen, Finland.
- 69—John O. Spong, New York.
- 70—Bruno S. Mazzeo, South Portland, Me.
- 71—Ray Fairman, Boston.
- 72—Thomas W. Radford, New York.
- 73—Ellison Myers Brown, Charlestown, R. I.
- 74—Walter H. Childs, North Medford.
- 75—Fred DeMar, Washington, D. C.
- 76—Garrett "Denny" Long, Allston Moose.
- 77—Stylianos Kyriakides, Greece.
- 78—Robert W. Feeney, Shepard Club.
- 79—William Memmott, Canada.
- 80—Robert McCormick, Mahoney City, Pa.
- 81—Jacob Dyer, Providence.
- 82—Philip W. Bouchard, Brookline.
- 83—Douglas B. Buchanan, Brookline.
- 84—Amos Kujala, Boston A. A.
- 85—William Paavo Wiklund, Millrose A. A.
- 86—Herbert G. Dunphy, Jr., Newton.
- 87—William Stelner, New York city.
- 88—Keneth H. H. Bailey, England.
- 89—Sherman Wilbur, Mendon, B. C.
- 90—William C. Morrell, New Bedford.
- 91—Earl P. Wheeler, Jr., Minneapolis.
- 92—Francis L. Stearns, Saranac Lake.
- 93—Charles B. Brederon, Attleboro.
- 94—Larry W. Murphy, N. Y. Pioneer Club.
- 95—Haskell F. Clark, Washington, D. C.
- 96—Jimmy G. Kirkindall, Scott Field, Ill.
- 97—James Concill, Jr., Bradford, R. I.
- 98—T. Gordon Lennox, Goodwill A. C.
- 99—John P. Canney, North Medford.
- 100—Martin Fitzpatrick, Carmen's Union.
- 101—John H. Linscott, Needham.
- 102—O. Gardner Spooner, North Bedford.
- 103—Walter R. Gervais, Attleboro.
- 104—William R. Smith, North Medford.
- 105—Mike Dwyer, Staten Island.
- 106—Ernest Crowell, Pawtucket, R. I.
- 107—Anthony Medeiros, North Medford.
- 108—Graham Brown, Jamaica.
- 109—Lionel F. Pinn, Reddish A. A.
- 110—Gordon M. Bourne, Suffolk.
- 111—Nicholas F. Novak, Suffolk.
- 112—John A. Abrog, Suffolk.
- 113—Takeo Takushi, Hawaii.
- 114—Bertom G. Hooper, Hawaii.
- 115—Felciaro Castilliano, Hawaii.
- 116—Norman K. Tamanaka, Hawaii.
- 117—George Daniel, Walpole.
- 118—Est Boulon, Montreal.
- 120—Louis F. Johnson, North Medford, cal.