

Cote General Favorite to Win the Marathon

DeMar and Kelley Most Popular Among Entrants

By JERRY NASON

Monsieur Marathon, alias Gerard Cote of Montreal, P. Q., is the general favorite to be the No. 1 shoe-shoe baby of the 50th annual Boston A. A. Marathon race tomorrow.

Where to Watch

Table with columns: PLACE, DISTANCE, TIME. Lists various starting points for the marathon like Framingham, Weymouth, and Exeter st.

made it in 1:39:10, and promptly entered the race."

A "name" runner won't necessarily win the Marathon. A handful of men have dominated the race during the past decade. It may be the moment for a new physique to fit down Exeter st., a new head on which to park the laurel chapeau.

Or It Might Be Gregory. The second-fastest race ever engineered in this Marathon was by Lou Gregory, a New York schoolmaster in 1942. Joe Smith put up the record of 2:26:51 that day.

Clarence passed up the race for the past two years, this year did not decide to run until a few days ago. Says Clarence: "My goal was to beat three hours. I recently 'sambled' my running to see if I should enter this year."

International in Aspect

The macadam classic is international in aspect, due to the following factors: 1. Cote, perennial Canadian champion who, last year, served overseas and managed to thrash Great Britain's best;

2. Ken Bailey of England, who carries around a whole satchel full of initials, and who is not rated any part of a threat by Cote, who knows more about him than anybody else in this vicinity;

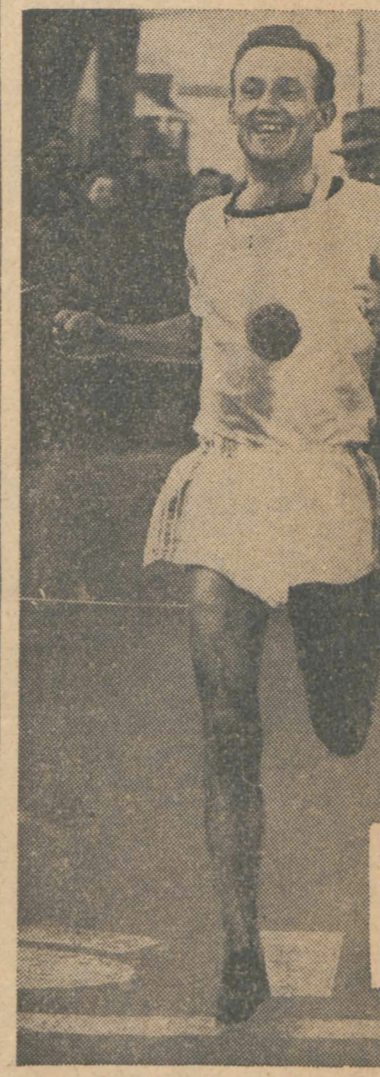
Four Former Winners in Race

The four former winners involved in the pavement free-for-all are Cote (3 wins), Johnny Kelley, the defender (2 wins), Tarzan Brown (2 wins), and Clarence H. DeMarathon, 7-time winner, beginning in 1911 and ending in 1930.

The fact is, Cote is ready and faring to go... and the man who whips this raven-haired, confident, formidable French-Canadian will need wings on his heels and jet-propelled running gear.

Big Three in Recent Marathons

Table showing marathon records for First, Second, and Third places. Names include John Kelley, Gerard Cote, and others with their respective times and locations.



KELLEY 1935 1945



COTE 1940 1943 1944



BROWN 1936 1939

Competitors in Tomorrow's Long Macadam Grind

- List of competitors for the marathon, including names like John Kelley, Gerard Cote, Lloyd Evans, and others, along with their respective clubs and locations.

Baker the Baker Is Cooking Something Up for the Red Sox

By JERRY NASON

Mr. George J. Baker, whose name is identical with his calling—he being the baker at Richardson House, Boston Lying-In Hospital—is cooking up something for the Red Sox.

Mr. Baker, who is 63 and a ball player, vintage of 1900, is extremely rabid on the subject of the Red Sox. At the same time he is practically the most avid collector of four-leaf clovers extant.

Mix these two ingredients, add the indisputable fact that somebody's going to need some luck to stop the Yankees, and you have Mr. Baker presenting 40 four-leaf clovers to the Cronin A. C. at the ball park tomorrow—which he will do.

"I want 'em to bring home the pennant," says Baker, strangely enough, since he is a native of New York himself. "That's what I want. You have the best baseball fans in the country here in Boston. I'd like to see the Red Sox make 'em happy."

He did not add that he, likewise, would be happy at such an outcome. This is taken for granted. People do not go around passing out 40 four-leaf clovers unless they sincerely wish the recipient good fortune.

Has Picked 3000 Four-Leafers

Some famous folk possess four-leaf clovers of Baker's plucking, such as Gen Eisenhower and his wife; Irving Berlin, Leverett Saltonstall and the Iwo Jima flag raisers.

Baker estimates that he has picked 3000 four-leaf clovers in his time, and a number of freak jobs—such as five and six-leaf clovers. He didn't say whether or not these were luckier than the four-leaf version is credited with being.

"Only this morning," he said, "I picked four. How? Well, I do a lot of walking. They used to call me the 'Walking Marine' back there before and during the first war. Once I walked 65 miles in 14 hours for a record.

"Any way, I was walking through the Fens this morning and spied four four-leaf clovers. A lot of fresh luck for the Sox, eh? You'd be surprised at the number I pick on the Common."

15 Years Finding His First One

Mr. Baker says he has developed an excellent technique for his hobby... using the bended-neck stance as he perambulates around the grassy regions of the city.

His pappy started him in his search for four-leaf clovers many years ago. "Said he'd give me a dollar for every one I found," Baker related. "Darned if I could find one! I told my father: 'I don't think there is such a thing as a four-leaf clover. I bet you're just trying to keep me out of mischief.'"

Baker says it was 15 years before he caught up with a four-leaf clover. He was inspecting some flour at a railroad siding in Milton one day when he chanced to look down to see one. "Doggone near collapsed from excitement," says he.

He figures he averages a couple of hundred per year now, better picking than you'd suppose. In coin of the realm he has less interest, but picks up from 75 cents to \$1 in coins each year in his clover safaris.

If Mr. Baker's clovers bring the desired results to the Red Sox he will be in danger of having ball players parked on his front steps every morning when he sets off to his job. As an old shortstop for Lynn in the N. E. League, this won't bother him very much... as long as they happen to be Red Sox players.

Likely to Break Record

If there is any kind of weather available for the 26 miles, 385 yard pavement promotion, Cote will probably break the record in the bargain.

His condition, self-confessed, is the sharpest since he first won and whittled the record in 1940. Inasmuch as he subsequently outfooted John Kelley in 1943, and again in 1944, the monsieur must be rated as sharp as a newly-honed razor.

Not Afraid of Anyone

"If I feel as good on Saturday noon," he says, "then—" He leaves the interviewer guessing as to what happens then. He is unafraid of (1) Kelley ("These year I don't wait for him like"



do in '44'). (2) Don Heinicke ("I at 23 miles, somebody say, 'Heinicke is only 400 yards behind. I'm only do I worry about Don?'). (3) Stylianos Kyriakides, champion of Greece; Charlie Robbins, champion of America; Oswald Kisson, champion of the West Indies, or the champions of anything else for that matter.

The attending features, barring one, are the customary: starting times; 12 noon via state road, Hopkinton; 1:00 p.m., via Main St., Framingham; 1:00 p.m., via Main St., Weymouth; 1:00 p.m., via Main St., Exeter st.

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Advertisement for Narragansett Park, featuring Gansett Thoroughbred Races, a horse illustration, and details about the spring meeting opening on May 25.

Records for Marathon Race

Table of marathon records listing names, times, and locations. Includes names like John Kelley, Gerard Cote, and Tarzan Brown.

Golf Returns to Boston Schools Next Monday

Bob Holbrook contemplates entering Harvard next Fall if his studies warrant it. Incidentally, several of the leading school athletes have intentions of wearing the Crimson colors. Freddie Crafts and Walter Palmer, all Weston athletes, are inclined to go along with White.

York Will Pitch for B. C. Against N. U. Tomorrow

Coach Freddy Maguire of the Boston College baseball nine decided yesterday to give the starting pitcher assignment to the Eagle's first game in three years to Roger York, who has shown a good deal of talent, although he has been out for the team only about two weeks.

Mexican Red-Hot on WCOP Tonight

Julio Jimenez (above), Mexican lightweight who scored a stirring victory over Cleo Shans two weeks ago, makes his most important start tonight when he tangles with Manhattan's seasoned trial horse, Maxie Shapiro, in New York.

Advertisement for Narragansett Park, highlighting the 'Fastest Track to Narragansett Park' and 'Narragansett Special' service.

Advertisement for Bus Service to Narragansett Park, listing routes, times, and ticket prices.