

500,000 Line Course as Brown Wins Boston Marathon in Sensational Finish

BROWN CAPTURES PATRIOTS' DAY RUN

Near Collapse After Setting a Fast Pace, He Halts 3 Times and Then Goes On to Win.

CLINCHES OLYMPIC BERTH

Indian Finishes Almost Two Minutes Ahead of McMahon in Boston Marathon.

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BOSTON, April 20.—In the strangest finish that the Boston Marathon has had in thirty years Ellison (Tarzan) Brown, 22-year-old Naragansett Indian from Providence, was the surprise winner of America's distance running classic today, virtually clinching himself a place on the American Olympic team.

For twenty miles Brown had the test tucked away in his vest pocket, but when he ran into the rugged hills toward the end of the Patriots' Day journey the favored Johnny Kelley of Arlington came up from three-quarters of a mile behind to pass him.

Then every time the Indian went down grade he whirled into the lead, only to lose ground once more when they hit another hill. Five times within a mile the lead changed hands in a nip-and-tuck struggle, while the major part of the 500,000 who lined the course thrilled to the sensational battle.

Brown Comes to a Halt

The fifth time Kelley stopped dead in his tracks and started to walk. It was Tarzan's race, so it seemed, but a mile and a half from the bright yellow worsted that was strung across Exeter Street in front of the old Boston A. A. clubhouse, Brown staggered and stood still.

By this time Kelley was badly outdistanced and on the verge of collapse because the Indian had set such a sizzling pace that all records for the marathon were ready to fall with a resounding crash.

Only Billy McMahon of the Worcester Running Club had a chance to overtake the faltering Brown and he was a good 300 yards behind. Tarzan stopped and wavered in his path, teetering to the right and the left.

Water was splashed over his head by Jack Farrington, his coach. Tarzan perked up and started to run again. But McMahon had cut the margin from 300 yards to less than a hundred, and when Brown started anew the Worcester lad began to walk himself.

Suffers Another Attack

A half mile further on Brown halted once more. Water restored him again, but he had not gone much more than another quarter mile when the "blind staggers" caught up with him for the third time. Down the long lane of spectators could be seen Brown, McMahon and Kelley, the three leaders. All of them were walking.

Tarzan gritted his teeth and came on for the third and last time. There was no hesitation as he approached the finish. He seemed as firm and as strong as when he had started. The national twenty and twenty-five kilometer champion—they had said that the Marathon route was too long for him—slammed through in 2:33:40 4-5, his record hopes gone as the result of his gyrations toward the close, but the victory and the Olympic berth clinched beyond recall.

Until the extraordinary happenings of those last few miles had given the Boston spectators the most thrilling finish since the neck-and-neck homestretch burst of 1906, Brown had been headed toward the fastest Marathon of them all. He covered the first eleven miles in the incredible time of 55 minutes and was breaking records all along the way.

Kelley Home Fifth

But he finally triumphed in time that was more than two minutes in back of Leslie Pawson's mark. McMahon was second, nearly two minutes behind, with Mel Porter of the German-American A. C. of New York third. Leo Giard of Brockton was fourth and Kelley fifth.

Kelley had been the race favorite along with Porter, Pawson, who quit after twelve miles, and Pat Dengis of Baltimore, the national Marathon champion, who was forced by an injury to call it a day after twenty miles.

A total of 184 athletes responded to George Brown's starting gun at Hopkinton. Less than half that number finished.

THE LEADING FINISHERS	
1—Ellison Brown, Providence, R. I.	2:33:40 1/2
2—William F. McMahon, Worcester	2:35:27 1/2
3—Mel Porter, New York	2:35:48
4—Leo G. Giard, Brockton	2:38:15 1/2
5—John Kelley, Arlington	2:38:49
6—Alexander Burnside, Toronto	2:38:05
7—Earl Collins, Medford	2:38:47
8—Anthony Faskell, Lynn	2:40:07
9—Vic Callard, Toronto	2:40:25
10—James M. Shaw, Toronto	2:42:38
11—Augustus Johnson, Port Chester, N. Y.	2:43:15
12—Ceel Hill, Beverly	2:44:24
13—John Paul, St. John, N. B.	2:45:30
14—Louis Young, Beverly	2:46:11
15—James Lewis, Medford	2:46:34
16—Clarence DeMar, Keene, N. H.	2:48:08
17—William Wiklund, Passaic, N. J.	2:48:33
18—James P. Henigan, Medford	2:50:37
19—Bill Kennedy, Port Chester, N. Y.	2:51:52
20—Robert Hamilton, Nova Scotia	2:52:08
21—Fred Ward, New York	2:52:40
22—Walter K. Ray, Beverly, Mass.	2:54:11
23—Girard Cote, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec	2:54:22
24—Frank Worthington, Philadelphia	2:54:34
25—Matthew Bardsley, Pawtucket, R. I.	2:54:55
26—Walter Young, Verdun, Quebec	2:55:08
27—David Fagerlund, New York	2:55:11
28—Roy Kimball, Beverly	2:56:32
29—Thomas Barry, St. John, N. B.	2:56:03
30—John Semple, Beverly	2:57:02
31—Sidney Hardacre, Toronto	2:58:49
32—John Clark, Philadelphia	2:58:49
33—John Decote, Somerville, Mass.	2:59:01
34—William Smallcomben, Montreal	3:00:33
35—J. F. Carleton, East Sandwich, Mass.	3:01:17
36—Walter N. Libbland, Syracuse, N. Y.	3:01:50
37—Thomas Nevala, Maynard, Mass.	3:02:11
38—Michael Xiansulla, Brockton, Mass.	3:03:51
39—William Orr, Montreal	3:04:45
40—Alex Perron, Lawrence, Mass.	3:06:45
41—Daniel Hoffman, New York	3:08:56
42—Nederes	3:08:13
43—Paul Dextro, Roxbury, Mass.	3:09:14
44—Walter Lillyman, Foxboro, Mass.	3:09:54
45—Thomas McDonough, Boston	3:10:27
46—Croyden E. Jordan, Brewer, Me.	3:11:22
47—Edward Waselawski, New York	3:12:08
48—Charles Gould, Roxbury, Mass.	3:12:56
49—William Dreyer, Palatine, Ill.	3:13:00
50—Charles Broderick, Pawtucket, R. I.	3:14:25



BROWN LEADING FIELD THROUGH TOWN OF WELLESLEY