

DE MAR SETS RECORD IN BOSTON MARATHON

Lowers U. S. and Olympic Figures in Gaining Fourth Victory in American Classic.

HIS TIME IS 2:29:40 1-5

Mellor Second, Followed by Wendling, Churchill, Linder, MacAuley and Williams.

ZUNA IS FORCED TO QUIT

Suffers From Stomach Trouble

After 20 Miles—Victor Leads

From Halfway Mark.

BOSTON, April 19 (Associated Press).

The Olympic and American marathon records were broken today when Clarence H. De Mar of Melrose raced in far ahead of the field and won the twenty-eight American marathon conducted by the Boston Athletic Association. He covered the Olympic distance of 26 miles, 385 yards, from Hopkinton to Boston, in 2 hours, 29 minutes, 40 1-5 seconds. This was the final test for candidates for the American Olympic marathon team.

The Olympic record of 2:32:35 4-5 was made by Hannes Kolehmainen at Antwerp, in 1920. Frank T. Zuna of Newark, N. J., held the previous American record of 2:41:39 2-5, which he made in winning the Baltimore marathon last month. Zuna, who also won the recent Detroit marathon, started in today's race under the colors of the Millrose A. A., New York. Nine miles from the finish he had worked up into fourth place, but on the heartbreaking Newton hills stomach trouble forced him to drop out.

The ease with which De Mar won is shown by the fact that he finished more than five minutes ahead of Charles L. ("Chuck") Mellor, Illinois A. U., Chicago, who was second. It was De Mar's fourth victory in this event. He won previously in 1911, 1922 and 1923. No other runner has won the American marathon more than twice.

The times of the first eleven men to finish were:

1. Clarence H. De Mar, Melrose, 2:29:40 1-5.
2. Charles L. Mellor, Chicago, 2:35:04 2-5.
3. Frank E. Wendling, Widlon A. C., Buffalo, 2:37:40 2-5.
4. William J. Churchill, Olympic Club, San Francisco, 2:37:52.
5. Carl W. A. Linder, Boston A. A., 2:40:12 2-5.
6. Victor MacAuley, Windsor, N. S., 2:40:36 2-5.
7. Ralph A. Williams, Quincy, 2:41:58 3-5.
8. William J. Kennedy, Cygnet A. C., Port Chester, N. Y., 2:43:03.
9. Louis Tikkanen, Finnish-American A. C., New York, 2:46:31.
10. Speros N. Merageas, Millrose A. A., New York, 2:50:49.
11. M. J. Dwyer, Mohawk A. C., New York, 2:50:51.

Winner Plays Waiting Game.

Kennedy won the American Marathon in 1917 and Linder in 1919. Zuna, the fourth former winner who ran today, came in ahead in 1921. De Mar played a waiting game for the first half of the race, conserving his strength. When a few leaders began to string out ahead of the bunch it was Tikkanen who set the pace for the field of 140 runners. At South Framingham, a little more than six miles from the start, and at Natick, four miles further along, Tikkanen was in the lead, but by the time the runners had reached the halfway point at Wellesley De Mar had gone out ahead. He maintained his lead throughout the rest of the race and steadily increased it in the last few miles.

Tikkanen just as steadily dropped back, and Mellor, Churchill and Wendling, with Zuna until he had to quit, forged ahead in a fight for second place. Mellor had the advantage of being familiar with the course, as he finished second in the event in 1921 and fifth in 1917. Wendling, who is junior National A. A. U. five-mile champion, had been looked upon as a likely dark horse, but none of the experts had reckoned upon Churchill as a leading contender. Mellor held second place during the last five miles of the race, while Churchill and Wendling alternated in third and fourth positions, finishing only a few seconds apart.

Neither the long down hill stretch in the first part of the race nor the strenuous ups and downs through Newton had any terrors for the veteran De Mar. He had trained in his own way, largely through daily runs from his home in Melrose to the printing shop in Medford where he is employed. When he came in third at Baltimore he expressed the opinion that he had not reached top form, but before the race today he was confident.

Ate Six Eggs for Race.

De Mar keeps a few hens at his home and they helped him today. He picked up six eggs from the hencoop this morning and ate three of them for breakfast. The other three he took with him to Hopkinton and ate them after the start of the race. That was his only nourishment for the long grind. He finished strong and said that aside from a couple of blisters on his feet he felt no discomfort.

Members of the American Legion post at Melrose, whose colors he wore, carried him to the roof of the B. A. A. clubhouse after the finish of the race and the crowd gave him a great ovation. Later he was escorted to the State House for another welcome.

Although the crowds along the course were greater than in any former year, the runners said that they were bothered very little by the traffic. Members of the State Constabulary kept the lanes clear. Rain which had fallen in the early morning ceased before race time and the roads were in good shape. The sun was in and out and a chilly northwest wind for most of the distance blew diagonally across the course and neither helped nor hindered the runners.

Albert Michelsen of New York, who finished second to Zuna in the Baltimore Marathon and fourth in the Boston event last year, and Walter Carlson of Boston, who came in third here last year, were forced to drop out today after covering about half of the course. Both had been ranked among the fa-

Veteran Sets Terrific Pace.

The great outstanding feature of the race, overshadowing all others, was the terrific pace set by the 36-year-old star, De Mar, after he had forged to the front with half the distance covered. Slim, and apparently frail of physique, with

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his peculiar gait which experts said would prove his undoing, De Mar steadily drew ahead of his field. The pace he made carried the first six men to the finish line inside the American record.

At fifteen miles the veteran was leading by a full minute and was pulling further to the front. Wallie Carlson, third last year, was forced out at the seventeenth mile. A little later Arthur L. Flanders, Boston A. A., who had been running with the first ten, dropped out. Michelson went out at the twentieth mile.

It was Brae Burn Hill, over which De Mar raced with little abated speed, that blighted the chances of Zuna, considered a favorite at the outset. Gunnar Nilson of the Finnish-American A. C., New York, also was forced out at Brae Burn Hill and the same rise in ground obliged Churchill to give up his fight with Mellor for second place, and all but put him out of the running. It was at this juncture that the stamina and speed of Wendling carried him from seventh to sixth place and then to third.

Although he was otherwise fresh and strong, Mellor hobbled over the finish line with a limp as a result of an apparently insignificant mishap which all but cost him second place and nearly forced him out of the race in the last mile and a half. The insole of one shoe had slipped back, crumpling up under his heel. Rather than sacrifice his chance of second place, Mellor struggled on, although the punishment of the last mile and a half brought him to the finish line limping in pain.

The order of finish after eleventh position follows:

Position.	Name and Club.	Time.
12—	Michael J. Lynch, Aloysius Club, Washington, D. C.	2:52:50 2-5
13—	Nestor Erickson, Finnish-American A. C.	2:53:18
14—	Gus O'Neill, Dorchester Club	2:55:22
15—	John Rosi, Cygnet A. C., Port Chester, N. Y.	2:56:05
16—	Gunnar Nashlund, Swedish-American A. C.	2:56:45 2-5
17—	Roger E. Tingley, Lynn, Mass.	2:57:54
18—	George F. McAlpine, Dorchester Club	2:59:27 4-5
19—	Hugo Kauppinen, Millrose A. A.	2:59:50
20—	Vaino Mopp, Finnish-American A. C.	3:00:57
21—	Edward Jones, Weldon A. C., Buffalo	3:01:21
22—	Henry Duplus, Manchester (N. H.) Police Association	3:01:29
23—	William Rozette, Millrose A. A.	3:02:34
24—	Anasta K. Sturgis, Dorchester Club	3:03:00
25—	Clovis Bourdelais, Brockton Gas Light Association	3:05:14
26—	Eddie Lyons, Dorchester Club	3:06:05
27—	Arthur B. Letteer, Allentown (Pa.) Y. M. C. A.	3:06:59
28—	J. Foxcroft Carleton, East Sandwich, Mass.	3:07:20 2-5
29—	Henry Kanto, City View Club, Claremont, N. H.	3:08:06 2-5
30—	E. C. Moran, Millett A. C., Detroit, Mich.	3:11:12
31—	Frank Vasilopoulos, Greek-American A. C.	3:13:40
32—	Robert W. Nickerson, Hollywood Inn Club, Yonkers	3:14:10 2-5
33—	Thomas E. Quinlan, Medford Post 45 A. L.	3:15:21
34—	Horatio A. Stanton, Westerly, R. I.	3:16:32
35—	John Costella, New York	3:17:14