

## Marathon Race At Maplewood May 30, 1909 | Bangor



**RK Notes: I'm afraid that this marathon never happened in 1909. I triple checked some sources - and apparently one of the big names ran May 29th in Chicago for a \$10,000 purse that year. After reading this... one could hardly imagine it wouldn't be until 1975 - Bangor would see it's first marathon? I do have the 15 mile race that Olympic Victor, Johnny Hayes would win. Post a reply if you want me to type it up.  
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Matthew J. Cowhig, who promoted the 15 mile race at the Auditorium Thursday night between [Johnny] Hayes, [Pat] Dineen and [ ] Neary, is likely to give the lovers of good running another star show here on or about May 30. Hayes is willing to come to Bangor and the management feels confident that it can obtain the services of Matt Maloney, the winner of the Rye to New York Marathon. Mr. Cowhig would have several star long distance runners take part in this event and offer a suitable prize to be run for. The money necessary to make such an affair a success amounts to quite a large sum and it is likely that a subscription sale of tickets would be held. If about 500 tickets at a dollar per could be sold in advance Mr. Cowhig would be willing to stand his chance of taking in enough at the gate to pay expenses.

The next race will be run in Maplewood Park and would be for the full Marathon distance of 26 miles, 385 yards. A nominal admission fee would be charged, one that would be within the reach of all, and the race would undoubtedly draw an immense crowd. Those who saw Thursday night's race are very enthusiastic over the idea of having a Marathon race here and if Mr. Cowhig should promote another big race the attendance would in all probability be far greater than that of Thursday night.