

Sockalexis Runs a Great Race in the Olympic Marathon

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Maine's red-hope, Andrew Sockalexis ran a splendid race in the Marathon distance at the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden, Sunday, but failed to land a place for the United States team on which he is a representative. The Old Town Indian finished a good fourth behind Gastin Strobino of Paterson, N.J., born a Swiss, but now at 21 for the past 12 years a resident of this Country. Just ahead of the New Jersey machinist was C.W. Gitshaw of South Africa and ahead of Gitshaw was the winner of the greatest event on the Olympiad's list of events, K.K. MacArthur, also of South Africa.

MacArthur's time was 2:36, Gitshaw's 2:37:52 and Strobino's 2:38:42.

Dopesters have been sorting out possibilities at the distance ever since the athletes began to gather in Sweden and the favorites were Sockalexis and Kolehmainen, the rangy Finn. The Transvaal policeman, MacArthur, who breasted the worsted for a victory, was practically unthought of as a winner, nor was his compatriot figured in the front ranks.

American Prominet

Six of the first 10 men who flashed under the archway marking the entrance to the stadium were representatives of the United States and that speaks for quietus on the impression that Americans cannot stand the grueling grind of distance running when lined in competition with sons of other nations. The names on this roll of honor are Stobino, Andrew Sockalexis of Old Town, John J. Gallagher, Yale University, Joseph Erxleben, Missouri A.C., Richard F. Piggott, North Dorchester A. A., and Joseph Forshaw, Missouri A.C. The American team numbered 12 and 10 finished. The last of these was Thomas H. Lilley, North Dorchester A.C., who finished 18th. Two Americans fell by the wayside - Michael J. Ryan of the Irish-American A.C., who made a good run for 19 miles and then

succumbed to the heat, and John J. Reynolds of the same club, who fell out earlier.

Kolehmainen Outclassed

The tall Finn, Kolehmainen, and favorite, was outclassed. He took the lead of the beginning, but Gitshaw caught him at the five miles and ran at his heels, with MacArthur and F. Lord of Great Britain for 10 miles, then robbed him of the leadership.

Two miles and a half MacArthur went to the front and held the lead to the end. He had completed the circuit of the arena before Gitshaw was observed running under the archway and he fell to the ground exhausted. The spectators cheered him lushly, and as he lay panting Crow Prince Gustive Adolph shook him by the hand and patted him on the back. A small party of South African enthusiasts has an enormous laurel wreath ready in anticipation of the victory of which they were confident from the first. They lifted the two green jerseyed athletes on their shoulders and slung the pair across the field.

Indian Fourth

It was a long wait after Strobino finished before another runner appeared. Then a second shield appeared with the American device. It was the Indian Sockalexis. Fifty yards behind him came the Candian, Duffy, who strove hard to overcome the lead of the American. He succeeded in some degree, but the Indian crossed the line 20 yards in front. Both were in fine condition.

While Gitshaw arrived a little less than two minutes behind MacArthur and Strobino 50 seconds later, a period of three minutes elapsed before Sockalexis and Duffy came through. Then a dozen or more arrived in quick succession. Each runner displaying the American shield got a rousing cheer when he passed the American stand. Every one of the American runners came in strongly. Forshaw ran as easily as when starting and waved his hand in response to cheers. The King and Queen in the royal box applauded the first comers and the Crown Prince greeted them effusively.