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## Corbitt Is All Right in the Long Run

### 42-Year-Old Athlete Races Saturday in 52-Mile Event

The "soft" tag hung on so many Americans does not apply to Ted Corbitt. At age 42, the former Olympic marathon runner is being financed by fellow members of the National Road Runners Club so that he may compete in England's annual 52-mile Newton Cup race.

Corbitt is America's top hope in the grueling test from London's Big Ben to Brighton next Saturday.

"Even among established U.S. marathoners few can run the distances Ted is capable of," said Joe Kleinerman, a Metropolitan Amateur Athletic Union official. "Why, only last week he ran 100 miles in two days."

Corbitt, a physiotherapist at the Institute of the Crippled and Disabled on 23d Street, has devoted most of his spare time to training for the race.

The 5-foot-9-inch, 133-pound athlete often runs to work from his apartment in Marble Hill. He thinks nothing of running home again at night or jogging twice around Manhattan. His training routine also includes bypassing elevators.

Except for the countryside he will see while training, there will be no sightseeing on the European trip. "Sightseeing holds no appeal for me," Corbitt said. "I prefer doing things with a purpose."

Corbitt has planned a trip to Germany's Uberlingen Institute of Therapeutic Massage on Lake Constance, where he studied in 1956. Besides catching up on



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latest techniques used by others, he'll compare his research findings with those of the leading authorities in the field.

Corbitt won his first race, a 60-yard dash, at age 13 while attending Bloom Junior High School in Cincinnati.

In addition to being a member of the 1952 United States Olympic team in Helsinki, Fin-

### Colleagues Sending Him to England for Marathon

land, Corbitt won the national marathon championship in 1954, the national 30-kilometer titles in 1956 and 1957 and the Canadian marathon title in 1955. He also has won many lesser crowns.

Corbitt, who has a bachelor's degree from Cincinnati University and a master's from New York University, has run in 52 marathons. In all but three of those events, he has run the 26 miles 385 yards in less than three hours. His slowest time was 3:01:14 at Baltimore in 1952. He has run a 30-mile marathon in 3 hours 3 minutes.

Although he is described as a top physical specimen by leading medical authorities, Corbitt has failed to pass the physical examination before a race several times. Pre-race jitters still haunt him.

Some years ago, doctors ruled Corbitt out of the Boston Marathon. He ran anyway and finished an unofficial sixth.

In the Yonkers Marathon, Corbitt's best efforts have been one victory and four thirds. At Boston, he has finished sixth three times.

Corbitt is listed as having not finished the Pan American Games marathon at Mexico City in 1955. "I never competed in the event," Corbitt said. "I was among those cut from the team because of lack of funds. I never made the trip, but newspaper accounts and even the official records carried me as a non-finisher."

## 15,650 ATHLETES IN P.S.A.L.

Number of Teams Sets Record for

A record number of teams participated in the Public Schools Athletic Union city sports last year, to a report released by the Board of Education.

The report, prepared by E. Galloway and Rydell, field secretary, P. S. A. L., revealed that high schools had 15,650 athletes in 1961-62, a number in the 60 percent of the program.

A total of 15,650 representing 13.7 percent of the male enrollment in the city's high schools, participated in 13 sports. In 1961-62, there were 639 teams and 15,650 players in the various sports. Six years ago there were 4,125 teams.

In all, 2,661 teams were played in the city during the year. The total of 451,315 spectators, with 1,750 schools, drew 267 teams played in 20 school sports, an average of 500 per school. A total of 37,500 spectators attracted 44,125.

Baseball, basketball, field hockey, handball, and bowling are the city's most popular sports, the report said. Basketball was the greatest increase, with 26 in the last year.

The report, distributed by the Bureau of Physical Education, also noted that 15,650 schools that have varsity teams have a number of varsity teams. Eighty per cent of the schools provide