

# Alamosa Marathon Features Long Time Distance Runner

When Alamosa's Marathon begins this coming Sunday a main figure who plans to be in the running for the title will be Theodore Corbitt of the New York Pioneer Club.

Corbitt, who will be running at the age of 47, is presently a physical therapist at the Institute for Crippled and Disabled in New York City. He is married and has one child, Gary, 16.

Corbitt, a graduate of New York University in 1950 and University of Cincinnati in 1942, is capable of running up to over fifty miles as he has shown when he ran USA London-to-Brighton tryout races four times in England. He has finished 113 marathons and ultra-marathon races in his running career with his first marathon coming in 1951 at the age of 31.

Other races Corbitt has captured in sixteen years of running include the National Marathon Championship in 1954, Canadian National Marathon Championship in 1955, and the U.S. National 30 Kilometers Championship in 1956 and 1957. He has been a member of several Met-National AAU Road Running Championship teams and is presently a member of the New York Pioneer Club, a club he joined in 1947.

Being a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1952, Corbitt finished forty-fourth in the Olympics held in Helsinki, Finland. Later in 1956, Corbitt was an alternate on the Olympic team that ran in Melbourne, Australia.

Corbitt highlighted his running by placing each time that he ran the fifty-two mile race from London-to-Brighton in England. He finished fourth on his first tour, but later finished in the runner-up position in 1954-65. Last year Corbitt finished fifth in the tiring race. In

October Corbitt broke the American 25 and 50 mile records at the Walton-to-Thames run in England.

Corbitt not only has been associated with the running part of track, but also helps regulate it. He is currently a member of the Sub-Committee on the Rules of the National AAU Long Running Committee as well as chairman of the AAU Sub-Committee on the Standard of the National AAU Long Distance Running Committee. This group is concerned with timing, safety for the runners, as well as, altitude problems, standards for fixing time runs. Its main function is to promote accurate road racing and course measurements.

Corbitt also serves as the Eastern representative of a three man executive committee of the AAU Long Distance Running Committee.

In 1958 Corbitt helped organize the Road Runners Club and New York Association, which eventually led to his becoming its first president.



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