

BOSTON MARATHON

New York team finishes first in the world's longest, most gruelling race

THE TOUGHEST, most gruelling race for men in the world is the marathon—a foot race over a 26 mile, 385-yard course—and the most famous marathon of them all today is the Boston marathon where the world's very best distance runners compete each spring.

Negro runners who have long dominated the sprints and middle distance races are now setting their sights on the longest of distance races and this year's Boston Marathon saw three colored runners representing the New York Pioneer Club take the team trophy.

Finishing 10th, 11th and 14th in a field of 160 runners, the team was made up of one American Negro, Ted Corbitt, and two Puerto Ricans, Louis Tornes and Rodolfo Mendez. Of the three, Corbitt is by far the best known.

A 35-year-old physical therapist, Corbitt has been competing as a marathoner for only four years and was last year's National A.A.U. champion as well as winner of the Shanahan Marathon in Philadelphia and the Detroit Open. He was a member of the American Olympic team in 1952 and has high hopes of running in next year's Olympics.

Marathon running has fascinated Corbitt since he was 15. "The idea of running a full marathon has always intrigued me," he says. "I just wanted to see if I could do it." He ran his first 26 mile race in 1951 and in four years has improved his time by a full 25 minutes. If he can bring it down another ten, he will definitely be a threat to the foreign runners who constantly dominate the Boston Marathon. His best placing so far was a 6th in 1952.

Corbitt is an outstanding athlete who triumphed over illness. Thirteen years ago his Army service was cut short by tuberculosis. Today he has completely recovered.



Smiling proudly, team members Ted Corbitt, Louis Tornes and Rodolfo Mendez hold trophy won in Boston marathon. Corbitt placed 11th, Tornes, 10th and Mendez, 14th.



Straining across finish line, Corbitt is all alone. Ten men had finished ahead of him but there were 149 more trailing him. Corbitt suffered difficulty at end of 12 miles but recovered to finish strong. He says if he doesn't get cramps and blisters around the 18-mile mark he knows he will be able to complete a full marathon.

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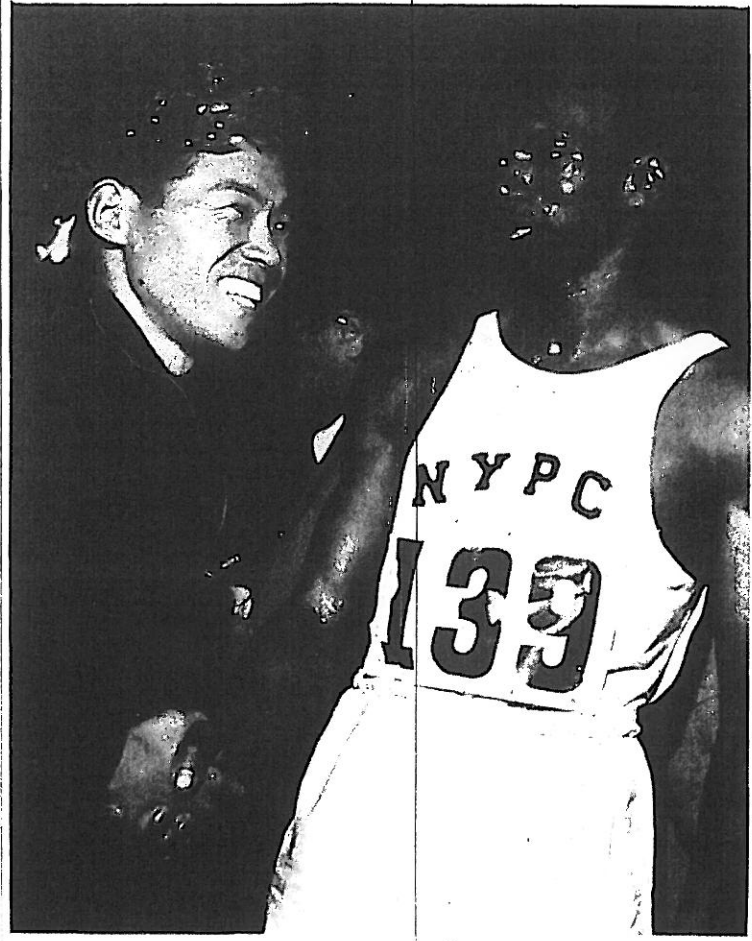
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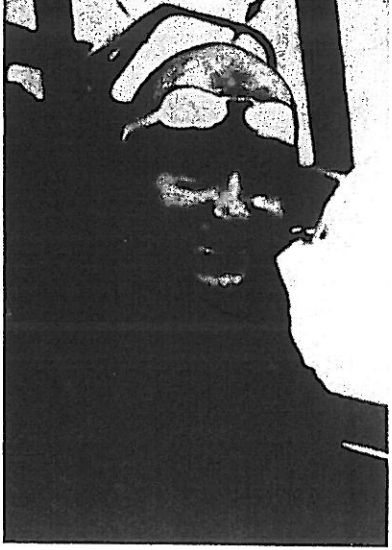
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Congratulating winner Japanese runner Hideo Hamamura. Corbitt expresses surprise at Hideo's new record time of 2 hours, 18 minutes, 23 seconds. Race was run in rain.



A red-nosed Fokker slowly spun to earth

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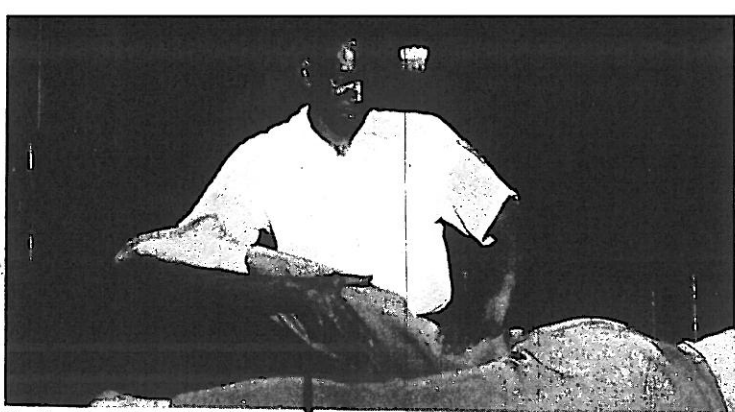
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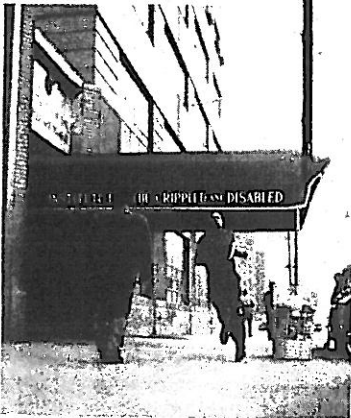
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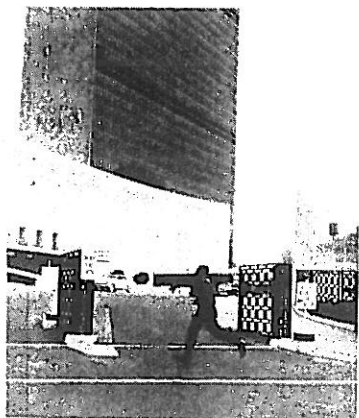




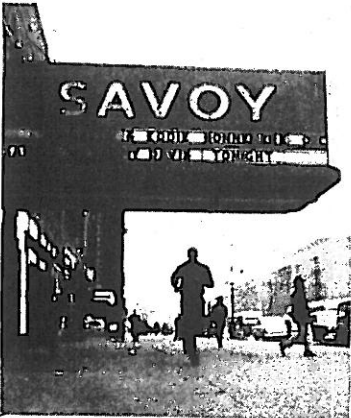
Working on patient at the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled, Corbitt helps to restore activity to a damaged leg. He holds master's degree in physical education from NYU. Twice weekly, he runs home from work, a distance of about 13 miles.



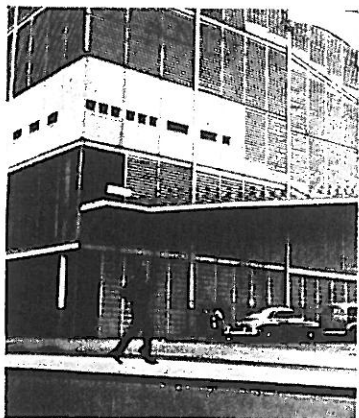
Starting run home, Corbitt leaves Institute at 23rd St. and 1st Ave. He once ran 50 miles in a six hour workout.



Passing United Nations' building, he completes first mile. Corbitt started out as 60-yard dash man while in 7th grade.



Under marquee at Harlem's Savoy Ballroom, Corbitt has covered 100 blocks. He ran cross country at college.



Jogging past Polo Grounds, he has 70 blocks to go. He runs last two miles at racing speed. Run takes 1 hour, 40 min.



Home at last, Corbitt relaxes with wife, Ruth, and son, Gary. Corbitts live in 15th floor apartment at 225th and Broadway. Ted runs up stairs in 90 seconds. A slim, 137-pounder, Ted eats enormous meals to keep strength up.



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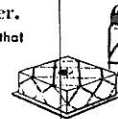
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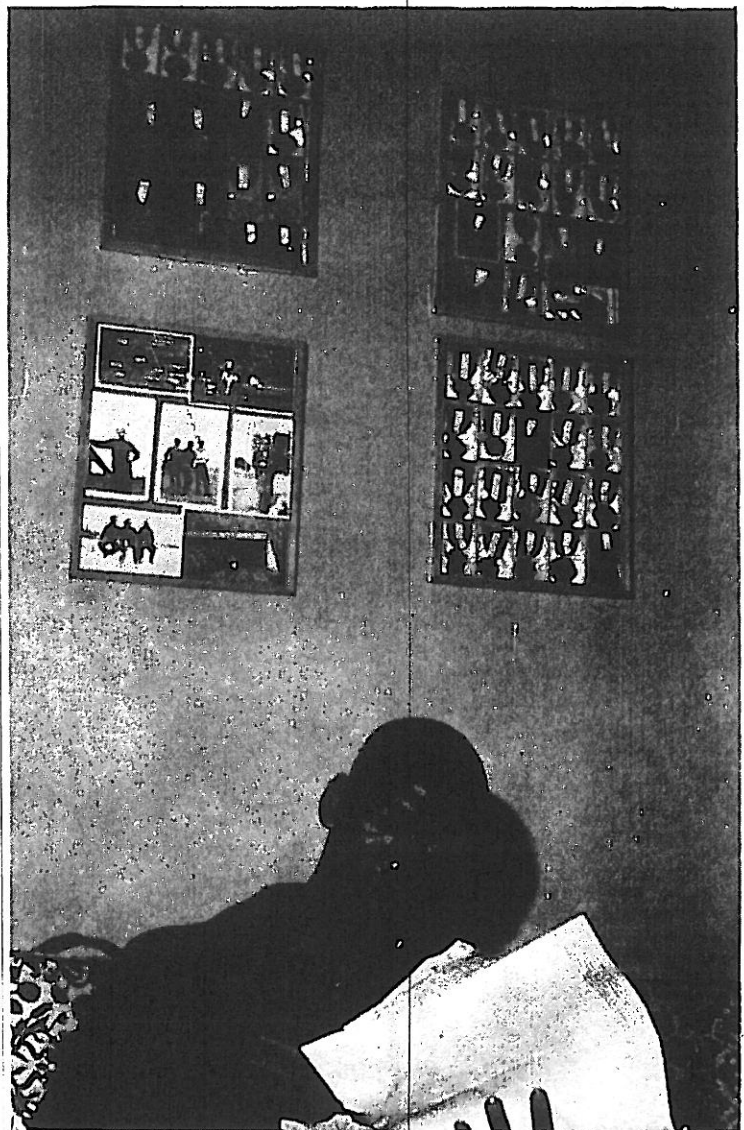
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Spanish admiral

Admiral Cervera cheered as his launch fished this man and seven more water-logged American sailors out of Santiago Harbor, Cuba, on the morning of June 4, 1898. This was straining Spanish chivalry to the breaking point, for Richmond Hobson (above) and his little suicide crew had spent the previous night taking a ship into the harbor entrance under a hail of cannonade and deliberately sinking her to bottle up the Spanish fleet.

Hobson, who planned and supervised every detail of the operation, from placing the scuttling charges to dropping anchor under fire, was actually an engineer, not a line officer.

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