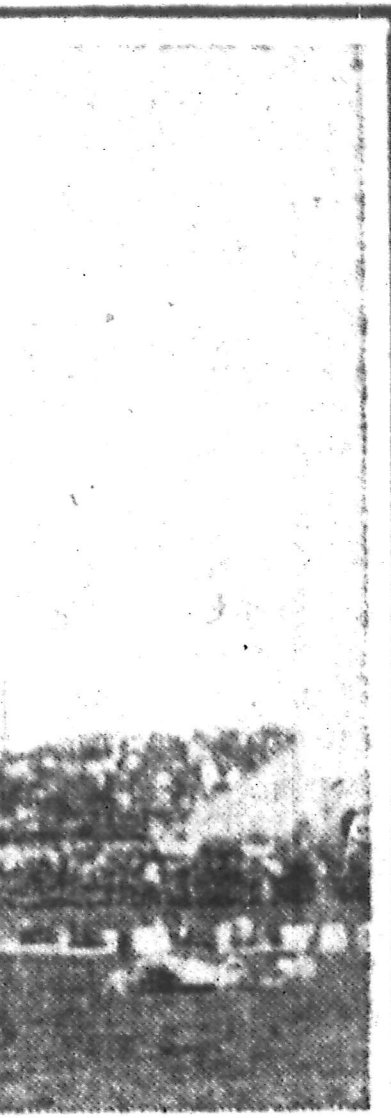


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Elmer Collins, of Lynn, Mass., behind pace, outrode Carlo Vanoni, of Italy, in two heats of a ten-mile match. Collins did the first mile of each heat in 1:23 and easily lapped the foreigner. He then slowed up and won easily.

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