



One of the most famous long-distance races in the world is the Boston Marathon. On April 19, 1907, Tom was at the starting line with the other runners, ready to run it. Snow and sleet flew in their faces as cold winds blew.

About forty minutes into the race, Tom was one of the front runners. Then he noticed a train barrelling down the track in the distance. It was going to block the race route. That would force Tom to stop, and he'd lose his lead.

Tom put on a burst of speed to beat the train.