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Rodgers wins third straight

United Press International
BOSTON — Bill Rodgers Monday became only the second man in history to win three consecutive Boston Marathons, taking command of the race just before Heartbreak Hill and coasting downhill for an easy triumph.

Rodgers, who took the lead 15 miles into the race during a downhill stretch in Newton Lower Falls, finished the 26-mile, 385-yard course in a time of 2:12.11, his slowest winning time in four years.

Italy's Marco Marchei, who ran his first marathon ever last October, placed second at 2:13.21. Early race-setter Ron Tabb of Houston finished third.

By the time Rodgers cleared the last of the three hills in Newton, the famed Heartbreak Hill, he had moved to a resounding 90-second advantage over Marchei. The rest of the course, a part of which runs in front of Rodgers' running store and favorite training area, was all downhill, making the race a battle for second place.

'Ice Man' gets contract offer

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Spurs president Angelo Drossos called it "one of the finest, richest contracts ever offered a professional athlete."

George Gervin said it sounded like "\$5 million over a million years."

Gervin's agent, Pat Healy, said the cash outlay was "not even close."

Now that the offer is out in the open, it appeared today the "Ice Man" and the Spurs may be haggling for some time over whether the club ought to tear up his current contract, which has three years remaining, and make Gervin the richest player in pro basketball.

In a departure from past policy, Drossos assembled reporters at the Spurs headquarters Monday and laid out the club's offer of a "lifetime" arrangement to the highest scoring player in the NBA, one that could earn Gervin \$8.775 million over the next 40 years.

That included \$5.1 million for the next five years alone, with \$3 million of it spread out in \$100,000 a year payments for 30 years, beginning in 1990, in response to Gervin's demand for security for life.

The Detroit native could collect another \$3.675 million by playing the next five-year period on "make good" contracts beginning at \$625,000 in 1985-86 and building up to \$900,000 in 1989-90, at which time he would be 37 years old and likely ready to retire.

Handed a copy of the offer at a local tennis court by a reporter, Gervin spoke only of the "guaranteed" portion of the offer.

"Looks like \$5 million over a mil-

lion years," he said. "I'm giving it back to you through the fence. That's what I think of it. At this point, until I find out more about it, I have nothing to say."

"The way inflation in the economy is, there's no way of telling what this works out to be."

Healy contended that the offer still would leave Gervin in about fifth place on the NBA payroll, although the 6-7, 180-pound guard has led the league in scoring the past three seasons and has been MVP or runner-up each year during the same period.

Gervin currently collects about \$390,000 a year, including incentives, after a volatile negotiation at the beginning of the 78-79 season.

Reds' Foster downs Astros all alone

United Press International
HOUSTON — The Cincinnati Reds' 11-1 start is the fastest since 1969, when the Chicago Cubs got out of the gate in similar fashion.

But there's one thing the current Reds have that the Cubs didn't. His name is George Foster.

"George has the ability to carry a team by himself," teammate Johnny Bench said.

Foster's home run, four singles and two RBI didn't single-handedly beat the Houston Astros 6-5 Monday night, but they compensated for some inconsistent pitching.

Manager John McNamara used five pitchers to secure the win as 29,067 in the Astrodome witnessed the opener of a threegame series between the top two National League West teams. The victory opened Cincinnati's lead to 3½ games.

"Our pitching has been very good," McNamara said. "Tonight was the first time we've had any control problems. I can't say for everybody what the problem may have been, but Tom Hume came in and did a fine job."

The five Reds pitchers walked seven batters and struck out only two.

Four of the five — starter Mike

Lacoss, Mario Soto, Doug Bair and Hume — pitched well in working out of late-inning jams. But all except Hume, who earned his first save with 1 1-3 innings at work, also got into trouble as they tried to protect a lead.

Cincinnati scored all its runs in the first five innings, but Lacoss, 3-0 in three starts, was replaced with two out in the sixth inning and the Reds' lead slimmed to 6-3.

Soto struck out Jeff Leonard with the bases loaded to end that rally. When he gave up two singles in the seventh, however, Dave Tomlin relieved and walked two batters to force in a fourth Astros run.

Bair bailed Tomlin out by getting Enos Cabell to ground into a double play and by striking out Howe. When Bair gave up a single and walk in the eighth, however, McNamara called for Hume and the right-hander retired the final four batters.

Foster's 5-for-5 game raised his batting average to .325 and convinced him that coach Ron Plaz's tip was correct.

With the home run, a long drive deep into the second deck of Astrodome seating in left center field, Foster picked up where he left off last year.

Netters avenge defeat against Pan American

By KATHLEEN McELROY
Sports Staff

Both Texas A&M University tennis teams played as well as the weekend weather — outstanding.

The men's team beat Pan American University on Friday and Lamar University on Saturday in two team matches played at the varsity courts.

The Aggies beat both schools 8-1.

While the men were beating their opponents, the women's team finished fifth in the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women tournament played Saturday and Sunday in Fort Worth.

Liliana Fernandez, a freshman who was the top Colombian girls' player, didn't lose one singles or doubles match in the tournament.

"She's a freshman superstar," said Texas A&M head tennis coach David Kent. "She gets better with every match."

Of the six matches they played, the women lost only to University of Texas-Permian Basin and Southern

Methodist, winners of the state title.

The team, now 12-14, qualified for the AIAW regional team tournament in Los Angeles later this month.

The men had no problem with Pan American, even though the Aggies, 19-8, lost to them earlier this season. The only match that went to three sets was the singles match the Aggies lost.

The team match with Lamar seemed like a rout, but the series was much closer. Six of the nine matches the two schools played went three sets.

Senior Alberto Jimenez, playing his last home match at Texas A&M, won handily against Lamar's David Broer 6-2, 6-1.

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