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Rodgers wins third straight

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came only the second man in hisry to win three consecutive Boston larathons, taking command of the ce just before Heartbreak Hill and coasting downhill for an easy

numph. Rodgers, who took the lead 15 niles into the race during a downhill itretch in Newton Lower Falls, nished the 26-mile, 385-yard urse in a time of 2:12.11, his owest winning time in four wins. Italy's Marco Marchei, who ran his irst marathon ever last October, placed second at 2:13.21. Early pacesetter Ron Tabb of Houston mished third.

It was Rodgers' fourth Boston rathon victory in the past six be held this last 15 marathons.

Other four-time winners include Clarence DeMar and Girard Kote and only DeMar had won three

straight marathons. Rodgers was not even in the top ten after the first check point at Fra-

mingham, 63/4 miles into the race but moved to eighth place at the Natick

check point, 103/4 miles into the race. But when the runners moved through Wellesley, halfway through the race, Rodgers trailed only Kirk Pfeffer, runner-up at New York. Rodgers finally made his move with near 11 miles left when the course took a markedly downhill turn and the 32-year-old runner could take

advantage of his strength. By the time Rodgers cleared the last of the three hills in Newton, the famed Heartbreak Hill, he had Marathon victory in the past six Marathon victory in the past six hudder years, having won his first in 1975 world with a time of 2:09.55, then an American record. He bettered that mark last year with a 2:09.07. It was also Rodgers' 11th victory in he keld his let 15 merathons. second place.

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 use five pitchers to secure the win as 29,067

in the Astrodome witnessed the opener of a threegame series beween the top two National League West teams. The victory opened Cincinnati's lead to 31/2 games.

"Our pitching has been very od," McNamara said. "Tonight good. 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

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 re-lieved and walked two batters to force in a fourth Astros run.

Bair bailed Tomlin out by getting Enos Cabell to ground into a double blay and by striking out Howe. When Bair gave up a single and walk in the eighth, however, McNamara called for Hume and the righthander retired the final four batters. Fosters' 5-for-5 game raised his

batting average to .325 and convinced him that coach Ron Plaza's tip was correct.

With the home run, a long drive deep into the second deck of Astro-dome seating in left center field, Foster picked up where he left off

against Pan American

By KATHLEEN MCELROY Sports Staff Both Texas A&M University ten-

nis teams played as well as the weekend weather — outstanding. The men's team beat Pan Amer-

ican 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 Satur-

day 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 "She gets better with every Kent. 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

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

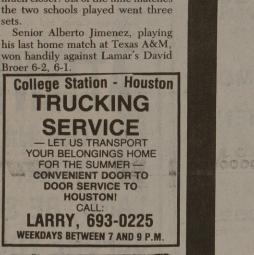
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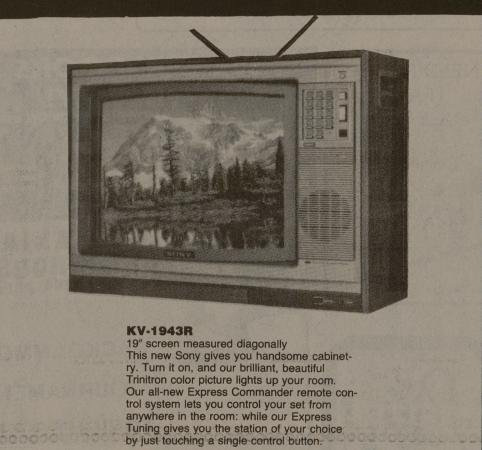
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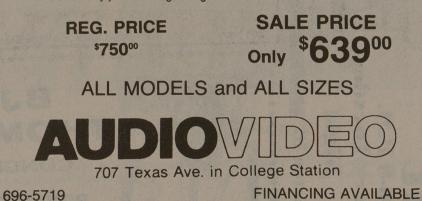
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'Ice Man' gets contract offer

AN ANTONIO — San Antonio rs president Angelo Drossos calit "one of the finest, richest conacts ever offered a professional

George Gervin said it sounded & "\$5 million over a million years." Gervin's agent, Pat Healy, said ecash outlay was "not even close." Now that the offer is out in the pen, it appeared today the "Ice fan" and the Spurs may be haggling r some time over whether the club ght to tear up his current contract, which has three years remaining, and make Gervin the richest player

etoffic in pro basketball. In a departure from past policy, al DimeDrossos assembled reporters at ipurs headquarters Monday and laid iloremout the club's offer of a "lifetime" rangement to the highest scoring ayer in the NBA, one that could Gervin \$8.775 million over the xt 40 years. That included \$5.1 million for

ing the next five years alone, \$3 million of it spread out in 0,000 a year payments for 30 rs, beginning in 1990, in rense to Gervin's demand for urity for life.

ne Detroit native could collect ther \$3.675 million by playing next five-year period on "make d" contracts beginning at 625,000 in 1985-86 and building up

lion years," he said. "I'm giving it back to you through the fence. That's what I thik of it. At this point, until I find out more about it, I have no-

thing 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 sea-sons and has been MVP or runner-up

each year during the same period. Gervin currently collects about \$390,000 a year, including incen-tives, after a volatile renegotiation at

the beginning of the 78-79 season.

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