

# Italy's Poli wins NY Marathon

NEW YORK (AP) — Gianni Poli, who did not think he would be able to run the New York City Marathon because of injury, survived a mid-race duel Sunday with favored Rob de Castella of Australia and became the third straight Italian winner.

While Poli was winning in his debut in the race, Norway's Grete Waitz, who has started every New York City Marathon since 1978, won the women's division for a record-equalling eighth time in nine years and fifth in a row with a front-running performance.

"I had sore legs all week in training," Poli said after finishing the 26-

mile, 385-yard course in 2 hours, 11 minutes, 6 seconds, "So I felt the season had gone.

"When the race started, I said I would do my best. But I did not think I could win.

"However, I was always out there with the others (the leaders), and when I started looking around, I saw they were having more problems than I was, and I began thinking this could be my day."

It certainly turned out to be a good day for Poli, the Italian marathon record holder who will be 26 Wednesday.

After exchanging the lead with de

Castella for about four miles, Poli, the only Italian to break 2:10 — he ran 2:09:57 in finishing fourth in the 1985 America's Marathon-Chicago — broke away between the 20th and 21st miles.

After that, Poli was in command, and de Castella, the 1983 world champion and winner of the Boston Marathon and the Commonwealth Games marathon this year, did not seriously challenge.

De Castella tired badly in the late stages and faded to third in 2:11:43, behind Antoni Niemczak of Poland, the runner-up in 2:11:21.

# Becker victorious in Paris Open

PARIS (AP) — Two-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker won his third tournament in three weeks, beating Sergio Casal of Spain, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 Sunday in the final of the \$625,000 Paris Open tennis tournament.

The 18-year-old West German won the Australian Indoor tournament in Sydney and the Super Seiko event in Tokyo in the two weeks prior to coming to Paris.

Becker, the world's No. 2 player, said the travel and changes of scen-

ery made his his achievement all the more difficult.

"Under such circumstances, to fly all those many hours, the different continents, the different cities and different surfaces — let's say I didn't think I could do it," said Becker, who added \$215,080 to his earnings with those three victories.

Becker served 22 aces in winning his sixth tournament of the year.

In the doubles final, John McEnroe and Peter Fleming of the United States defeated Mansour Banrami of Iran and Diego Perez of Uruguay 6-

3, 6-2. The winners will share \$30,000.

McEnroe was eliminated in singles play in the quarterfinals by Casal. McEnroe lost his temper during the match and shouted at the chair umpire. He was fined \$3,000 for the outburst, which will force a suspension unless he successfully appeals.

The \$50,000 Casal won in the tournament is almost half of what he won prior to the tournament. In 25 previous tournaments this year, he earned just over \$107,000.

# Boxing match to pit Hagler and Leonard

NEW YORK (AP) — Boxing's latest "Fight of the Century," a world middleweight title bout between champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler and charismatic Sugar Ray Leonard, is to be officially announced today.

In a press conference at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, promoter Bob Arum is scheduled to disclose that the long-awaited fight will be held April 6 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nev.

The gross purse could challenge the 1982 Larry Holmes-Gerry Cooney heavyweight title bout, in which each fighter reportedly received \$10 million.

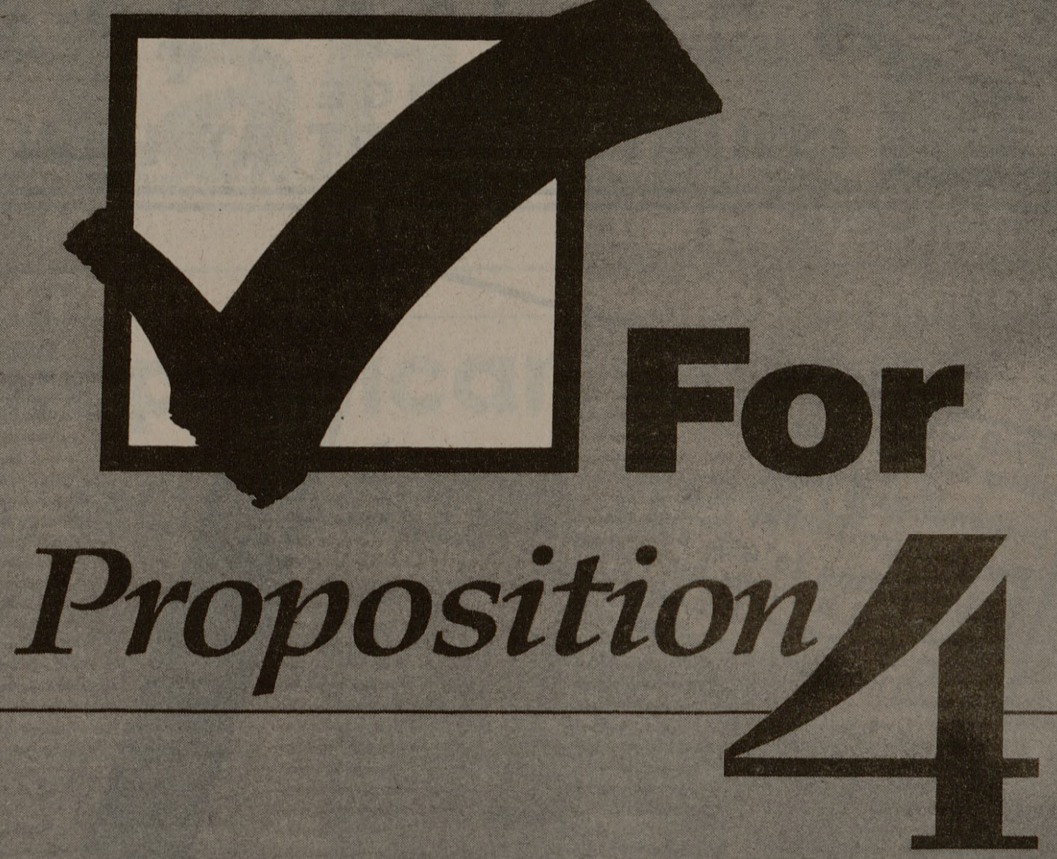
Hagler's most recent defense came last March at Las Vegas, where he knocked out John "The Beast" Mugabi in the 11th round.

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Boston	1	1	.500	—	Houston	1	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	1	1	.500	—	Dallas	1	1	.500	½
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	—	Denver	1	1	.500	½
New York	0	2	.000	1	Sacramento	1	1	.500	½
Washington	0	2	.000	1	San Antonio	1	1	.500	½
					Utah	1	1	.500	½
Central Division				Pacific Division					
Atlanta	2	0	1.000	—	Seattle	2	0	1.000	—
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—	Golden State	1	1	.500	1
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	—	LA Clippers	1	1	.500	1
Cleveland	1	1	.500	1	Phoenix	1	1	.500	1
Indiana	1	1	.500	1	LA Lakers	0	1	.000	1½
Detroit	0	2	.000	2	Portland	0	2	.000	2

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San Antonio 103, Dallas 105	LA Clippers 117, Phoenix 111		
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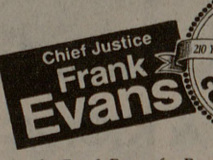
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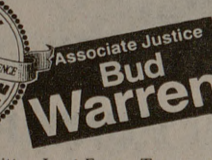


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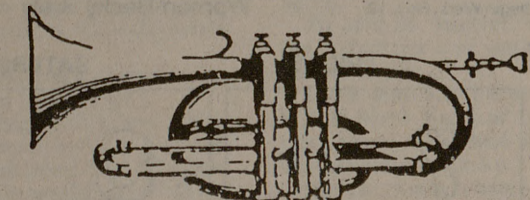


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