

# Marathon

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2:16:03 and Paul Friedman of New Brunswick, N.J., in 2:16:46. Rodgers, who first won the Boston Marathon while a schoolteacher in 1975, missed in a bid to break his record of 2:09:27, set in cold, rainy weather last year. Because of a hot sun Monday, along with a temperature of about 70 degrees, he elected to stay back for the first half of the race.

However, alternately sipping water and dousing himself, he wore down everyone, finally forcing out his final threat, Kirk Pfeffer of Boulder, Colo., at the 15-mile mark. From that point on, Rodgers didn't even bother to look over his shoulder, although he said later he suffered leg cramps the last six miles.

Rodgers survived a scare less than one mile from the finish when two police horses nearly ran him down. They were spooked by the crowd and wailing sirens.

The first mount brought Rodgers to a nearly complete stop. Then, when the other bolted in Rodgers' direction, the runner veered, losing any chance at the course record he set last year.

Rodgers, now a sportswear tycoon, has been training in the heat of Florida and Arizona, preparing for the Olympic marathon this summer in Moscow.

Although bitter at the U.S. decision to boycott the games, he cooled his temper in the Boston heat. With a big smile, he called it "the toughest race I've ever run here."

Benji Durden of Stone Mountain, Ga., was sixth in 2:17:46, followed by Jamie White of Mountain View, Calif., in 2:17:58, Stephen Floto of Boulder, Colo., 2:18:19, Kevin Ryan of New Zealand, 2:18:49 and Mike Pinocci of Sacramento, Calif., 2:18:52.

Rosie Ruiz was the declared women's division winner, finishing in 2:31:56, shattering the course record of 2:35:15, set last year by Joan Benoit of Maine.

Despite stricter qualifying rules, a field of about 5,400, including more than 400 women, started the race at high noon with a slight tailwind.

Eduardo Vera of Puerto Rico jumped into a quick lead, but at the three-mile mark, Koussis, who defeated Marchei for the Mediterranean championship in Yugoslavia last September, inched in front.

At the first checkpoint in Framingham, 6.7 miles from the start, Marchei and Koussis were virtually abreast, about 20 yards ahead of Vera. Right behind, Rodgers was bunched with a flock of running companions. The time was 32:38, more than a minute behind the record for the checkpoint.

After about nine miles, Tabb and Marchei battled for the lead, while Rodgers, Ryan, Durden and others were about 60 yards behind.

Then, at Natick, 10.5 miles into the race, Tabb and Marchei were in a virtual tie, with Rodgers and

others, including Pfeffer, moving up.

Ryan took the lead briefly after 12 miles but then began dropping back as the leaders passed the women lining the streets outside Wellesley College.

Pfeffer hit the Wellesley checkpoint slightly more than 13 miles into the race with a stride lead on Rodgers and Tabb. However, within the next mile, Rodgers pulled away on a downhill stretch as Pfeffer, runner-up to the Boston ace in the New York Marathon last fall, faded.

Pfeffer finally dropped out, obviously weakened by a winter attack of hepatitis.

After 17 1/2 miles at the fourth checkpoint, Rodgers was all alone, with Tabb and Marchei nearly out of sight. Although he complained of tired legs in the last few miles, Rodgers appeared fresh as he hit the first of three hills.

### MEN'S FINISHERS

BOSTON (AP) — The first 50 men's finishers of the 84th annual Boston Marathon: 1. Bill Rodgers, Sherborn, Mass., 2:12:11. 2. Marco Mercatelli, Italy, 2:13:20. 3. Ron Tabb, Houston, 2:14:48. 4. Michael Koussis, Athens, Greece, 2:16:03. 5. Paul H. Friedman, New Brunswick, N.J., 2:16:46. 6. Benji R. Durden, Stone Mountain, Ga., 2:17:46. 7. Jaime White, Mountain View, Calif., 2:17:58. 8. Stephen C. Floto, Boulder, Colo., 2:18:19. 9. Kevin Barry Ryan, Auckland, New Zealand, 2:18:49. 10. Mike Pinocci, Sacramento, Calif., 2:18:52. 11. John Vitale, Rocky Hill, Conn., 2:19:01. 12. Dennis J. Eberhart, Phoenix, Ariz., 2:19:21. 13. Hugo Wey, Oakland, Calif., 2:19:34. 14. Edward F. Sheehan, East Weymouth, Mass., 2:19:42. 15. David Cushman, Greenville, S.C., 2:19:46. 16. William M. Sieben, Rahway, N.J., 2:20:07. 17. Michael C. Petrocilli, Glen Rock, N.J., 2:20:11. 18. Richard E. Seyra, Akron, Ohio, 2:20:15. 19. Spyros Nacos, Greece, 2:20:16. 20. David P. Potterson, Norristown, Pa., 2:20:37. 21. Harold F. Pfeiffer, Kennebunk, Maine, 2:20:34. 22. Robert A. Varsho, Atlanta, Ga., 2:20:37. 23. Stephen J. Flanagan, Boulder, Colo., 2:20:42. 24. Anastasios Pseftas, Greece, 2:21:01. 25. Duane C. Seltz, Holt, Mich., 2:21:03. 26. Kurt Lausenstein, Essex Center, Vt., 2:21:11. 27. Bruce Robinson, Silver Spring, Md., 2:21:15. 28. Michael Weller Charono, North Miami, Fla., 2:21:21. 29. Mark L. Bossardet, Huntington Station, N.Y., 2:21:41. 30. Phillip S. Cerno, Milton, Fla., 2:21:52. 31. Peter S. Millard, Burlington, Vt., 2:21:55. 32. Robert C. Duncan, Ithaca, N.Y., 2:21:58. 33. Jeff Galloway, Marietta, Ga., 2:22:02. 34. Matthew J. McGowan, Circleville, Ohio, 2:22:08. 35. Duane A. Gustin, Richmond, Ky., 2:22:10. 36. Paul J. Onerowski, Epping, N.H., 2:22:17. 37. Thomas W. Blumer, Cincinnati, 2:22:29. 38. Ron A. Wayne, Alameda, Ca., 2:22:33. 39. Jumiaki Abe, Tokyo, Japan, 2:22:39. 40. Thomas G. Allison, Wheeling, W.Va., 2:23:13. 41. Raymond Rodriguez Jr., Round Rock, Texas, 2:23:17. 42. Robert D. Hirst, Washington, D.C., 2:24:06. 43. David W. Dieb, Nederland, Texas, 2:24:16. 44. Douglas T. Kuris, Novi, Minn., 2:24:25. 45. William Devoy, South Orange Park, N.Y., 2:24:47. 46. Guy R. Crane, Blacksburg, Va., 2:24:52. 47. Kyriakos Lazaridas, Greece, 2:24:57. 48. George M. Foley, Bay Village, Ohio, 2:25:14. 49. Michael L. Engleman, Los Gatos, Calif., 2:25:14. 50. Jack Coffey, Alexandria, Va., 2:25:19.



**MARATHON WINNER DENIES CHEATING** — Rosie Ruiz, a Manhattan office worker, crosses the finish line in the women's division of the Boston Marathon Monday. Ruiz was declared the record-setting winner in the race. Some officials claimed they were suspicious of the win for a person who only ran in one previous marathon race. (AP photo)

## Women's winner denies cheating

By JOANNE D'ALCOMO and DAVE O'HARA Associated Press Writers

BOSTON (AP) — Suspicion of a faked race arose Monday after Rosie Ruiz, a Manhattan office worker who claimed to have run in only one previous marathon, was declared the record-setting winner in the women's division of the Boston Marathon.

The woman tearfully denied she cheated and said the suggestions upset her.

"We have grave doubts right now, but we will do everything possible in the next week to check if there was a deception," said Will Cloney, director of the Boston Athletic Association Marathon.

"When I crossed the finish line, I thought some women were ahead of me. I don't know what the top runners look like," Ms. Ruiz told The Associated Press in an interview after she left the race area.

"These people are familiar with running. I just ran best I could," she said.

She attributed skepticism to race officials, seeing her short hair, may have mistaken her for a male runner.

Cloney said he would investigate whether Ms. Ruiz, 26, had run the entire race.

Suspicious were first raised because no one had heard of Ms.

Ruiz and because of her exceptionally fast time.

Fred Lebow, president of the New York Roadrunners' Club, with a membership of 16,000, called Ruiz "a phoney" and said she was not seen among the top six women at the 22-mile mark. He said she showed no physical evidence of running a marathon and she was unfamiliar with roadrunning terms.

Others at the interview said she did not know the meaning of a "split," which is the time taken to run a certain distance. It is a term commonly used by distance runners in their training.

### WOMEN'S FINISHERS

BOSTON (AP) — Here are the first 25 women finishers of the 84th annual Boston Marathon: 1. Rosie Ruiz, New York City, 2:31:56. 2. Jacqueline Gareau, Montreal, 2:34:26. 3. Patti Lyons, Boston, 2:35:08. 4. Gillian Adams, Bromley, England, 2:39:17. 5. Laurie Binder, San Diego, 2:39:22. 6. Kathleen Samet, Albuquerque, N. Mex., 2:41:50. 7. Ellison Goodall, Wellesley, Mass., 2:42:23. 8. Toni Antoinette, Houston, 2:44:40. 9. Debbie Elde, Salem, Ore., 2:45:36. 10. Elaine Campo, Santa Barbara, Cal., 2:46:44. 11. Kiki Swelgart, Darien, Conn., 2:46:47. 12. Jane Robinson, Seattle, 2:47:04. 13. Linda Donkelaar, Tempe, Ariz., 2:48:33. 14. Cindy Delrymple, Seattle, 2:48:36. 15. Lori Jorgensen, Boulder, Colo., 2:50:05. 16. Dana Slater, New York City, 2:50:24. 17. Susan Hughes, Wellesley, 2:51:02. 18. Susan Henderson, Boulder, 2:51:15. 19. Shirley Durtschi, Portland, Ore., 2:51:33. 20. Deborah Butterfield, Point Shores, Bermuda, 2:51:46. 21. Fordie Madeira, Sherborn, Mass., 2:52:10. 22. Donna Burge, Houston, 2:53:41. 23. Jane Busch, Smithville, Ohio, 2:54:21. 24. Carol Young, Oakland, Cal., 2:54:46. 25. Diane Riley, San Diego, 2:54:48.

## St. Paul's wins tri-meet track

St. Paul's won 12 of 16 events to win a tri-meet against Baker and Satsuma on Monday at St. Paul's School.

The Saints ended the meet with a total of 107 points to Satsuma's 49 and Baker's 12. The Saints had two athletes with double wins in the meet. Stuart Weitz won the Mile and 880 and Palmer Kennedy took the 220 and 440. Satsuma's Randy Haines won both the 100 and triple jump.

### TEAMS TIE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vanderbilt and cross-town rival Tennessee State tied 6-6 in a college baseball game called in the 11th inning because of darkness Monday night.

## SE heavyweight belt on the line tonight

Headlining the wrestling card Monday night at Expo Hall will be the Southeastern heavyweight champion, the Mongolian Stomper, taking on the Georgia Jawjacker in a title bout. Belltime is 8 p.m. and fans are reminded to be on hand early as the professional wrestling events have been sellouts for the last month.

Additional seats will be available for spectators and doors at the Expo Hall open at 7 p.m.

The main event will be the title go and the two managers, Ron Fuller of the Jawjacker and Big C of the Stomper will be handcuffed together for the duration of the contest.

In other action, Robert Fuller will tangle with Norvell Austin in a challenge bout and Tony Charles will meet Roy Welch. Charlie Cook and Donnie Fargo will have it in a one fall match. Also on the agenda is a six man tag match that pits Dick Steinborn, Ron Bass and Dr. Bill Irwin against the Tennessee Stud, Ed Boulder and Randy Rose.

## IMS beats Live Oaks

John Baggett pitched a five-hit shutout and Lee Baynes banded two hits to lead IMS to a 3-0 win over Live Oaks, Miss., Monday. IMS, 4-4, will play Evangel Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

### VARSITY TENNIS

Murphy crushed Foley 8-1 in varsity boys tennis action Monday with Mitch Rencher winning the top singles slot over Chris Nelson 6-2, 6-1. Damon Eden and Austin Martenstein won the No. 1 doubles position with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Nelson and Doug Jones. Murphy is now 5-4.

# Spurs offer Gervin huge lifetime pact

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — San Antonio Spurs officials, stung by a "poor boy" image in the media, broke their own rules Monday and revealed they have offered unhappy star George Gervin \$5.1 million over 35 years.

But Gervin's agent, Pat Healy, said the three-time National Basketball Association champion has already refused the \$5.1 million lifetime contract and the Spurs' other offer of \$2.85 million for five years.

"They're not even close," he said by phone from Tacoma, Wash., adding that Gervin wants a minimum of \$1 million per year for seven years.

Gervin, 27, currently has a \$350,000-per-year, non-guaranteed contract, which has three years remaining and pays him only a third of what at least four other NBA stars earn.

Negotiations over a new contract broke down 10 days ago when Healy returned to Tacoma.

"George wants to play out his career in San Antonio. But if their offer is irrevocable, George has no choice but to ask to be traded," said Healy. "He is the most consistent and proficient

player in the NBA today. He is the best, so he should be the highest paid player."

Spurs President Angelo Drossos called a news conference Monday to reveal the team's two offers, breaking a team rule against such revelations.

He said the \$5.1 million offer would be guaranteed for five playing seasons at \$400,000 per year and 30 years at \$100,000 per year beginning in 1990. The \$5 million offer, he added, would be guaranteed for five playing seasons. Both offers include \$100,000 signing bonuses.

There has been widespread speculation in the national media that the Spurs are unwilling or unable to pay enough to keep a star of Gervin's stature.

"For too many weeks, we have heard that our franchise — and our city — chastised as some kind of poor boy operation," Drossos told a news conference.

"This may not be the greatest offer made to an athlete. It is one of the greatest offers ever made to an athlete who has three years remaining on a binding contract at considerably less compensation," he added.

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