## Breakers dump Boston

HOUSTON (AP) - The United States Football League owners unanimously approved on Tuesday the transfer of the Boston Breakers to New Orleans. The team will play its 1984 home games in the Louisiana Superdome.

"This was a difficult decision to make, but we have every confidence this is the best move for both the Breakers and the USFL," said team owner George Matthews and co-owner Randy Vataha, who will remain as principal owners of the franchise.

"The city of New Orleans is a tremendous football area, which has one of the finest facilities in pro football," they said in a statement at the annual league meetings.

Portland was one of the cities mentioned as a possible new location for the Boston franchise. The Breakers finished the inaugural 1983 USFL season with an 11-7 record.

Dick Coury, voted USFL Coach of the Year, will accompany the Breakers to New Orleans along with his complete staff and players, said Matthews and Vataha.

In announcing the transfer, USFL Commissioner Chet Simmons said the league would try to place another franchise in the Boston area.

'We consider Boston a prime area for the USFL," said Simmons. "The reason for this transfer is simply the present lack of a suitable downtown football facility.'

The Breakers played their home games this year in Boston University's 20,535-seat Nickerson Stadium. The Louisiana Superdome has a 72,000-seat

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## Waitz favored in marathon

NEW YORK (AP) - Norway's Grete Waitz is the world champion in the marathon and broke the world best time in the event three times, but her husband says that she has not yet reached her potential.

"I don't think she has come close to what she can do in a marathon, especially timewise," says Jack Waitz, her husband, trainer and spokesman.

Her best time is 2 hours, 25 minutes, 29 seconds, accomplished last April in the London Marathon and a clocking that equalled the world best set in the 1981 New York City Marathon by Allison Roe of New Zealand. The following day, Joan Benoit of the United States lowered the mark to 2:22:43 in the Boston Marathon.

The former school teacher from Oslo, unbeaten in the six marathons she has completed - she dropped out of two others - will be heavily favored to win the New York City Marathon Sunday for the fifth time in the past six years and the second year in a row.

But Waitz says she will not be concentrating on bettering Benoit's time, although she is in excellent condition.

"I just want to run a good race and win," says the 30-year-old Waitz.

"My preparations are going well, almost as planned, except for about three or four weeks ago, when I had an Achilles' injury. But I am running a little faster than last year, so I think I am in good shape for Sunday.

As proof, she cites the three races she has run since winning the marathon at the inaugural World Championships in Helsinki, Finland, in August. In each, her time was faster

The first was a 19-kilometer race in Switzerland, in which her clocking was about two minutes quicker than in 1982. Then, there was a 15-kilometer cross-country event in Stockholm, Sweden, where she lowered her time by a few seconds, and finally, there was a 10-kilometer race in Hampton, Va., where she reduced her time by about 10 seconds.

She says that Benoit's clocking would be broken within the not too distant future because of the rapid improvements in women's running in the past few years.

Can Waitz break the record Sunday? "It depends on so many things, mainly the weather."

She points out that in last year's New York City Marathon, the runners had to run into a strong headwind for much of the 26-mile, 385-yard distance. Waitz finished in 2:27:14, more than a minute ahead of women's runnerup Julie Brown of the United States.

Her previous winning times in New York were 2:32:30 in 1978, 2:27:33 in 1979 and 2:25:41 in 1980 - all world bests.





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