

ARENA

King's Not Interested In Playing for USBL

Bernard King insisted yesterday that he had not been contacted by any United States Basketball League team and he won't sign to play should one call. The Miami Tropics and the Tampa Bay Stars have expressed interest in signing the Knicks' free-agent forward for the remainder of the season.

"No one ever has talked to me," King said, "and I have absolutely no interest in playing."

Langer Leads GHO by 2

Bernhard Langer birdied four of his last five holes in shooting his second straight 65 and gained a two-stroke lead over Wayne Levi (68) at 12-under-par 130 after two rounds of the \$700,000 Sammy Davis Jr.-Greater Hartford Open in Cromwell, Conn. Langer's round included a 60-foot birdie putt on the par-3 fifth. Levi, the first-round leader, started play in the afternoon when a steady rain hampered playing conditions. He still birdied three of his final four holes. Tom Watson was at 7 under, five strokes behind Langer.



AP Photo
Bernhard Langer celebrates birdie putt on fifth hole.

Rain Slows LPGA Leader

Playing in virtual darkness, Deb Richard birdied four holes before being called off the course with one hole to play in the second round of the \$300,000 Rochester International Golf Tournament in Pittsford, N.Y. After four separate rainstorms produced five hours of delays, Richard was the leader with a 35-hole score of 9-under-par 132. She failed to play the par-3 ninth hole and was to complete play today.

Aaron Leads by 3 in Seniors

PGA Seniors Tour rookie Tommy Aaron shot a six-under-par 65 and took a three-stroke lead over Billy Casper, Orville Moody and Bob Charles after the opening round of the \$250,000 Greater Grand Rapids Open in Michigan.

Roberto DeVicenzo shot a 70 that included a two-stroke penalty on the 14th hole for mistakenly hitting the ball of Jerry Barber.

"What a stupid man I am," DeVicenzo said.

Rexy to Play in Sweden

Former Rangers defenseman Reijo Ruotsalainen, who finished last season with the Stanley Cup champion Edmonton Oilers, has signed a one-year contract with HV 71, one of Sweden's top teams.

Philadelphia Flyers right wing Tim Kerr underwent surgery on his left shoulder for the second time in two weeks. Flyers orthopedic surgeon Dr. John Gregg said Kerr should be fully recovered for the 1987-88 season.

Furthermore . . .

The San Francisco 49ers released 10-year guard John Ayers, who suffered a knee injury last season . . . Unseeded Leslie Arakelian of Troy routed top-seeded Adria Price of Roslyn, 6-1, 6-0, to win the New York State women's 35-and-over championship at the Roslyn Racquet Club. The match was moved indoors because of rain . . . The University of Pittsburgh declared senior football players Charles Gladman and Teryl Austin ineligible for the 1987 season because of their links to **Norby Walters** and **Lloyd Bloom**, two professional sports agents under grand-jury investigation . . . Bill Martin scored a game-high 38 points to lead the Staten Island Stallions to a 122-121 victory over the Jersey Jammers in the USBL. Micheal Ray Richardson led the Jammers with 33 points . . . James Garvey, a long-time NCAA lacrosse, basketball and football official, was named athletic director at Hofstra, replacing Bob Getchell.

Edited by Todd Schwartz

TACKLING THE TUNA



The Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club after winning the U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament in 1950.

50 teams set for battle at Montauk

Fifty teams, representing 35 clubs from Massachusetts to Delaware, begin three days of competitive fishing off Montauk Point Tuesday to determine which boat has the best tuna fishermen.

The 50th annual United States Atlantic Tuna Tournament, hosted this year by the Deep Sea Club, normally would be held in early September when tuna are more active and feeding closer to shore. This year's earlier dates coincide with migratory patterns and what marine biologists believe will be the best giant tuna conditions off Montauk. Recent tournaments have been held off Block Island.

The first USATT tournament was held in 1938 in the waters of the New York Bight, in an area called the Mud Hole. That first event saw six club teams, two from New York and four from New Jersey, compete for seven days.

In the tournaments that followed, no club has been better at catching tuna than the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club. It has won six tournaments, the last in 1980 when it won the trophy in Provincetown, Mass. The New York Athletic Club, New London Tuna Club, Brielle Marlin & Tuna Club and the Montauk Yacht Club have each won three.

"We have been winners because we take our tuna fishing very, very seriously," said Harold

Schaefer of Brooklyn, secretary of the USATT and a team member of many of the wins.

"We can really feel the sense of the challenge and the pressures that are upon us," said Capt. Bob Wallace, skipper of Nu-Life, one of two boats that the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club will field in the 1987 tournament. "But that is only likely to help us, to tune our crew into a more efficient fishing team."

During the three days of fishing the first catch of the day is the only one that can be entered for judging. Multiple-team clubs can pick the largest fish caught by their members. One point per pound is awarded each day.

If there is anything new in tuna fishing, the crew of the Nu-Life probably invented or discovered it. There are 97 years of combined tuna-tournament fishing prowess among the five anglers. Wallace has fished the USATT for 25 years, Marvin Tepper for 35 years, his son Joe Tepper 10 years, Ben Berman for 25 years. "The kid in our crew is Tony Mauceri, with two years of tournament fishing," said Wallace.

But Capt. Alan Michaelson's crew on the Wake Up, the SBTC's second boat, has no slouches when it comes to tuna tournament fishing experience. Though Michaelson has been in the USATT tournaments for only three years, he has been catching giants for 25. Crewman Jerry Bell has 25 years in the USATT and in 1978, while fishing for the Brooklyn Yacht Club, landed a 900-pound giant that was the tournament record until 1981 when James Dempsey of Rhode Island's Galilee Tuna Club landed an 1,140-pound bluefin.

FISHING



Nick Karas

Galunpe No Softie on Turf

By Paul Moran

Galunpe, a California-based, Irish-bred 4-year-old, is regarded in some quarters as the emerging eventual leader of a weak female turf division this summer. Darby Dan Farm's 3-year-old Graceful Darby, no more than ordinary on dirt, is a budding star — 3-for-3, the easiest kind of wins — on grass since trainer John Veitch moved her to the turf in April. Her immediate success, Veitch admits, was a surprise even to him.

Galunpe, a 4-year-old import who raced against the best females in France last season, and Veitch's 3-year-old overnight sensation face each other and eight other fillies and mares in today's 1 3/8-mile, \$100,000-added Sheepshead Bay Handicap on the inner turf course at Belmont Park, a race in which the division may begin to acquire some definition.

Galunpe, with rider Fernando Toro, is the 118-pound co-highweight with Edward Evans' Dismasted, who will be ridden by Jean-Luc Samyn. They will concede 7 pounds to Graceful Darby, the only 3-year-old entered, and between 1 and 11 pounds to the others, which include Videogenic (117), Fama (114), Treasure Map (111) and Santiki (110).

Galunpe reacted unfavorably to American racing immediately following her arrival in this country last November, when she finished seventh in the Yellow

Ribbon Invitational at Santa Anita. Trainer Bobby Frankel, gave the daughter of He Loves Me time to acclimate and she returned to competition in April, using a strong late move to win the mile Lakes and Flowers Handicap at Golden Gate Fields. She won the 1 1/16-mile Wilshire Handicap at Hollywood Park in much the same fashion, but was uncharacteristically dull as the even-money favorite in the Grade I Gamely Handicap in May at Hollywood and finished fourth. After that race, Galunpe underwent minor surgery to free an entrapment of the epiglottis, which had hampered her breathing. The operation is the same procedure that was done on Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Alysheba in March.

The rain-softened course at Belmont may suit Galunpe, who handles firm ground but appears from her European form to prefer some give beneath her hooves. All of Graceful Darby's turf victories have been on courses rated "good" and all beneath Jerry Bailey, who will ride the Darby Creek Road filly.

Ferdinand and Judge Angelucci are among the starters in tomorrow's \$500,000, 1 1/4-mile Hollywood Gold Cup at Hollywood Park . . . Cryptoclearance makes his first start since the Belmont Stakes in the St. Paul Derby tomorrow at Canterbury Downs. He faces the late-developing 3-year-old Lost Code, winner of the Alabama, Illinois and Ohio derbies.