## TONY SISTI / TONIGHT AT MEADOWLANDS

Best Bet: ‘FREEDOMS CHERIE' in the Seventh


BETS 'N PIECES:
the 13-10 favorite in her lat; breezes with more alert handling. GS Charlie (2nd) showed some late speed in should toy with this nothing field. Hot Selection (6th) cruised similar in $1: 533 / 5$ in his last; no contest if he goes back to that super effort.

## MEADOWLANDS LAST NIGHT



ARENA

## Beleaguered Budd Quits World Championships

To head off a clash between British track and field officials and the world governing body, South African-born runner Zola Budd yesterday withdrew from the British team for the World
Cross-Country Championships in New Zealand.

Making the announcement as the International Amateur Ath letic Federation was deciding whether to press for her exclusion, the 21-year-old runner said she had decided to withdraw "with sadness and regret" in the interests of Britain and her team.

Budd's decision came a day before the British team was to fly to Auckland and as a black African boycott of the March 26 and Kenya all had threatened to withdraw if Budd competed, in protest of South Africa's apartheid policy.

Budd obtained a British passport four years ago and now makes her home there, but allegations surfaced recently that she had competed in South Africa while visiting her family

## Injury Sidelines Curren

In the $\$ 2.1$-million Lipton International Players Championships at Key Biscayne, Fla., No. 18 seed Kevin Curren suffered a thigh injury and retired in the fifth set of his match against Thomas Muster of Austria. Curren was leading ldeterm.

## NCAA Bid for Tapes Refused

The NCAA has been rejected in an effort to get tapes from Sport magazine in support of a November article alleging a coverup by University of Tennessee officials investigating the school's football program in 1986. The article caused the NCAA to cle's charges could be examined. Peter Griffin, the managing editor, said: "We sorted through things trying to find a way to accommodate the NCAA, but we didn't feel like setting a prece-

## Pretrial Data 31,500 Pages Long

The Brussels court that will hear the case of 26 British soccer probably will postpone proceedings until September when the case opens April 18, officials said. Defense laywers for the 26 Liverpool supporters charged with killing 39 persons at the 1985 European Champions Cup final said they have not had enough time to prepare for the trial. The indictments against the 26 and supporting documentation comprise 31,500 pages.

## Longtime Coach Dotsch Dies at 55

Rollie Dotsch, who coached the Birmingham Stallions to two States Football League, died of cancer Tuesday night in a Minnesota hospital. He was 55. Dotsch played guard for Michigan State's 1952 national champions and 1953 Rose Bowl winners. In a 34-year coaching career, he was an assistant at Northern Michigan, Colorado and Missouri, head coach at Northern Michigan, and an NFL assistant with the P
Lions, Steelers and - last year - the Vikings

## 4 U.S. Cities Want Olympics

The U.S. Olympic Site Selection Committee is expected to recommend Atlanta and Minneapolis-St. Paul as candidates for the 1996 Summer Olympics, The Atlanta Constitution and The Atlanta Journal reported. Other cities seeking to become the unlikely, however, that the United States will be awarded the unlikely, however, that the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

## College Sports

Basketball. Lior Hod of Yeshiva was named MVP of the Independent Athletic Conference. The 6-5 senior forward averaged 17.9 points and 9.7 rebounds for the Maccabees

Baseball. John DeRose went 2 -for-2 with a three-run home run to lead Columbia (4-2) to a 16-1 victory over Manhattan (12) in Sanford, Fla. Sal Rosamilia and Carmine Esposito each

Lacrosse. FDU defeated Maritime, 13-7, despite Maritime goalie Mike English's 14 saves . . . Ron Caro scored five goals and three assists and Rob Lupano added four goals for Queens linger made 20 saves for Queens (1-1)

## Furthermore

Kings Point fired basketball coach Tom Gleeson, who had a five-year record of 59-73 ... A tumor has been found in the left
lung of former Georgia Tech football coach Bobby Dodd, 79, and tissue is being tested to see whether it is malignant . . Norby Walters, a New York entertainment executive and sports agent, pleaded innocent in Tuscaloosa to violating Alama basketball play ers Derrick McKey and Terry Coner. Judge John Karrh set a Ma 9 trial for Walters, who appeared in court to answer a misdemean or indictment for violation of the state's deceptive trade practices aoty conmercial bribery and tampering with a sports event.

