

Iceman says his salary not cool

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SAN ANTONIO — Lanky George Gervin led the National Basketball Association in scoring last year, but when it comes to salary he falls in the mediocre range.
Gervin was probably the lowest paid all-pro selection of last season and recently was quoted as saying, "I feel cheated" because two other San Antonio Spurs make considerably more money than he does.
However, Gervin says that he does not want to put the Spurs to the wall, that he wants to stay in San Antonio. The Spurs have expressed

a desire to make Gervin happy.
For that reason, the Spurs two months ago reopened negotiations with an agent for the 6-7, 185-pound scoring ace, although Gervin has five years remaining on his contract at a salary reported to be in the \$150,000 to \$180,000 range.
As the Sept. 15 training camp nears, the negotiations have become more serious.
Both Spurs center Billy Paultz and forward Larry Kenon are paid more than Gervin, in the neighborhood of \$200,000 apiece.
What concerns Gervin and his

agent, attorney Pat Healy of Tacoma, Wash., is that Gervin does not appear in the NBA Player's Association list of 30 players who earn \$250,000 or more, headed by Denver's David Thompson at \$800,000, and New Orleans' Pete Maravich and Los Angeles' Kareem Abdul-Jabbar at \$625,000 each.
Gervin, who began playing basketball on dirt courts in Detroit, edged out Thompson and Maravich for the 1977-78 NBA scoring title with a 27.2 points clip while leading the Spurs to the Central Division championship.

"We have made George an offer which would be for a substantially higher amount of money than that for which he is presently contracted," said Spurs president Angelo Drossos.
But Healy said that the Spurs so far have too many strings attached to their offer.
"They wanted to add more years to the existing contract and to put in other considerations that made it impossible for George or any other player to accept," the attorney said.

Healy predicted that if Gervin were unsuccessful in the re-negotiation of his contract that he would be traded to another team.
"George is committed to a trade at such time as the Spurs feel it is in their best interest," Healy said. "Having an unhappy player could be a disruptive factor and I'm sure the Spurs wouldn't like that."
Healy said Los Angeles, Golden State and "several East Coast teams" have expressed interest in obtaining the guard.
"San Antonio could sell him for

\$10 million. That would certainly give the Spurs enough money to build a competitive team," he said.
"All we want is for George's salary to be brought in line with those of other first-team All Pros. We're not asking that he be the highest paid player in the NBA or anything like that. Remember George was the leading scorer in the league and the CBS-Chevrolet Most Valuable player last year."
"He's probably the lowest paid player in recent history to do those things."

Wishful thinking

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NEW ORLEANS
Muhammad Ali, promoter Sept. 15 rematch with Spinks, heard a familiar five minutes into a radio program.
Sportscaster Howard Cosell who Ali delights in berating on the line making his predictions for next month's Superdome.
"If you are serious, win," Cosell said over the from Veterans Stadium Philadelphia where he was wearing a baseball cap.
"I'm surprised he had anything nice to say about me," said Cosell. "Sometimes I wish I had a dog and Howard was a

Swimmer meet in Houston

United Press International
HOUSTON — American swimmers compete for the 45-member U.S. national beginning today in the National Long Course Swimming Championships.
Meet Director Phil Hildner said the competition will be as tough as any he has seen in his 15 years as a coach. "The girls weren't the best in the world, but they were one first place," Hildner said. "I think, however, that the girls are rising to the challenge of being considered second best."
Leading the list of talented girls at the meet is Tami Kin, 15, of Nashville, Tenn. She holds eight AAU titles in breaststroke and individual events.
Other standouts swimmers are Floridians Stephanie, 15, Kim Linehan, 15 and Hogshead, 15; Californians Woodhead, 14, Linda Jess Dawn Rodighiero, 16, Dawn Nigman, 18, of Cincinnati; Pennington of Madison, Tenn. John Naber, a winner of medals at Montreal and at the Houston event, said American women will perform at the 1980 Moscow Olympics than they did at Montreal.
"I like the women we're seeing," he said. "They're spirit and spunk. We have to be ready to accept the challenge."
Each day in the meet, the finals in three women's events and three men's events. The final at 7 p.m. each night will be the same day at 11 a.m.

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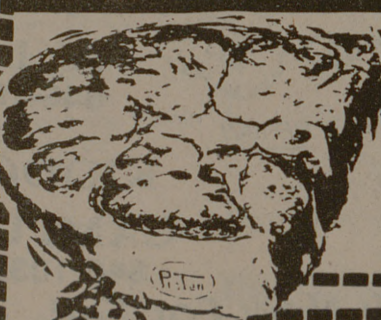
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