

## The coaches

The local writers in Iowa City for last Saturday's Penn State-Iowa game still remember Pitt coach Johnny Majors, who coached the Iowa State Cyclones in nearby Ames Iowa for five years.

There were two unanimous impressions. The first is that there is only one team in the country Majors wants to coach, and if he's ever offered the job there, it'll be goodbye Pitt or whoever he happens to be coaching at the time. That school, of course, is Tennessee, where his family owns a football legacy.

Johnny's younger brothers Bill and Bobby were both stars at Tennessee. Penn State fans should remember Bobby. His two punt returns were a major reason Tennessee ended a possible National Championship bid by Penn State in the last regular season game of the 1971 season at Knoxville. Because of Bobby, it wasn't even close (31-11).

But Johnny was the best. An All-America tailback at Tennessee on its 10-0, 1956 Sugar Bowl squad, Majors finished second to Paul Hornung in the Heisman Trophy balloting that year.

The second impression Majors left with the Iowa sports press was the motivation that brought him to Pitt.

Pitt wanted Majors, they said, and they came courting, prepared to pay for him. For some reason the figure \$75,000 popped up more than once, although no official salary was ever disclosed at Pitt.

On the subject of head coaches, Notre Dame students tell a story about Irish coach Ara Parseghian. Parseghian purportedly was standing in the rain during one of his early



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games last year when the students began to chant, "Ara stop the rain!"

Parseghian turned to an assistant and asked, "Could I?" A few games later Notre Dame was battling it out in the snow. Again the students started, "Ara stop the snow!"

Parseghian turned to an assistant and asked, "Should I?"

A notebook full of tidbits on the Lions... fullback Tom Donchez was ranked seventh in the country in total rushing with 285 yards vs. Stanford and Navy. Saturday he managed 57, which puts him at 341 and tops his rushing marks of last year (299) and his sophomore season in 1971 (243).

Lion coach Joe Paterno always has something nice to say about most of his players, i.e., "So and so is a fine football player with good strength etc., etc."

Once or twice a year Paterno picks out his best men, and then he really opens the flood gates.

Just recently, defensive end Greg Murphy and tackle Mike Hartenstein were welcomed aboard.

"Hartenstein and Murphy are as good as anybody in the country at their positions," Paterno said. "They rate with the best defensive linemen we have ever had at Penn State."

That's quite an endorsement. Just ask Mike Reid, Steve Smear, Rosey Grier, Bruce Bannon, Randy Crowder and Dave Robinson.

# Robinson to be highest-paid manager

NEW YORK (UPI) — Frank Robinson will be named playing manager of the Cleveland Indians tomorrow, thereby becoming the first black manager in major league baseball history, it has been learned.

Robinson's salary will remain at its present \$173,000 level, automatically making him the highest-paid manager in the history of baseball.

The 40-year-old Robinson, obtained on waivers from the

California Angels two and-a-half weeks ago, will continue serving the Indians as a designated hitter as well as manager next year.

Some baseball people are inalterably opposed to playing managers in the majors on the theory that any manager has more than enough to do without having to worry about playing, but the Indians don't feel that way at all.

They remember the last man ever to lead them to a world

championship was playing manager Lou Boudreau in 1948. Boudreau played 152 games for the Indians that year, all but one of them at shortstop, and finished second only to Ted Williams in batting with a .355 figure.

Robinson already has managed Santurce of the Puerto Rican League five winters. The man who originally signed him for that job, Santurce club owner and president Hiram Cuevas, has no doubts whatsoever he will do a good job as a major league manager.

"There's no question about his baseball knowledge, and he has shown he can lead men," says Cuevas. "You need the same prerequisites to manage in the major leagues as you do to manage in our league."

Robinson helped the Baltimore Orioles into four world series. He was voted the American League's MVP in 1966 after winning the Triple Crown with the Orioles, leading the league with 122 runs, 49 homers and a .316 batting average.

He was named the National League's MVP with Cincinnati in 1961, a year in which he had 124 rbi's, 37 homers and a .323 batting average.

## But Perry wants bigger salary

(AP) — Gaylord Perry claims he's underpaid, and it is not hard to make a case that he is. But by tying his salary demands to the status of Frank Robinson, he could place in jeopardy the chances of success for major league baseball's first black manager.

The Cleveland Indians, who employ Perry's arm and Robinson's bat, seemingly paved the way for Robinson to make the black manager breakthrough with their announcement last week that Ken Aspromonte had been fired as manager.

To get Robinson's bat, the Indians agreed to pay the aging superstar an estimated \$180,000 next year. Perry, a veteran like Robinson, makes a reported \$85,000 a year. He says he won't play for the Indians next year unless he makes \$180,001.

The 36-year-old Perry made that announcement shortly before Aspromonte's exit was announced. He also said he didn't figure he would be with Cleveland next year, depending upon who is manager.

That was another obvious reference to Robinson, 39, who immediately told Perry he didn't care for all the sudden publicity. According to others on the team, the two nearly tangled in the dressing room.

All that presents the Cleveland club with a problem of major proportions. Perry is, at least, a key figure in the club's immediate future. He also is white, and continued opposition on his part to Robinson could conceivably lead others to take the same position.

It is not beyond the realm of possibility that such opposition could torpedo any Cleveland plans to break the managerial racial barrier.

One simple solution would be to trade Perry, and there already has been talk about

such a deal. But it might not be so simple.

For one thing, it probably would be difficult for the Indians to get what they think Perry is worth. For a decade he has been one of baseball's best and more durable pitchers — four 20-game seasons, a 197-157 record, an earned run average of less than 2.90, a Cy Young award, five seasons with more than 300 innings.

Comparatively, Perry would seem to be worth more than some pitchers whose paychecks are bigger than his. But there is no way to justify a claim that his accomplishments match Robin-

son's. Robinson is fourth on the all-time home run list, has won a Triple Crown — the home run and runs batted in titles and batting championship in the same season — and is the only player to be Most Valuable Player in both the American and National leagues.

It has taken baseball 27 years to move from Jackie Robinson, the first black player, to Frank Robinson, on the verge of being its first black manager. Controversies such as the one Perry has created can only make it more difficult for any such breakthrough to succeed.

## Franco injured

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers said yesterday that a sprained ankle will probably keep running back Franco Harris out of the club's National Football League game Sunday in Houston.

Harris suffered the injury in the first offensive series of last Sunday's loss to Oakland and missed the rest of the game. He was limping noticeably when he reported for practice yesterday.

If the big fullback is unable to go against the Oilers, Frenchy Fuqua will start in his place, the Steelers said.

Reserve linebacker Ed Bradley will not play for the third week Sunday because of a torn muscle in his left foot.

Two players who are expected back for the trip to Houston after missing the Raiders game are wide receivers Ron Shanklin and Frank Lewis. Shanklin has been nursing a bruised hip while Lewis is recovering from a pulled hamstring muscle.

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