

Kuhn frets over Finley's carping

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NEW YORK — The First Amendment's freedom-of-speech doctrine may be the only thing keeping Oakland A's owner Charlie Finley in the game of baseball.

His criticism of baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has been so strong that Kuhn sees the attacks as damaging the public confidence of the fan and the integrity of the game.

Finley has called Kuhn just about every name in the book, from the "nation's idiot" to "irrational" and "vindictive." Kuhn has been turning the other cheek, but does he have an unlimited supply of extra cheeks?

The name-calling, Kuhn says, he can take on a personal level but its effect on fan trust may be another thing.

"I don't think that kind of conduct is in the best interests of

baseball," the commissioner said Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Is he ready to exile Finley to his insurance business? "I haven't reached that point," Kuhn said. "We'll just have to see what develops."

A federal judge in Chicago, ruling against Finley in his \$3.5-million damage suit against Kuhn earlier in the year, said the commissioner had near dictatorial powers in determining what was in the best interests of the game. But Kuhn would have to be very sure of his legal standing if he was going to banish Finley from the game.

Seemingly, he would have to build a better case than mere mud-slinging — even if it undermines the game's integrity. Kuhn is a public figure and, as such, is open to verbal criticism.

"I won't get in a mud-slinging debate with Charlie, no matter how much he provokes me," Kuhn said.

Finley's latest provocation was over Kuhn's non-intervention last week in the New York Mets' blockbuster trade of Tom Seaver to Cincinnati for four inexperienced players.

Finley charged that Kuhn should have acted against the deal since, the year before, he had canceled Oakland's sales of Vida Blue to the New York Yankees for \$1.5 million and Joe Rudi and Rollie Fingers to Boston for \$1 million apiece.

Yea, for the pink and black!

Trivia tracks on the Lion trail

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Here's a chance for the die-hard football fan to get an early start on some Nittany Lion football trivia.

When Penn State was first challenged on the gridiron back in 1887, no one was cheering for the blue and white. The original colors were deep pink and black. After two weeks in the sun, the uniforms had faded to white and black. The team then adopted the more familiar blue and white, which was the second choice.

The team begins its 91st season this fall after chalking up a total of 518 wins, 245 losses, and 39 ties. None of this year's opponents holds a victory edge on the Lions. Penn State has a winning record over each of the dozen opponents except Kentucky, with whom the Lions have split with the last two contests.

The Lions' unbeaten streak was 31 games. From 1967-70 they compiled 30 wins and one tie before bowing to Colorado in 1970. In terms of television performances, their record stands at 17 wins, nine losses and a tie since Joe Paterno took over coaching duties in 1966. When Penn State hosts Maryland Sept. 24th, it will be the 28th television appearance for the Lions.

Paterno, now in his 12th year as coach of the Lions, needs only four victories to be the winningest Penn State coach. Rip Engle, his predecessor, boasts a 16-year slate of 104 wins, 48 losses, and 4 ties. Paterno's record now stands at 101 wins, 23 losses and a tie over 11 seasons.

He has coached 23 All-Americans at Penn State. Tight end Ted Kwalick and linebacker Denny Onkontz were each two-time winners.

Speaking of coaches, five of Paterno's assistants are Penn State alumni: Dick Anderson, Gregg Duncatte, Fran Ganter, Jerry Sandusky and Jim Williams. Paterno quarterbacked the Brown University squad during his collegiate days.

The players themselves have compiled quite a list of achievements. Two players hold National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) records. In his 1971 season, Lydell Mitchell set, and still holds, the record for the most touchdowns (26), total touchdowns (29) and points scored (174). John Cappelletti set an NCAA milestone in 1973 with his three consecutive 200-yard rushing games.

Cappelletti, tailback for the Lions in their unbeaten and untied 1973 season, was Penn State's only Heisman Trophy

winner. Five players and four coaches have gained National Football Hall of Fame honors: Pete Mauthe, Dexter Very, Shorty Miller, Glenn Killinger, Harry Wilson and coaches Bob Higgins, Dick Harlow, Hugo Bezdek and Rip Engle.

Off the gridiron, seven players have earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships since the program began in 1964: Joe Bellas, John Runnells, Bob Holuba, Dave Joyner, Bruce Bannon, Mark Markovich and Jack Baiorunos.

This season, two current Lions, flanker Jimmy Cefalo and lineman Randy Sidler, could join the list of 36 players who have received four varsity letters.

The oldest record in the books was set in 1894 by Charles Atherton. He scored 20 kicking points against Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie-Mellon University) on ten extra points, which were worth two points back then.

Beaver Stadium can also boast of a record. It is the nation's largest all-steel stadium with seating capacity for 60,203 persons, and is currently expanding even more. Its largest crowd was last season, when 62,503 turned out for the Ohio State game.

Cleveland Barons spared from NHL axe

CHICAGO (AP) — The Cleveland Barons will remain in the National Hockey League, The Associated Press learned yesterday.

"They have ironed out their differences," a source said. "Don't count them out."

The NHL Wednesday issued an ultimatum that the sale of the Barons by Mel Swig to a group headed by Sanford

Greenburg, owner of the Richfield, Ohio, Colliseum where the Barons played, be consummated.

The NHL owners met yesterday morning with representatives of the Players Association but there were no announcements. The Board of Governors then went into a separate session and the owners and the Players Association were to meet again

yesterday afternoon.

At stake is a possible merger or expansion involving the World Hockey Association. The NHL must get approval from the Players Association on any merger.

If there is a merger, the collective bargaining agreement would be voided. The meetings are scheduled to continue through today.

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