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# Robinson takes over ailing Orioles

## Former Giants manager to step in for Ripken

BALTIMORE (AP) — Frank Robinson became baseball's first black manager in four years on Tuesday when he was named to replace Cal Ripken on the Baltimore Orioles in a move made in an attempt to rescue the club from its worst start in 33 years.

Under Ripken, the Orioles opened the 1988 season by losing their first six games after finishing the 1987 season with a 67-95 record, the third-worst mark in the franchise's history.

Robinson, the first black to manage at the major league level, was also the last black to manage in the big leagues. He was fired by the San Francisco Giants in 1984.

"I don't profess to be a Superman. But I do have ideas," Robinson said at a hastily called news conference at Memorial Stadium.

Baltimore General Manager Roland Hemond said Ripken would have stayed on as manager if Robinson decided not to take the elected to baseball's Hall of Fame in 1982, was six games into his first season in a front-office position as a special assistant to the president. He has been a member of the Orioles' organization as player, coach or in the front office for 13 years.

Robinson begins his third stint as a major league manager. His first assignment was with the Cleveland Indians from 1974-77 and then was with the Giants from 1981-84.

"I don't think I ever felt the pressure of being in the position of being a black manager," Robinson said. "I am aware of the pressure of the position, but I don't let it bother me."

Only two other blacks have managed in the major leagues, Larry Doby with the Chicago White Sox in 1978 and Maury Wills with Seattle in 1980-81.

Ripken, who has been in the Orioles' organization for 32 years, had no forewarning a move was going to be made.

"I'm disappointed, no question," Ripken said by telephone. "There was no indication that it was coming. I was in uniform. I was at my desk getting ready to write the lineup. Roland called me to come up to his office and he told me I was being relieved."

Earlier in the day, Ripken pleaded guilty to a drunk driving charge stemming from a Feb. 3 incident and agreed to continue treatment for alcohol abuse.

Baltimore County Circuit Court Judge Barbara G. Givens gave Ripken probation for the judgment, fined him \$750 and placed him on three years of probation.

Ripken had succeeded Weaver as Orioles manager in 1986, becoming the first man ever to manage two major league teams. He had a 67-101 record as Orioles manager over one plus six games.

Hemond said Ripken will work with the Orioles in a front-office capacity.

Ripken, however, said he was made up his mind about taking a new position.

## Out-of-town investors head list to purchase struggling Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs' board of directors is studying proposals for purchase of the team, all of them from potential out-of-town investors.

None of the proposals were labeled as offers, but team President B.J. "Red" McCombs, who wants control of the NBA franchise, indicated they would all eclipse the \$40 million value he has placed on the club.

"Everything was from out of town," McCombs said Monday after the board met.

"Some were out-of-state. Some were out-of-town. All the proposals indicated that the team is staying in San Antonio."

Spurs Chairman Angelo Drossos, however, confirmed that if an out-of-town investor buys the team and it loses money, the investor would be free to move the team under terms of the proposed agreements.

If the team makes money under the new ownership, however, the club would be required to stay in San Antonio.

"We don't want to sell to anyone who will buy it and then move it," Drossos said.

"If they do well financially, if they are making money, they should leave it here. If not, they would be free to move it."

No meetings were set for the near future, but McCombs indicated that the team could change ownership in the next few days.

"We are studying the various proposals," McCombs said.

"We have no firm commitment other than mine. But there are several (offers) of serious intent of interest."

Drossos owns 37 percent of the Spurs and McCombs owns 35 percent.

McCombs has said he wants to own 100 percent of the shares and has set a Wednesday deadline to hear from other investors.

McCombs was one of the original investors in the team when it came to San Antonio from Dallas in 1973. He sold his interest in the Spurs in 1982 when he became principal owner of the Denver Nuggets.

Drossos purchased most of McCombs' stock then, and then sold it back to him in 1986.

McCombs has become disenchanted with the team's losing trend and falling attendance.

Under McCombs' proposal, he would replace Drossos as the team's decision-maker, while Drossos would be retained as a paid consultant.

"I have said many times I could be a better fan than an owner," Drossos said. "I've said that many times. I'm not adverse to either role."

## UCLA hires Pepperdine head coach

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UCLA hired Pepperdine College basketball coach Larry Harrick as its new head coach.

Harrick, a former UCLA assistant basketball coach who has been the head coach at Pepperdine for the past nine years, named the Bruins' head coach Tuesday.

Previously, the school hired Larry Brown as head coach.

Harrick succeeded Hazzard, who was fired last month. Hazzard was UCLA's coach for four years. His teams won 47.

Harrick, 49, was an assistant coach at UCLA under Gary Cunningham in the 1977-78 and 1978-79 seasons.

## Rangers' Witt ties record for balks as Texas suffers 4-1 loss to Tigers

DETROIT (AP) — Texas right-hander Bobby Witt tied an American League record for balks Tuesday, and Frank Tanana pitched the Detroit Tigers to a 4-1 victory over the Rangers.

Witt was called for four balks, including one that allowed Detroit's first run, in the first three innings, tying the mark set by Vic Rashi of the New York Yankees in 1950. The major league record is five balks by the Braves' Robert Shaw in 1963.

Witt, 0-2, allowed five hits, striking out four and walking six. Tanana, 2-0, allowed five hits, struck out four and walked two in 7 1/2 innings. Mike Henneman earned his second save.

In the Detroit first, Witt walked Lou Whitaker, and Whitaker moved to second on a balk. Witt walked Darrell Evans, and Whitaker moved to third on Alan Trammell's fielder's choice. Whitaker scored what proved to be the game-winner on Witt's second balk, and Trammell, who took second on the balk, scored on an RBI single by Matt Nokes.

Witt walked the bases loaded in the Detroit third, Trammell's sacrifice fly drove in Gary Pettis, and Jim Morrison singled Whitaker home for a 4-0 Tigers lead.

Pete O'Brien singled in the Texas fifth and scored on a two-out double off the top of the screen in left field by Steve Buechele.

The Tigers' home opener drew a crowd of 51,504, the largest ever to watch a game between the Tigers and Rangers, exceeding the 51,238 that saw the two teams in the 1984 opener.

## Hurst hurls Red Sox to win over Brewers

BOSTON (AP) — Bruce Hurst allowed four hits and struck out nine in seven innings Tuesday, combining with Lee Smith to limit Milwaukee to five hits as the two pitched the Boston Red Sox to a 3-1 victory over the Brewers.

Hurst, 1-0, walked two of the game's first three batters, then another at the start of the second inning before settling down in 41-degree weather.

He walked the leadoff hitter in the eighth before Lee Smith came on to earn his third save, striking out three.

Chris Bosio, 1-1, allowed eight

hits, struck out five and didn't walk a batter in going the distance for Milwaukee.

**METS 3, EXPOS 0**

NEW YORK — Ron Darling pitched a five-hitter for his first shutout since 1986, and Darryl Strawberry hit his fourth home run of the season, leading New York over the Montreal Expos 3-0 in the Mets' home opener.

Kevin McReynolds went 3-for-4 as the Mets beat Pascual Perez, ending his team record-tying eight-game winning streak.

Perez won all seven decisions after

joining the Expos last Aug. 19 and defeated Darling last week.

Darling, 1-1, allowed just one hit after the third inning.

He struck out four and walked three.

It was his first shutout since July 29, 1986, against the Chicago Cubs. Since then, Darling had gone 45 starts without a shutout.

Strawberry, who stirred up teammates and management with critical remarks during spring training, got a big ovation from the sellout crowd of 48,719 in his first at-bat.

He did not disappoint them, hitting a leadoff home run to right and sparking a three-run second inning.

## Mattingly leads Yankees over Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Don Mattingly had five of New York's hits, including one of 10, as the Yankees routed Toronto 12-3 Tuesday night.

Mattingly went 5-for-6, twice and driving in a run, fourth five-hit game of his career.

Dave Winfield drove in runs and Bobby Meacham scored three times as New York bounded from a 17-9 deficit by the Blue Jays on Monday. John Candelaria pitched a hitless game, striking out six and walking anyone.

The Yankees scored four runs in the first three innings, starter Jim Clancy, 0-2, gave up a home run to Juan Berroa, 1-0, kept Toronto scoreless on four hits until Juan Berroa hit a two-run homer in the ninth. Cecil Fielder homered in the ninth.

**ROYALS 6, ORIOLES 1**

BALTIMORE — Frank Robinson drove in four runs and Matt Bizza gave up two infield hits in seven innings as the Kansas City Royals spoiled the Baltimore Orioles' naging debut of Frank Robinson with a 6-1 win over the Orioles Tuesday night.

Baltimore grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a sacrifice fly by Cal Ripken Jr.

But the Royals roared back with three runs in the fourth on consecutive home runs by Willie Bo Jackson.

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