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Wanted: A masochist

Believe it or not, the Big Eight Conference received some 40 applications for its new Supervisor of Basketball Officials position.

Until now, this was considered a part-time job. When Johnny Overby, the incumbent, wasn't tending to his Dairy Queen business, he was watch-



Sandberg's two homers aid Gubs, 6-3

BUSINESS ON 5S

Maddux's 9th win sours Rose's return to Reds

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) - Wednesday's headlines belonged to Pete Rose, but the game belonged to Ryne Sandberg and Greg Maddux of the Chicago Cubs.

Sandberg hit two home runs and Maddux became the National League's first nine-game winner in leading the Cubs to a 6-3 victory over

ing over the basketball referees.

Distressed at what they deem the sinking quality of officiating, the Big Eight coaches called for reform. The hiring of a full-time supervisor marks the beginning.

The official name for the position is "Assistant to the Commissioner (Supervisor of Officials)."

The job description says the new boss "will be required to (1) establish observation and evaluation programs for basketball game officials; (2) conduct annual men's and women's bas-

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ketball officiating clinics, seminars and meetings; (3) review rules and rules changes and supervise the instruction of the mechanics of basketball officiating; (4) utilize bulletins, correspondence, video and audio tapes and communicative skills to update officials' knowledge of rules' interpretations and kindred matters; (5) be the primary Conference representative at all NCAA, Collegiate Commissioners Association, and other such meetings for the purpose of basketball officiating supervision and (6) Listen to constant moaning about the officiating and resist the urge to flog the critics with a lead pipe."

invented that last one, but the first five are factual.

Considering the nature of the job, I figured the number of applicants would be more like one or two graduates of the Beat Me, Kick Me, Whip Me School of Sadomasochism. Supervisor of Big Eight Basketball Officials doesn't look to be one of the all-time fun jobs. The Big Eight coaches are among the most cantankerous in the country. And with Kansas and Oklahoma finishing 1-2 in the country, the boys might be even less tolerant of officiating indiscretions. In degree of difficulty, the supervisor job falls into the same category as sports information director at Indiana University, travel agent at San Quentin, nuclear waste transporter and taste tester in a Tofu plant. "It's not going to be a peachesand-cream job," says Johnny Orr, coach at Iowa State and recovering ref baiter. "Whoever gets it will have to get tough." With coaches as well as officials. Though their words say otherwise, the coaches realize their constant carping hurts the game. Something is afoul when a player scores 40 points and the newspaper account centers on the coach yelping about the refs. So, starting this year, the second time a Big Eight coach publicly criticizes an official, said coach is suspended for one game. Surprisingly, the coaches are all in favor of the rule.

Greg Brown (far right) makes sure Sarah Sucher, Brett Brown and Trey Sucher (from left) are fortified with the essentials in ballpark cuisine.

Kids at the ballpark: A game trip

By JANE BURNS Assistant Sports Editor

Things are looking grim at Sec Taylor Stadium. The Iowa Cubs trail, 6-0, in the seventh inning of a recent game. Richard Sucher, who has seen part of the game, expresses his concern about the Cubs' chances to his 7year-old daughter, Sarah.

"The Cubs need the run if they want to make a game of it," Sucher tells Sarah.

"Cub-by, Cub-by," Sarah chants. She has a worried look and peers intently around the stadium.

"I don't care about that," she says, "I want Cubby."

The I-Cubs score on a home run, but the only Cub Sarah cares about is tall, wide and fuzzy. Sarah doesn't notice the home run, but can spot the mascot clear across the stadium.

You can break baseball down into runs, hits and errors. Or you can turn it into a metaphor for life. But to a

George and Mary Howell of Des Moines made their first trip to Sec Taylor this season with their children, Katie, 7, and Danny, 3. The kids kept themselves occupied by eating and moving the chairs up and down.

"Every once in a while she'll ask if we won," George Howell said of his daughter.

Julie and Jonathan Maltzman of Des Moines both grew up in bigleague towns. They're working on turning their preschoolers, Rebecca and Zachary, into baseball fans. "We're trying to get our kids indoctrinated early," Jonathan said, "even though we're Phillies fans."

"Giants fans," his wife corrected. Rebecca and Zachary saw their first ball game last week and picked up on several of the the sport's subtleties and nuances.

"I liked it when the man broke his bat," Rebecca said. She also enjoyed the between-inning promotion, when a fan tried, unsuccessfully, to win a trip by tossing a baseball into a barrel from the pile of dirt, er, pitcher's mound. tearing apart a pack of sugar, noticed one player's two-toned bat. "They see little things you take for granted," Julie said. "Rebecca said, 'The guy spit out of his mouth.' The guy [a player] heard her and gave a

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Cincinnati.

It was the first game back for Rose, the Reds' manager, who completed his 30-day suspension for bumping umpire Dave Pallone. Rose was also fined \$10,000.

"I'm happy to be back, but not happy with another loss," Rose said. His Reds went down to their fifth straight defeat, including the threegame sweep by the Cubs.

The Cubs struggled at the plate in their last home stand, but have found their batting eyes recently. Sandberg, for example, has hit three homers since being put in the cleanup spot Friday; he has eight for the season.

"It makes a difference where you hit in the lineup," Sandberg said. He hit a mammoth two-run drive to left field in the fourth inning to make it 3-0 and homered again in the eighth off Pat Pacillo. "You change your mental approach. Leading off, you're not as aggressive and you're trying for singles and walks. Batting fourth, you become more aggressive."

Maddux (9-3) was not as positive about his day - he allowed five hits and walked six before leaving in the ninth inning after catcher Lloyd McClendon hit a two-run homer.

"I've gotten a lot of breaks," Maddux said. "You're not going to have your best stuff all the time."

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"I'm going to have to be careful," Orr says, allowing himself a chuckle. So will the new supervisor. Try to picture the interview process.

Big Eight Commissioner: So tell me, how do you react when someone calls you a do-nothing, know-nothing, overstuffed sack of pasture-fresh cow pastry who doesn't deserve to live?

small child watching a game, it's a chance to eat junk food, pound on the bleachers and watch a bunch of guys who toss their hats, hit the ball and spit.

"The outcome of the game is insignificant," said Sucher, of Urbandale, who brought Sarah and his son, Trey, 3. With the Suchers was Greg Brown and his 3-year-old son, Brett. "You don't talk baseball like it's baseball,' Sucher said. "The mound is a pile of dirt; the bat is a stick."

To 21-month-old Laura Kacere, the score of her first baseball game is all O's - the Cheerios in the bag proffered by her mother, Mary.

funny look."

Trey Sucher likes the seventh-in-Zachary, busy crunching cups and ning stretch. Well, he likes to sing. said. Indeed, after one inning it was "Take me out to the ballgame," he sang in a key that hasn't been invented yet, "buy me some peanuts and Apple Jacks . . . "

> Trey didn't get his Apple Jacks, but he didn't starve, either.

Associated Press

John McEnroe shows his emotions after missing a shot Wednesday dur-

ing a singles match against top-seeded Ivan Lendl at the French Open.

McEnroe disputed two line calls that went in Lendl's favor and lost the

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Pistons beat Celtics in OT to take 3-2 lead

BOSTON, MASS. (AP) - The Detroit Pistons took a 3-2 lead in the NBA Eastern Conference finals with a 102-96 victory over Boston on Wednesday night.

The Pistons can clinch their first appearance in the championship series since moving to Detroit in 1957 by winning at home Friday night or in a seventh game Sunday at Boston Garden.

The Fort Wayne (Ind.) Pistons lost in the finals in 1955 and 1956.

Dennis Johnson's basket gave the Celtics a 94-92 lead in overtime, but Adrian Dantley followed with a free throw and his three-point play with 2 minutes 52 seconds to go, making it 96-94.

Isiah Thomas followed with two free throws and a layup, and Boston got no closer than four after that. With the Celtics caught in an 0-for-12 drought, the Pistons turned a 12point deficit into a five-point lead with a 19-2 spurt during a span of 8:49 in the second half. Johnson's rebound basket from a near-prone position with 3:11 left gave Boston an 86-85 edge, and the

▶ Lakers lead series 3-2: Page 3S

lead seesawed until Fred Roberts tied the score, 92-92, with 1:10 remaining.

Roberts' points were the first scored by anyone on the Celtics other than Johnson, Larry Bird, Kevin McHale or Robert Parish. Danny Ainge was held scoreless.

McHale fouled out with 26 points, Bird had 25, Johnson 23 and Parish 18. Thomas scored 35 points for Detroit. Dantley and Joe Dumars finished with 18 each.

McHale had eight points and Bird five during a 21-8 Boston run that turned a three-point lead into a 50-34 margin with 2:42 left in the first half. Detroit missed 11 of its first 13 shots in the second period.

The Celtics, who led, 54-40, at half-

Beaten foe says Nunn capable of beating Tate

By DAN McCOOL **Register Correspondent**

RESEDA, CALIF. - Ron Daniels said he lost Tuesday night to boxing's next world middleweight champion.

"He's got the edge over [Frank] Tate as it is right now," Daniels said after Michael Nunn knocked him out nine seconds short of two full rounds to score his 30th consecutive victory. 'I think he's deserving and he's gonna take it."

Tate is the International Boxing Federation champion, whom Nunn, the Davenport, Ia., native who is the world's No. 1-ranked middleweight, will fight July 28 in Las Vegas.

Nunn's manager, Dan Goossen, said the experience of 30 fights has helped Nunn blossom. Now he plans to bring a quick end to the Tate fight. "The outcome is that Nunn is going to knock Frank Tate out," Goossen said. "I know in my heart that this fight will be stopped, either by the

Candidate: Well, after I stop whimpering and pop a Valium, I try not to take it personally.

Commissioner: You're hired. Here are your ear plugs, your hard hat and your asbestos gloves. Good luck."

With the field whittled to a handful of finalists, don't be surprised if the new boss is someone whose coaching background exceeds his officiating experience.

The coaches want someone who understands what they're going through. Though Gary Garner, formerly of Drake, and Bob Weltlich, recently fired at Texas, were among those seriously considered, the league is leery of hiring a fresh former coach who'll jump into the nearest vacancy.

The coaches want someone who won't deal in empty threats. They want someone who'll be tough yet fair with officials and coaches alike; someone who won't hesitate to discipline either.

They want someone with the courage to take an unpopular stand. Someone who combines the best qualities of Dirty Harry and Saint Francis of Assisi.

Someone who is fast on his feet, especially when walking on water.

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MORNING REPORT

MANNING'S THE MAN. Not surprisingly, reporters who covered Big Eight Conference sports unanimously named Kansas basketball player Danny Manning the league's male athlete of the year. Lorinda Richardson, a track star from Missouri, was named the top female athlete. Iowa State nominated basketball player Jeff Grayer and swimmer Eric Hansen.

SOVIETS STRIKE OUT. Call it glasnost, perhaps, but a team of Soviet engineers made eight errors Wednesday and lost the first baseball meeting between the Soviet Union and the United States, 15-2, in Moscow. The Americans were the Johns Hopkins University varsity team. President Reagan, busy with summit talks, was unable to throw out the first pitch. Baseball becomes an Olympic sport in 1992, and the Soviets look to be vastly improved by then - if they can learn to hit the curveball.

MORGANNA IS OUT. Morganna, baseball's "Kissing Bandit" who was charged with trespass-

ing after she jumped on the Memorial Stadium field to buss one of the Baltimore Orioles last month, had the charge dropped Wednesday. But she could be fined \$100 if she goes on the field to kiss one of the players again. "So if I go kiss the whole team next time," she said afterward, "it will be worth it."

fourth-round match, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4. STORY: Page 3S.

AGENTS' DEAL. A deal is reportedly in the works to end Alabama's criminal case against sports agent Norby Walters. A hearing is scheduled today before a judge in Tuscaloosa. Walters faces several charges stemming from his dealings with two Crimson Tide basketball players.

AGENTS BILL. The Florida legislature sent to the governor a bill making agents register with the state. Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad signed a similar bill into law last month.

BASKETBALL'S BACK. Tulane University will end its self-imposed banishment from men's basketball in 1989-90, a year earlier than expec-

ted. The program was abolished April 4, 1985, after a point-shaving scandal. The school expects to name a coach by next month. "Obviously, we need more money," Athletic Director Chet Gladchuck said, "but why wait?"

WHAT'S IT WORTH? Denver running back Gene Lang says if Tony Dorsett is traded from Dallas he can have the No. 33 Lang wears - for money. "Everything has its price. Everyone can be bought. Even me," Lang said. Dorsett has worn No. 33 since playing in college.

GRINNELL STAR DEAD. Leonard T. Paulu, a Vining native who gained prominence as a track star at Grinnell College, died at Oakwood Lutheran Hebron Hall Sunday at 91. Paulu, who tied the world records in the 100- and 150-yard dashes while in school, is a member of the Iowa Track Hall of Fame. He taught and coached track in Cedar Rapids after graduating from Grinnell, retiring in 1963. Paulu had been an honorary referee Oakland. The A's won two of three games from for the Drake Relays since 1959.

time, still had a 68-56 advantage when Bird scored on a layup with 3:54 left in the third period.

But that was their last field goal of the quarter as the Pistons closed the gap to 70-65. Thomas scored on a drive with 6 seconds left, stole the inbounds pass and scored again with three seconds to go.

TV Today

8 a.m. (ESN) Tennis French Open Championships, semifinal matches. (Live)

1 p.m. (ESN) Hockey Stanley Cup Final, deciding game: Boston Bruins vs. Edmonton Oilers. (R)

3 p.m. USA Golf Kemper Open, first round. (Live)

6:30 p.m. (17) Baseball St. Louis at Philadelphia. (Live)

6:30 p.m. (WGN) Baseball Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets. (Live)

7 p.m. (ESN) Arena Football Pittsburgh at Detroit. (Live)

8 p.m. (8) Pro Basketball Western Conference Final: Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks, game six. (Live)

8 p.m. USA Golf Kemper Open, first round. (R)

Ouote of the Day

"I just think we're a better club all the way around." - New York Yankee Rickey Henderson comparing the American League East-leading Yankees to the Western Division-leading New York this week.