

Grambling's Coach Opens 55th Season

The King of Coaches, Eddie Robinson, Only Two Victories Shy of His 400th College Football Win

New York - The all-time winningest coach in college football, Eddie G. Robinson of Grambling State University, roared into his 55th coaching season last week. Coach Robinson, who is fast approaching his record 400th victory, has led the Grambling

the national Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Sugar Bowl, Pop Warner, Louisiana Sports, Northwest Louisiana, National Association of Sport and Physical Education, Southwest Athletic Conference and Grambling State University. He has been praised, recognized

Louisiana State Rep. Raymond Jetson and even former Grambling President Dr. Joseph B. Johnson.

What does the "King of Coaches" have to say about his amazing winning record? "The real record I have set for over 50 years is the fact that I have had one job and one wife (Doris, who I married in 1941, the same year he began coaching at Grambling)."

The coach says his mission is not to set records but to teach and inspire.

"All I wanted to be was a

good American football coach. I believe I can lose without acting the fool; I believe I can win without bragging.

"But somewhere in the back of my mind, I am trying to make a contribution to our society."

One legendary Coach cut from the same fabric as Robinson, Penn State's Joe Paterno, had this to say about him: "Nobody has ever done or ever will do what Eddie Robinson has done for this game. Eddie Robinson and Jake Gaither (Florida A&M) stand alone. Our profession will never, ever be

able to repay Eddie Robinson for what he has done for the country and the profession of football."

In his humility, Robinson shares the full measure of his success with his oplayers, his family, his loyal wife, the media and thre many fans across the country who have supported him and the team.

"I haven't blocked or tackled anybody," he says. "I have just tried to give encouragement to the young men who have played for Grambling. The record belongs to everybody, all the

former players, all the assistant coaches and all the loyal fans that have supported Grambling throughout the years. Eddie Robinson sure hasn't done it all."

In 1985, when the Coach broke Bear Bryant's record, Sports Illustrated wrote: "And here's to you. Mr. Robinson. You grow old like a river, deeper and swifter every day." The same rings true as Coach Rob (as his players respectively and affectionately call him) approaches his 400th win ten years later.



Grambling Head Coach Eddie Robinson

Tigers to 398 wins over his nearly five and one-half decades with the school. His team's next two victories will take him and them over the top and that much deeper into the record books.

The coach will be 77 years young in February and he continues to thrive on his insatiable love for the game and his dedication to the young men who play it. Over 54 years, Coach Robinson has shared his personal wisdom, his unswerving pursuit of excellence and his zeal for football with everyone comes into contact with the team.

Coach Robinson has been lauded as a statesman, a legend, the heir to the Bear (he broke Alabama Coach Paul {Bear} Bryant's record 323 wins in 1985), and an American Dream come true. This son of a sharecropper and a domestic worker has been inducted into Hall of Fames established for

and awarded by organizations from coast to coast.

But the coach's professional legacy entails more than Hall of Fame inductions, tributes and awards. Coach Robinson has served as an inspiration, father, friend, counselor, teacher and coach to hundreds of young men, helping to shape their character and their careers — both on and off the field.

More than 300 of coach Robinson's players have been to pro football camps. More than 200 have played in the NFL and seven were drafted in the first round.

The coach's list of outstanding graduates includes pro football Hall of Fame inductees Willie Brown (L.A. Raiders), Willie Davis (Green Bay Packers) and Buck Buchanan (Kansas City Chiefs). Plus, he coached Paul "Tank" Younger (L.A. Rams), Doug Williams (Washington Redskins),

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