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said. "I don't know what that is right now, but we'll see."

Dungy made a remarkable impact around the league. In an era when there were few Black head coaches, Dungy helped open the door to rising stars and a growing number of minority candidates. Among those from his Tampa Bay staff who have had head coaching jobs are Herm Edwards, now with Kansas City, Chicago's Lovie Smith, Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin and former Detroit coach Rod Marinelli.

Dungy also set league records for most consecutive playoff seasons (10) and consecutive 12-win seasons (six), and leaves with the highest average of regular-season victories of any coach in league history (10.7).

And those around the league acknowledged Dungy's legacy will be the way he won.

"People often say that teams reflect their head coach, and that can be said of Tony Dungy's teams, which are consistent winners every single year," New England coach Bill Belichick said. "Tony has been such a fixture in this league that his absence will take some getting used to."

Dungy has always considered faith, family and football to be his priorities.

But he always wound up back on the sideline. Last year, he returned to help open the Colts' new stadium after Irsay agreed to let Dungy commute home on his private jet.

Although Dungy said the travel was not a burden and enjoyed this season, clearly, the time away from home was something that tugged at Dungy's heart.

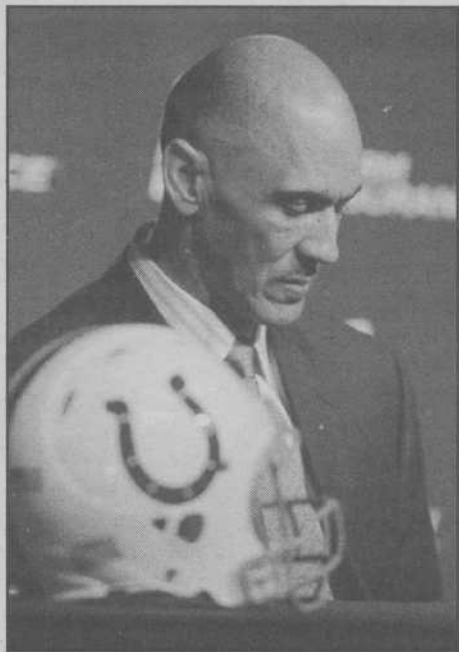
Even Irsay sensed this would be Dungy's last go-around before their Sunday night meeting.

"I knew this day would come some time, it always does in life," Irsay said, tearing up. "It's been an incredible journey, and as an owner, I think, you dream of having the kind of relationship with a head coach that I've had with Tony."

The decision came a little more than a week after the Colts lost their first playoff game for the second straight season, and it ends a coaching career in which Dungy reached one NFC championship game and two AFC championship games.

In addition, Dungy finished his six-year tenure in Tampa and his seven-year stint in Indy as the career leader in victories for both franchises, finishing with an overall record of 148-79.

But the critics always questioned Dungy's postseason numbers. In Tampa, his adopted hometown, Dungy went 2-4 in the playoffs and failed to reach the Super Bowl. He was 7-6 in Indy, failing to advance past



Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy.

the first game four times.

"You always think you can win a few more," Dungy said. "But I won't look back and think that we could have won one more if I had put more time in."

While the city of Tampa reveres Dungy for turning a moribund franchise into a perennial playoff team, Indy's bond with Dungy was just as strong.

The city applauded Dungy's achievement when he finally won the Super Bowl and rallied around Dungy's family when he endured his greatest tragedy—his son's suicide in 2005.

"His biggest legacy will be all the people around the country who he's inspired to be better and to deal with some of life's tragedies in a manner that gives people a lot of strength," Edwards said. "What he went through with his son and how he handled it, was something that says a lot about Tony, his faith and what he stands for."

What's next for Dungy is unclear. He has been involved for years in prison ministries, with Family First and as part of All-Pro Dads.

"Where my heart is, is really with our young men right now," Dungy said. "We have so many guys that didn't grow up like me, didn't have their dad there and that's something I'm very, very interested in."

He also believes the Colts will continue to win under Caldwell, who takes over after spending the past eight seasons on Dungy's staff. Caldwell spent seven of those seasons, one in Tampa, as the quarterbacks coach before being elevated to associate head coach last January. Caldwell's only other head coaching experience came at Wake Forest, where he went 26-63 from 1993-2000. But it will take more than wins and losses to fill Dungy's shoes.

Williams takes over at Yale

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Jacksonville Jaguars defensive assistant Tom Williams was introduced Wednesday as the head football coach at Yale, making him the first African-American to hold the job and only the second Black coach in the Ivy League.

Williams replaces Jack Siedlecki, who retired in November after 12 seasons to become an assistant athletic director at the school.

"I am dedicated to bringing an exciting brand of football that the Yale players and fan base will both embrace and enjoy," Williams said in a written statement released just prior to the news conference.

The 39-year-old Williams has been an assistant coach for the Jaguars the past two seasons and has been an assistant at Hawaii, Washington, Stanford and San Jose State. This will be his first head coaching job.

Columbia coach Norries Wilson is the only other Black football coach in the Ivy League.

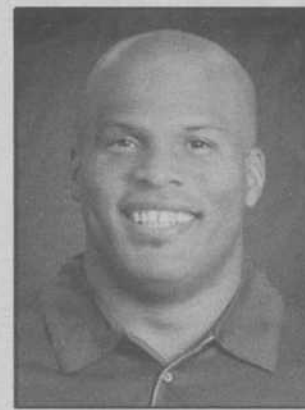
Carm Cozza, the legendary Yale coach and a member of the search committee, said Williams brings an impressive ability to relate to the unique pressures of being a student-athlete at a school where the student part comes first.

Williams is a former Rhodes Scholar candidate who played linebacker at Stanford.

Yale went 6-4 this season, including 4-3 in the Ivy League, and lost 10-0 to Harvard in the 125th edition of "The Game."

Yale has lost seven of the past eight games against the Crimson.

Hall-of-Famer Calvin



TOM WILLIAMS

Hill, a former Yale running back, said the choice of Williams goes a long way toward

disproving the myth that there is a lack of qualified minority candidates for head coaching jobs.

"Anybody who has ever worn the Yale blue and played in the (Yale) Bowl ought to be excited, especially if they are Black," Hill said. "They picked a guy who can carry on the great tradition that started with Walter Camp, and included Carm Cozza, and they've gotten somebody who perhaps can start to beat Harvard, like things should be."



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Baseball

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in the Hall of Fame." Henderson, the 1990 AL MVP, was a 10-time All-Star who swiped 1,406 bases, one shy of 50 percent more than Lou Brock, who is in second place with 938. Henderson batted .279 with 297 homers, 1,115 RBIs, 2,190 walks and 2,295 runs. He owns the modern-day season record with 130 steals in 1982, and the career mark with 81 lead-off homers. He played 25 seasons for Oakland, the

Yankees, Toronto, San Diego, Anaheim, the Mets, Seattle, Boston and the Dodgers.

Henderson was with his family when he got the call Monday and pointed out that they have been with him through "all the glory and the headaches."

"They enjoyed it probably as much as I enjoyed it, probably even more," he said.

Rice, the 1978 AL MVP, was an eight-time All-Star who hit 382 home runs in 16

seasons with the Boston Red Sox from 1974-89. He had a .298 career batting average and 1,451 RBIs, and from 1977-79 averaged .320 with 41 homers and 128 RBIs.

He becomes the fourth Hall of Famer to have spent his entire career with the Red Sox, joining fellow left fielders Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski, along with second baseman Bobby Doerr.

"That's, I think, one of the biggest accomplishments," Rice said.

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