

Penn State's Joe Paterno Ordered Off Sidelines Until Broken Leg Heals

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — There is at least one person Joe Paterno will take orders from: his doctor. On the mend from a broken leg, Penn State's stubborn coach has been ordered to stay away from the field for Saturday's game against Temple. Dr. Sebastianelli said Wednesday that he would also prefer the Paterno stay off the field for next week's regular-season finale against Michigan State.

Paterno, who turns 80 next month, is under contract for another two years. Paterno is currently in his 56th season at the University as an assistant or head coach, holding the record for any football coach at any university.

For the first time in 29 seasons, Paterno won't be on the sideline for a Nittany Lions' game — though there's a chance he'll still be calling the shots from a coaches' box high above the field at Beaver Stadium. Doctors operated Sunday on Paterno to repair a fractured shinbone and two torn knee ligaments in the left leg after the veteran coach was walloped along the sideline last Saturday by two players in the second half of Penn State's loss to Wisconsin. The feisty Paterno tried to shoo away help initially after being hit at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis. He tried to stand on his own before being helped to the bench, where he continued to bark out orders to his staff; he was eventually carted off the field.

Since being named Head Coach in 1966, Paterno has been absent only twice for an opening kickoff -- at Army in 1955 due to the death of his father, Angelo, and at Syracuse in 1977 when his son, David, was seriously injured in an accident. He also missed one game as an assistant. Paterno's 41 years leading Penn State ties him with Amos Alonzo Stagg for most seasons as head coach with one school. Paterno's 360 career wins are second among major college coaches to the 364 of Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

Paterno began life as a child of the Depression. He nearly had to leave high school because the tuition of \$20 a month was such a burden for his family. As a college quarterback, He currently still shares, along with Greg Parker, the Brown University record for career interceptions with 14. It was at Brown that he honed his skills as a leader, allowing him to go into coaching after graduation in 1950, joining Hall of Famer Rip Engle at Penn State as an assistant coach. Paterno thought his stint as an assistant coach would be brief, before going to law school. He never went to law school and instead became one of the most famous and recognizable coaches of any sport in the United States.

1. How old was Joe Paterno: a) In his third year as an Assistant, b) he was named Head Coach, c) his son was born, d) his father passed away, e) he began coaching, f) he last missed a game, g) JFK was assassinated?
2. As a proportion, express Paterno's \$20/month tuition as a monetary figure in relation to today's prices given the following data: 1945 average annual income = \$1,299 and 2006 = \$39,000. Given the same rate of change, how much would a .35 movie ticket in 1945 (redcross.org/museum/coloringbook.pdf) equate to in 2006
3. Compare and contrast Joe Paterno's success or lack thereof at the college level as a player versus coach. In paragraph form, explain the significance this may have upon one's life assuming he or she loves a sport; however, is not a very good athlete.
4. In the passage above, in paragraph form, explain at least five ways using the red "Four-Step Reading" poster simplifies understanding of the material. Be specific.
5. What is the percent of change between Bowden and Paterno's all time wins, losses, and ties as of November 17, 2006?
6. With 121 losses and three ties to his credit, as a ratio in simplest form, decimal, and percent, express Paterno's coaching career of games he was not successful in. Express Bowden's career in the same format considering he has 111 losses and four ties. Beyond one's record of wins and losses, what other mitigating factors exist in determining who the better coach is? Explain.
7. Using contextual clues only, explain the meaning of the words: Nittany, stint, walloped, and ligaments.
8. In paragraph form, explain at least five legitimate and educational purposes behind The Daughtry Times.
9. Insert and solve a creative, well constructed, and challenging question.

