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THIS DAY IN REDS HISTORY

1961- The Reds lose Gus Bell, Elio Chacon, Jay Hook and Sherman Jones to the Mets, and Ken Johnson and Dick Gernert to Houston in the expansion draft

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Reds interview Bucs coach Prince for manager

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The Reds interviewed Pirates bench coach Tom Prince for their vacant managerial job, a source told MLB.com's Mark Sheldon.

Prince joins a long list of candidates in whom the Reds have expressed interest. Last week, they interviewed former Yankees manager Joe Girardi, former Tigers skipper Brad Ausmus and Giants vice president of player development David Bell, and they were scheduled to meet with Giants bench coach Hensley Muelens and Rays bench coach Charlie Montoyo this week.

Interim manager Jim Riggleman, scout and former Red Sox manager John Farrell and three members of the coaching staff -- Billy Hatcher, Pat Kelly and Freddie Benavides -- are among the internal candidates for the job.

Reds president of baseball operations Dick Williams has said the organization hopes to name a permanent manager by the end of October. The Reds dismissed Bryan Price in April after four-plus seasons at the helm when the club got off to a 3-15 start this season.

Prince, a former big league catcher, has spent 35 years in professional baseball, including 24 with the Pirates. He was the Bucs' Minor League Field coordinator before joining Clint Hurdle's staff in October 2016.

He has 11 seasons of managerial experience in the Minors, and played 17 seasons in the Majors from 1987-2003 with the Pirates, Dodgers, Phillies, Twins and Royals.

CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

Payroll bump should help the Cincinnati Reds – but not buy a pennant

REDS BLOG

John Fay, Cincinnati

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The Bob Castellini interview with Paul Daugherty didn't reveal a lot.

The headline, after all, was "Castellini not tipping his hand."

But he did drop on a tidbit. He said the player payroll would be the highest in team history. The previous high was \$115 million in 2015. This season's payroll was \$101 million.

So let's say the Reds really push it and get the payroll to \$120 million, what's the buy?

Not a lot. Certainly not the pennant.

The Reds have \$68.5 million committed to seven players. Scooter Gennett, who made \$5.7 million this year, and Billy Hamilton, who made \$4.6 million this year, are both eligible for arbitration for the third time. You're looking at probably \$10 million for Gennett and \$8 million for Hamilton.

Michael Lorenzen and Anthony DeSclafani are eligible for the second time; Jose Peraza, Scott Schebler and Brandon Finnegan are arbitration-eligible for the first time.

That normal baseball inflation is going to push the payroll north of \$100 million. So, if the payroll goes to \$120 million, the Reds may be able to afford one second-tier starting pitcher and a reliever or two.

Arizona left-hander Patrick Corbin (11-7, 3.15 ERA, 200 innings) would be an option. I don't see him in the Reds' price range.

The best bargain for a starting pitcher last free-agent season with the three-year, \$28 million deal Texas signed Mike Minor to. He went 12-8 with a 4.15 ERA. The Reds would take that. The Rangers quickly – Minor signed on Dec. 4.

The caveat in all this – and a way for the Reds to get creative – is Homer Bailey's contract that runs out at 2019. That's \$23 million off the books. A free agent might be willing to take less in '19 in exchange for a bump in 2020.

Given the way postseason has gone, the Reds might be wise to bolster the bullpen and live with five-inning starts.

Again, it's clear that the bigger payroll is not going to fix the Reds. It should help. But they're going to have to look at trades.

And they're going to have to hope that young starters take a step forward. (I know you've heard that before).

Cincinnati Reds interview Pittsburgh Pirates bench coach Tom Prince for manager
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When the Reds started their search for their next manager, president of baseball operations Dick Williams said they were looking at candidates with big league coaching experience.

Their recent interviewees fit that mold.

Continuing their search, the Reds recently interviewed Pittsburgh Pirates bench coach Tom Prince, a club source confirmed.

Prince is at least the 11th candidate to receive an interview for manager since the Reds began their interviewing process at the end of September.

Prince, 54, completed his second season as Clint Hurdle's bench coach this season. He managed for 11 seasons in the minor leagues and spent the 2016 season as the Pirates' minor league field coordinator. A backup catcher, he played 17 seasons in the Majors.

The Reds have interviewed six candidates outside of the organization: Prince, Joe Girardi, David Bell, Brad Ausmus, Hensley Meulens and Charlie Montoyo. Prince, Meulens and Montoyo are bench coaches.

Beginning interviews on their final road trip, the Reds had five internal candidates interview for manager: Jim Riggleman, John Farrell, Billy Hatcher, Pat Kelly and Freddie Benavides.

Transactions

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Toronto Blue Jays sent 3B Jon Berti outright to Buffalo Bisons.
