

# A Rose by the same name

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NEW YORK — If you asked Pete Rose to choose between his kids, like most fathers, he wouldn't.

He'd tell you he's crazy about them both. Fawn, his 13-year-old daughter, and Pete, Jr., his 8-year-old son.

But all his hopes, all his dreams, are clearly entwined with devilish, captivating young Pete, who wears a replica of his father's Cincinnati uniform practically to bed with him and is a major leaguer in the making if ever you saw one.

The two kids could be one of the reasons Pete Rose and his wife, Karolyn, are back together again. They had broken up briefly, but the

Reds third baseman says the problem is all over.

"It was my fault," he admits. "She's a good lady. Sometimes I think she's too good for me."

Rose's wife was with him for the All-Star Game in San Diego and so was Pete, Jr., wearing his uniform that Frank Torre, vice-president of Rawlings, had specially made for him.

Young Pete was never more than a few feet away from his father's side in the clubhouse before last Tuesday night's contest in San Diego and for that, the man the Reds' switch-hitter had to thank was National League manager Tom Lasorda.

"He let my little boy come into

the clubhouse and I'll never forget him for that," said an appreciative Rose, shining his baseball shoes in front of his locker before the game. "I told him (Lasorda) I didn't want Petey to get in the way and he said to me, 'I love the kid.'"

"I said to him, 'Are you sure it's no imposition for him to be in the clubhouse, because I can understand how it would be if all the ballplayers brought their kids in,' but he told me it was perfectly all right."

Until this season, Pete Rose's boy had been a familiar figure in the Reds' clubhouse in Cincinnati, but now it's different. Sparky Anderson, the Reds' manager, laid down a rule whereby the players' children are allowed in the dressing room only after a game, and then only if the Reds win.

"I don't blame Sparky," Rose said. "I have a lot of respect for him, but I think this new rule of his all

goes back to winning and losing. One day last season after we lost a ballgame, Sparky walked through the clubhouse and saw 25 people in it he didn't even know. He said, 'That's it. From now on, no unauthorized people in the clubhouse. No exceptions.' I told him I didn't think he could put a member of my family in the same class as outsiders. He said if he made an exception for one, he's have to do it for all and he wasn't going to do that."

For the last few years, Rose's son accompanied his father to spring training in Tampa, Fla., and served as bat boy for the Reds. This spring the boy made every exhibition trip with the club until the Reds traveled across the state to Fort Lauderdale and Anderson said no children would be allowed. "It broke the kid's heart," Rose said. "I said to Sparky that one of the advantages of being a ballplayer is that you can expose your son to baseball.

That didn't make him change his mind, though.

"Look," Rose added, getting back to the present, "I want my boy to be a ballplayer. Why would I want him to be anything else? It was good enough for me, wasn't it? It's a great life."

At that moment, Pete, Jr., walked over to his father. He had just come from Lasorda's private office in the home team dressing room in San Diego Stadium.

"Mr. Lasorda's gonna make a trade for you," the boy told his old man.

"You want me to go?" Rose asked, still shining his shoes.

"No," said Pete, Jr. When the youngster ran off again, Rose put the shoes inside his locker and talked about his boy some more.

"Petey said he wants me to be a Dodger instead of a Red. I never heard him say a thing like that."

## Doctor J in spotlight

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HOLLYWOOD — Julius Erving, the razzle-dazzle "Dr. J." of the Philadelphia 76ers, will make his movie debut in a musical comedy called "The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh," it was announced last week.

The film is budgeted at \$4 million and will feature other NBA stars and Meadowlark Lemon of the Harlem Globetrotters. Erving and Lemon will come to Hollywood for rehearsals this week and shooting will start in

Pittsburgh July 31. Jerry Tarkanian, a former coach at the University of Nevada, will serve as technical advisor. In the film, Erving will be members of the Pittsburgh Piscees on hard times, failing to do well in the 14-year-old boy owner to rebuild the team. Erving with playing the same sign of Piscees.

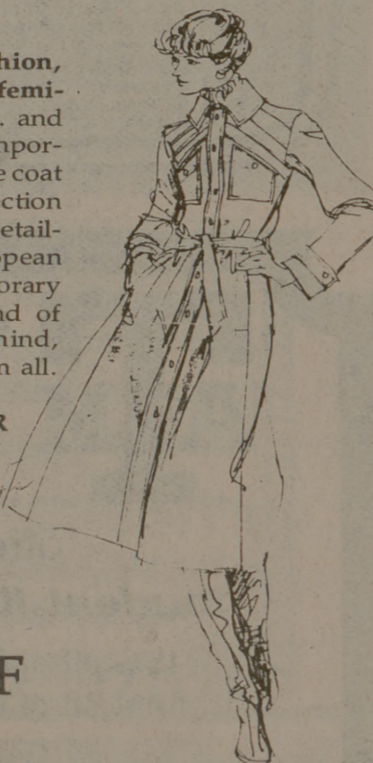
## O'Shaughnessy honored

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MISSION, Kan. — Niall O'Shaughnessy, who won seven Southwest Conference individual track championships as an undergraduate at the University of Arkansas, has been awarded a post-graduate scholarship from the NCAA.

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