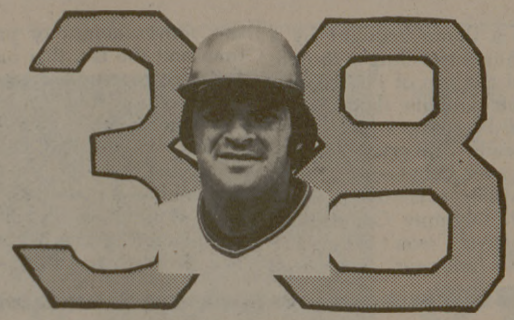


Rose-colored record



New NL HITTING STREAK RECORD!

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NEW YORK — A single into left field made the Cincinnati Reds' Pete Rose a record-holder Tuesday night, running his hitting streak to 38 games — one better than the National League mark set by Tommy Holmes in 1945.

The key hit, off New York Mets pitcher Craig Swan, came at Rose's second trip to the plate after Swan had walked Tom Hume on four straight pitches to start the third inning.

Rose came to bat facing an obvious bunt situation, but as he had said the night before, "Sparky (Reds Manager Anderson) wouldn't take the bat out of my hands."

Anderson didn't. Rose lined his single to left on a 1-1 pitch and the crowd of more than 40,000 fans — many of them waving red and white pennants inscribed "Do It Pete" — broke into a thunderous roar.

The game was stopped and, while the crowd stood and cheered for nearly five minutes, Holmes rushed onto the field to embrace and congratulate Rose at first base.

"When I went out to congratulate him, he thanked me very much for coming out on the field," Holmes said. "Before last night I didn't want him to break it. But after he tied it I told him I didn't think two of us should hold

the record. I told him to go out and get it."

Next on Rose's "hit list" is Ty Cobb's streak of 40 straight games, established in 1911.

The all-time major league record of 56 straight games was set by Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees in 1941. George Sisler hit in 41 consecutive games for the old St. Louis Browns in 1922 and Willie Keeler set the all-time National League record of 44 straight games before the turn of the century.

DiMaggio's 56-game streak has long been considered one of baseball's few untouchable records and even Rose's own manager, Sparky Anderson, doubts

the 37-year-old marvel can equal that.

"DiMaggio's streak is untouchable I believe," said Anderson. "Pete's a tremendous competitor and he always loves a challenge. But he won't convince me any differently about DiMaggio's streak until he gets up to 50 games."

"I'm just starting now — I've got half a building, I've got to keep building the rest of it," said Rose. "I've got to get me another hit tomorrow so I can be in reach of Ty Cobb."

"I've tied or beaten almost everyone of his records already and I'd like to get this one too," By that Rose was referring to

Cobb's hitting streak of 40 games.

Rose's historic hit Tuesday night came on his second at-bat in the game eventually won by the Mets, 9-2.

After fouling off one pitch and taking another for a ball, Rose hit a liner to left field and the crowd of 38,158 leaped to its feet in a thundering ovation.

"I fouled that first pitch off after hitting it right on the trademark," said Rose. "So I choked up about an inch and the next pitch was right there."

"I wasn't upset when he got the hit," said Swan. "It was more of a relief. I was glad he got it over with so I could concentrate on winning the game."

Meanwhile, the 61-year old Holmes, who is employed by the Mets in their community relations department, rushed onto the field to embrace and congratulate the man who had broken his record.

"I told Pete before the game, 'Go out and get the record,'" said Holmes. "I couldn't wait to get out there and congratulate him. The best thing about it was that neither of the hits he got to tie it and beat it were cheap. They were both screaming liners."

Someone asked Rose if he was going to give the ball to the Hall of Fame.

"No sir," he said, grinning. "I hit the damn thing, I'll keep it."

Aggie notes

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ranked second in the nation. He also swam on All-America relay team in the 400 medley and 400 and 800 freestyle.

Previously, Fosdick had signed freestyler Terry Meek, breaststroker Rick Ranzau and freestyler Mike Hoche. Hoche is a member of the Canadian National Team.

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Martin 'tough act to follow'

Lemon takes over for Yankees

United Press International
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bob Lemon has a handshake, a superstar every position, an equally diverse number of personalities and one of the most difficult managerial acts to follow in his new role as field general of the New York Yankees.

Lemon took over the Yankees Tuesday night — 28 hours after the painful resignation of Billy Martin, who guided New York to two American League pennants and one World Championship in his only

two full seasons.

"I know Billy was a favorite and he's going to be a tough act to follow," Lemon said. "He's been successful. He's always been my friend. We played together, we barnstormed together, we went to Japan together. I have a great deal of respect for him and I know the fans do, too."

"I imagine there will be negative reaction somewhere down the line," Lemon took over a Yankee team

10½ games back of the front-running Boston Red Sox in the American League East. New York was in fourth place with Milwaukee and Baltimore wedged in the middle. He returns to the managerial office after less than a month of unemployment, having been fired by the Chicago White Sox June 29.

"I've got 40 years of baseball and being a manager is the closest thing to being on the field, to being in the ball game itself," Lemon said.

"We haven't talked contract yet. I don't know if I'm here on a daily, weekly or monthly basis."

"But I didn't take this job on an interim basis. I could have stayed home and drawn pretty good money from the White Sox sitting on my butt. My wife is tough but probably not as tough as the New York fans. I just hope we can win some games so there can be no doubt who manages the team next year."

New York President Al Rosen, who flew to Kansas City Monday to handle Martin's managerial termination, said details of Lemon's con-

tract would probably be worked out by this afternoon.

Lemon, who was named the American League Manager of the Year in 1977 when he guided the White Sox to a third place finish in the West, scheduled a meeting with the Yankees prior to Tuesday night's game.

"I'm going to tell them how I feel," Lemon said. "I'll treat them like men as long as they let me. Ball players make their own rules. If they act like children, we can treat them like children. I'm just going to take it from there."

"There are all superstars here. I've never had this type of talent before. What we have to do depends on what the other teams do. I don't think Boston has it won yet. It could be interesting."

Johnson prepared to sit out a season

United Press International
HOUSTON — Billy "White Shoes" Johnson runs along the banks of Keegans Bayou as if he were training for the NFL season. For 45 minutes twice daily, he goes through a series of sprints and exercises.

But Johnson, the league's leading punt returner, is 370 miles from the Houston Oilers training camp and even farther away in spirit.

"I will not play this season until I sign a new contract," Johnson said Monday. "This is the option year on my contract. I think the Oilers would be happy to pay me at a 10 percent (raise). My agent and I made two proposals. They made a counter offer which was ridiculous. I'm not asking for the world."

The figures are sketchy since neither Johnson nor Oilers management will discuss them. Reportedly, Johnson's contract paid him \$55,000 for last season, during which he led the league in punt returns and made the Pro Bowl for the second time. He is asking for about \$100,000 this season.

His absence from the Oilers training camp in San Angelo, Texas, since the beginning of practice Friday will cost him \$500 for every day he misses, said Coach Bum Phillips. Johnson said he wanted badly to be in camp with what he called "my

players" but he said he was prepared to sit out one season.

"I wouldn't worry if I had to sit out. I could come back. If I was a little older, I might worry," said Johnson, 26.

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