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Mighty Pete strikes out

United Press International
Pete Rose's seven-week odyssey in pursuit of Joe DiMaggio's all-time record of 3,000 hits ended, but while it lasted it was a joyous sidelight in baseball summer.
Now, with Larry McWilliams and Gene Garber having taken their place alongside Jim Bagby and Al Smith in the record books, Rose, the Cincinnati Reds, and everyone else can get back to what the baseball season is ultimately all about — pennant races.
McWilliams, the rookie southpaw, and Garber, the bearded sidewarder, combined to shackle Rose with an 0-for-4, halting the 37-year old marvel's hitting streak at 44 games Tuesday night, while their Atlanta Braves teammates were pounding

O'Brien sets deadline

United Press International
HOUSTON — If the offer isn't to the liking of the Golden State Warriors, NBA Commissioner Lawrence O'Brien will designate how the Houston Rockets should compensate the Warriors for signing their star forward, Rick Barry.
In a directive issued Tuesday, O'Brien said if a settlement was not reached by Monday he would assume "complete jurisdiction." Houston must re-pay Golden State in any combination of draft choices, players or cash.
Negotiations between Rockets President Ray Patterson and Golden State's Scotty Stirling, assistant to the president, reportedly were nowhere near a resolution.
One Houston newspaper report said Stirling sought starting guard John Lucas and starting center Moses Malone for Barry.
Rockets Coach Tom Nissalke said the transfer of a player to a different team is an invitation to become a defendant in a lawsuit.
"I think a player would have a good lawsuit if he were awarded as

compensation," Nissalke said. "In all honesty, I really don't think they (Golden State) will take a player."
Patterson was quoted as expecting to lose two guards, possibly Lucas and either substitute forward-guard Mike Newlin or starter Calvin Murphy, but it was known that he would not give up more than one of those players without a fight.
Lucas, 24, and a third-year pro out of Maryland, said the Warriors had contacted him.
"I knew they were interested in me from the jump," he said. "Number one, they're rebuilding. And number two, we're trying to win in a year or two."
Barry, 34, played for Golden State eight years and led them to the NBA championship in 1975. But he became a free agent following last season and jumped to Houston in June for a two-year contract reportedly paying him \$500,000 per year. Patterson obtained him to join rebounding center Malone and shooting forward Rudy Tomjanovich on the Rockets' front line.
If the compensation dispute goes to O'Brien's desk, it will be the sixth such case that the commissioner has settled in two years. In four of the five cases draft choices and cash satisfied the team which lost a free agent.
The exception was O'Brien's awarding of New Orleans' Ron Be- hagen and \$175,000 to Atlanta for Leonard Robinson's jump to the Jazz before last season.

Astros win

United Press International
HOUSTON — J.R. Richard struck out 11 batters to push his major league-leading total to 205 and aided his own cause by driving in one run and scoring another Tuesday night in leading the Houston Astros to a 4-2 win over the San Francisco Giants — their eighth straight triumph.
Richard, 11-9, yielded only four hits but walked nine before giving way to Joe Sambito with two outs in the ninth. Among Richard's strike-out victims was Jack Clark four times.

Defending champ faces stiff TWS competition

The eleventh race for the Indianapolis Championship cars of the United States Auto Club Citicorp Texas Grand Prix, will be held at Texas World Speedway, College Station, on Sunday. This, the Second Annual Texas Grand Prix will be a 200-mile race and is the second in a series of races on the top contenders expected to compete in Sunday's race, which is scheduled to start at 3:15 p.m.

Tom Sneva is the defending Citicorp Cup winner and the big 11 in the front of his new Norton Spirit is emblematic of his winning 1977 USAC National Championship.

Last year, Sneva became the first driver to officially shatter the 200-mile mark at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, winning the pole starting spot for the Indy 500 and then finishing second to A.J. Foyt in the race itself. He also placed third at the California 500 after winning the 500 at Pocono, Penn., to claim the Triple Crown honor. This year he set a new qualifying record by taking the pole at 202.156 mph and finished second in the race.

Sneva earned the 1973 National Championship "Rookie of the Year" award and also set a blazing trail for Spring Car competitors that season, winning six features in a re-arranged sprinter.

He has started five of the seven championship races run at Texas World Speedway to date and is the leading champion in the Texas Grand Prix. He ranks fifth among the drivers who have competed at Texas.

Sneva was the second biggest money winner in 1977 USAC racing, amassing a total of \$311,693 in

prize money during last season. His 1978 season started on a sour note at Phoenix March 18 as he spun out on lap 12 and placed last in the 22-car field, but he came back in the California 200 to place second. Smooth and a consistent top finisher, Sneva finished second in the Coors 200 here in April, second at Indianapolis, third at Trenton and Pocono, and fourth at Milwaukee to hold a narrow lead in defense of his Citicorp USAC National Championship.

Gordon Johncock leads and wins lots of races. He won the opening race of the 1978 campaign, the "Jimmy Bryan 150" at Phoenix International Raceway. It was the first outing for his new sponsor, North American Van Lines, who has nicknamed his car the "Pacesetter". He had a tremendous duel here in the Coors 200 before dropping back and then went on to win his second race of the season at Trenton.

Johncock has proven to be a pacesetter during his career, winning the Indianapolis 500 in 1973 and compiling a total of 19 championship race victories since joining USAC in 1964.

He is the second ranking driver in USAC Championship races held at Texas World Speedway, finishing third in the Coors 200 and second in

the October 1976 and July 1977 200-milers. He is consistent and is over due for a win in the Texas Grand Prix.

On USAC's first visit to Texas World Speedway in April 1973, Johncock won a 200-mile USAC stock car race on this 2-mile, high banked oval.

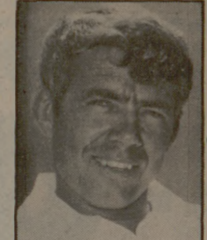
He was the first winner of the coveted Citicorp Cup, as USAC's National Champion in 1976, and a win in the Texas Grand Prix could help him win it again in 1978.

Unser won the first USAC Championship race ever held at Texas World Speedway in April 1973 but has not returned to the Winner's Circle at TWS since, although posting a 2nd and 3rd. He missed the Coors 200 in April when he crashed in practice.

Brother to Bobby Unser, Al is the only other driver besides Foyt to own victories in all three 500-mile races comprising the Triple Crown of auto racing. He was the 1973 USAC Dirt Car Champion, has been on the pole at Indianapolis, won the Pikes Peak Hill Climb twice and was USAC's 1967 Stock Car "Rookie of the Year". He has won 34 USAC National Cham-



Al Unser



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