

## From L.A. to New York

# Mr. Hustle still gets boos

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — The change of uniform has not altered the reaction his hustling, hot-dog style of play extracts from Houston Astros' fans. They still lustily boo Pete Rose in the Astrodome.

Rose, in Philadelphia Phillies' garb this year, appears acclimated to the shower of verbal abuse he receives during a game. But he says he has not changed in that he does not understand why.

"There are certain bad parks you go to," Rose said. "Because of me, right now in L.A. they don't sell beer in the bleachers. I went to Shea Stadium one time and they didn't sell tickets in the right field bleachers. They put that goat run up in Chicago because of me. They've had to stop games because of all the

garbage they throw at me. "Hell, all I'm trying to do is play 110 percent all the time. I don't understand people because all I do when I go to the ballpark is try to give the people their money's worth."

The 17-year Major League veteran who played until this year with the Cincinnati Reds, said he consistently has used one trick to shut up the loudest mouths in National League parks.

"The easiest way to embarrass him is to toss him a baseball," Rose said. "Then he doesn't know whether to wind his butt or scratch his watch. He feels about this big."

There have been games, Rose said, when he "needed 20,000 balls."

He said he has easily rationalized the reactions of opposing fans.

"Deep down inside of me I think those same fans would cheer me if I was playing for their team," he said.

The reaction of Phillies fans at the beginning of the season appeared to prove that theory. But those same fans who wildly cheered Rose in the Vet may not be in such a receptive mood if their team, which has been inconsistent at best, does not gain momentum and start winning ball games consistently, starting with the Atlanta Braves this week. Philadelphia used to be leading the National League East but relinquished the lead weeks ago to the Montreal Expos.

Injuries to key players and poor hitting have cost the Phils their lead.

"It's very unusual to see a team with home run hitters like we've got not able to score runs," Rose said.

Rose, 38, became a free agent and opted for a more lucrative contract offer from the Phillies. His split from the Reds was bitter and as yet unsmoothed, it appeared from comments he made to a group of sports reporters.

"Just like in the national television ad I did with (Joe) Morgan. The Reds wouldn't let us use any Reds' insignias. The Reds have got some screwy things," he said.

Batting .350 and adjusting nicely

to first base position, where "there are more things to do than anywhere else," Rose said he was enjoying one of his best years.

"I guess someday I'll get tired. But I haven't been tired this year. I think I'm playing with a lot of enthusiasm," he said.

If there was one aspect of his present career which irritates him, he said it would be the lack of privacy.

"I still don't have any privacy," he said. "None. None at all. I can't leave my phone on the hook in the hotel room. I can't go into a restaurant."

"However," he added, "the majority of baseball people are nice people. Most fans are good fans."

Briefed by a reporter about a lawsuit filed by an Oklahoma City baseball fan against a Texas League player for assault following the fan's verbal abuse of the player, Rose said he could understand the player's reaction.

"Like that time when I was playing in the '73 playoffs when this guy threw a whiskey bottle at me. What the hell's the difference in that and going to a Frank Sinatra concert and getting up in the middle of it and throwing a whiskey bottle at him? What's the difference? I'm out there trying to make a living."



Just wait a few years Connors!

Tray Weir, a 9-year-old tennis star from Arlington, works on his forehand with, uh well, minimal success as you can tell by the position of the ball. But that is the main reason he and his friend in the background, Neil Sadler, are

participating in the 1979 Texas A&M Camp which started Monday. Aggie coach David Kent is heading up the which is a first here at A&M.

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## Women athletes uncovered in book

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NEW YORK — Sportswriter Janice Kaplan was not appalled or astonished the first time she was allowed inside a men's locker room. She was more surprised on entering a locker room of nude female athletes.

"I was surprised because the women were all sitting around nude. Why weren't they ashamed of their bodies like the rest of us?"

From junior high on, we hid behind towels after gym class and avoided taking showers.

"In seventh grade, we spent several weeks seeing films with titles like, 'Babies and You,' which showed a lot of animated pictures of eggs. The boys, who clearly had nothing to do with reproduction, were off playing football while we sat quietly in a darkened room, learning how to guard our bodies," Kaplan

writes in her refreshingly honest, new book, "Women & Sports," published by Viking.

But, according to the 24-year-old Kaplan, times have changed.

"It used to be that a woman's body was — to use a phrase of Jean Stafford's — a coffin with a head on top. Women's bodies didn't really exist, they were just something to be used, occasionally," she said in an interview recently in New York.

The women's sports movement has altered attitudes about women and their bodies perhaps even more than the feminist consciousness-raising groups of the 1960s and the 1970s. According to Kaplan, sports have liberated women and allowed them to see themselves as a "multi-dimensional personality."

Kaplan became interested in women in sports when she was a student at Yale where she received a Murray Fellowship to research her book. She has reported sports for CBS and continues to free-lance articles to several women's magazines.

An avid jogger and weightlifter herself, she sees female sports as finally becoming legitimate and respectable.

"Women sports are very much building from the top down. In tennis, for example, Billie Jean King paved the way and now women's tennis is truly professional," she said.

Furthermore, women sports are developing farm systems from which many future athletes will come. Women, like men, according

to Kaplan, need team psychological as well as support.

"So many women see something they have to weight or to burn off something usually through pleasant. But it is emotionally invigorating to play something so different from drudgery many women lives to be without sports."

The myth of woman athlete is dispelled in Kaplan as well as a lot of other notions. In its place, Kaplan to find women who play cause it is natural and healthful.

"I remember talking to a woman at Yale who was a swimmer in her dorm room and stopped. Look at that! I have a muscle in my arm. Well, that was a quite a feat for her. But it was all covered that your body is athletic. That is what is going with women in sports."



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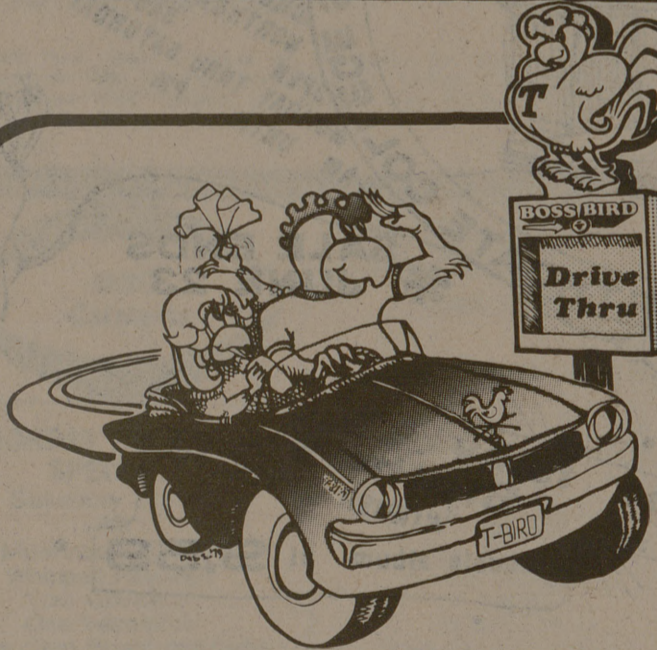
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