

Phillies letting Rose go

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 PHILADELPHIA — Pete Rose said farewell to the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday, saying he was sorry he could not win a World Series championship this year but looking forward to offers from other teams interested in his services.

Phillies president Bill Giles announced the team was not renewing its option in Rose's contract because the veteran first baseman wanted to play regularly in his quest to top Ty Cobb's record for most hits in a career.

"Pete wants to play every game and we could not assure

him he would play every game with the Phillies," Giles said.

Rose, who signed with the Phils as a free agent in 1978, said he did not know where he would be playing next year. Among the teams said to be interested in signing Rose are the Atlanta Braves and the Montreal Expos, but Rose said he has not yet heard from any team.

"There's no question in my mind that some teams will be interested," Rose said at a hastily called Veterans Stadium news conference.

When asked which teams he would prefer to play for, Rose

responded: "I don't know, I'd like to play anywhere. I'd like to play on a good team, a team that has a chance to play in the World Series."

Giles said the decision to release Rose, who helped the Phillies win their first World Series in 1980, was a difficult one because "I admire him more than anybody who's worn the uniform."

Rose said there were no "hard feelings" about his departure and said it was even possible, though unlikely, he could return to Philadelphia as a part-time player, and for less money, if no other team makes him an acceptable offer.

But he made clear that this past season, when he was benched for the final three weeks as the Phillies surged to the National League Eastern Division title, was a difficult one for him. He batted only .245 and had 121

hits for 3,990 in his career, 202 short of breaking Cobb's record of 4,191.

"I've been a regular player for so long in my career that it's hard for me to play three days a week," he said, adding he is certain he will break Cobb's record.

"I was hoping that it would happen in Philadelphia," he said. "Unfortunately, it didn't happen."

Rose, who said the team paid him \$2 million this year plus a \$300,000 "going away present," said money would not be his main objective in seeking a new job but just the opportunity to keep playing.

"We'll just go back to Cincinnati and anticipate the phone calls and make sure the phone's on the hook every 10 minutes," he said.

Clean sweep

A&M volleyball team takes 3 at Rice

by Kay Mallett
Battalion Reporter

The weather is warm again — and so is Texas A&M's Women's Volleyball team.

The Aggies created their own heat in Houston Wednesday with three consecutive wins against the Rice Owls.

The team made an "overall good effort" that helped crush the Owls 15-5, 15-5 and 15-9, coach Terry Condon said.

"It's probably one of our best efforts this year," she said.

The Aggies, second in the Southwest Conference behind the University of Texas, improved their record to 15-15 with Wednesday's win.

Condon said the team played consistently well throughout the match and the women played individually well.

"Everyone played a really good game," she said. "There wasn't just one or two outstanding players, everyone had their high points at one time or another."

Condon said the team practiced all week with a different lineup because of an injury to Chris Zagata in last weekend's match against Tennessee.

And the Aggies seem to have adjusted well to the change.

Condon said the team finally played Wednesday the way they're used to playing.

"We made Rice play our game," she said. And that, she said, was a major factor in the shutout against the Owls.

The Aggies hope to carry their consistency through the weekend when the team hosts the Texas A&M Classic Friday

and Saturday at G. Rollie Coliseum.

The teams entered the tournament are Louisiana State University, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, and Texas A&M.

A&M's first match will be at 7 p.m. against Tech. Championship play begins at 7 Saturday.

Condon said the team is a lot of preparing to do in tournament.

"We've got to work on defense, tipping, and speed," she said.

Condon feels the women win their first match against Tech and said LSU were their hardest competitors.

"We're pretty even with Condon said. "It should be a tough match."

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USFL owners choose city

Tampa to be championship site

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 HOUSTON — United States Football League owners Wednesday selected Tampa, Fla., over three other cities as the site of the USFL championship game next July.

Tampa outbid Jacksonville, Fla., Pontiac, Mich., and New Orleans to host the two-year-old league's title game in 72,000-seat Tampa Stadium six months after that city is to host the National Football League's Super Bowl.

USFL Commissioner Chet Simmons said it was coincidental that both games will be in

Tampa.

"Interestingly enough, that didn't even come up" in questions by the 18 USFL team owners to representatives of the cities, he said.

He declined to disclose the vote total, saying only that the decision took one ballot.

Simmons said the league would soon be designating a city from among Wednesday's three losing bidders to host the 1985 championship game. People close to the league said that city would be Pontiac.

Simmons was visibly relieved to have someone, anyone, vying

to host the game put on by a league that lost \$30 million to \$40 million in its inaugural year and is in the last year of a network television contract.

"I relate what happened today back to last year when I was trying to find a city to host the championship game, and literally drumming Denver into saying it would do it. We had four people today who made presentations that blew me away with their intensity and excitement," he said.

"I think that's a tremendous reflection on the position of the league and how far we've come

in a very, very short time," he said.

Simmons was an hour late for a scheduled news conference as the league tried to work out details of the 1985 site selection.

Meanwhile, Simmons said during the league's second annual meeting this week he brought owners up to date on his talks with ABC-TV.

"I am discussing with ABC the possibility of extending their coverage to give us more regional coverage, which I think is

absolutely necessary for continued growth of our league. That is the one item I'm looking in on," he said.

Asked how ABC was responding, Simmons said he thought the network understood what he was saying, but the tremendous financial loss with increasing the number of telecasts.

The USFL begins its season Feb. 26. The championship game will be played in

Faltering Oilers may count on Luck

United Press International
 HOUSTON — As the backup quarterback behind a player who is not getting the job done,

Oliver Luck realizes his popularity among football fans is as ethereal as a cloud and likely to disperse when he gets his chance to play.

Oilers interim coach Chuck Studley said this week that Luck,

the Ohio native who helped put University of West Virginia football on the national map, probably will play soon unless the Oilers halt a 14-game losing streak.

The Oilers host the Kansas

City Chiefs Sunday with quarterback Gifford Nielsen still at the controls. Studley said Nielsen is "the best quarterback available," but some people are beginning to wonder.

Luck will be watching and waiting for the moment when the offense is in his hands.

"The second-team quarterback is always the most popular guy in town," Luck said Tuesday. "You're safe as long as you don't play. When a team wins, the quarterback gets most of the criticism, whether it's justified or not."

Nielsen in his sixth year became the Oilers quarterback when Archie Manning was traded to Minnesota. Under Nielsen's direction, the Oilers offense has scored no more than 14 points in a game.

Luck said the mounting criticism of Nielsen is unfair.

"I don't think it's fair to blame Gifford for what's going on here, anyone than you can blame the head coach or the running back or anyone else," he said.

Luck hasn't touched a football in the 14 consecutive losses, and some people think he might be able to ignite the Oilers as he did

the West Virginia team.

He led West Virginia to a Peach Bowl win in 1981 and proclaimed the best quarterback in the history of the school.

"I want to play," he said always in his mind now. "If Gifford goes down, I will lead on. I'm confident I can out offense. But you know, I guess, until you play a game."

Luck, a Rhodes scholar, dated after college, said his condition is a cushy one.

"In a way, it's easy not to play. You're not out there. You're under fire. You're not being beat up," he said.

He does not like the pressure he may be putting himself under.

"I see the physical toll Gifford's taking and the criticism he gets from the press. You wonder if you want to be in his shoes."

He will understand his popularity if it comes to him.

"Nobody wants that. It goes with the territory," he said.

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Southern Mississippi gets Dupree

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In an interview with the Times-Picayune/The Daily Item, Dupree said she would roll Wednesday night at the tiesburg school.

"I'm going to enroll in the morning," Dupree said in a view at his home in Philadelphia. "Classes start in the morning."

Dupree, who fled the city of Oklahoma 10 days ago and has been in seclusion since, subject of a second round battle when he announced he would not return to play.

Sooner. ("Southern Mississippi" out the best school in the Mississippi right now, I'm just to be there now.")

Dupree, a sophomore, deder a Heisman Trophy date before the season gained 905 yards and touchdowns in his first season. But he became a chanted at Oklahoma and he was homesick.

Dupree would not be to play for Southern Mississippi until 1985.