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Baseball focuses back on Rose, Ryan, Toronto

NEW YORK - Pete Rose, Nolan Ryan and the Toronto Blue Jays, armed with a 5-year contract that ended baseball's shortest strike, grabbed the spotlight back from the negotiators Thursday.

The action moved from the meeting rooms to the playing fields and a strike wasn't a walkout any more. Again, a walk was a trip to first base, rather than a work

stoppage.

"Let's send a message to Pete Rose, 'Go get 'em!' "
Commissioner Peter Ueberroth said on national television. "There's a whole bunch of records. Don Sutton, Phil Niekro, they're all closing in. Ryan breaks a record

every time he pitches the ball.

"This is the year of the fan and the year of the record," Ueberroth said Thursday morning on NBC's To-

Thursday's slate of 18 games was a busy return. There were five double-headers in the American League as clubs rushed to make up the 25 games lost during the

The resumption caught Rose, player-manager of the Cincinnati Reds, 24 hits shy of breaking Ty Cobb's all-time record of 4,191 hits. He has said he hopes to get there late this month.

Ryan's career strikeout mark was at 4,028 and counting, and Niekro and Sutton were six and 10, respectively, short of 300 victories. Second-year pitcher Dwight Gooden, 17-3, is riding a New York Mets' record 11-

game winning streak.

The Blue Jays, meanwhile, were nine games ahead of the world champion Detroit Tigers and the New York Yankees and hoping to close in on the long-suffering ex-

pansion team's first American League East title.

As they and everyone else in the big leagues picked up the last third of the season, players union leader Don Fehr and owners' representative Lee MacPhail faded

MacPhail said he was looking forward to a vacation. Fehr said he'd wait and see whether the players would remove the uncertainty from his title, acting executive director of the players' union.

"The negotiators got the job done," Ueberroth said, denying that his presence in the talks Wednesday had forced a settlement. Actually, he said, MacPhail and Fehr had just reached agreement when he joined them

at MacPhail's Manhattan apartment. The new contract has no salary cap or limit on arbitrators' awards. But it does increase from two years to three years in the majors the time a player has to serve before he is eligible for arbitration. That doesn't take effect un-

Gone are the free-agent re-entry draft and professional player compensation to teams losing free agents. That was the one thing the owners won from the 50-day

strike four years ago The minimum salary goes up from \$40,000 to

Players got an increase in the owners' pension contributions, from \$15.5 million a year to an average of \$32.6 million, but not the \$60 million they requested.

The owners who make money intend to share some revenue with the less-fortune clubs, although that is not part of the agreement with the Major League Players As-

Ueberroth said the owners, who say the game is losing millions, shouldn't expect the players to help solve their

"They're doing their jobs on the field, and that's all anyone can ask them to do," Ueberroth said.



Tewell breaks record en route to PGA lead

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DENVER — Journeyman stood as the course record until this warm, sunny day.

Tewell, 35, who scored the under-par 64 that staked him to only two victories of his 11-year the early first-round lead Thursday in the 67th PGA national golf for a 63 after an eagle on the 17th

championship.

"I'd like to tell Arnold you can leave the driver in the bag on No. I and shoot better than 65," Tewell said after scoring six birdies and an eagle-three on the Cherry Hills Country Club course.

Palmer, now 55, executed one of the most memorable shots of his golfing career when he drove the green on the 346-yard first in the final round of the 1960 U.S. Open — also at Cherry

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Hills — and went on to a 65 that

tour career in 1980, was on target

his lowest score of the year.

With more than half the field of 149 still out, Corey Pavin held second place with a bogey free 66, five under par but two off the

Tom Watson and Danny Edwards were another shot back at 67.

Oilers won't trade Smith for speedster

Houston Oilers' slow but dependable leading receiver the past two seasons, doesn't feel threatened by all the cheetah-fast, small receivers flooding the Oiler preseason camp.

He hopes they draw some atten-

"If a speed receiver can clear everything out, you might be able

to break underneath all that coverage so maybe
that would really help my game
plan," Smith said.

At one point in the Oiler training camp, six of the 10 receivers there were fast-lane models, built for speed and the deep threat.

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They might be amazed to note that Smith, despite a more deliberate pace, snagged 83 passes in 1983 and had another 69 receptions last season. His two-season total represents more catches over that period than any other National Football League wide receiver.

"I'm slow, maybe in a straight ie," Smith said, "but I think I can read defenses quickly and get into the pattern quickly and make my breaks to get open."
Smith has been befuddling NFL

defenses since getting his chance two seasons ago and new offensive coor-

dinator Joe Faragalli isn't about to trade him for a faster model.

"You have to have the possession receivers like Tim and Mike Holston," Faragalli said. "It's important to have that speed for the deep



Houston's Tim Smith

threat, but it's also nice to have those dependable guys catching the ball." Faragalli also is trying to add a passing threat to the Oiler backfield

fit the entire offense.

"I love to have guys like Butch Woolfolk that can come out of the backfield and catch the ball," Smith said. "They're not going to know if it's a running back or tight end coming out and if you can match those guys up with a linebacker, they are

going to have a good time."
Smith is hoping the Oilers have a better time than last season, when they finished 3-13 and the offense ranked only 23rd among the 28 NFL teams in total offense.

"We're going to be able to spread them out so they can't double any one good running back or receiver," Smith said.

Smith's emergence as an Oiler re-ceiver was sudden. He was a special teams player in 1982 and didn't

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