

Pete steals the 'Show'

Cobb's 57-year-old hit record shattered by Rose's single

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose broke Ty Cobb's career hit record Wednesday night, 57 years to the day after Cobb's last swing. The historic No. 4,192 was a characteristic single, giving the Cincinnati Reds player-manager the record at last and perhaps forever.

The hit was a liner to left field on a 2-1 pitch from San Diego Padres right-hander Eric Show with one out in the bottom of the first inning.

It may have been the biggest little hit in a century of baseball history.

With one swing of the bat, one of the biggest records in all of sports fell to the calloused, workman's hands of the 44-year-old Rose, in his

23rd major-league season.

He added a standup triple off Show into the left-field corner in the seventh, finishing the night 2-for-3 with 4,193 career hits. He also scored both runs in the Reds' 2-0 victory and had the game-ending assist, a diving stop on a hard grounder by the Padres' Steve Garvey.

But all that was anticlimactic.

On the record at-bat, Rose took the first pitch from Show high and outside, and he fouled the second pitch straight back. The third pitch was inside, and then came what people were waiting for.

The ball sliced gracefully into left-center field, falling in front of Carmelo Martinez, who fielded it on one bounce.

Peter Edward Rose, the scrappy "Charlie Hustle" and future Hall of Famer, had surpassed Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the brawling "Georgia Peach" and original Hall of Famer, as baseball's all-time hit king.

The hit triggered celebration in Cincinnati, his hometown and where he played his first 16 seasons and the last 1½ seasons as player-manager.

His teammates streamed out of the dugout to congratulate him, and he was hoisted briefly onto the shoulders of Tony Perez and Dave Concepcion. Reds owner Marge Schott led a sellout crowd, many of whom arrived too late to see the hit, in wild cheers as Rose wept on the shoulder of first base coach Tommy Helms. When his 15-year-old son,

Pete Jr., came out to congratulate him, Rose told him: "I love you, and I hope you pass me."

The first-base bag was removed and taken to the dugout, along with the historic ball.

All Show could do was sit on the mound until the cheering died down.

Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, who watched Rose try and fail to break the record Tuesday night, was in New York when the big moment came.

"All of baseball salutes Pete Rose for breaking a record experts said would never be broken," Ueberroth said in a statement. "His 4,192 hits is a tribute to his great talent and strength, his indomitable spirit and

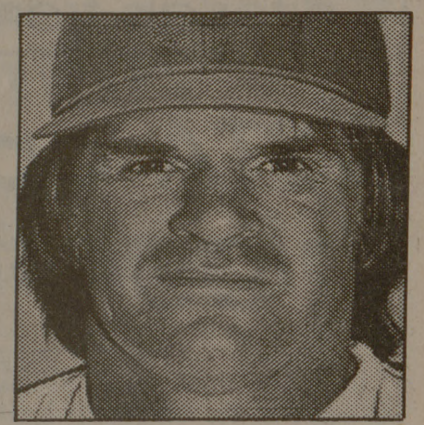
his iron will. Not only has he reserved a prominent spot in Coopers-town, he has reserved a special place in the heart of every fan alive today and every baseball fan to come."

It was Rose's 95th hit of a season highlighted from the beginning by a day-by-day countdown of the biggest record chase since Henry Aaron passed Babe Ruth in career home runs in 1974.

It was the 3,162nd single of Rose's career. He also has 738 doubles, 132 triples and 160 home runs.

Cobb's total included 3,052 singles, 724 doubles, 297 triples and 118 home runs.

Rose's return to Cincinnati, where



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Botha says blacks from homelands can be citizens

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President P.W. Botha abandoned a pillar of apartheid Wednesday by declaring that blacks consigned to nominally independent tribal homelands can have their South African citizenship restored.

The announcement was coupled with a defiant statement by Botha that South Africa's white-minority government would chart its own course toward racial reform and would not be influenced by pressure from the United States.

In Cape Town, Nelson Mandela, head of the outlawed African National Congress who has been serving a life term in prison since 1964, faced prostate gland surgery, members of his family said.

Doctors provided by the government said the 67-year-old black nationalist was suffering from an enlarged prostate gland and had cysts on his liver and right kidney.

Also in Cape Town, hundreds of enraged mourners at a riot victim's funeral kicked and stabbed to death a mixed-race policeman. Police said the plainclothes policeman fired into the mixed-race crowd, seriously injuring one mourner, as he struggled to save himself after being recognized as a policeman.

Police said they shot and killed a 4-year-old girl as she played in her home during rioting in a Pretoria black township on Tuesday. Her death raised the toll in South Africa's 13 months of anti-apartheid tur-

moil to at least 709.

Botha told a party congress that 3 million blacks living in "white" South Africa but who are official citizens of four independent homelands will have their citizenship restored. He also was prepared to give "dual citizenship" to an additional 5 million blacks living inside the four homelands.

"(This is) additional proof of this government's willingness to react to the agendas of those on the other side of the negotiating table," Botha declared at the Orange Free State province congress of his ruling National Party in Bloemfontein.

"This is the manner in which we will build a common future and not by throwing stones and carrying red flags."

The statement was a far cry from giving the vote to blacks. Under apartheid, South Africa's 5 million whites rule 24 million blacks who are denied most rights.

But the announcement marked Botha's first outright acknowledgment that a grand design of apartheid — that blacks are not South Africans but citizens of 10 small, fragmented homelands — is over. Six other homelands have refused independence.

The homeland policy "denationalizes" black people, who have been made citizens of tribal homelands with varying degrees of self rule. The system of homelands is scorned by many blacks in South Africa and the homelands are not recognized abroad.

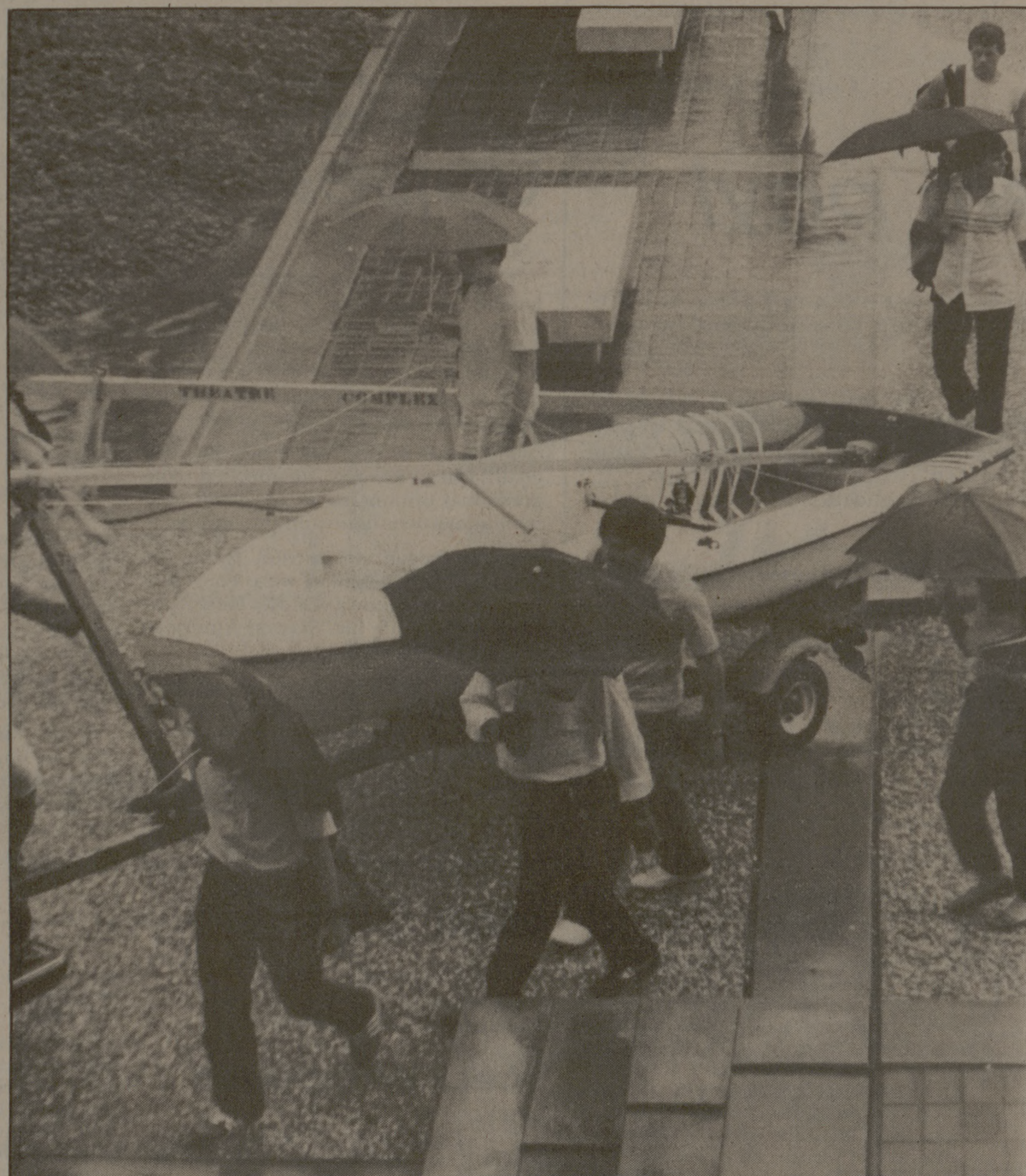


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Ship out of Water

Students on their way to class may have considered borrowing the Texas A&M Sailing Club's sailboat

to get where they were going Wednesday. The sailboat was on display at the Rudder Fountain.

A&M may exclude minors from clubs

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Minors who are not Texas A&M students can no longer be members of University sports and recreational clubs, if a proposal by the Intramural Recreational Sports Department is approved.

The policy, effective Oct. 1 if approved, covers both minors from the community and children of A&M faculty and staff, said Dennis Corrington, director of intramural recreational sports.

The change was made, said Vice President of Student Services John Koldus, because minors, aged 17 and under, are a high-risk liability and because their membership in A&M clubs constitutes unfair competition with community recreational groups.

The state has a clear-cut legal responsibility to students, Koldus said, but not to non-students. This results in non-students, especially minors, being a high-risk liability, he said.

Because A&M clubs have almost no overhead costs and free use of facilities, they unfairly compete with community sports clubs for members, he said.

As it stands now, non-A&M adults can participate in club activities if they can contribute expertise or instruction, Corrington said. Also, children of faculty and staff who are 15 and older can use University facilities unescorted, while younger children must be accompanied by their parents.

Corrington admitted that because these children can get into the buildings, it becomes difficult to stop them from participating in club activities.

Dr. Michael Trulson, faculty advisor and head instructor of the mar-

tial arts A&M Moo Duk Kwan Tae Kwon Do Club, doesn't buy the administration's arguments.

Responding to the liability question, Trulson said parents must sign a waiver before a minor can participate in a club. He added that students can sue just as easily as minors in the case of an accident.

As for unfair competition, Trulson said most A&M clubs don't have a commercial counterpart in the community, unless the minor is willing to drive to Houston or Dallas.

"Even if commercial groups were available, the cost would be prohibitive," he said.

Membership at a typical martial arts school, he said, costs between \$50 and \$100 per month. If the cheaper A&M clubs were not available to the minors, they would probably not participate at all, Trulson said.

The groups provide a healthy moral atmosphere that keeps teenagers "off the streets" and help stem the growing tide of juvenile delinquency, he said.

"If they eliminate the minors, they should at least let children of faculty and staff participate," he said.

Trulson added that only five out of the over 80 members of his club are minors.

The Intramural Recreational Sports Department will conduct a hearing on Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. in 164 Read Building (formerly East Kyle) to discuss the policy with all interested groups or individuals, Koldus said. The administration will then decide if any changes to the policy are needed, he said.

Trulson said he knows there are individuals who are prepared to carry their appeal all the way to the Board of Regents.

4,500 TDC inmates allowed to leave cells

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — About a fourth of the 17,000 Texas prison inmates confined in a massive lockdown were allowed to leave their cells Wednesday, two days after officials began the emergency effort to quell a war among rival gangs.

Some 4,500 minimum-security convicts at 13 units were released to help with various chores at the Texas Department of Corrections, the nation's second largest, spokesman Charles Brown said.

"There are some things — like providing food and laundry — that have to be done to keep the place running," Brown said.

The other 12,500 inmates will remain confined to their cells indefinitely, Brown said.

"The situation is still very tense and until we feel the climate is conducive," he said. "They won't be let out," he said.

Prison Director O. Lane McCotter on Monday ordered the lockdown, the second in recent weeks, after four prisoners were stabbed to death within a 24-hour period.

Some death row inmates housed at the Ellis Unit, one of the 13 facilities affected by the lockdown, complained Wednesday that they are denied showers, recreation periods, access to legal materials and are only fed six sandwiches a day.

"People on death row had nothing to do with those killings," said Troy Kunkle, 19, who was sentenced to death for the 1984 slaying of a Corpus Christi man during a robbery attempt. "We know we're not entitled to ice cream and cookies, but we have a right to stamps, showers and drinks with our food."

Since the lockdown began, guards have confiscated 85 weapons, mostly homemade shanks, Brown said.

He said there have been no incidents of violence since Monday.

"It's been pretty quiet," Brown said. "We hope it stays that way, knock on wood."

Some previous lockdowns have lasted for a couple of weeks before the security precautions were eased.

But prison officials have labeled the entire system, which includes some 38,000 inmates housed at 27 separate units, as very tense.

Most of the recent violence has been attributed to a recruiting war between two Hispanic gangs known as the Texas Syndicate and the Texas Mafia.

"Part of the initiation rite is that you beat someone or stab someone," Guthrie said.

Officials estimated about 800 inmates are participants in gangs but said the number was very conservative.

"It's the ones we don't know about that scare the hell out of me," McCotter said. "We've got to put a stop to this now. And I'll lock down every

unit if I have to."

"I'm not going to let them (gangs) dictate how this unit operates," Darrington Unit Warden Michael Moore said.

Eight slayings, recorded in eight days, brought the number of homicides this year in the state prison sys-

tem to 26, one more than the record set in 1984.

Three inmates were stabbed to death Sunday night at Darrington, south of Houston, in an attack that lasted no more than 45 seconds. Another gang slaying occurred on Monday at the nearby Ramsey II Unit.

Trains crash in Portugal; over 300 believed dead

Associated Press

WISEU, Portugal — An immigrant train loaded with migrant workers bound for France slammed head on into a domestic passenger train Wednesday, killing an estimated 300 people, a deputy fire chief said.

Prime Minister Mario Soares, who flew by helicopter to the crash site near this town in central Portugal, said the accident was the worst in the history of the country's railway system.

"People were being burnt alive, shouting, jumping from the carriages and succumbing at the train windows," said Duarte Santos Correia, 37, one of the passengers who survived.

Both trains were traveling on the same track in opposite directions, railway officials said, and the eastbound international

slammed head on into the westbound local.

The officials told ANOP, the domestic news agency, that the seven-coach international train was going from Oporto on the Atlantic Coast to Hendaye, France. It was behind schedule and did not wait for the Coimbra-bound train to move onto a side track, officials said.

Firefighters and witnesses said cars in the two trains tipped over and burst into flames, setting ablaze a pine forest along the tracks.

It was not known how many people were on the two trains, and no firm figure on the number of casualties was available.

Delim Azevedo, deputy fire brigade chief from nearby Mangualde in Nelas state, told ANOP that most of the 300 people be-

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