

# SPORTS

## Don't Get me Started Scoundrels, Scumbags, and Reds: the Pete Rose debate

During the second game of this year's World Series, Major League Baseball selected 30 players to be part of the All-Century Team. One of the players to be selected was former Cincinnati Reds superstar, Pete Rose. Rose was a dominant force in baseball during the 70s and 80s, which led him to the record books. Pete, known as "Charlie Hustle" to diehard baseball fans, holds the Major League record for hits in a career. But "Charlie Hustle" hasn't been admitted into baseball's hallowed Hall of Fame even with all of his accomplishments on the field.

In 1989, Rose was under investigation for allegedly betting on the Cincinnati Reds, the team that he managed. A 225-page report outlining Rose's gambling practices was released in 1989 and prompted

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Rose into signing an agreement with Major League Baseball. The agreement banned Rose from baseball and related activities for life, but allowed him to file for reinstatement one year later.

The issue of Rose's lifetime ban from baseball is a hot topic among baseball fans. The majority of fans are in favor of allowing Pete to be reinstated so that he can be inducted into the Hall of Fame. But, current com-

missioner Bud Selig stated that he has no intention of allowing Rose to return to the game. John Dowd, who wrote the report about Rose in 1989, feels that Rose shouldn't even be allowed to set foot on a Major League field.

But the issue of Rose's reinstatement didn't prompt me to write this column. Rather, it was the interview by NBC reporter Jim Gray on that night that got me fired up. Minutes after the ceremony ended, Gray, who is known for his hard line style, held an interview with Rose. Gray grilled Rose on the gambling issue. He asked Rose why he hadn't admitted that he bet on the game, and he refused to back off the topic. Rose responded to Gray's questions by saying, "You know, I'm surprised you're bombarding me with this. I'm here to do an interview with you on a great night, a great occasion.

You're bringing up something that happened ten years ago."

Gray's interview received harsh criticism from fans and players alike.



Fans watching the series swamped their local NBC affiliates with hundreds of phone calls that scorned Gray's interview. Several players joined the mix by supporting Rose, and pleading for his reinstatement.

New York Mets pitcher John Franco said that Gray overdid it and that ten years is enough of a punishment for Rose. Yankee catcher Joe Girardi echoed Franco's statements by saying that Rose deserves to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

But this interview was about far more than Pete Rose. This interview represents the double standard in sports and the lengths journalists are willing to go to make a story. New York Yankees outfielder Darryl Strawberry, who has been in drug rehab as many times as Monica Lewinsky has been under President Clinton's desk, is still allowed to play in the Major Leagues and he is often made out to be an excellent person. Give me a break here folks, someone who repeatedly breaks the law should not be canonized as a role model for youngsters. In addition to Strawberry, many other sports superstars who repeatedly screw up are made out to be victims. Victims of what might I ask?? Their own stupidity, ignorance, or total lack of education?

The problem is that scumbags like Jim Gray will go out of their way to trash legends like Pete Rose, but when it comes to some new age, overpaid superstar they don't mutter a peep. Now I know that Rose most likely bet on the Reds, but considering what some other players have done who are in the Hall of Fame, what Pete Rose did matters in comparison. It would be a crime if Rose were to die and he never made it into the "Hall." It's time that Bud Selig swallowed his pride and reinstated Pete. Maybe then more baseball fans will like him.

# SCOREBOARD

## BEHREND SPORTS

## National Sports

### MEN'S SOCCER (12-7-1)

#### Final Standings

Penn State Behrend	12-7-1	4-1	
Frostburg	12-7	5-0	
Pitt-Greensburg	8-9-1	3-2	AMCC
Lake Erie	7-10-2	2-3	Standings
La Roche	9-10	1-4	
Pitt-Bradford	5-11-1	0-5	

Date	Opponent	Score
Nov.6	Pitt-Greensburg	2-1 W
Nov.7	Frostburg	2-1 W

#### 1999 AMCC Championship Results

Saturday, November 6			
Penn State Behrend	2	vs.	Pitt-Greensburg 1
Frostburg	5	vs.	Lake Erie 1

Sunday, November 7			
Penn State Behrend	2	vs.	Frostburg 1

#### AMCC Men's Soccer All-Conference

Rob Paredes	Penn State Behrend	Defender
Chris Lightner	Penn State Behrend	Forward

#### AMCC Most Valuable Player of the Year

James Martin	Penn State Behrend	Co-MVP
Matt Saunders	Penn State Behrend	Co-MVP

### WOMEN'S SOCCER (13-5-3)

#### Final Standings

Penn State Behrend	13-5-3	4-0	
La Roche	15-3-2	3-1	
Frostburg	11-10	3-1	AMCC
Lake Erie	6-12-1	3-6	Standings
Pitt-Bradford	4-14	0-4	

Date	Opponent	Score
Nov.6	Johns Hopkins	3-0 L

#### 1999 ECAC Championship Results

Saturday, November 6			
Penn State Behrend	0	vs.	Johns Hopkins 3

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (12-16)

#### Final Standings

Frostburg	36-4	12-0	
La Roche	17-12	8-3	
Pitt-Bradford	18-9	7-4	AMCC
Penn State Altoona	14-11	6-5	Standings
Penn State Behrend	12-16	6-7	
Pitt-Greensburg	4-17	2-8	
Lake Erie	0-17	0-12	

#### 1999 AMCC Championship Results

Saturday, November 6			
Frostburg	3	vs.	Penn State Behrend 0
LaRoche	1	vs.	Pitt-Bradford 3
Frostburg	3	vs.	Pitt-Bradford 0

#### AMCC Women's Volleyball All-Conference

Mary Good	Penn State Behrend
Tanya Deats	Penn State Behrend

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### BCS

Team Rankings	Record	Next Opp.
1. Florida State	(9-0)	Maryland +32.5
2. Virginia Tech	(8-0)	Miami +9
3. Tennessee	(7-1)	Arkansas +9
4. Florida	(8-1)	So. Carolina +29
5. Kansas State	(9-0)	Nebraska -9
6. Penn State	(9-1)	Michigan +6
7. Nebraska	(8-1)	Kansas State +9
8. Mississippi State	(8-0)	Alabama -4.5
9. Wisconsin	(8-2)	Iowa +32
10. Texas	(8-2)	Texas Tech +15
11. Alabama	(7-2)	Miss St. +4.5
12. Marshall	(9-0)	West Mich +12.5
13. Georgia Tech	(6-2)	Clemson +6
14. Georgia	(6-2)	Auburn +11
15. Brigham Young	(8-1)	Wyoming +7

### NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Northeast Division				
W	L	T	Pts.	
Ottawa	11	4	1	24
Toronto	10	5	2	22
Buffalo	7	7	2	16
Boston	6	6	4	16
Montreal	3	12	1	8
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	8	5	2	19
Philadelphia	8	7	2	19
N.Y. Rangers	5	9	3	13
Pittsburgh	3	7	3	10
N.Y. Islanders	4	7	2	10
Southeast Division				
Florida	8	6	2	20
Carolina	6	6	3	15
Washington	5	7	2	12
Tampa Bay	5	8	1	12
Atlanta	3	8	2	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Central Division				
Detroit	9	4	2	21
St. Louis	9	6	0	18
Nashville	5	8	1	12
Chicago	3	8	4	11
Northwest Division				
Vancouver	8	5	3	20
Colorado	7	6	2	17
Edmonton	4	8	4	15
Calgary	5	9	2	12
Pacific Division				
San Jose	11	7	2	25
Los Angeles	9	4	4	22
Phoenix	9	4	3	21
Anaheim	8	6	2	19
Dallas	8	8	1	17

### NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	4	1	.800	
Miami	3	1	.750	.5
Orlando	4	2	.667	.5
Boston	3	2	.600	1
New Jersey	1	4	.200	3
Philadelphia	1	4	.200	3
Washington	1	4	.200	3
Central Division				
Cleveland	3	1	.750	
Toronto	3	1	.750	
Charlotte	3	2	.600	.5
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	.5
Indiana	2	2	.500	1
Atlanta	1	3	.250	2
Detroit	1	4	.200	2.5
Chicago	0	4	.000	3
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	4	1	.800	
Utah	3	2	.600	1
Denver	2	2	.500	1.5
Minnesota	1	1	.500	1.5
Dallas	2	3	.400	2
Vancouver	1	2	.333	2
Houston	0	5	.000	4
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	5	1	.833	
Phoenix	4	1	.800	.5
Portland	4	1	.800	.5
Seattle	4	1	.800	.5
Sacramento	1	1	.500	1.5
L.A. Clippers	1	3	.250	2.5
Golden State	0	4	.000	3.5

### NFL

AFC				
East				
W	L	T	PCT.	
Miami	7	1	.875	189
Indianapolis	6	2	.750	223
New England	5	2	.750	191
Buffalo	6	3	.667	181
N.Y. Jets	2	6	.250	126
Central				
Jacksonville	7	1	.875	210
Tennessee	6	2	.750	166
Pittsburgh	5	3	.625	157
Baltimore	3	5	.375	136
Cincinnati	1	8	.111	116
Cleveland	1	8	.111	83
West				
Seattle	6	2	.750	185
Kansas City	5	3	.625	166
Oakland	4	4	.500	157
San Diego	4	4	.500	127
Denver	3	6	.333	177
NFC				
East				
N.Y. Giants	5	3	.625	185
Washington	5	3	.625	259
Dallas	4	4	.500	199
Arizona	2	6	.250	92
Philadelphia	2	7	.222	177
Central				
Detroit	6	2	.750	182
Minnesota	5	4	.556	210
Green Bay	4	4	.500	153
Tampa Bay	4	4	.500	122
Chicago	4	5	.444	143
West				
St. Louis	6	2	.750	265
Carolina	3	5	.375	186
San Fran	3	5	.375	150
Atlanta	2	7	.222	117
New Orleans	1	7	.125	123

**WEEK 9 RESULTS**  
Sunday, November 7

Jacksonville 30, Atlanta 7  
Baltimore 41, Cleveland 9  
Chicago 14, Green Bay 13  
N.Y. Jets 12, Arizona 7  
Tampa Bay 31, New Orleans 16  
Denver 33, San Diego 17  
Carolina 33, Philadelphia 7  
Detroit 31, St. Louis 27  
Indianapolis 25, Kansas City 17  
Buffalo 34, Washington 17  
Pittsburgh 27, San Francisco 6  
Seattle 37, Cincinnati 20  
Miami 17, Tennessee 0

Monday, November 8  
Minnesota 27, Dallas 17

**WEEK 10 SCHEDULE**  
Sunday, November 14

Carolina @ St. Louis 1:00 p.m.  
Cleveland @ Pittsburgh 1:00 p.m.  
Indianapolis @ New York Giants 1:00 p.m.  
Kansas City @ Tampa Bay 1:00 p.m.  
Miami @ Buffalo 1:00 p.m.  
Minnesota @ Chicago 1:00 p.m.  
San Francisco @ New Orleans 1:00 p.m.  
Tennessee @ Cincinnati 1:00 p.m.  
Washington @ Philadelphia 1:00 p.m.  
San Diego @ Oakland 4:05 p.m.  
Baltimore @ Jacksonville 4:05 p.m.  
Detroit @ Arizona 4:15 p.m.  
Green Bay @ Dallas 4:15 p.m.  
Denver @ Seattle 8:20 p.m.

BYE: Atlanta, Minnesota

Monday, November 15  
New York Jets @ New England 9:00 p.m.

### GAME OF THE WEEK "SQUISH THE FISH?"

**DOLPHINS VS. RILLS**

CRAIG HAZELWOOD  
DOLPHINS 17-14  
JASON SNYDER  
BILLS 13-3  
MATT WIERTEL  
BILLS 24-17  
KATIE GALLEY  
DOLPHINS 29-10

### Basketball Fan Jam

November 12, 1999, Blue-White Night  
Festivities begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Activities include:**  
20 minute women's scrimmage  
20 minute men's scrimmage  
Win raffle for an autographed football from:  
Joe Paterno  
Doug Flutie  
Andre Reed, Bruce Smith, Doug Flutie

**Shoot to win:**  
\$1 per shot for 13 INCH COLOR TV  
Coupons for free food  
FREE PIZZA @ 7:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING BEHREND GAMES

**Cross Country**  
November 13 NCAA MidEast Regionals TBA  
@ Big Pool MD



**Men's Basketball**

November 20 Hilbert 8:00 p.m.  
November 23 @W&J 7:30 p.m.  
November 29 Elmira 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

November 19-20 Penn St. Tournament 6:00 p.m./8:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m./3:00 p.m.  
November 23 @Bethany 7:00 p.m.  
November 27-28 @Marietta Tournament 6:00 p.m./

(\*) denotes AMCC opponent  
Bold letters denote home match