

Schmidt hits 500th homer

Hopes to return to everyday business

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

PITTSBURGH — Mike Schmidt, having taken care of home-run history, plans to get back to everyday business with the Philadelphia Phillies if anyone lets him.

"You get to 500 home runs and people look at you differently," Schmidt said. "They see you in a totally different light."

"Now, the challenge is to go and keep winning."

Schmidt became the 14th major-league player to reach the milestone Saturday, hitting a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning that rallied Philadelphia over Pittsburgh 8-6. He connected on a 3-0 pitch from Don Robinson, now a five-time Schmidt victim.

"I got three bottles of champagne from my teammates and (Phillies president) Bill Giles," Schmidt said yesterday. "Pittsburgh must be a tough town to get through to, although I did have my phone shut off last night. I got eight or nine messages of thanks from people."

Schmidt said he spoke early yesterday by telephone with friend and former teammate Pete Rose, the manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Schmidt had said he wanted to enjoy his pursuit of the 500 mark as much as he saw Rose like chasing all-time hit records.

Schmidt rated his 500th homer as his second-greatest highlight, behind winning the 1980 World Series.

"Maybe when my career is over and we have another world championship under our belts, I can say it was the greatest thrill," he admitted.

Schmidt, however, may be the only baseball player who says he does not consider hitting 500 home runs an amazing accomplishment.

"I don't think it's unbelievable," he said with a laugh. "Maybe because I'm the one who hit it."

"My dad probably has made 37,854 milkshakes in his

life at our family restaurant," he said. "That's probably enough ice cream to fill up Lake Erie. I think that's unbelievable, but it's not a big achievement to him."

But as Schmidt keeps hitting home runs and passing others on the all-time list — Mel Ott at 511, Ernie Banks and Eddie Mathews at 512, Ted Williams and Willie McCovey at 523 — his appreciation will grow.

"The No. 500 is a lot bigger than 502 or 503," he said. "But when you get guys like Mel Ott and Ted Williams, you're getting into an elite stage."

He is anxious to pass Mathews as the all-time home run leader at third base. Mathews hit 481 of his homers while playing the position and Schmidt has connected 463 times, among them blows against Hall of Fame pitchers Bob Gibson and Juan Marchal.

Schmidt wound up playing shortstop in the bottom of the ninth inning of Saturday's game because of a pinch-hitting move prior to his big home run.

"I got back in the dugout and John (Manager Felske) said I had to go out to shortstop," smiled Schmidt, who has appeared there in 23 career games. "You never like to miss a chance to play shortstop."

Schmidt had wanted to reach No. 500 quickly, not wanting to distract attention from each game, and did it with his fifth home run of the season in just 39 at-bats. The homer gave him a .344 average and 11 runs batted in.

"It's great to have the pressure off the team," he said. Despite his fast start, Schmidt, 37, maintains this could be his last year. He plans to make a decision around September based on how well his knees, which have been operated on three times, and the Phillies, who won just three of their first 12 games, hold up.

"There is a lot of time left in the season, a lot of things can happen," he said. "There are going to be some downs before the season is over."

"I hope they're not physical downs, because if I feel any pressure in that area, I'll probably call it quits."



Mike Schmidt belted career home run No. 500 in the ninth inning Saturday at Pittsburgh to give the Phils an 8-6 win.

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NHL playoffs resume tonight; Flyers meet Islanders

By The Associated Press

Rick Tocchet, the most penalized player in the NHL, knows he's going to have to control himself, as the Philadelphia Flyers move into a best-of-seven Patrick Division final against the New York Islanders.

"The big thing is trying to keep our temper and not make stupid mistakes," said Tocchet, who was assessed 286 minutes in penalties this season.

"I've been in the league three years now, and I've learned that you make one mistake in April, and you could be on the golf course real early."

The Flyers and Islanders begin their division championship series in Philadelphia tonight. Quebec plays at Montreal, the defending Stanley Cup champion, in the Adams Division title series, also beginning tonight.

Tomorrow's schedule has Toronto at Detroit in the Norris Division final, and Winnipeg at Edmonton in the Smythe Division series.

The Flyers and Islanders both go into their series with injury problems.

Philadelphia, which defeated the New York Rangers in six games to win their division semifinal, has only one true center, Peter Zeehl, healthy. Murray Craven has a broken foot, Ron Sutter is out with a bad back and Dave Poulin has a rib injury.

The Flyers won the season series with New York, 4-3.

The Islanders, coming off the fifth-longest game in NHL history to end their division semifinal against Washington in seven games, have lost Mike Bossy, Denis Potvin and Brent Sutter to injury.

After skating three 20-minute periods to a 2-2 tie, the Islanders and Capitals played four overtimes, 68 minutes 47 seconds total, to win 3-2



The Flyers gather to celebrate their first-round playoff win over the Rangers Thursday night. They meet the Islanders in the second round.

on a goal by Pat LaFontaine. It was the longest NHL game since Toronto beat Detroit 3-2 after 70:18 of overtime.

"I can imagine the Flyers' coach-

ing staff cheering after every period," said Islanders goaltender Kelly Hrudey, who made 73 saves in the game. "They were probably happier than anyone else in North

American. I'm tired, but happy."

The Montreal-Quebec series will be the fourth in six years between the two favorites of French-speaking Quebec.

Montreal took the season series from Quebec, 5-3 but the last time they met in the playoffs, in 1985, Quebec beat Montreal in seven games.

The Canadiens enter the series with 13 straight wins, including four in a row in the Adams division semifinal against Boston, Quebec, which finished fourth in the regular season, lost the first two games to first-place Hartford, then won four in a row.

But Montreal is another story for the Nordiques.

"The Canadiens have a better team than the Whalers," Quebec Coach Michel Bergeron said of Montreal. "I was surprised they didn't finish first, ahead of Hartford during the regular season."

Toronto held a 5-2 regular-season advantage over Detroit going into their Norris Division series.

"They beat us most of the year, and it gives us something to prove," said Red Wings defenseman Darren Veitch.

The Maple Leafs defeated St. Louis in a six-game semifinal, while Detroit beat Chicago in four straight.

"The playoffs are going to be emotional... It's going to be great for hockey," Red Wings Coach Jacques Demers said. "Hockey is going to turn to be a little bit. Two original teams, both well prepared, both are physically sound."

Edmonton was 5-3-0 against Winnipeg during the season, even though the Jets had the best record within the Smythe Division of 20-12-0. Both teams are speed oriented.

"Even their big guys can skate," Oilers co-coach John Muckler said. "Their game is speed and finesse. I think it's strength versus strength, us against them."

The Oilers, led by Wayne Gretzky, had the best record in the NHL, 50-24-6, and scored the most goals this season with 372. Gretzky, Jari Kurri and Mark Messier all had 105 or more points and finished 1-2-4 in the scoring race.

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ARHS	Mon/4/20	6:30 pm	Rm 225 HUB	General
Astronomy Club	Mon/4/20	7:30 pm	109 Osmond	Observing
BGSA	Tue/4/21	7:15 pm	Robeson Cult. Ctr.	General
Business Student Council	Tue/4/21	7:30 pm	203 Willard	Exec
Colloquy	Wed/4/22	7:30 pm	318 HUB	General
Committee Justice S. Africa	Thu/4/23	7 pm	Robeson Cult. Ctr.	General
Eco-Action	Mon/4/20	5:30 pm	323 HUB	General
Ed. Stud. Council	Wed/4/22	7 pm	105 Chambers	St. Special Ed.
Friends Latin America	Mon/4/20	7 pm	323 HUB	General
Interlands Folkdancers	Fri/4/24	7:30 pm	HUB Ballroom	Dancing/teaching
Liberal Arts Stud. Council	Thu/4/23	7 pm	124 Sparks	General
Orienteering Club	Wed/4/22	6 pm	102 Wagner	General
OTIS	Mon/4/20	6 pm	307 HUB	General
PS Aikido Club	Mon/Wed	7 pm	1M West. Rm.	General
PS Ballroom Dance Club	Sun/4/26	7 pm	133 White Bldg.	General
PS Juggling Club	Mon/4/20	8 pm	3A White Bldg.	Instruction
PS Kwan, Karate Club	Tue/Thu/4/21/23	9 pm	133 White Bldg.	General
PS Model Railroad Club	Fri/4/24	7 pm	S-5 HUB	Instruction
PS Rifle Club	Mon/4/20	6:30 pm	Rifle Range - White	General
PS Sign Lang. Club	Mon/Tue/4/20/21	7:30/7 pm	316 Boucke	Practice
PS Ull. Frisbee Club	Daily	4:30 pm	Pollock Fields	Play
PS Writers' Club	Wed/4/22	8 pm	203 Willard	General
Poll/Int. Resid. Ass.	Thu/4/23	6:30 pm	Poll. Piano Lounge	General
So. Halls Resid. Ass.	Sun/4/26	8 pm	Cooper Hall	General
SPSEA	Wed/4/22	7 pm	105 Chambers	Mock Interview
SIB	Tue/4/21	7 pm	30y HUB	General
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Ac. Assembly	Wed/4/22	7 pm	307 HUB	General
Internat. Affairs	Thu/4/23	7 pm	203 HUB	General
Women's Concerns	Wed/4/22	6 pm	Ctr. Wom. Studies	General
Exec.	Wed/4/22	6 pm	203 HUB	General
Senate	Tue/4/21	7 pm	225 HUB	General
Sup. Court	Sun/4/26	7 pm	227 HUB	General
Wildlife Soc.	Wed/4/22	7:30 pm	301 Ag. Admin.	St. Mlg. Game Birds
Yachad	Wed/Mon/4/20/22	8:15 pm	305/316 HUB	St. Edward Glick/General

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