

# Pete Rose

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Inducted November 13, 1986



**Baseball Player**  
*Cincinnati, OH*

*National League Rookie of The Year 1963.*  
*National League's Most Valuable Player 1973*  
*Led Cincinnati Reds to World Series Championships in 1975 and 1976.*

*Most Valuable Player 1975 World Series.  
Led Philadelphia Phillies to World Series Championship in 1980.  
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Among legendary baseball players, never has a player possessed the intense competitive style that defined the career of Pete Rose.

Throughout his childhood, Rose played baseball. He was on a little-league team, and played both football and baseball in high school. Rose played high school baseball well enough to sign a contract with the Cincinnati Reds after graduation, playing first for the Reds' minor league team in New York. During the next couple of years, Rose improved his game, and moved up through the ranks of the Reds organization. By 1963, he was the Reds' second baseman. With his hustling style of play, he was dubbed "Charlie Hustle." He turned the insult into a badge of honor. He won the National League distinction of "Rookie of the Year" in 1963.

Rose flourished from 1965 – 1973. Without question, he was one of the best lead-off hitters in the history of baseball. He consistently batted over .300. In 1973, Rose was the National League's "Most Valuable Player." He led the Cincinnati Reds to the World Series in 1975 and 1976. He was named "Most Valuable Player" in the 1975 World Series.

In 1978, Rose was a free agent. He played with the Philadelphia Phillies from 1980-1983. He led the Phillies to the World Series in 1980. Rose had a short-lived relationship with the Montreal Expos in 1984, before returning to the Reds later that year. He acted as both a manager and a player for the Reds. By his retirement from baseball after the 1986 season, Rose totaled an incredible 4,256 hits. He continued to serve as Reds manager until 1988, and was considered to be one of the best managers in baseball. He established a Major League record by having ten 200 hit seasons, and was baseball's "All-Time Career Hit Leader."

Rose was initiated into DeMolay in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a member of the first class to be inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame on November 13, 1986.

"As a kid growing up, DeMolay was one of the few organizations of which I was a part that helped me think about responsibility outside of sports. That is something that has been a part of me over the years and I can thank DeMolay for making it part of my life."