

5 REASONS PETE ROSE NEVER GETS IN

THE RISE AND FALL OF A BASEBALL LEGEND.

Broad shoulders, dark hair, and tan skin. Fearless. He ran to home base on walks. The humble record-breaker said, “I’ve got enthusiasm. I’ve got desire. I’ve got hustle. Those are God-given talents, too.” No one would dispute that he was a king at bat. In August 1984, the Cincinnati Reds promoted Pete Rose to player-manager.

Rose’s golden years should have followed with private and public appearances, selling autographed memorabilia, and publishing a best-selling autobiography. Instead, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti confronted the Hit King with an investigation related to illegal gambling allegations.

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reasons why Pete Rose will forever be banned from Major League Baseball’s Hall of Fame.

A proven gambler

It was an open secret that Pete Rose had gambling troubles in the ‘70s. However, there was no proof that he betted on baseball.

His legacy entered a shadowy era in 1989 – just 3 years after Rose retired as an active player. Accusations of placing bets on his baseball games – including his team – while playing for and managing the Reds compiled. John Dowd, a Washington lawyer, led Giamatti’s probe into Rose’s gambling history.

The evidence was enough for what Rose thought would be a temporary banishment. Being placed on the permanently ineligible list excluded Pete from induction into the Hall of Fame. Because no formal charges were filed, for 15

years Rose denied the accusation and attempted to be reinstated.

Permanently ineligible

Being placed on the permanently ineligible list for violating Major League Rule 21 is the main reason why Rose can't be inducted into the HOF. Thirty years later, the decorated MLB veteran is unable to restore his baseball legacy. Baseball Commissioner Robert D. Manfred Jr. rejected Rose's request for reinstatement in April 2015.



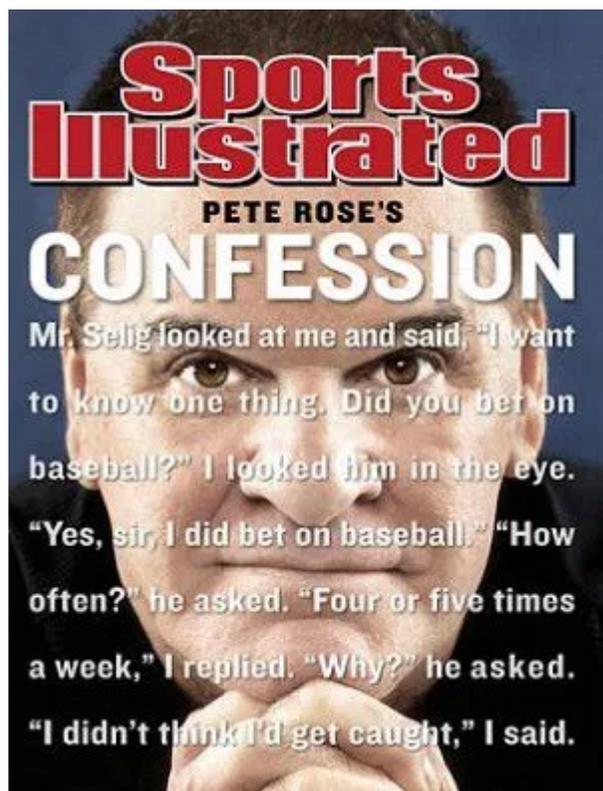
Embarrassingly though, ESPN released a report featuring entries in a long-hidden notebook that showed Rose bet on baseball as a player. That report contradicted Rose's previous confession that he only bet as a manager. In ESPN's report, John Dowd, the former federal prosecutor who led the MLB's investigation said, "This does it. This closes the door."

Until Rose can undo the 1989 Agreement, he won't – and can't – be inducted.

Intentional deceit

No formal charges were filed when Rose was originally placed on the list. In 2004, it seemed that Rose was ready to come clean and admit to betting on baseball – including the Reds. ***“Mr. Rose attempted to minimize the severity of his conduct by asserting that he only bet on the Reds to win.”*** (The Atlantic, 2014) It almost worked. His supporters believe that Rose has been punished long enough. They argue that a beloved player with such stellar stats should be honored.

Charlie Hustle's records are HOF worthy. The switch-hitter was the National League's All-Star 17 times and won the World Series 3 times. **He holds the record for most career hits (4,256). While playing in the Major League, he broke 13 records including** most total times on base (5,929) and most winning games (1,972). He also holds 12 National League records including most doubles (746) and longest consecutive game hitting streak (44 games in 1978).



In 1963, Pete solidified his position as a hometown hero when he started playing for the Cincinnati Reds. At the end of his player career, Pete reached superstar status and became the all-time Hit King.

Unfortunately, Pete Rose is a liar and proven gambler. Rose knowingly broke sacred rules which ultimately disqualified him from enshrinement in Cooperstown. The once talented player, shamed away what could have been an easy path into certified MLB history for quick money and a dangerous relationship with mob-affiliated bookies. He compromised the integrity of baseball and disappointed MLB fans.

No remorse

Charlie Hustle is easily one of the most controversial figures in MLB history. Instead of coming clean, Rose used remaining levels of notoriety as a player and manager to fund his lifestyle. By March 2014 reports stated that Rose earned more than \$1 million annually from paid appearances and signing memorabilia. Despite post-career financial gain, Rose remains obsessed with reinstatement.

In spite of ESPN's new evidence, Manfred had a face-to-face meeting with Rose. It was a final opportunity for the disgraced legend to be forthright and have a fair chance to show proof of life "reconfigured." However, after a new investigation by his office, Commissioner Manfred chose to deny the reinstatement request in December 2015.

"Manfred stated that Rose had not been forthcoming about his gambling and that Rose (who by this time was living in Las Vegas) was still betting on baseball, albeit legally ... He also felt that Rose did not have "a mature understanding of his wrongful conduct" and the damage it had done to the game." – USA Today (2015)

Continued misconduct

The Hall was established back when rules and integrity of the sport meant something. Sadly, Rose chooses to continue participating in recreational/legal betting on horses and other sports including Baseball. Rose shows a lack of remorse for -, understanding of -, and disrespect to the game of baseball.

Last year, Rose was inducted into the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame. Some don't agree with this decision. They believe the damage for betting and lying is too extensive. At 76 years old, time is increasingly limited for Rose. Many doubt Pete "Hit King" Rose's legacy will ever recover from this hit.

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