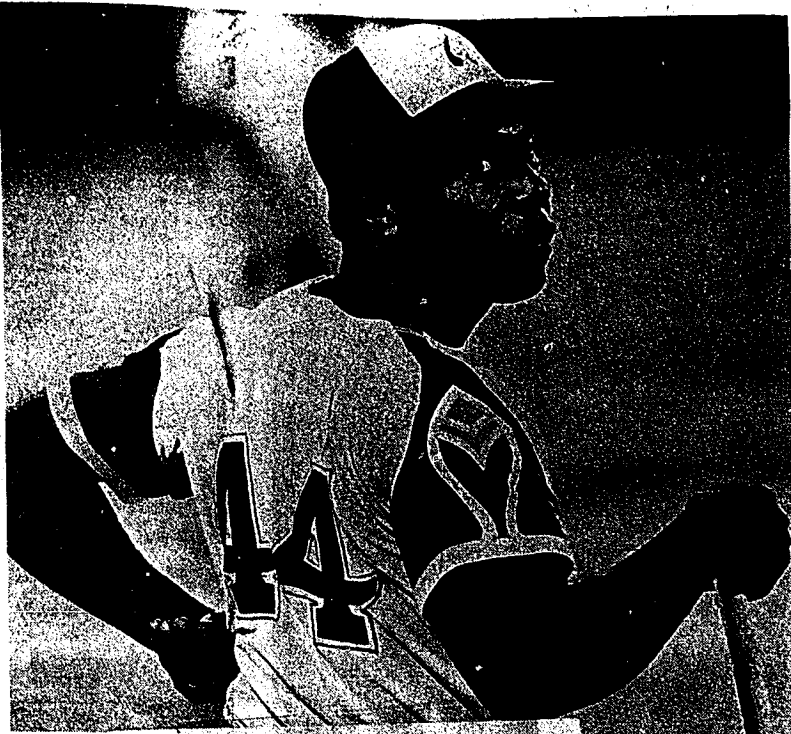


# Hank Aaron Raps Record Breaking 715th Homerun



HANK AARON

It was the Atlanta Braves' Hank Aaron's second time to bat in the game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

It was 9:05 EST, and the batman asked himself: is this the moment and the time? Millions across the country watched in suspense as Aaron calmly approached home plate, swung the bat to warm up, and waited for Dodger Pitcher Al Downing's throw.

Downing pitched, Aaron swung and connected on the first pitch. For a brief second Aaron watched the ball soar into the air and then ran. He ran directly to first, second, third and finally home to break the legendary all-time hitting record of the famed Babe Ruth.

Aaron hit the magical 715th at 9:07 EST and changed baseball history as the ball sailed 400 feet and out of Atlanta Stadium, just to the right of the 385-foot marker in the fourth inning—tying the

score 3-3.

Aaron ran home to the cheers of the crowd to be congratulated by team members, family and baseball officials. Atlanta went on to win the game 7-4.

The tensions from baseball fans the world over subsided when he broke the 39-year old record.

Aaron was only one-year old when Ruth hit the last three of his 714 home runs on May 25, 1935 against the Pittsburgh Pirates, playing for the Boston Braves.

Ruth died of cancer in 1948. He had played in 2,503 games and had 8,399 at-bats during his 22-year career. About a week after hitting his final homers, he quit the Boston Braves after a dispute with the management.

Aaron is in his 21st season. He was at his 11,295th time at bat with the Braves in his 2,967th game.

To the crowd of 53,775, the largest in Atlanta's history,

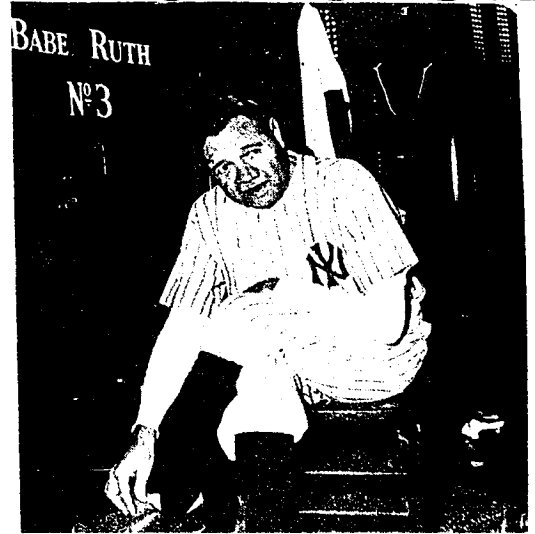
Aaron said, "Just thank God it's all over."

It was predicted that Aaron would break the record of Ruth early in the season. Last Thursday when the Braves played against the Cincinnati Red Socks Aaron tied Ruth's record of 714 home runs.

Besides holding the home runs record, Aaron also currently holds 13 major league records and 19 National League marks and by the end of the season may have captured several others.

"The only thing people have talked about is the home run things," Aaron said in spring training. "But I'm aware of those other records I'm close to, I'm happy and conscious of the fact that I have a chance to break them. They would mean more than the home run records."

This year the Atlanta slugger has a chance to capture the record for games, at bats and possibly runs batted in.



BABE RUTH

## Negro Star Will Make Phil Fans Forget Doyle

PHILADELPHIA... If first impressions mean anything, Dave Cash should have no trouble making friends and influencing the Phillies' baseball fans during the upcoming season. Dave is well aware that he has to prove he has the ability to start at second base when the baseball season opens.

"It happens in every trade. Folks look at you in terms of the people who left instead of what you can do as a player," he said at a luncheon at Veteran Stadium.

Pitcher Ken Brett, shipped to the Pirates in exchange for Cash, was well liked around town and there also was quite a bit of static over the departure of Denny Doyle to the Angels.

"I suppose it was a natural fan reaction," Cash said, "but all I want is to be judged on my own ability. I feel I can add a new dimension to the

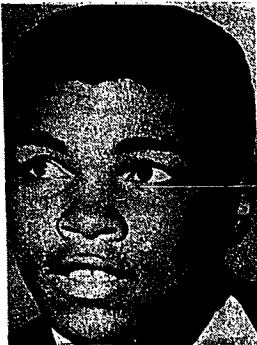
Phillies." Cash knows it will not be easy, but at the same time he is confident he will make it with the Phillies.

The young Negro player has natural talent and is as cool as an iceberg. He believes he will be better than he was with the Pirates.

In Pittsburgh, all Cash had to do was to hit. Now he will have to prove that he can field too, when the new season opens. Don't forget the name ... Dave Cash.

## Agreement Is Reached

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania--(NBNS)-- Visas for Libyan nationals have been abolished by the Mauritanian government under a pact signed with Libya. The reciprocal agreement also says that Mauritanians will no longer need visas for Libya.



Muhammad Ali says he is ready to fight the champion of the heavyweight division. "He is too slow and I will drop him to pieces," said Ali. "Another thing is I have something new for the so-called champ, but I am not telling anyone about it until we meet in the ring." Ali said.

## Warfield, Czonka, Kiick Sign Huge Pro Football Contract

Pro football suffered a deadly shock, when the World Football League announced that the Toronto Northmen had signed three Miami Dolphins stars, Paul

Warfield, Larry Czonka and Jim Kiick to a staggering three million dollar package, the largest in the history of Pro Football. The contract called for the three Dolphin stars to report in 1975 after their 1974 season with Miami.

There is no doubt that the signing of the trio will have a terrific impact on a number of stars of the NFL and AFL. It proves that things are not quite right with the other pro leagues, when a newly formed league can come up with such money offers and practically steal the three Miami stars from right under their noses.

We can see the other stars already talking things over with their wives and their lawyers or their representatives. NFL and AFL had better get things together, and I

don't mean next January, but right now!

According to one of the trio they went up to Toronto to listen to what they had to say

... Evidently they liked what they heard and decided to sign the contract and that is all there is to it.

In other words it is every football player for himself. Everyone is out to make more money and that means everyone, including the owners of the pro football clubs. They want to make money and their players also want to make money.

But it is the players who fill the stadiums and not the owners. Everyone should take this fact into consideration.

FROM THE SIDELINES  
**SHEEP JACKSON**  
Call & Post Sports Editor

Saturday Review...There will be no vacancy on the great opening day of baseball.

The one and only Willie Mays, perhaps one of the greatest all around baseball players in the long history of the major leagues will be missing.

When Mays retired at the close of the 1973 season, there were many sad hearts, not only in New York, but over the entire nation.

Here was one player who captured the hearts of America, both young and old.

He was a players' baseball player and was loved and respected by all that included his opponents and his teammates.

The fans will miss Willie running in from centerfield to make a shoe-string catch. They cheered loud and clear when he turned his back on a long hit and made his famous over-the-head catch.

Sometimes it would save a game, but then again it might be the first out with the bases empty, but no matter the fans stood up and cheered after the Great Willie Mays had made his catch.

The manner in which he caught a fly attracted the crowd the nation over.

Here was a player who came in the big leagues before he was a full grown man, after a short stay in the minors and set the world on fire when he hit his first home run as a major leaguer with the Old New York Giants.

The entire city of New York moaned when the Giants packed up and left for San Francisco and became the San Francisco Giants.

They never seemed the same club as when they were the New York Giants. Something was missing. Even Mays didn't like San Francisco and said it in public.

When his days were about over as a baseball player the New York Mets grabbed Willie for the New York fans.

The Great Mays was home again, the City that adopted this great outfielder and home run hitter.

Jackie Robinson captured the New York fans as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers, but when the Giants signed Mays they knew they had a player that would rival the great Jackie over in Brooklyn...

When he retired he named Don Newcombe of Brooklyn as one of the greatest pitchers in his time, and he named Sandy Koufax a great southpaw.

Willie always kept his quotation in mind, "It is nice to break records but the most important thing is still winning ball games. I am not helping the team when I swing at bad pitches."

How many stars have you heard make such a statement? Very few...

If the great Willie Mays had not gone into the service, he would have broken Babe Ruth's homerun record.

Now it is up to Hank Aaron, who has smashed out 714 and is out to smash the Babe's record this season.

Mays, as he grew older stated that the pitchers were getting better because of the fine pitching coaches in baseball.

There is no doubt the Mets will keep Mays around as a coach and an instructor.

He stills draws a big pay check because he never drew his full salary during his playing days..

He certainly told the truth when he said the batter today are not hitting a lousy .390 or .400 for the simple reason they are facing tough pitching.

Mays was a leader among the Giants baseball players. They loved and respected him. He always had time to help a rookie if he wanted to be helped.

He would never interfere unless the rookie came to him for help.



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