

MLB

Suzuki passes Rose's career hits total

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SAN DIEGO — With two hits Wednesday, Ichiro Suzuki raised his career total in the Japanese and North American major leagues to 4,257, passing Pete Rose's record Major League Baseball total.

"This wasn't like a goal of mine to get to this point," Suzuki said through a translator after the Miami Marlins' 6-3 loss to the San Diego Padres.

Suzuki had 1,278 hits for Orix in Japan's Pacific League (1992-00) and has 2,979 with Seattle, the New York Yankees and Marlins. Rose was quoted recently by USA Today as saying: "I'm not trying to take anything away from Ichiro, he's had a Hall of Fame career, but he's counting his high-school hits."

"Obviously, I've heard of Pete Rose's comments, and he wasn't happy about what they are saying about this record," Suzuki said. "To be honest, this wasn't something that I was making out as a goal. It was just kind of a weird situation to be in because of the combined total."

Suzuki's first hit Wednesday was on a dribbler in the first. His second was a double into the right-field corner in the ninth.

"For me, it's not about the record," Suzuki said. "It's about my teammates and the fans."

Marlins president David Samson watched while having a sushi dinner in Germany.

"Ichiro gets a hit in the first inning and I loudly cheer. He looks at the TV and says 'Ichiro!' and the first thing he does is put down the tuna and extend his hand, and then he reaches to pull up his white



Miami Marlins Ichiro Suzuki hits a double in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres Wednesday, June 15, 2016, in San Diego. With the hit, Suzuki's combined career hits in Japan and the major leagues surpassed Pete Rose's major league record of 4,256 career hits.

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A man takes a look at an extra of a Japanese sports newspaper reporting Miami Marlins' Ichiro Suzuki's 4,257th hit, in Tokyo on Thursday.

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coat like it's Ichiro's jersey and gets into Ichiro's batting stance," Samson said of the chef. "That to me was the most symbolic moment as it relates to Ichiro and his career. He transcends borders and demographics and religion and race. He does something very few people do. He does his job."

Suzuki joined the Marlins ahead of the 2015 season.

"If you could have 25 Ichiro, you would have 25 World Series rings," Samson said. "He is a true humble professional who works as hard when he's 0 for 5 as when he's 5 for 5. That skill cannot be taught. In a world where sports

athlete are rarely role models, Ichiro is a true role model off and on the field."

In the ninth inning, Suzuki lined a double into the right-field corner against Rodney, then took off his helmet and waved it to applauding fans. The sparse crowd, announced at 20,037, gave Suzuki a warm ovation as both teams' players applauded for Suzuki, as well.

"Ichiro is a really special player and I love to see him get this and keep his march going toward 3,000 hits," Mattingly said. "It says a lot about him as a player, how he prepares every day and his love for playing."

Suzuki entered Wednesday batting .347 in a part-time role, putting him on pace to become the 30th person to reach 3,000.

Suzuki turns 43 on Oct. 22. Two players were 42 or older when they got No. 3,000: Cap Anson (45) and Rickey Henderson (42).

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

NBA				
Playoff Glance				
FINALS				
(Best-of-7; x if necessary)				
Golden State 3, Cleveland 2				
(all games on ABC)				
Thursday, June 2: Golden State 104, Cleveland 89				
Sunday, June 5: Golden State 110, Cleveland 77				
Wednesday, June 8: Cleveland 120, Golden State 90				
Friday: Golden State 108, Cleveland 97				
Monday, June 13: Cleveland 112, Golden State 97				
TODAY: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
xSunday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.				
WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	7	3	.700	—
New York	6	4	.600	1
Chicago	5	6	.455	2½
Washington	5	7	.417	3
Indiana	4	7	.364	3½
Connecticut	2	9	.182	5½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	11	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	10	0	1.000	½
Phoenix	4	6	.400	6½
Seattle	4	7	.364	7
Dallas	3	7	.300	7½
San Antonio	2	7	.222	8

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	37	27	.578	—
Boston	37	27	.578	—
Toronto	37	31	.544	2
Tampa Bay	31	32	.492	5½
New York	31	34	.477	6½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	35	30	.538	—
Cleveland	35	30	.538	—
Detroit	33	32	.508	2
Chicago	33	33	.500	2½
Minnesota	20	45	.307	15
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	41	25	.621	—
Seattle	34	31	.523	6½
Houston	32	35	.478	9½
Los Angeles	29	37	.439	12
Oakland	27	38	.415	13½

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	41	25	.621	—
New York	35	29	.547	5
Miami	34	32	.515	7
Philadelphia	30	36	.455	11
Atlanta	19	46	.292	21½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	44	20	.688	—
St. Louis	35	30	.538	11½
Pittsburgh	33	32	.508	11½
Milwaukee	30	36	.455	15
Cincinnati	26	40	.394	19
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	41	26	.612	—
Los Angeles	35	32	.522	6
Colorado	32	33	.492	8
Arizona	29	39	.426	12½
San Diego	27	40	.403	14

Cincinnati (Straily 4-2) at Atlanta (Wisler 2-7), 9:10 a.m.				
Toronto (Happ 7-3) at Philadelphia (Nola 5-5), 4:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Nicasio 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 5-3), 4:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Guerra 3-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kazmir 5-3), 7:10 p.m.				
Washington (Roark 5-4) at San Diego (Johnson 0-3), 7:10 p.m.				

Cincinnati (Straily 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Snell 0-0), 10:10 a.m.				
Texas (Lewis 5-0) at Oakland (Mengden 0-1), 12:35 p.m.				
Toronto (Happ 7-3) at Philadelphia (Nola 5-5), 4:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Wilson 2-5) at Boston (Rodriguez 1-1), 4:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-4) at Minnesota (Gibson 0-4), 5:10 p.m.				
Detroit (Verlander 6-5) at Kansas City (Duffy 2-1), 5:15 p.m.				

Baseball

NCAA				
College World Series				

TUESDAY'S LATE GAMES				
L.A. Angels 5, Minnesota 4				
Texas 10, Oakland 6				

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES				
Colorado 6, N.Y. Yankees 3				
Toronto 7, Philadelphia 2				
Boston 6, Baltimore 4				
Tampa Bay 3, Seattle 2, 13 innings				
Houston 4, St. Louis 1				
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3				
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 4				
L.A. Angels 10, Minnesota 2				
Texas 7, Oakland 5				

TUESDAY'S LATE GAMES				
L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 4				
Miami 5, San Diego 2				
San Francisco 3, Milwaukee 2				

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES				
Colorado 6, N.Y. Yankees 3				
L.A. Dodgers 3, Arizona 2				
San Diego 6, Miami 3				
San Francisco 10, Milwaukee 1				
Washington 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 12 innings				
Toronto 7, Philadelphia 2				
Atlanta 9, Cincinnati 8, 13 innings				
N.Y. Mets 11, Pittsburgh 2				
Houston 4, St. Louis 1				

COPA AMERICA					
FIRST ROUND GROUP A					
GP	W	D	L	GF GA Pts	
x-United States	3	2	0	1 5	2 6
x-Colombia	3	2	0	1 6	4 6
Costa Rica	3	1	1	3 6	4
Paraguay	3	0	1	2 1	3 1
GROUP B					
GP	W	D	L	GF GA Pts	
x-Peru	3	2	1	0 4	2 7
x-Ecuador	3	1	2	0 6	2 5
Brazil	3	1	1	1 7	2 4
Haiti	3	0	0	3 1	12 0
GROUP C					
GP	W	D	L	GF GA Pts	
x-Mexico	3	2	1	0 6	2 7
x-Venezuela	3	2	1	0 3	1 7
Uruguay	3	1	0	2 4	4 3
Jamaica	3	0	0	3 0	6 0
GROUP D					
GP	W	D	L	GF GA Pts	
x-Argentina	3	3	0	0 10	1 9
x-Chile	3	2	0	1 7	5 6
Panama	3	1	0	2 4	10 3
Bolivia	3	0	0	3 2	7 0

QUARTERFINALS				
Today's Game				
United States vs. Ecuador, 6:30 p.m.				
Friday's Game				
Peru vs. Colombia, 5 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Argentina vs. Venezuela, 4 p.m.				
Mexico vs. Chile, 7 p.m.				

BRIEFLY

Simmons holds off Corley to win Round-Up City Amateur

PENDLETON — Kurt Simmons topped the 108-player field to win the Round-Up City Amateur on Sunday at Pendleton Country Club.

Simmons came in three under par over the two-round tournament to edge Matt Corley by one stroke.

Simmons shot 71-70—141, while Corley shot 71 in both rounds. Eric Nelson was third with 73-71—144.

Philip Mahoney won low net honors with a 65-66—131 to hold off a second-round charge by Greg Grant, who finished five strokes back.

Simmons also won the sole survivor over Bill Boggs with four on No. 18. Russ Herman won the putting contest, and Winston Worden had the weekend's best shot in the KP, hitting within 3 feet, five inches on No. 12.

Willow Creek scramble scheduled for July 3

HEPPNER — The Fourth of July Golf Tournament is Sunday, July 3 at 9 a.m. at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner.

The four-person scramble costs \$60 each, which includes green fees, lunch and beverages. Power carts must be reserved by calling 541-676-5437. Also, a putting contest will run throughout the day.

Proceeds from the event are donated to the Jason Halvorsen and Mike Matthews Scholarship Funds and the Ione Fourth of July Celebration Fund.

To register or for more information, call Russell Seewald at 541-422-7466 or Craig Holland at 509-330-0297.

Big River Golf Course to host Family Fun Day

UMATILLA — The Family Fun Day Golf & BBQ is Saturday, July 2 at 2:30 p.m. at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla.

The nine-hole four-person scramble costs \$10 for adults and \$7 for juniors. Power carts can be reserved for \$13.

All golfers 12-and-younger can tee-off from the special forward tees. Also, a long drive contest is planned.

For more information, call 541-922-3006.

Free fishing derby to be held at McKay Reservoir

PENDLETON — The Mid Columbia Bass Perch Jerk will be held Saturday, June 25 at 7-11 a.m. at McKay Reservoir in Pendleton.

The free event is for anglers 14 and younger, and no boats are allowed. All anglers must register by 9 a.m. at the southwest end of the reservoir (follow signs).

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