

View from 1B

a different spectacle altogether with Alex Rodriguez and Pete Rose.

For Rodriguez, his is a series-by-series walk of shame. With every legendary name he passes in the record book — Roberto Clemente, Willie Mays, Frank Robinson — it becomes more and more apparent that what you are watching is not some great sporting feat, but rather an asterisk in action.

His name will never be enshrined in Cooperstown, and although he is the greatest

Yankee third baseman of all-time in terms of statistics, his face will never adorn a monument out in center field.

What you are seeing with A-Rod is how a fan base is willing to forgive a player of his past sins as long as he can still hit, and for everyone else he is still good enough to be a worthwhile foil.

His career will be over soon, and he will fade into history quicker than most people would have you believe. There are enough highlights to fill the reels many times over in the baseball archives. His feats will not be missed.

The reason why people suspect we may be talking about Rodriguez is largely due to Pete Rose.

Rose — Charlie Hustle — the guy who bowled over Ray Fosse in an All-Star Game in order to score a measly run in an exhibition; the guy who slid head first, and played any position you told him to play without complaint. Rose ... the last of the old-time baseball players, the link to the 1960s for the '80s generation, the last player-manager and the game's all-time hits leader.

Rose ... the guy who is banned from baseball for bet-

ting on its games.

Rodriguez won't be banned from the game. He'll still come back to old-timers' games. So will Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds. Mark McGwire will still be a coach in the league.

Rose, however, will always be the guy on the outside of the fence, desperate and longing for one brief glimpse of what lies on the other side. No other disgraced athlete has captured our imagination in much the same way as Rose, and there have been plenty of disgraceful athletes.

No, it's Rose's lifelong campaign to end his lifelong ban that keeps him alive in our minds.

Rose will be allowed to participate in the All-Star Weekend this season, and as in every other year, there will be talk about lifting the ban so he can enter the Hall of Fame.

Rose will point at A-Rod and the dopers of the game and say his crime wasn't any worse, and he will try again for reinstatement to the game he loves.

Don't bet on it, Pete.

If it was any other game,

you'd have that shot, but baseball keeps two sets of books; and you'll always be in the wrong one.

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Big Sale! 2 weekends!
 Fri./Sat. 7/3-7/4 & 7/10-7/11, 8am-3pm, 5360 Loveland Court, lots of small kitchen appliances, medical handicap products, artificial flowers w/vases, big smoker, women's sweaters, purses, animal cages. See pictures on Craig's List.

Thurs./Sat. 7/2-7/4, 8am-5pm, 248 Nopal (Old Town).
 This is better than you remember (always interesting). Tools, electronics, electric scooters, guitars, antiques. Thousand bolts, nails & screws. You won't be sorry you came.

Estate Sale
 Fri. 7/3-Sat. 7/4 9am-4pm
 Florentine Estates.
 Use 35th St. entrance only. Complete maple bedroom set, 2 twin beds, dressers and roll-top desk. Lots of kitchen items, teapot collection, hutch, linens, living room furniture, 1998 Volvo 4-door car, and lots more. See pictures on Craigslist. Estate sale prepared by Linda Wilcox. 541-999-0877. See you there!

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 815 7th St., Plants, pots, quilting, womens clothes, jewelry.

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