Pruitt Ready For Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Greg Pruitt of the Cleveland Browns has been hobbled for the last five weeks with leg and hip injuries. But all the whirlpool treatments in the world couldn't do as much for Pruitt's return to good health as the appearance of the Kansas City Chiefs on the Cleveland schedule.

Pruitt rushed for 100 yards in each of the first two games this season but suffered a severe contusion to his left leg on that second weekend against Cincinnati. That forced him to sit out an entire month.

Pruitt returned to the starting line-up against Pittsburgh last week but was, predictably, rusty and ineffective. He gained only eight yards in six carries as Cleveland fell, 34-14, for the third time in the last four games.

"When you're accustomed to running every day and then you have to stay off your leg for two weeks, you lose all the tone and your leg becomes weak," Pruitt said. "I tried running on it after three weeks but I shifted all my weight to my right side to alleviate the pain on the left side. That threw my whole framework out of place. In doing so, I strained the muscles in my hip.

"My style of running is such that I need to be at 100 percent. I don't run straight ahead; I do a lot of cutting. I put a lot of pressure on my knees, ankles and hips. Some people can come back at 80 or 90 percent, like fullbacks who run straight ahead. But that's not my style. I have to accelerate, decelerate and go in different directions."

Cleveland Coach Sam Rutigliano, to no one's surprise, announced that Pruitt would again start Sunday when the Browns travel to Kansas City. Even at 50 percent, the former Oklahoma star could be expected to top the 100-yard barrier against the Chiefs.

That's because Pruitt has owned Kansas City over the last four years like no other running back in the league.

Pruitt has had 14 career 100-yard games and three of them have come against Kansas City He had a career high 214-yard game against the Chiefs in 1975 and a season-high 153-yard game in 1977.

The only time in four games against Kansas City he did not gain 100 yards was in 1976 in the season finale when he was bothered by an ankle injury and was pulled in the first half after gaining 49 yards — the exact figure he needed for a 1,000-yard season.

"From a multi-faceted standpoint," said Rutigliano, "Greg is one of the best running backs in the National Football League How valuable is he to us? How valuable is Reggie Jackson, Thurman Munson or Ron Guidry to the Yankees?"

The Browns won their first three games of the season but dropped an overtime decision to Pittsburgh on the fourth weekend Cleveland has since lost to Houston and Pittsburgh again while beating only New Orleans, to fall three games back of the AFC Central Division-leading Steelers

Kansas City won its opener against Cincinnati, 24-23, but has fallen the last six weeks. The Chiefs have utilized the Wing-T offense to rank first in the NFL in rushing with an average of 192 yards per game. But the league appears to have caught up with that offense as Kansas City was held to 116 yards on the ground two weeks ago by Tampa Bay and 92 last week by Oakland.

Kansas City Coach Marv Levy also plans to go back with Mike Livingston as the starting quarterback after a two-week stint on the bench. Tony Adams quarterbacked the Chiefs the last two weeks but could only put 19 points on the board in the losses to Tampa Bay and Oakland.

Cleveland Browns running back Calvin Hill ducks as Dennis Winston of Pittsburgh flies over the top. Hoping to rebound from last week's 34-14 loss to the Steelers, the Browns travel to Kansas City Sunday to battle the Chiefs (U PI Photo)

Dr. J, 76ers Get By Pistons

By MARK FRIEDMAN
UPI Sports Writer

Life as a reserve is not pleasant, but Joe Bryant may have found a cure for those who get paid to mostly watch.

"It's really easy to come off the bench," Bryant said after he did just that Friday night to score 27 points and lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 126-117 victory over the Detroit Pistons. "You get so mad because you're not playing and you get a little hot. That's when you take it out on the other team"

Bryant may have found a cure for the bench-warming blues, but the Pistons and substitute coach Rich Adubato had no prescription to stop the Doctor, Julius Erving.

"We hit our open shots a little better," said Erving after pouring in 35 points. "We got a few fast breaks and a lot more open shots We took advantage, that's all."

Led by Bryant's 11 fourth-quarter points, the Sixers came from behind to hand the Pistons their fourth loss in as many tries

Detroit, playing its second game without new head coach Dick Vitale, who is recovering from a stomach ailment, held 10-point leads on four occasions before the 76ers, behind Doug Collins' 13 points, closed the gap to 34-30 at the end of the first period.

The 76ers chipped away at Detroit's lead and went ahead, 60-57, before the Pistons rallied to tie the score at the half, 63-63.

Detroit scored 15 straight points early in the third period to grab an 11-point lead, 78-67, but Philadelphia closed to within three, 95-92, going into the final period.

The lead changed hands 13 times in the fourth quarter before Caldwell Jones and Collins hit successive baskets to give Philadelphia a lead it never relinquished. Bob Lanier and M L. Carr led Detroit with 26 points each.

"It was unquestionably our best performance of the season," said Adubato "If we had played like this in our first three games, we'd have won them all.

"We have a brand new lineup with a lot of rookies and young players. You've got to expect the mistakes, the turnovers, when you commit yourself to inexperienced players"

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Denver 126, New Jersey 117, San Diego 110, Chicago 94, New York 115, Milwaukee 105, Golden State 111, Portland 108 and Seattle 133, San Antonio 117

Nuggets 126, Nets 117

David Thompson scored 34 points and Denver shot a sizzling 67 percent to down New Jersey George McGinnis backed Thompson by scoring 19 points, Dan Issel added 18 and Charlie Scott 17 Bernard King was tops for the Nets with 26 points

Clippers 110, Bulls 94

Nick Weatherspoon scored 19 points to lead seven other San Diego players in double figures as the Clippers downed Chicago. Weatherspoon scored nine of his points in a pivotal third quarter

Knicks 115, Bucks 105

Toby Knight scored 10 of his 12 points in the last eight minutes to spark New York to its first victory of the season Ray Williams led the Knicks with 26 points, followed by Bob McAdoo with 24 and Spencer Haywood with 21 Marques Johnson topped Milwaukee with 31

Warriors 111, Trail Blazers 108

John Lucas scored 19 of his career-high 35 points in the fourth quarter to pace Golden State Rookie Ron Brewer led Portland with 24 while Larry Steele added 22 Sonny Parker had 19 for the Warriors, now 2-2

SuperSonics 133, Spurs 117

Tom LaGarde scored a career-high 32 points to lead unbeaten Seattle to its fifth straight San Antonio's George Gervin led all scorers with 37 while five Sonics joined LaGarde in double figures, with Gus Williams' 21 leading the way

New programs underway to boost biking

WASHINGTON (UPI)— Even before new federal money becomes available, many programs are underway to boost bicycling.

—The U.S. Forest Service is building a bike trail to encircle Lake Tahoe in Nevada.

—Minnesota is undertaking "an attempt to link up all of Minnesota" with a 2,800-mile bikeway system. The state has 2 1 million cyclists.

—Los Angeles plans a 600-mile bikeway

—The General Services Administration is thinking of providing bike parking facilities in the 10,000 government buildings it runs

—New York City, whose mayor, Edward Koch, is an enthusiastic cyclist, has designated lanes reserved for bikes along some of the city's avenues

—The new subway system in Washington plans to install 6,000 bike lockers by 1985 at Metro stations

—Atlanta's new subway is installing parking posts

Rose Narrows List Of Acceptable Teams

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Will next year find Pete Rose in a Philadelphia Phillies uniform?

Or, will Rose be slapping hits off the "Green Monster" in Fenway Park?

Better yet, will Rose don the Yankee pin stripes in the city where Reggie Jackson is king?

And can Ray Kroc, the enterprising Padres' owner who made McDonald's into an American institution, tempt Rose to get up and get away to San Diego?

These questions and more spun off Friday from the latest development in the story of Pete Rose, free agent.

Rose named five American League and three National League teams he would "consider" playing for, besides the Reds. And he singled out Philadelphia as a team that would be "idealistic" for him.

Rose, who has declared himself a free agent after unproductive contract negotiations with the Cincinnati Reds, listed in alphabetical order the Boston Red Sox, California Angels, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees, Philadelphia, San Diego Padres, Texas Rangers and the Reds as teams he is willing to negotiate with after the Nov. 3 free agent draft.

"I can think of a couple of teams that I'd take less to go to than other teams on the list," Rose told one reporter. "I think the Philadelphia Phillies would be an idealistic team for me because of my association with some of the players on their ball club and the type of team they do have.

"See, some of those teams on that list are on that list because I feel I can still play the outfield. I'm not limited just to third base."

The 37-year-old switch hitter, who declared himself a free agent after the Reds failed to meet his contract demands, also said he would be "happy to have further talks" with the Reds, the only major league team he has played for in a 16-year career.

"As you know, I love playing baseball and could enjoy it anywhere, National or American League," Rose said in a prepared statement. "At this stage of my career, there are only certain teams on which my full worth would be realized and my ability would be best suited.

"Including every team wouldn't be realistic. There were two principle factors used in determining the teams. First, I'll be most helpful to a contending team. And, I'll be most helpful to an offensive team."

Rose said he had thought about which teams he would consider joining for some time, but noted he was not allowed under league rules to discuss the matter publicly until he declared himself a free agent.

Rose officially became a free agent Wednesday, making him eligible for the Nov. 3 draft. As many as 12 clubs can select Rose in the draft, and the Reds will be asked if they wish to negotiate with Rose too.

According to league rules, free agents must declare their intention of leaving the clubs they are with on Oct. 15 or any time during a 15-day period after the final World Series game Interested clubs are permitted to talk to them, but not sign them

Since clubs draft in reverse order of 1978 finish, the New York Mets will have first pick Free agents may negotiate with any of the teams that select them If a player remains unsigned by Feb 1, a second free agent draft is held

FOOTBALL SCORES

NOL
Galion 14, SHELBY 6
Tiffin Col 20, Bellevue 7
Bucyrus 24, Norwalk 14
Willard 26, U Sandusky 0

OTHER AREA SCORES
Plymouth 24, Lexington 0
Loudonville 66, Crestview 6
Col. Crawford 22, River Valley 9
Crestline 19, Mt Gilead 12
Mansfield Madison 14
Coshocton 7
New Philadelphia 13, Malabar 6
Clear Fork 35, Ontario 0
New London 51, Mapleton 6
Hopewell - Loudon 41, Lucas 12
Ridgedale 32, Mohawk 14
Elgin 26, Riverdale 0
Carey 15, Wynford 12
Cardington 20, Fredericktown 19
Sandusky Perkins 21, Clyde 13
Margaretta 22, Lakeside 7
Tiffin Calvert 21, Fremont St Joe 14
Sandusky 12, Elyria 7
Minerva 7, South Central 0
Port Clinton 14, Bedford (Mich) 9
Mt Vernon 35, Delaware 14
Wooster 21, Ashland 0

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

By United Press International
Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Washingtn	3	0	1.000	—
Philadelph	2	1	667	1
New Jersey	2	3	400	2
New York	1	2	333	2
Boston	1	3	250	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	2	0	1 000	—
Houston	3	1	750	—
San Antonio	3	2	600	½
New Orlens	2	2	500	1
Atlanta	1	2	333	1½
Detroit	0	4	000	3

Western Conference
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Denver	4	0	1 000	—
Indiana	1	1	500	2
Milwauke	1	2	.333	2½
Kansas City	1	2	333	2½
Chicago	1	3	250	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	5	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	3	1	750	1½
Golden Stat	2	2	500	2½
Portland	1	3	250	3½
San Diego	2	4	333	3½
Los Angeles	0	3	000	4

Friday's Results
Denver 126, New Jersey 117
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Saturday's Games
New Jersey at New York
New Orleans at Philadelphia
Detroit at Washington
Denver at Atlanta
Chicago at Cleveland
Boston at Houston
San Diego at Indiana
Milwaukee at Kansas City

Sunday's Games
Golden State at Milwaukee
San Antonio at Los Angeles
Phoenix at Portland

Anna Magnani Street in Rome

ROME (UPI)—The city of Rome is naming a street after Anna Magnani and Italian postal authorities are issuing a special stamp to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the late actress's death.

Miss Magnani, who became an international film star in Roberto Rossellini's "Open City," won an Oscar in 1956 for her role in the film "The Rose Tattoo"

Italians considered Miss Magnani their nation's greatest film actress of the post-war period

Special rates for sports

BAD HARZBURG, West Germany (UPI)—Bad Harzburg in Northern Germany's Harz mountains has come up with a special package for fans of tennis and horse riding

The seven-day tennis program, including room and breakfast, is offered for about $125 Seven days on horseback, also including room and breakfast, cost about $120

The fee includes admission to the sauna, swimming pool and a rail tour of the Harz mountains

HOCKEY STANDINGS

By United Press International
Campbell Conference
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Atlanta	3	0	2	8
NY Islanders	2	1	1	5
NY Rangers	1	0	3	5
Philadelphia	2	1	1	5

Smythe Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Chicago	2	0	2	6
Vancouver	2	3	1	5
St Louis	2	2	1	5
Colorado	0	4	1	1

Wales Conference
Norris Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	3	2	0	6
Detroit	1	2	2	4
Los Angeles	2	2	0	4
Washington	1	3	1	3
Pittsburgh	0	4	1	1

Adams Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Boston	4	0	1	9
Toronto	3	2	0	6
Buffalo	2	2	1	5
Minnesota	1	3	0	2

Friday's Results
Atlanta 7 Montreal 5
Los Angeles 6, Washington 4
St Louis 5, Colorado 5 (tie)
Boston 5 Vancouver 1

Saturday's Games
NY Rangers at NY Islanders
Philadelphia at Toronto
Washington at Pittsburgh
Minnesota at Detroit
Colorado at St Louis

Sunday's Games
Toronto at N Y Rangers
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Los Angeles at Montreal
Buffalo at Vancouver
Boston at Chicago

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It's said that creative endeavor is often self-rewarding — most often by book publishers who'd like to buy scripts for next to nothing.

Shelby Tankers Open Season

After one month of practicing, the newly formed Shelby Y Swimming Team will open their first season with an inter-squad meet on Saturday, October 28.

Eighty members of the Shelby Stingrays will compete in a 40 event meet to be run by volunteer swim team parents under the direction of Physical Director, Larry Cook.

Cook, who is also coach for the Stingrays, is hoping that the meet will better prepare his team for the dual meet season.

"The purpose of this meet is to provide experience in preparation for regular competition, and to create team spirit and enthusiasm," Cook said.

"The kids have been working very hard and deserve the opportunity to enjoy what they have learned so far."

Competition is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Warm up for the swimmers will qrecede starting at 12:30. Parents are asked to report at 12 noon. Spectators are welcome at no charge.

The pool will be in use by the swim team from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. followed by an open swim for Y members from 4 30 to 6 p.m

The schedule of meets for the 1978-79 Shelby Stingrays is as follows:

Oct. 28 - Team Swim Meet - Home; Nov. 11 - Fostoria - Home; Dec. 16 - Wauseon - Wauseon; Jan. 13 - Bucyrus - Home; Jan. 20 - Sandusky - Home; Jan. 27 - Bucyrus - Tiffin - Bucyrus; Feb. 24 - N.W.O.S.L. Boys Championships - Wauseon; Feb. 25 - N.W.O.S.L. Girls Championships - Wauseon

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