

# Bonds' feats deserve to be honored

When San Francisco leftfielder Barry Bonds' fly ball sailed over the fence at AT&T Park last Sunday for homerun number 715, he placed two African-Americans on the top of the records list 59 years after another player, Jackie Robinson, made history by opening the major leagues for them to play alongside their fair-skinned, White counterparts.

On April 15, 1974, after receiving an enormous amount of hate mail, Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron, playing for the Atlanta Braves, surpassed the record of George Herman "Babe" Ruth with the 715th home run on a pitch from the Los Angeles Dodgers lefthander, Al Downing — both African-Americans.



## SPORTS PACE

By Huel Washington

Since then, many have wondered if the pitch down the middle was a setup job or just a bad pitch and a good hitter.

One thing for sure, Byung-Hyun Kim, the Korean pitcher who goes into the record books as the 421st pitcher to become a homerun victim of Bonds, was doing his job and had a 3-2 count and was probably hoping for a strikeout instead the hitter's 715th homerun.

And moving into second place on the homerun list

behind Aaron's 755 in front of the sellout crowd of 42,935, was just what Bonds had been hoping to do ever since this season began in San Diego on April 3. He started with 707 and hit 714 in Oakland last week.

Bonds, born on July 24, 1964, was almost 10 years old when Aaron parked his homerun in the bullpen at Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium, and although young Bond's was witnessing history, the history-making im-

pact didn't really occur to him most likely.

Aaron probably hadn't set Babe Ruth's homerun record as his goal when he signed with the Milwaukee Braves in 1954 after becoming a player in the major leagues at only 20 years of age following a stint with the Indianapolis Clowns in the Negro League.

Aaron hit 44 homeruns in 1957, and for most of his 23-year career, he was one of the most feared homerun leaders in the major leagues while playing for the Braves and returning to Milwaukee before retiring in 1977.

He left the Braves with only 733 homeruns, adding 22 more when he went into the American League.

He ended his career with a .312 batting average, 755 homeruns, and 2,202 runs batted in and played in 12,364 games.

And although 41 homeruns are needed by Bonds to overtake Aaron at the top of the list, there is some speculation over whether Bond's injury-ridden body — three knee surgeries and bone chips in his elbow — would allow him to add any more seasons to his 20-year career.

The FBI tried to trap Bonds on charges of steroid consumption, but no matter what the final outcome of an investigation by the league, sports analyst John Kruk, a former major leaguer, said it best, "Hitting 715 homeruns is quite an accomplishment."

He should know because he was at one time one of the most feared hitters in the National League when he played with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Bonds said he didn't knowingly take steroids. The

key word here is "knowingly."

Even if his testimony is proven false, hitting over 700 homeruns is still something to be admired.

And he is still going at 41 years of age while taking many of the fitness enhancing, natural vitamins and herbal; supplements, like A, B, C, E, B12, K and Ginkgo Biloba.

Since coming back to the team that drafted him first, Bonds had treated Giants ticket holders to his other milestones — 500, 600, 700 and 660 and the 661st homeruns, the latter breaking his godfather Willie Mays' 659 career homeruns.

Can you imagine a baseball fan going to the line at AT&T Park to get beer and peanuts when Bonds is the next batter? That ball will bring a lot of money.

## Bonds

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more attention because of the steroid allegations. He has long denied ever knowingly taking steroids, though the new book "Game of Shadows" reveals his alleged longtime doping regimen the authors say began after the 1998 season when Bonds saw the attention Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa generated in their race for the single-season home run record. Bonds broke McGwire's mark of 70 by hitting 73 in

2001.

"I'm just wondering how much longer he can do it," Atlanta pitcher John Smoltz said. "He's the greatest — in my era — home run hitter I have ever seen."

Bonds was limited to 14 games in 2005 following three operations on his troublesome right knee, and Alou believes the seven-time NL MVP is still finding his groove at the plate because of a shortage of at-bats during spring training.

While Bonds hinted recently Aaron's mark might be out of reach, he sounded more upbeat Sunday, saying "If you keep playing long enough, anything's possible."

Another of his former managers was eager to congratulate the slugger.

"Nobody has a number to get to Barry, that's No. 1," said Cubs manager Dusty Baker, Bonds' skipper for 10 seasons with the Giants. "I called a couple of people and told them to deliver a message for me. That's quite an accomplishment, a tremendous accomplishment."

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