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Phan memories: Good call

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My favorite Phillies memory is from the first (1955) of the many opening days I attended. That's when Robin Roberts tossed no-hit ball against the Giants for 8 1/3 innings. The Phils won 4-2.

However, my best sports moment at a Phillies game occurred on Aug. 10, 1981. As a reporter, I covered the game for KYW Newsradio and (at that time) all Group W owned radio stations. My call of Pete Rose's hit, which set a new all-time National League

hit record is immortalized in Curt Smith's book "Voices of the Game."

"Pete Rose -- his average has dropped four points in this game -- hitting .326. Seventy-three base hits. The 0-one pitch from Littell. Swung on, ground ball, left field -- and there it is, a base hit for Pete Rose! Hit number 3,631! Pete Rose has broken Stan Musial's all-time National League hit record! He's congratulated by Ruben Amaro. And there go the fireworks! (There goes the other

number 14, Petey Rose out to congratulate his dad at first base, followed by Larry Bowa, Mike Schmidt, Del Unser, Billy DeMars, Nino Espinosa. There's Stan 'the man' Musial congratulating Pete Rose at first base.) Three thousand, six hundred and thirty-one balloons going up in the sky. And there's the banner dropped in left field, "Pete Rose, 3,631!"

-- M. Larry Litwin, Winslow



Nancy and M. Larry Litwin, who called Pete Rose's National League record hit for KYW in 1981.

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