



Cincinnati manager Terry Francona signals to his team against Colorado on Sunday.

AP PHOTO

Francona collects his 2,000th career victory

CINCINNATI (AP) Terry Francona has added another milestone to his impressive career. Francona became the 13th manager in major league history to reach 2,000 wins when the Cincinnati Reds beat the Colorado Rockies 4-2 on Sunday. Francona, 66, joins Texas' Bruce Bochy as the only active managers with at least 2,000 wins. Ten of the 12 other managers who have accumulated at least 2,000 wins are in the Hall of Fame. Bochy and Dusty Baker (2,183), who isn't yet eligible, are the only exceptions. Francona is the fourth man to record his 2,000th win for

one of the teams from his playing career (he batted .227 in 102 games for the Reds in 1987). The others are Bochy (San Francisco), Bucky Harris (Detroit) and John McGraw (New York Giants). Francona's regular-season record is 2,000-1,719 in 24 seasons. He led Boston to World Series titles in 2004 and '07, and Cleveland to the Fall Classic in 2016. His teams have reached the postseason 11 times. He had a franchise-record 921 wins in 11 years with Cleveland, 744 in seven seasons with Boston and 285 in his first stop at Philadelphia,

including his first victory as a skipper on April 1, 1997, against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Francona is 50-47 in his first season with Cincinnati after signing a three-year deal with a club option for 2028. "I think I'm OK," Francona said about his first year back after taking last season off. "I got to the point physically where I couldn't enjoy the grind. It's a grind for everybody, but when you feel OK you like going through it with the people you care about. It just got to a point where it was getting the best of me before losing patience and stuff like that."

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TODAY

MLB

8 p.m. — 2025 T-Mobile Home Run Derby: From Atlanta..... ESPN
8 p.m. — 2025 T-Mobile Home Run Derby: From Atlanta (Statcast Edition) ESPN2

NBA

4:30 p.m. — Summer League: Atlanta vs. Houston, Las Vegas..... NBATV
6 p.m. — Summer League: Chicago vs. Indiana, Las Vegas..... ESPN
6:30 p.m. — Summer League: Charlotte vs. Dallas, Las Vegas..... NBATV
8 p.m. — Summer League: Boston vs. Miami, Las Vegas..... ESPN
8:30 p.m. — Summer League: Utah vs. San Antonio, Las Vegas..... NBATV
10 p.m. — Summer League: Phoenix vs. Sacramento, Las Vegas..... ESPN
10:30 p.m. — Summer League: L.A. Clippers vs. L.A. Lakers, Las Vegas..... NBATV

MEN'S SOCCER

5:25 a.m. (Tuesday) — Club Friendly: Wrexham AFC at Sydney FC..... CBSSN

TENNIS

6 a.m. — Gstaad-ATP, Bastad-ATP, Hamburg-WTA, Iasi-WTA Early Rounds..... TENNIS
8 p.m. — Los Cabos-ATP Early Rounds..... TENNIS

TUESDAY

MLB

8 p.m. — 2025 MLB All-Star Game: American League vs. National League, Atlanta..... FOX

NBA

4:30 p.m. — Summer League: Minnesota vs. Detroit, Las Vegas..... NBATV
6 p.m. — Summer League: Brooklyn vs. New York, Las Vegas..... ESPN2
6:30 p.m. — Summer League: Oklahoma City vs. Orlando, Las Vegas..... NBATV
8:30 p.m. — Summer League: Philadelphia vs. Washington, Las Vegas..... NBATV

CALENDAR

The 16th Region Coaches Association All-Star Game will be played on Tuesday at 7. The event will take place at Grayson Sports Park and it will be a nine-inning game. Admission will be \$5.00. Officials ask that you bring your own chair.

SPARKS

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wanted to concentrate on the game. As the story unfolded, at one point, my father asked my mother to be quiet. Well, those famous last words cost him. Dearly. My father and his fiancée took a much-needed break and left the game to continue the conversation at home, where I imagine my father did none of the talking for the rest of the night, other than to offer an apology. My father didn't get to see the National League score three runs in the ninth inning. Morgan recorded the tying run to send it to extras. He didn't get to hang around to watch Rose infamously run over Cleveland catcher Ray Fosse at home plate to score the winning run in the 12th inning. Coincidentally, Fosse suffered a break in the collision. He broke a bone in his shoulder and his career would never be the same. The play epitomizes something that I've heard many times in my life. "It's only a game." Rose took heat for his body check in an exhibition game. It's how Charlie Hustle got his nickname and why he was loved by so many people. But sometimes it's best to take the foot off the accelerator. The All-Star Game can symbolize something else. It's the only time Major Leaguers can play solely for fun. You can argue that they have fun every day, but when you compete in any sport, you are playing with one goal in mind. You are constantly being graded and your spot is never guaranteed. We face the same as adults, constantly performing to secure our spot or making sure we are providing for loved ones. I had these thoughts,



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Cincinnati's Pete Rose slams into Cleveland catcher Ray Fosse to score the winning run for the National League during the 12th inning of the All-Star Game in Cincinnati on July 14, 1970.

watching and covering the Little League 10U All-Stars softball state championship on Thursday night. The players are out there having fun. Of course, there was a state title on the line, but the kids' enjoyment and fun they experienced playing the game were the ultimate prize. We lose that along the way as we get older. So, after I recovered from my heat stroke Thursday night, I decided to give myself a break. It's not easy finding your place in life at 50 years old. The grind can't compare to a long season or a postseason schedule. It also proves that it's never too late. *The Daily Independent* has been a staple in the community for over a century. It was the main source for news and sports before technology gave us other options to turn to every day. It will remain that way. Will you still get our best? Absolutely. Will we still attempt to cover as much as we can? Of course. My predecessors are some of the best reporters you will find

anywhere. It's a privilege to sit in their chair and share the same title they once held. It means a lot to me to keep the section at the high standard they set, but I finally

learned one thing: it can't mean everything. We miss the fun along the way when you set such high expectations for yourself. Fall is the best sports

season. Teams returned to practice on Thursday

after their mandatory two-week summer break. We still have much to do in July. The 16th Region All-Star softball game will be played this week. Our annual football practice tour will be in the paper this weekend. The golf, soccer, volleyball and cross country seasons are fast approaching. Preparations for the football preview are underway, and we will announce the 2024-25 Tony Curnutte Memorial Male and Female Sportsman of the Year at the end of the month. You have to work for what you want, but take the time to enjoy it once you get it. We all need a break at times because there's one statement I never want to hear. "You're no fun anymore."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Boyd County EMS will hold their quarterly board meeting, on Thursday July 17th at 2:30pm. This will be held at the downtown bldg. at 2758 Greenup Avenue.
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