



Jim Rooker

Jim debuted with the Detroit Tiger in 1968 by pitching in 2 games with the team that won the World Series that year. He was traded to Kansas City for the 1969 season where Jim played through to the end of the 1973 season.

His pitching career took off when he was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates for the 1973 season. He won 82 games over the next 8 seasons with the Pirates, peaking in '74 and '76 with 15 wins in each season. Jim was a member of the 1979 World Series winning Pirates. He pitched 3 2/3 innings of scoreless relief in Game 1 of the Series and helped the Pirates turn the tide against the Orioles in Game 5 with a remarkable effort.

Jim retired as an active player after the 1980 season and in 1981 he took up residence in the Pirates broadcast booth where he remained until 1993. He joined ESPN as a baseball analyst in 1994.

During his playing career, Jim was the Pirates player rep in 1974 and 1975. In 1989, Jim raised \$85,000 for charity by walking 320 miles from Veteran's Stadium in Philadelphia to Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh.

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