



## **Joe Rudi**

Joe was the quiet, unnoticed, underrated superstar of the Oakland A's. Joe actually made his major league debut when the A's were in Kansas City in 1967, the year before the team moved to Oakland. By 1970, he started to get a more significant number of at bats and he was a key member of the A's teams that won the World Series in 1972, 1973 and 1974. In 1972, he finished second in MVP voting in the American League and named an all-star on the strength of a .305 batting average, 19 home runs and 75 runs batted in. In 1974, he was again second in MVP voting and an all-star this time with a .293 average with 22 home runs and 99 RBI. He was an all-star again in 1975 and garnered MVP votes in both 1975 and 1976. He won a Gold Glove for fielding in 1974, 1975 and 1976. And he batted .300 in his 3 World Series combined. Are you seeing the picture of Joe Rudi – a model of consistency.

In 1977, Joe signed with the California Angels and spent 4 seasons in Anaheim. He then signed with the Boston Red Sox for the 1981 season before returning to the A's for his last season in 1982.

His stats may not blow the reader away, but Joe Rudi was a clutch ball player who played his best in the big games. That's what winners do.

Joe is now a successful real estate broker.... And I'll bet he's the best when the game is on the line!

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