



Jon Matlack

How would you like to be an outstanding young pitcher but still not get a lot of recognition even on your own team? Imagine being Jon Matlack and winning the 1972 National League Rookie of the Year Award, but be a pitcher on the same team as Nolan Ryan, Tom Seaver, and Jerry Koosman. That was Jon's lot with the New York Mets.

In his 13 year career, Jon achieved a 125-126 record with a 3.18 ERA. The earned run average tells you that Jon was a very good pitcher, moreso than the .500 won-loss record. He made



the all-star three consecutive years from 1974 to 1976 and was the MVP of the 1975 all-star game. In 1974 and 1976, he led the NL in shutouts and had four 15 win seasons.

After the 1977 season, Jon was traded by the Mets to the Texas Rangers in a complicated 4 team trade involving names such as Al Oliver, Bert Blyleven, Willie Montenez, Tom Grieve and John Milner. He spent the next 6 seasons with the Rangers after spending his first 7 with the Mets.



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