



## **Reggie Smith**

Reggie made his Major League debut late in 1966 with the Boston Red Sox. In 1967, his rookie season, he finished second to Rod Carew for American League Rookie of the Year. In 1974, Reggie was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals where he hit the 100 RBI mark. In mid-1976 he was traded again to the Los Angeles Dodgers where he had some fantastic seasons. He ended his MLB career in 1982 with the San Francisco Giants before spending two seasons in Japan before retiring as a player.

During Reggie's 7 seasons with the Red Sox, he hit 149 home runs and drove in 536 runs both team records for a switch hitter. In 1968, he garnered a Gold Glove Award as a centerfielder, with 390 putouts, and in 1970, notched an amazing fifteen outfield assists.

Reggie hit twenty or more doubles for nine straight seasons, twice leading the American League. His 314 career home runs place him fourth all-time on the switch-hitters list. He appeared in seven All-Star games during his 17 year career and played in four World Series, winning in 1981 with the Dodgers. Reggie garnered MVP votes in 7 different seasons including two consecutive seasons (1977 & 1978) in which he finished fourth in balloting.

After his playing career ended, the Dodgers brought him back to be their Minor League Coordinator. Later, Reggie became the Dodgers' hitting instructor and first base coach. Reggie was named the hitting instructor of the United States baseball team for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. He coached the ragtag bunch of minor league players who stunned a heavily-favored Cuban team in the Gold Medal game.

Billy Crystal hired Reggie to be the technical consultant on 61,\* the film depicting the 1961 home run race between Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris. With precious little time, Reggie trained the stars to literally become the M&M boys.

Today, Reggie consults with major league baseball organizations, conducts youth baseball camps throughout the year, offers private and small-group instruction for players of all levels, as well as trains and certifies coaches for various amateur and school baseball leagues from around the world.

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