



Tippy Martinez

In a game in August, 1983, Tippy accomplished the near-impossible. Against the Toronto Blue Jays, he got all 3 outs in the 10th inning by picking runners off first base. Now that's a crafty left-hander.

Tippy debuted with the New York Yankees in 1974 where he played until mid 1976 when he was a part of a blockbuster deal with the Baltimore Orioles. Tippy was sent to the Birds along with Rick Dempsey, Rudy May and Scott McGregor in exchange for Ken Holtzman, Doyle Alexander, Grant Jackson and Elrod Hendricks.

With Baltimore, Tippy blossomed and became one of the best relievers in the game. He was an all-star in 1983 and was usually among the top 10 relievers in the league in saves. He appeared in the World Series twice, losing against the Pirates in 1979 and winning against the Phillies in 1983. He finished his playing career with a few brief appearances for the Minnesota Twins in 1988.

Tippy was always known as a gentleman and classy individual and remains so to this day. He accepted the Lord as his Savior while with the Orioles when the late Pat Kelly, who later became a pastor, shared of Jesus' sacrifice with him.

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