



Art Shamsky

Art Shamsky is rightly remembered as a key member of the “Miracle Mets”. The popularity of the 1969 New York Mets is everlasting and Art maintains, “There isn’t a day that goes by that someone doesn’t want to talk to me about the 1969 Mets.” Art began his MLB career in 1965 with the Cincinnati Reds and in his second year in the league hit 21 home runs with 47 RBI in only 234 at bats, an amazing feat. He was traded to the New York Mets in the winter of 1967 and was a major part of the team that won the 1969 World Championship by defeating the Baltimore Orioles. During the championship season, Art batted .300 and led the Mets in the National League Playoffs batting .537 vs. the Atlanta Braves with seven hits in thirteen at-bats. In addition to being part of that incredible New York Met team, Art had another rare distinction. In 1966, while still with Reds, he tied a Major League record by hitting four consecutive home runs in four at-bats over two games. He is the only player in MLB history to hit three home runs in a game who was not in the starting lineup when the game began. Also, two of the three home runs came in extra innings. The fourth home run was hit as a pinch-hitter in the following game. The bat used to accomplish the feat of four consecutive home runs is on display in Baseball’s Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Since his retirement from baseball, Art has maintained his visibility in New York City working in different endeavors. He has been an entrepreneur owning a number of restaurants and real estate projects. He has also worked as an on-camera sports broadcaster in New York City, on ESPN Television, and as a broadcaster for The New York Mets, doing play-by-play and color commentary, on radio and television. In addition, Art hosted a talk show on WFAN Sports Radio and has written featured guest editorials for the sports section of the New York Times.

Art is the author of “*The Magnificent Seasons*”, a book about the New York Jets, New York Mets, and the New York Knicks, all winning championships, ironically all for the first time in their history, in the period 1969-1970. Also, Art has been featured on the cover of Bazaar Magazine and appeared on the popular television sit-com “Everyone Loves Raymond.” In the series, one of the main characters is an Art Shamsky fan, who names his dog “Shamsky.” In the summer of 2007, Art managed the Modiin Miracle of the professional Israel Baseball League and in 2012 was named “Ambassador” for Baseball for the Israel Association of Baseball. Art maintains his residence in New York and continues to make personal appearances and speaking engagements.

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