



Bert Blyleven

Bert Blyleven was the master of the greatest curveball ever thrown in baseball and was justly awarded enshrinement into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2011 after 14 years on the ballot. Need some statistics to back that up? Consider these:

- 287 wins - 25th on the All-Time list
- 3.31 career Earned Run Average
- 4,970 innings pitched - 13th on the All-Time
- 3,701 strikeouts - 5th on the All-Time list
- 685 career starts - 8th on the All-Time list
- 242 Complete games
- 60 shutouts - 9th on the All-Time list
- 15 (1-0 wins) - 3rd on the All-Time list
- One of only three pitchers to ever win a Major League game before his 20th birthday and also win a Major League game after his 40th birthday.
- Played on two World Series teams: 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates and the 1987 Minnesota Twins
- Two-Time All-Star: 1973 and 1985
- Won 20 games in 1973

As a teammate, Bert was known as a practical joker and master of the hot-foot where he would set his teammates shoelaces on fire.

The Netherlands-born Bert spent his early years in Canada before being raised in California. He played 22 seasons for five teams: Minnesota Twins, Texas Rangers, Pittsburgh Pirates, Cleveland Indians and California Angels. He has been a broadcaster for the Twins since 1995.

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