



Fergie Jenkins

Fergie Jenkins Fergie Jenkins is the first Canadian in the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was the winner of 284 career games and many of that total was amassed with inferior teams. Imagine what he could have accomplished if he had played on some first division teams. Fergie hit the magical 20-win mark an astonishing seven times in his career. In 1971, he won the National League's coveted Cy Young Award as the best pitcher in the league.

Fergie was originally signed by the Philadelphia Phillies who, in one of the worst trades ever, dealt Fergie to the Chicago Cubs where he flourished into one of the league's premier pitchers winning 147 games over the next 8 seasons, including 6 consecutive seasons of 20 or more wins. Jenkins was traded by the Cubs to the Texas Rangers for the 1974 season and Fergie paid immediate dividends by winning a career high 25 games in his first season in Arlington. He spent the '76 and '77 seasons with the Red Sox before returning to Texas for 4 more seasons. He finished out his career with 2 seasons with the Cubs before retiring at the conclusion of the 1983 season.



In subsequent years, Baseball America, baseball's premier magazine, named Jenkins as the second best "control pitcher" in the history of baseball!! In his career, Fergie walked only 997 batters while striking out 3,192 – an amazing ratio (less than 2 bases on ball per 9 inning game).

But Fergie has encountered many trials in his life which have served to make him the strong and humble man that he is today. He has lost both his wife and his young daughter in separate tragedies. Fergie uses the love he has for his family as a driving force behind his numerous charitable activities. He is a popular speaker and touches the hearts of his audience. He remains an icon in Canada where he was born and raised and still spends much of his time.