



Mike Torrez

Mike Torrez is an 18 year veteran of major league baseball. He is known for winning two games in the 1977 World Series for the New York Yankees against the Los Angeles Dodgers, both of them complete games giving up only 5 earned runs across 18 innings. Mike is also known for the “other side” of the equation for having given up Bucky Dent’s famous home run while pitching for the Boston Red Sox against the Yankees in the 1978 AL East tie-breaker game.

Torrez began his long MLB career with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1967 at the tender age of 20 and pitched for the team through 1971 with his best season coming in 1969 when he went 10-4. In 1971, he was traded to the Montreal Expos where he won 16 games in 1972 and another 15 in 1974. After that season, he was traded with Ken Singleton for Dave McNally and was on his way to the Baltimore Orioles.

The 1975 season was a great one for Mike in Baltimore as he won 20 games for the only time in his career going 20-9. Coming off that successful season, Torrez was packaged up in another blockbuster deal with Don Baylor and sent to the Oakland A’s for Reggie Jackson and Ken Holzman. After winning 16 games for the A’s he was dealt yet again, this time to the Yankees for Dock Ellis.



In his only season in the Big Apple, Mike won 14 games and then had his World Series heroics and was the winning pitcher in the clinching game, game 6. Following that season, he signed as a free agent with the Boston Red Sox. He won 16 games in a season twice in his 5 seasons (1978-1982) in Beantown. Torrez was then dealt to the New York Mets to be a mentor for their young pitching staff and finished his career in 1984 with a short stint back with the A’s.