



Juan Guzman

Juan was a terrific pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays World Series championship teams of the early 1990's. In his first 3 years in the league, from 1991 to 1993, he won 40 games while losing just 11 for a .784 winning percentage. In fact, in 1993, his 14-3 record yielded an .824 winning percentage which led the American League. He also pitched in the post-season those 3 years and had a 5-1 record with a 2.44 Earned Run Average when the chips were on the table. He picked up two rings for his contributions, in 1992 and 1993.

Guzman had many great seasons in Toronto including being an all-star in 1992 and winning the American League pitching title in 1996 with an ERA of 2.93. Juan toiled for the Blue Jays for 7.5 seasons. Toronto fans nicknamed him the "Human Rain Delay" as he worked slowly and deliberately on the mound.

In the midst of the 1998 season, he was dealt to the Baltimore Orioles before being dealt again mid-season 1999 to the Cincinnati Reds. He finished his career by playing a single game for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in 2000.

Guzman finished his career with a 91-79 record and a 4.08 ERA. His good fastball and clutch pitching allowed him to strike out 7.5 batters per 9 innings over his career. He was one of many outstanding Dominican players that the Toronto scouts pulled out of poverty in the DR and received great play from during their glory years of back-to-back World Series Championships.

Today, Juan runs the Juan Guzman Foundation whose purpose is to bring the love of God to children in Latin countries. He is an ordained minister who published his testimony in a book titled Yes You Can.

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