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KENNY ROGERS ELECTED TO TEXAS RANGERS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

He will be inducted as the Hall's 14th member on Saturday, August 6

Arlington, Texas—Kenny Rogers, who pitched in more games than any player in club history, has been elected as the 14th member of the Texas Rangers Baseball Hall of Fame, it was announced today.

Rogers will be inducted into the Rangers Hall of Fame during pre-game ceremonies on Saturday, August 6 before the Rangers 7:05 p.m. game with the Cleveland Indians.

The left-hander spent a total of 12 years with the club over three separate stints (1989-95; 2000-02; 2004-05), the longest tenure of any pitcher in team history. In addition to being the Rangers all-time leader with 528 pitching appearances, Rogers ranks second lifetime with 133 wins and 1909.0 innings, is third in games started (252) and strikeouts (1201), and places fourth in relief appearances (276).

Rogers won 10 or more games in nine different seasons, posting at least 16 victories on three different occasions. He led the Rangers in wins six times, including a club record 18 victories by a lefthander in 2004. Rogers had a 77-42 (.647) record at Arlington Stadium and Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, the most lifetime wins ever for a pitcher in Arlington.

A four time selection as the Rangers Pitcher of the Year (1994-1995-2002-2005), Rogers was selected to three All-Star teams (1995-2004-2005) and won three Gold Gloves (2002-2004-2005) as a member of the Rangers.

A 39th round selection by Texas in the June 1982 amateur draft out of Plant City (FL) High School, Rogers did not pitch at all until his first professional season as the high school outfielder was drafted based on arm strength. He spent seven seasons in the minors before making the major league club out of spring training in 1989 as a reliever. He made just 12 starts in 286 total games from 1989-92, including an A.L. high 81 appearances in 1992, before joining the rotation fulltime the following year.

Rogers retired all 27 batters he faced on July 28, 1994 vs. the California Angels in Arlington. At the time, it was just 11th regular season perfect game in major league history, the first for an American League left-hander. The following season, he established a club record with 39.0 consecutive scoreless innings from May 6-June 1 before signing with the New York Yankees as a free agent at the end of the year.

He signed with Texas as a free agent prior to 2000 and ranked third in the A.L. with 227.1 innings that season. After spending the 2003 season with Minnesota, Rogers returned to the Rangers and won 32 games over the next two seasons. He pitched his final three seasons with Detroit, winning 17 regular season games and three more in the postseason in the Tigers' 2006 run to the World Series.

Overall, Rogers was 219-156 in 762 major league games in a 20-year career with the Rangers, Yankees (1996-97), A's (1998-99), Mets (1999), Twins (2003), and Tigers (2006-08).

Beginning with the 2009 inductions, a selection committee meets to consider individuals for the Hall of Fame based on their playing contributions in every odd year. In even years, individuals in a non-playing capacity are considered for induction.

The Texas Rangers Hall of Fame plaques are located in the Rangers Hall of Fame exhibit in the space previously occupied by the Legends of the Game Baseball Museum.

In addition to the on-field ceremony on August 6, Rogers will be honored at the Dr Pepper Texas Rangers Hall of Fame Luncheon on Friday, August 5 at the Sheraton Arlington. In addition to Rogers, Rangers Hall of Famers Rusty Greer, Tom Grieve, Toby Harrah, Nolan Ryan, Ruben Sierra, and Jim Sundberg will be among the guests at the luncheon, which benefits the Texas Rangers Baseball Foundation. Tickets are priced at \$50 for individuals and \$500 for tables of eight that include Rangers Alumni/Celebrity (subject to availability). For tickets to the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m, please call 817-436-5933 or e-mail texasrangers.com/halloffame.

TEXAS RANGERS BASEBALL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS (Year Inducted in parentheses)

Charlie Hough (2003)	Mark Holtz (2005)
Johnny Oates (2003)	John Wetteland (2005)
Nolan Ryan (2003)	Rusty Greer (2007)
Jim Sundberg (2003)	Toby Harrah (2009)
Buddy Bell (2004)	Ruben Sierra (2009)
Ferguson Jenkins (2004)	Tom Grieve (2010)
Tom Vandergriff (2004)	Kenny Rogers (2011)

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