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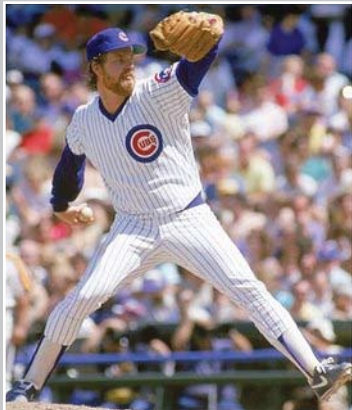
# RICK SUTCLIFFE DAY

Thursday, May 7, 2009

VAN HORN HIGH SCHOOL vs. ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL  
at R.J. Roper Stadium

(131 S. Carlisle Ave & the newly dedicated Rick Sutcliffe Drive, Sugar Creek, MO 64054)

*Celebrate with VHHS alumni, coaches, teachers and players!*



RICK SUTCLIFFE is a 1974 Van Horn High School graduate where he was an All-State and All-American athlete in baseball, football and basketball. In 1974, Rick began his career by being drafted by the LA Dodgers in the first round. His 19-year span in the Majors includes eight years with the Chicago Cubs and several highlights and awards, comprising Rookie of the Year, three-time All-Star, Cy Young Award and the United States Junior Chamber Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award. Since 2002, Rick has been working as an ESPN television sportscaster (Wednesday Game of the Week).

## SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING

- 5:00PM** **Rick Sutcliffe** addresses players and community
- 5:30PM** *Pitching Clinic for VHHS and SMHS players*
- 6:30PM** **OPENING CEREMONY**  
*Retiring of the #17 jersey presented by Independence School District*  
*Comments by Senator Victor Callahan*  
*Outstanding Missourian Award presented by Missouri State Representative Ray Salva*  
*Street Dedication presented by the City of Sugar Creek*
- 7:15PM** **GAME TIME**  
*Play-by-play with KC radio legend David Lawrence, Missouri State Representative Ray Salva and VHHS alum Fred Coats*  
*Rain out date Friday, May 8, 2009*

*Enter the raffle to win signed sports memorabilia from various pro-athletes.*

PRESENTED BY:



Van Horn High School  
Booster Club



Independence  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Inspiring Greatness*

THE SUTCLIFFE FOUNDATION



# RICK SUTCLIFFE “RED BARON”

## PERSONAL:

- Born June 21, 1956
- Van Horn High School, class 1974 (Independence, MO)
- Married Robin Ross, VHHS class of 1977
- Daughter Shelby
- Pitcher
- Threw: Right
- Batted: Left

## CAREER:

- Van Horn High School (1971-1974)
- Baseball: All-State, All-American
- Football: All-State, All-American
- Basketball: All-State, All-American
- Sugar Creek Merchants (1971-1973)
  - Drafted in 1974
  - First round by the LA Dodgers
- Sponsored Sugar Creek Sutcliffe Slugger (1982-1989)
- MLB Debut: September 29, 1976 for the LA Dodgers
- Last MLB appearance: July 22, 1994 for the St. Louis Cardinals

## CAREER STATISTICS:

- Win-Loss record: 171-139
- ERA: 4.08
- Strikeouts: 1,679

## TEAMS:

- Los Angeles Dodgers 5 yr (1976, 1978-1981)
- Cleveland Indians 3 yr (1982-1984)
- Chicago Cubs 8 yr (1984-1991)
- Baltimore Orioles 2 yr (1992-1993)
- St. Louis Cardinals 1 yr (1994 – Strike year)
- Post-Season Appearances
  - 1984 National League Championship Series
  - 1989 National League Championship Series

## CURRENT:

- 2002 - ESPN television sportscaster (Wednesday Game of the Week)
- Living in Lee's Summit, MO

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS AND AWARDS

- 1974 First round draft choice by LA Dodgers
- 1979 NL Rookie of the Year
- 1982 AL ERA Champion, Cleveland Indians
- 3 X All-Star selection (1983, 1987 and 1989)
- 1984 NL Cy Young, Chicago Cubs
- 1984 Finished fourth in the league MVP voting
- 1984 Started Sutcliffe Foundation (Van Horn HS Scholarship and many others)
- 1985 Highest paid player in MLB
- 1987 Roberto Clemente Award: recognizes the player who best exemplifies the game of baseball, sportsmanship, community involvement and the individual's contribution to his team.
- 1987 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award
- 1987 NL Comeback Player of the Year
- 1987 Led the National League in games won (18). Finished second in the league's Cy Young
- 1984 & 1987 2 X Pitcher of the Year
- 1988 Pitched the First Night Game at Wrigley Field
- 1988 Jaycess' Ten Outstanding Young Americans recognize and honors ten Americans each year who exemplify the best attributes of the nation's young people, aged 18 through 40.
- 1992 AL Comeback Player of the Year (Only player to win in both leagues!)
- 1992 Pitched the first ever game at Camden Yards in Baltimore
- 1995 Inducted to Chicago Cubs Hall of Fame
- 2004 Inducted to Missouri Sports Hall of Fame
- Pitched in front of 3 Presidents – Reagan, Bush and Clinton
- 2009 Outstanding Missourian Award recognizes residents who benefit their community through civic service or outstanding accomplishments. Candidates are nominated by their state representative and approved by the speaker of the house

## **Through The Sutcliffe Foundation, Rick has done several programs over the years:**

- While in Chicago, he purchased 50 tickets to every game and donated them (along with a Sutcliffe Foundation T-shirt to various groups – Boys and Girls Clubs, church groups, rest homes, hospitals and the military. He also did a food giveaway at Christmas each year.)
- Also in Chicago, he established a scholarship program for underprivileged students in that city – kids that would otherwise have been deprived of the college opportunity. The foundation received hundreds of applications and gave out 15 or so scholarships each year.
- Rick also established the scholarship program at Van Horn and scholarships have been given to students there over the past 20 or so years.
- Over the past few years, the Foundation has made donations on an annual basis to several established and deserving charitable organizations, including the following:

*Kanakuk Kamps*

*Reformed University Ministries*

*World Vision*

*Help Give Hope*

*Rancho Coastal Humane Society*

*K-Love Radio Network*

*United Cerebral Palsy*

*Woods Chapel United Methodist Church*

*Fellowship of Christian Athletes*

*Junior Golf Division of KC Golf Association*

*The San Diego Foundation (After-The-Fires Fund)*

*The Children's Center in Oklahoma City*

*Campus Crusade For Christ*

*Fellowship Bible Church*

*Sunshine Center*

*Animals Best Friends*

*Rockman Tournament*