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Dave Cash

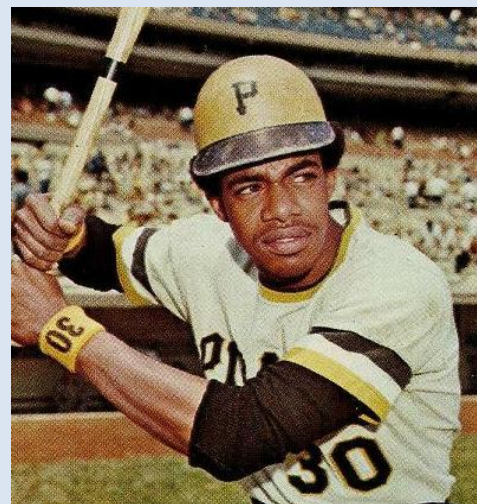


Dave Cash batted over .300 in some seasons and yet was squeezed out of the Pittsburgh Pirates line-up – how can that be. How about names like Bill Mazeroski, Rennie Stennett and Willie Randolph?! These are all second basemen pushing for time in Pittsburgh with the Pirates in the early 1970's. Dave began his career with the Pirates in 1969 and played with the team through the 1973 season. That means he won the World Series with the 1971 Pirates over the favored Baltimore Orioles. In that same season, on September 1st, Dave was a part of something that had never been done and hasn't been done since. Dave played 3rd base for the Pirates when manager Danny Murtaugh fielded the first all-black line-up in major league baseball history.

At the conclusion of the 1973 season, Pittsburgh, desperate for pitching, ill-advisedly traded Dave to the rival Philadelphia Phillies for pitcher Ken Brett whose best attribute was that he was George's brother. In his three years in the City of Brotherly Love, Dave flourished. He was an all-star every year, and in both 1974 and 1975, he hit over .300 and collected over 200 hits.

For the 1977 season, Dave signed as a free agent with the Montreal Expos. He had two strong seasons in "la belle province" but in 1979, he lost his starting job at second although his average was a career high .321. Dave finished his playing career with the San Diego Padres in 1980.

Dave stayed in baseball coaching and managing and made it back to the major leagues as the first base coach for the Orioles before mysteriously being demoted. Hard to believe the Orioles couldn't use a winner like Dave.



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