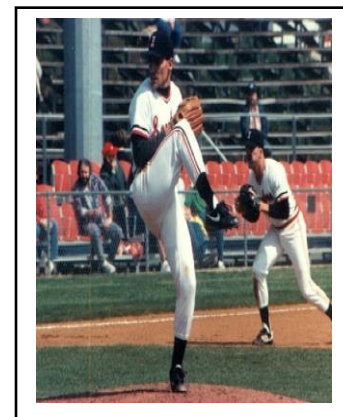


RANDY TOMLIN

A “whiffleball” bat and steady supply of acorns and rocks provided a young Randy Tomlin with the materials needed to commence his quest for a career in major league baseball. Encouraged by his parents who taught him to throw and catch a baseball early in life, he practiced for hours to perfect his skills in the backyard of his Madison Heights home, playing imaginary World Series games and ultimately following that dream to two National League Championship Series with the Pittsburgh Pirates.



He first taste of organized sports came as a batboy with his father’s softball team; he then moved on to youth leagues, playing for Davis Plumbing. In Dixie Youth baseball, Tomlin played on 4 teams that made World Series appearances.

At ACHS, the honor student starred not only in the classroom but also on the athletic fields, as a quarterback and safety on the football team, and pitcher on the baseball team led by Amherst Hall of Fame Coach Jim Procopio. Tomlin was named an all-star selection from the district to state levels in both sports.

Tomlin earned a baseball scholarship to play at Liberty University, where he played under Coaches Al Worthington and Bobby Richardson, both former major leaguers. Drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1988, he made his major league debut in August 1990, and was part of their success in the early 1990s. The lefthander started 94 games as a major league pitcher. Under Manager Jim Leyland, the Pirates won their division three consecutive years, enabling Tomlin to make three appearances in playoff games.

Randy Tomlin has stayed in baseball in multiple coaching capacities, developing future major league pitchers, teaching all to respect the game and instilling a foundation of Christian values at every level. Currently as head coach at Liberty Christian Academy, he leads a team that is a consistent contender for the state championship among independent secondary schools.

Randy Leon Tomlin – June 14, 1966

Career Highlights

- Youth Sports: Football – Amelon Bruins, Monelison Junior High; Baseball – Madison Heights Dixie Youth, 4 World Series team appearances; American Legion baseball; Monelison Junior High
- ACHS: Football – All-District, All-Area, All-State, MVP (2), U.S. National Football Award; Baseball – 3 years, Western District Championship team (1984), All-District, All-Area, All-State, MVP
- Liberty University: Baseball – 1985-88, currently holds many all-time pitching records
- Professional Baseball: 5-year major league career with Pittsburgh Pirates; appeared in 106 games; earned 30 wins as a pitcher; career 3.43 ERA; two National League Championship Series (1991-1992), with 3 appearances
- Coaching: Liberty University pitching coach (1997-2007), Big South championships (2), NCAA Regionals (2), 1st Liberty win in Regionals; Washington Nationals organization (2007-11), Carolina League champions (A, 2008), team ERA title (2010), AA All-Star coach (2011), coached 18 future major league pitchers; Liberty Christian Academy, 2 VIC championships