

**Lou Piniella**  
**Former Major League Baseball Manager**

Known for his fiery personality and contagious passion for the game, Lou Piniella redefined the manager position in baseball. In 23 seasons as a manager, he amassed 1,835 wins, ranking him 14<sup>th</sup> in Major League history and fourth among active managers.

According to the former Chicago Cubs General Manager, Jim Hendry, “Lou exudes success, is an excellent leader, and brings a humble, confident swagger to our entire organization.”

In 23 seasons with the New York Yankees (1986-88), Cincinnati Reds (1990-92), Seattle Mariners (1993-2002), Tampa Bay Devil Rays (2003-05), and Chicago Cubs (2007-10), Piniella compiled a 1,835-1,713 (.517) managerial record. He was the only manager to lead two teams to wire-to-wire finishes, accomplishing the feat with Cincinnati in 1990 and Seattle in 2001.

Piniella was a three-time Baseball Writers Association of America Manager of the Year selection and a two-time *The Sporting News* Manager of the Year selection (1995 and 2001). His teams posted winning seasons 14 times, including the Seattle Mariners all-time record 116 victories in 2001.

He went to the postseason 12 times total during his major league career – seven times as a manager and five times as a player. In addition, he went to the World Series five times, winning twice as a player with the Yankees and once as manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

In his final stint as a manager with the Cubs, he led the organization to three-straight winning seasons including consecutive National League Central Division titles in 2007 and 2008, and was the first Cubs manager in more than 70 years to post a record of .500 or better in his first three years. He managed the club to 265 victories during his first three seasons, the third-highest total for any Cubs manager in that time frame.

In 2008, the Baseball Writers Association of America named Piniella the National League Manager of the Year as the Cubs led the league with a 97-64 record. The 65-year-old manager earned a \$100,000 bonus for winning and donated it to the team’s charity partner, McCormick Foundation’s Cubs Care.

Before becoming a manager in 1986, Piniella played in the Major Leagues for 18 years as a member of Baltimore (1964), Cleveland (1968), Kansas City (1969-73), and the New York Yankees (1974-84). He finished his playing career with a .291 batting average, 102 home runs and 766 RBI.

Piniella and his wife, Anita, have three children, Lou Jr., Kristi, and Derek.