



## Roger Lee Craig, NC State University

#E TWL 1948 and 1949 –Pitch some for Swansboro & Morehead

### Roger Craig, NC State

Born: [February 17, 1930](#) (age 78)

Height: 6'4"      Threw: Right  
191 lbs

MLB debut: [July 17, 1955](#) for the  
[Brooklyn Dodgers](#)

Final game: [July 4, 1966](#) for the  
[Philadelphia Phillies](#)

#### Career statistics

- **Record**            **74 – 98**
- **Strikeouts**        **803**
- **ERA**                **3.83**

#### Teams As Player

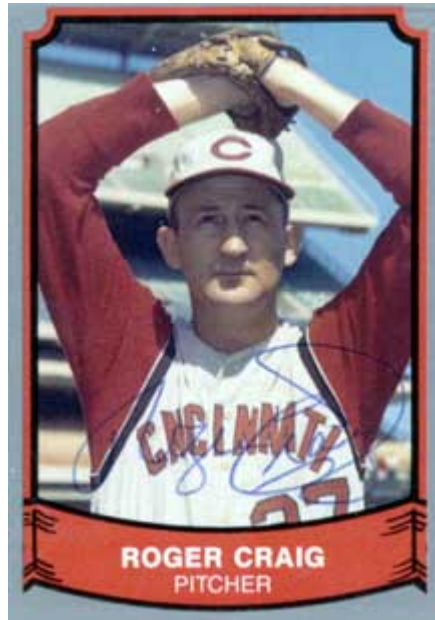
- [Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers](#) (1955-1961)
- [New York Mets](#) (1962-1963)
- [St. Louis Cardinals](#) (1964)
- [Cincinnati Reds](#) (1965)
- [Philadelphia Phillies](#) (1966)

#### As Manager

- [San Diego Padres](#) (1978-1979)
- [San Francisco Giants](#) (1985-1992)

#### Career highlights and awards

- Manager of 1989 NL [Champions](#) San Francisco Giants



During an 11-year playing career, Craig won 10 or more games in [1956](#), [1957](#), and [1962](#).

In 1986 Sports Illustrated called Roger Craig "the acknowledged maestro of the split-fingered fastball." In 1985 he taught the split-finger to the Astros' [Mike Scott](#), who won the 1986 Cy Young award. Craig had previously managed the 1978-79 Padres and served as a scout and pitching coach, notably in Detroit, where he taught [Jack Morris](#) the split-finger. As a manager, Craig is noted for one-run tactics and for calling lots of pitchouts. He won the NL West title in 1987 and the NL pennant in 1989.

With the fledgling Mets in 1962-63, Craig became the first pitcher to lead the NL in losses two straight years (24 in 1962, 22 in 1963). He tied a league record in 1963 by dropping 18 straight decisions. Conversely, he tied for the NL lead with four shutouts for Los Angeles in 1959, and won two [World Series](#) games, one each with Brooklyn and St. Louis.