

Tony La Russa is in his 29th season as a Major League manager. He currently ranks 3rd on Major League Baseball's all-time managerial wins list with 2,425 and 3rd in all-time games managed with 4,538. Regarded by his peers as one of the games top managers, La Russa's honors include Manager of the Year recognition in five seasons, seven N.L. Central Division titles, two N.L. pennants, five A.L. Western Division titles, three A.L. pennants, and two World Series championships. He has served as manager of the 1989, 1990, and 1991 American League All-Star teams, 2007 and 2005 National League All-Star teams, and was a coach for the N.L. All-Star team in 2003. Tony and Leo Durocher are the only managers in Major League history to have 500 or more wins with three different teams.

Tony completed his 12th season as the Cardinals manager in 2007, and in so doing, matched Hall of Famer Red Schoendienst for most continuous years of managerial service with St. Louis. He is first on the all-time Cardinals franchise list with 1,105 managerial wins and 2,032 games managed.

Tony led the St. Louis Cardinals to their 10th world championship by beating the Detroit Tigers in the 2006 World Series. By doing so, Tony became only the second manager in Major League Baseball history, along with Sparky Anderson, to win World Series championships in both National and American Leagues. He has guided the Cardinals to post-season appearances in seven of his 12 seasons with St. Louis, including taking his 2004 team to the World Series, and was named National League "Manager of the Year" in 2002.

Tony was awarded the first of his five "Manager of the Year" awards while with the Chicago White Sox in 1983. After the White Sox, he was signed by the Oakland Athletics in 1986. He once again earned "Manager of the Year" honors in 1988 when the Oakland A's were American League Champions. In 1989, Tony guided the A's to their fourth World Championship since the club moved to Oakland, sweeping the Giants in four straight games during the earthquake-interrupted Bay Bridge series. The A's won three straight League Championships from 1988 to 1990.

In July 1991, Tony became the 40th manager in Major League Baseball history to win 1,000 games. He earned his third Manger of the Year award in 1992 after steering the A's to their fourth American League West title in five years. Tony is Oakland's all-time leader in games managed (1,471) and victories (798).

Tony was born in Tampa, Florida, and holds a degree in Industrial Management from the University of South Florida in Tampa. La Russa received his Juris Doctor from Florida State University. He is currently a member of the Florida State Bar.

Tony's community efforts focus on animal rescue, children, education, and community-minded organizations. Founder of the Animal Rescue Foundation in Walnut Creek, California, Tony remains committed to the cause and acts as chairman of the board. Additionally, Tony is involved in the Cardinals community foundation, Cardinals Care, in St. Louis.

Tony has been a frequent guest on San Francisco Bay Area radio shows such as KGO and KNBR, and ARF has been featured on FOX-TV's Pet News, ESPN, ESPN2 and Animal Planet. ARF has also been featured in many San Francisco Bay Area newspapers and numerous publications nationwide, including Sports Illustrated and USA Today.

Tony makes his off-season home in Alamo, California with his wife, Elaine, their two daughters, seven dogs, 16 cats and one bunny.