

Baseball Samurais: Ichiro Suzuki And The Asian Invasion - St. Martin's Press, 2001 - 2001 - 224 pages - 9780312982577 - Rob Rains

Ichiro Suzuki. Position: Rightfielder. Bats: Left Throws: Right. Win Expectancy, Run Expectancy, and Leverage Index calculations provided by Tom Tango of InsideTheBook.com, and co-author of The Book: Playing the Percentages in Baseball. Total Zone Rating and initial framework for Wins above Replacement calculations provided by Sean Smith. Full-year historical Major League statistics provided by Pete Palmer and Gary Gillette of Hidden Game Sports. Baseball Samurais. CHAPTER 1. A New Era. As Ichiro Suzuki walked to the plate in the seventh inning of the Seattle Mariners' opening day game against Oakland on April 2, it would have been natural for him to be a little nervous. Although he had won seven consecutive batting titles in Japan, his major league career was only six innings old. When Ichiro says the only thing he misses about Japanese baseball is his dog, you believe him. You also know he means no disrespect to that country's game when he says it. Japanese players, just like American professionals, need to have an appreciation of history and knowledge of the players who came before them if they are going to give the game its proper respect. Baseball samurais by Rob Rains, unknown edition. Baseball samurais. —Close. Not in Library. Buy this book. Better World Books. Ichiro Suzuki /iˈtʃɪrəʊ suˈzʊki/ (é˘æœ—, Suzuki Ichirō, born 22 October 1973), often referred to mononymously as Ichiro (ã,ãfãf¼, Ichirō), is a Japanese former professional baseball outfielder who played 28 seasons combined in top-level professional leagues. He spent the bulk of his career with two teams: nine seasons with the Orix BlueWave of Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB) in Japan, where he began his career, and 14 with the Seattle Mariners of Major League Baseball (MLB) in the United States. Meet baseball's rookie sensation Ichiro Suzuki...from the top spot in Japan to the Seattle Mariners' right field. Seven-time batting champion for Japan's Pacific League, he is a paradoxical combination of modesty and ego, calling himself simply "Ichiro." But when the Seattle Mariners signed him to a fourteen-million-dollar contract, scoffers said the 5-foot-9 inch, 156-pound Ichiro wasn't even in the ballpark. He proved them wrong. With fast legs and an even faster bat, he led the Mariners to their best start in franchise history.