

JERRY HOWARTH

Radio Broadcaster for the Toronto Blue Jays

Born in Pennsylvania, Jerry grew up in San Francisco and graduated from the University of Santa Clara in 1968 with a degree in Economics. He served two years as an officer in the U.S. Army, V Corps Headquarters, in Frankfurt, Germany, from 1968 to 1970. On return, attended Hastings Law School in San Francisco where he met his wife, Mary.

He started his broadcasting career in 1974 with play-by-play of the Tacoma Twins AAA baseball team and also for the University of Puget Sound's football and basketball teams. Jerry moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1976 and did the radio play-by-play for the Salt Lake Gulls AAA baseball team for three years. He then switched to basketball and was the Assistant General Manager and radio broadcaster for the Utah Pros in the Western Basketball Association and later the Group Sales Director for the NBA's Utah Jazz prior to joining KWMS Radio in 1980.

In 1981 Jerry moved to Toronto to become one of the Blue Jays radio broadcasters with Tom Cheek. For the next 23 years, "Tom and Jerry" would be the radio voices of the Blue Jays. Their partnership covered the rise of the Blue Jays through the 1980s, culminating with back to back World Series Championships in 1992 and 1993.

This is his 36th season as a member of the Blue Jays radio team. In 2012 he was named the winner of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame's 2012 Jack Graney Award. Jerry was the long-time Basketball Coach at Etobicoke Collegiate High School, retiring from coaching there after 20 years and 25 in total at the end of the 2015 season.

He and his wife Mary have two grown sons, Ben and Joe, and reside in Toronto all year round.