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# On Gossage's Plaque, a Yankee Cap

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Rich Gossage will wear a [Yankees](#) cap when he enters the Baseball Hall of Fame. The announcement was made at a news conference in New York on Wednesday, one day after Gossage was the only player elected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America in the 2008 class.

"Going to play for the Yankees was an out-of-body experience," said Gossage, who was known as Goose. "Putting on the pinstripes, I put so much pressure on myself."

The Hall of Fame determines which caps players wear on their plaques. Gossage will be the 25th Yankees player inducted, the most among major league teams, according to the Hall.

Gossage played all or a part of seven seasons with the Yankees, leading the American League in saves twice and helping the Yankees win the 1978 World Series.

Gossage said Wednesday that he would have considered using steroids to help his career if given the opportunity.

"Chances are I probably would have done it, too," said Gossage, who added that his competitive drive and free spirit, along with the possibility of extending his career and earning more money, might have led him to use performance enhancers.

But Gossage continued to encourage players who have taken banned drugs to confess to protect the integrity of the game.

"The best thing that could happen in the sport is these guys come clean and life will go on and we will get this behind us as far as baseball is concerned," Gossage said.