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Kato, who began his career with the Nishitesu Lions, posted 17 wins to earn the Rookie of the Year award in 1972 when he joined the rotation as a result of several star players being banned from baseball for fixing games in the so-called "Black Mist Scandal."

In 1976, his first of 15 years with the Giants, he threw a no-hitter against the Hiroshima Carp.

A six-time all-star pitcher, Kato had a 141-113 record with a 3.50 ERA in 490 games. After retiring in 1990, he had coaching stints with teams including the Giants, Seibu Lions, and South Korea's SK Wyverns.

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