

# dave winfield

Dave Winfield has been hailed as one of the greatest athletes ever to play professional sports. One of only 7 players in the history of baseball to crack more than 3,000 hits and slam over 450 home runs, the 12-time All-Star is amongst the all-time leaders in HITS (3,110), HRs (465) and RBI (1,833). Inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001 -- his first year of eligibility -- Dave receiving the most votes cast.

Winfield began his career as a Williams Scholar and *pitcher* at the University of Minnesota, where he was voted MVP of the 1973 College World Series. He made history as the only athlete ever to be drafted in *three* professional sports: basketball (Atlanta Hawks and Utah Stars), football (Minnesota Vikings) and baseball (San Diego Padres).

His professional career took off in 1973 when he joined the San Diego Padres - never having played a single minor league game. His next stop: 8 All-Star seasons with the New York Yankees. In 1990, he joined the California Angels for two seasons, followed by a magical year with the Toronto Blue Jays where he drove in the winning run of the 1992 World Series. Dave then returned to his native Minnesota and reached the 3,000<sup>th</sup> hit milestone with the Twins. He ended a 22-year career after the 1995 season with the American League champion Cleveland Indians.

Winfield's tradition of winning with flair goes well beyond the world of sports... into a rich spectrum of philanthropy and business. While batting his way to Cooperstown, Dave was one of the first athletes to create a charitable Foundation. For over 20 years, the Winfield Foundation provided healthcare services and nutritional counseling to youth, scholarships and computer literacy programs to deserving high school students, holiday dinners to families in need, and community outreach programs for children - in and beyond the 6 major league cities he called home.

As part of his hands-on commitment to his Foundation, Dave developed *TURN IT AROUND!*, an international community action campaign to prevent substance abuse. The program's innovative audio/visual and print materials for elementary school children were recognized as exceptionally potent tools in the war on drugs. Educators, business leaders and government agencies around the world have endorsed and utilized the bi-lingual *TURN IT AROUND!*

Dave's charitable work has earned him numerous honors, including: the YMCA Brian Piccolo Award for Humanitarian Service, the first Branch Rickey Community Service Award, American League Joe Cronin Award, Josh Gibson Leadership Award and Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Award, presented to the player who best exemplifies baseball on and off the field. He was also awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Syracuse University, and was selected one of America's 10 Outstanding Young Men.

A successful entrepreneur, Winfield has owned art galleries, an innovative lighting design and contracting company, and is a multi-franchise owner of Burger King restaurants. He has

served on the boards of President Clinton's National Service Program, Morehouse School of Medicine, Hackensack Medical Center, Century Council, and the advisory boards of the Major League Baseball Players Trust and the Peace Corps. A long-time member of the board of the San Diego Padres, Dave's role with the ballclub increased significantly with his appointment as Vice President/Senior Advisor.

One of the most respected motivational speakers on the circuit, Dave addresses diverse audiences from Boys and Girls Clubs, elementary schools and college campuses to corporations such as Xerox, IBM, Merck, Kraft/General Foods, GE Small Business Solutions and General Motors. His dynamic presentations cover a wide range of issues -- sports, education, health, fitness, teamwork, substance abuse prevention, youth concerns and playing to win.

Dave has been a studio analyst for Major League Baseball games on FOX Television and hosted his own morning drive radio show, *On The Ball*, in Los Angeles. He served as spokesman for New York Summer Jobs for Youth, United Negro College Fund, Drug Enforcement Administration, *New York Daily News*, *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, Minnesota Board of Education and the *Discovery Channel*. He appeared in the movie *The Last Home Run*, hosted the syndicated television series *Greatest Sports Legends*, and made appearances on popular sitcoms *Married With Children*, *The Drew Carey Show* and *Arli\$\$*.

Topping off Dave's career are his numerous literary accomplishments. His autobiography, *Winfield: A Player's Life* became a *New York Times* best seller. He also wrote a drug education book, *TURN IT AROUND! There's No Room Here For Drugs*; an acclaimed "how-to" *The Complete Baseball Player*, and *Ask Dave*, a compilation of Dave's two-year Knight-Ridder Tribune syndicated advice column for children.

Dave resides Bel Air, California with his wife, Tonya, and their twins, Arielle and David.

**WINFIELD BY THE NUMBERS:**

**3,110 Career Hits**

**465 Home Runs**

**1,833 RBI**

**2,973 Games Played**

**12 Consecutive All-Star Games**

**7 Gold Gloves**

**6 Silver Slugger Awards**