

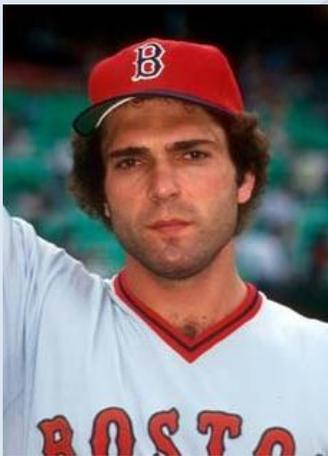


Bernie Carbo

Bernie Carbo was a first round draft choice of the Cincinnati Reds in 1965, drafted even ahead of Hall of Famer Johnny Bench. He broke into Major League baseball with a bang, winning The Sporting News National League Rookie of the Year Award while hitting 21 homeruns with 63 runs batted in and a .310 batting average in only 365 at bats. The season was 1970 and Carbo played for the Reds. That season, Bernie participated in the World Series in his rookie year, losing in 5 games to the Baltimore Orioles.

Carbo played all of 1971 and part of the 1972 season with Cincinnati before being traded to the St. Louis Cardinals where he played until the end of the 1973 season. Beginning in 1974, Carbo joined the Boston Red Sox for whom he enjoyed his greatest heroics. He starred in the 1975 World Series for the Red Sox versus the Reds and tied a World Series record with 2 key pinch hit home runs in the 7 game series. His second home run in the 8th inning of critical game 6 tied the score and set the stage for Carlton Fisk's memorable extra innings homer that forced game 7.

Bernie played in Boston until the middle of the 1978 season, with the exception of one year in Milwaukee in 1976, before being sold to Cleveland in 1978. Carbo's trade greatly upset his teammates who, in the words of Bill "Spaceman" Lee, considered Carbo "the best tenth man in baseball". He finished off his career by returning to St. Louis in 1979 and part of 1980 when he played out his career with the Pittsburgh Pirates.



In his post-playing career, Bernie has held a number of jobs. Most recently, he is a high school baseball coach in Mobile, AL, runs baseball clinics and does private tutoring of baseball prospects.

Bernie includes a positive message to kids in his clinics. He is a former alcoholic and drug addict who allowed his addictions to ruin his baseball career prematurely. He has conquered his addictions and now speaks openly about how they affected his life. He uses his clinics as a forum to encourage kids to stay clean and sober and not make the same mistakes that he made.



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