



## **Chris Robinson**

Chris, an emerging breed of Canadian-born baseball players, is a 12-time member of the Canadian National Baseball team. He has represented Canada in the 2008 Olympics, 2 World Baseball Classics (2006 & 2013), 3 World Cups (2007, 2009 & 2011) and the 2011 Pan American Games. Chris played his college baseball at the University of Illinois where he was named all Big Ten catcher twice and graduated with a degree in Sports Management.

Chris played 9 1/2 years professionally in the minor leagues across 5 different organizations before making his major league debut with the San Diego Padres in 2013. In 2005 when he was drafted in the 3rd round of the MLB draft by the Detroit Tigers. Traded to the Cubs, he got to play for Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg. In 2009, Chris was named Iowa Cubs MVP while leading the team in most offensive and defensive categories and was named the starting catcher for the Pacific Coast League All-Star team. Chris would move on to play with the



Baltimore Orioles organization before getting traded to the Padres. In September of 2013, Chris got his first major league hit, a 3 run homerun.

Robinson will forever be known to Canadians as a folk hero. In a 2013 World Baseball Classic game against favoured Mexico, Chris dropped a bunt in a game where Canada had a large lead. Normally, this goes against baseball etiquette, but not in this case where run differential is a tie-breaker. A massive brawl ensued and the WBC had its signature moment courtesy of Chris. It's not surprising that Robinson has always been lauded for his gritty, hard-nosed style of play – a true Canadian.

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