



## **Matt Mieske**

Matt played for 5 teams over his 8 season major league career. While he showed great promise, he could never get enough at bats to break through into a regular spot in the outfield.

He was originally drafted by the San Diego Padres in 1990 and in his first professional season was selected the Northwest League's MVP. He followed up that amazing season by also winning his league's MVP Award in 1991, winning the title in the California League.

Matt broke into the majors with the Milwaukee Brewers in 1993 after the Padres included him in a deal for Gary Sheffield. He played for the Brew Crew for 5 seasons and in 1996 hit a career high 14 home runs to go with 64 RBI and a .278 batting average. But as a free agent in 1998 he signed with the Chicago Cubs and began a journey to several teams including the Seattle Mariners, Houston Astros and the Arizona Diamondbacks. He retired at the conclusion of the 2000 season.

In 2002, Matt was inducted in the Bay County Sports Hall of Fame in Michigan. Like many great athletes, Matt played a number of sports in his youth and played them well – he was a standout at BC Western in both baseball and football. He also holds 8 MSU baseball records and was a two year member of the Team USA Olympic Squad.

Mieske calls his time in baseball the time in which he grew most in his Christian faith. On the road he had lots of time on his hands. As a man of God, he knew he needed to immerse himself in the scriptures and prayer to keep away from trouble. As such, he read his Bible, prayed and memorized scripture regularly.

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