



Omar Moreno

How many ball players are signed at age 16? You now know of one – Omar Moreno, who was signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1970.

Omar made a brief debut for the Pirates in 1975, a little more in 1976 and then became the Pirates centerfielder in 1977. That year he stole 53 bases while being caught just 16 times. In 1978 through 1980, his stolen base total continued to climb as he stole 71 bases, followed by 77 bases and then 96 bases. In 1979, he hit a career high .282 with 69 RBI, a great total for a lead-off hitter. His seasons garnered him a number of MVP votes. Of course, Omar was a key member of the “We are Family” Pirates World Championship team of 1979.

For the 1982 season, Omar signed as a free agent with the Houston Astros but he was traded to the New York Yankees before the completion of his first season in Houston. In mid-1985, Omar was moved to the Kansas City Royals and then signed with the Atlanta Braves for one final season in 1986.

In his career, Omar stole 487 bases while being caught only 182 times, a terrific success ratio. And as a speedy fielder, very few balls fell into the gaps and Omar finished his career with .985 fielding average as a centerfielder.

Omar is now runs his own foundation with the mission to give support to the needs of youth and influence them in a positive manner by teaching them about baseball. They teach and motivate students on a positive outlook on life, via baseball. They steer our students away from the negativity of life into a positive mental and emotional stability. A great player..... a great man.

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