



## **Sid Bream**

Sid was a popular player in all 3 cities in which he played. He was known for his good glove work around the bag at first base and strong bat.

Sid played part of 3 seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers but failed to reach the Mendoza Line (.200 batting average) after great seasons with the Albuquerque Dukes. He was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1985 with R.J. Reynolds for Bill Madlock. It was in Pittsburgh that Sid stepped into a full-time role and never looked back.

In 1986, Sid led the National League in doubles with 37. In the field, he has 166 assists shattering the record of 152 which we set 81 years before. In 1989, Sid struggled with knee problems. A return to form in 1990 led to his winning the Fred Hutchinson Award given to the player who best exemplifies the fighting spirit and competitive desire to win.



Sid signed with the Atlanta Braves for the 1991 season and again became a fan-favourite for his will to win. In 1992, Sid will be remembered for scoring the winning run for the Braves in the NLCS against his former team, the Pirates.

Atlanta made an incredible comeback with Sid scoring the winning run in the ninth inning on a hit to left field. Sid, never known for his footspeed chugged around third and slid under the tag at home. The play looked like it was in slow motion with Sid giving his all to beat the throw by a noodle-armed Barry Bonds. Sid finished his career for the Houston Astros in 1990.

In his 1088 game career, Sid batted .264 with 455 RBI. But his most important impact was the fans who he thrilled with his all-out effort every game.

Sid loves speaking about his faith. The graduate of Liberty University supports many Christian ministries and was known as one of the most principled Christian men in the game of baseball.



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