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OF FAME

DAVE WINFIELD

FROM THE SCRAPBOOK

Five moments from the Hall of Fame career of outfielder Dave Winfield we won't forget:

- **April 29, 1981:** Hit first homer as Yankee off Detroit's Jack Morris. Went on to lead Yankees in games, at-bats, hits, doubles and RBI as New York reached World Series before losing to Dodgers.
- **Aug. 4, 1983:** Infamous "Seagull Incident" in which he fatally beamed a seagull during between-inning warmups at Toronto's Exhibition Stadium. He was charged by police with cruelty to animals, but the charges were dropped the following day.
- **April 13, 1991:** Had only three-homer game of his career and tied career bests with five hits and six RBI in game at Minnesota. Homers came off Mark Guthrie (two) and Larry Casian.
- **Oct. 24, 1992:** Two-out, two-run double in 11th inning of Game 6 tied Toronto to 4-3 victory over Atlanta to give the Blue Jays their first World Series championship. A month earlier he became the oldest player to lead in 100 runs in a season.
- **Sept. 16, 1990:** Became 19th player in major league history to get 3,000 hits when, as a member of the Twins, he singled off Dennis Eckersley at the Metrodome.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Clubs	Games	At-Bats	Runs	Hits	Doubles	Tripples	Home Runs	RBI	Stolen Bases	Caught Stealing	Errors	Fielding %
1973	SD	377	541	141	8	39	4	3	12	12	0	0	.972
1974	SD	285	448	98	37	139	28	4	26	73	40	9	.975
1975	SD	287	444	95	74	136	29	1	13	38	66	23	.975
1976	SD	383	537	142	81	139	26	4	13	89	65	29	.975
1977	SD	275	437	83	104	169	29	1	23	50	34	11	.975
1978	SD	306	458	107	83	131	25	2	24	87	52	21	.975
1979	SD	306	458	107	83	131	25	2	24	87	52	21	.975
1980	SD	276	437	108	89	134	25	3	26	87	79	29	.975
1981	SD	284	435	108	82	134	24	1	13	69	43	11	.975
1982	SD	290	441	108	84	134	24	4	37	106	49	9	.975
1983	SD	293	437	108	89	139	25	4	32	110	53	15	.975
1984	SD	340	441	108	108	139	24	4	19	105	53	8	.975
1985	SD	275	437	108	109	134	24	4	20	114	52	8	.975
1986	SD	292	437	109	89	140	25	1	24	106	77	8	.975
1987	SD	275	437	108	83	138	27	1	27	87	78	5	.975
1988	SD	322	448	109	89	140	27	2	25	107	69	9	.975
1989	SD	307	437	108	83	138	27	2	25	107	69	9	.975
1990	SD	312	437	108	83	138	27	2	25	107	69	9	.975
1991	SD	275	437	108	83	138	27	2	25	107	69	9	.975
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1998	SD	275	437	108	83	138	27	2	25	107	69	9	.975
1999	SD	275	437	108	83	138	27	2	25	107	69	9	.975
2000	SD	275	437	108	83	138	27	2	25	107	69	9	.975
2001	SD	275	437	108	83	138	27	2	25	107	69	9	.975

There is Winny and there is Winfield

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Bill Peterson was Dave Winfield's coach at Oxford Play-ground and for the Attucks-Brooks Legion team in St. Paul. John Hughes was a Legion teammate. They sat down for a conversation on the subject of Winfield earlier this summer.



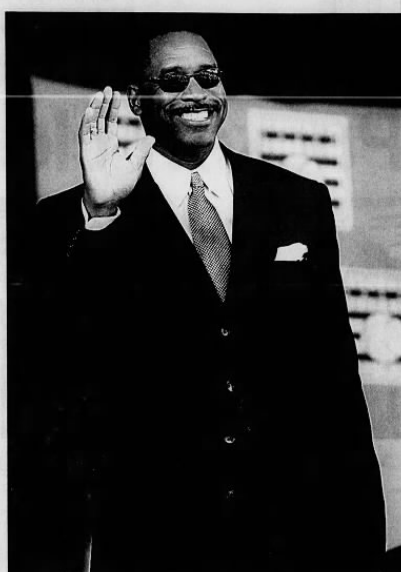
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They shared a few stories that were punctuated with laughter. And then Peterson said: "I love him like a son, although I do miss the old Winny." Hughes nodded and said: "The public does not get a chance to see the Winny we know."

The old Winny was a free-spirited kid with an infectious laugh. The old Winny had a super-confidence that was so good-natured that not even opponents could be bothered by it. This must be made clear: Peterson and Hughes were offering nothing in the way of criticism of Winfield.

They are proud to have been touched by him. They are thrilled by his success — so much so that both were sitting in the broiling sun Sunday as Winfield was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

All they were saying was, to fully appreciate Winny, you had to know him before he took on several coats of polish — you had to know him when he was Winny raw. "Funny, funny kid," Peterson said. Winfield still had a glint in his eye when he left the University of Minnesota and went directly to the San Diego Padres in the summer of 1973. He came under the influence of an agent type named Al Frohman and, eventually, was transformed into the ballplayer in a business suit.



Star Tribune photos by Jerry Holt. Dave Winfield was the first inductee to speak, and he had the longest speech, going 23 minutes.



Winfield thanked his wife, Tonya, for supporting him all these years.

There was also some wonderment as to why Winfield, the highest vote-getter in the latest Hall of Fame election, went first and Puckett went last. Winfield handled his early introduction well. "It's been a long time since I was a lead-off man, but I'll take it today," he said. "The sooner I get in the Hall of Fame, the better."

Winny was as gracious as possible, but he went for 23 minutes. He referred to several business advisers as his "kitchen cabinet." He used the term "inner affirmation."

NOTEBOOK

The greatest speech there never was

By Jim Souhan
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COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — In 1960, an hour after he became the first player ever to end a World Series with a home run, Pirates second baseman Bill Mazeroski wandered to a park high above Forbes Field in Pittsburgh and sat amid the squirrels and trees with his wife, Milena.

Mazeroski seems more comfortable with serenity than attention. Sunday, he prepared a 12-page speech for his induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, but spoke for only a minute or two before breaking into tears and taking his seat.

"I still have it in my pocket," Mazeroski later said of his speech. "That's the way I am, and I'm not going to change. I'm embarrassed about it, but I can't do anything about it. Since the day I heard about this day, I know it was going to happen."

"It's like a disease, I guess." Mazeroski began his speech by saying, "I got 12 pages. That's not like me. I'll probably skip half of them — it's getting awful hot."



Star Tribune photo by Jerry Holt. Bill Mazeroski was overcome by emotion when it was his turn to speak.

many, the second-most ever, behind the 46 of last year.

► Puckett lobbied for his one-time mentor, Tony Oliva, to be inducted. "I want to hear you up here making a speech next year," Puckett said.

► Twins PA announcer Bob Casey did a fine job of introducing the inductees, drawing a compliment during Puckett's speech.

"I want to thank Bob Casey," Puckett said, "for teaching the world how to say my name."

► Puckett to Yankees great Yogi Berra: "I know you're a Yankee, but we've got pinstripes, too. We might only have two championships, but it feels like hundreds."

► Asked about the time he hit a seagull with a ball and was arrested in Toronto, Dave Winfield thanked Arizona pitcher Randy Johnson for killing a bird with a pitch, to share the dubious achievement. Winfield remembers his shock at being arrested. The police came, and there it was, Exhibit A, (the seagull) on the table.

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FROM THE PODIUM

Excerpts of Dave Winfield's 23-minute Hall of Fame acceptance speech Sunday:

- "Baseball has been a great teacher, trainer, mentor."
- "I've given everything I had to baseball, and baseball has given its best back to me."
- "I didn't know what it was going to take to get here. Had I known I was going to be here, I would have saved all my rookie [baseball] cards."
- "I grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota. The first time I put a glove on, I put it on the wrong hand ... I remember my brother and I were walking down Carroll Avenue one day, wearing our first uniforms. We had the cleats and everything, and we were looking good."
- "We all have to tip our caps to Jackie Robinson. Because he made the game available to guys like me. And he made this game better for everyone involved."
- "Heroes are ordinary people who have achieved extraordinary things in life. Young people nowadays are looking for a quick fix. But they have to understand that life and baseball are littered with all kinds of obstacles and problems. You have to learn how to overcome them to be successful in life."
- "I really want to thank George Steinbrenner for bringing me to New York. And I'm serious, it changed my life forever in a positive way."
- "My mom instilled a certain pride and dignity. There were no artificial limits. There was no glass ceiling."
- "One of the nicest things [players from the Negro League] ever told me was, 'Man, you could play with us.'"