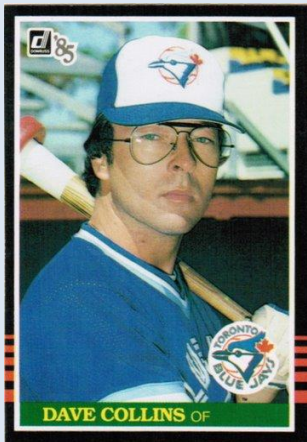




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Dave Collins



Dave made his Major League debut in 1975 with the California Angels. He earned the nickname "Rapid City Rabbit" for his abilities on the base paths. Later on in his career, he was referred to as "the fastest white man in baseball". He stole 24 bases as a rookie, and followed it up with 32 swipes on the bases his second season.

In December of 1976, the Seattle Mariners used the 14th pick of the expansion draft to take Collins, who would become the first batter in franchise history that April. He played all three outfield spots. Dave was a perfect fit for the National League style of baseball, and in December of 1977 he was traded to the NL's Cincinnati Reds. The next four years would be arguably the most memorable of Collins' career. In 1979, and Dave joined Ken Griffey, Cesar Geronimo and George Foster in a four-way rotation in the outfield, helping the Reds win the National League West. In 1982, Dave signed with the New York Yankees. After losing the World Series to the Dodgers the previous year, the Yankees were in turmoil, and Collins got caught up in Steinbrenner mania. Dave made starts at all three outfield posts, first base and designated hitter in the aptly named Bronx Zoo. Frustrated with not knowing if he would play and where, he asked for a trade and was sent to the Toronto Blue Jays. He was named the Blue Jays Player of the Year in 1984 for his stellar performance. After two seasons in Canada, Dave spent 1985 in Oakland and 1986 in Detroit. He then returned to the Reds for 3 seasons before spending one final season with the St. Louis Cardinals. Dave finished his major league career with a .272 batting average and 395 stolen bases.

After finishing his career with St. Louis in 1990, he was the Cardinals first base coach in 1991 and 1992 and then the Cincinnati Reds hired him as first base coach, where he stayed for two seasons. In 2003, Collins returned to the Majors, this time with the Colorado Rockies, where he spent four seasons as first base coach. In 2010, he has signed on to coach for the Florida Marlins. Dave Collins is now a renowned motivational speaker who has spent several years travelling the globe as a public speaker. His unique ability to captivate audiences and bring them to a clear understanding of who they are, is one of Collin's special abilities and has received acclaim for his talent to speak. Hire Dave for your next organizational meeting to motivate your audience to be their best.



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