



Corey Koskie

Corey was a fixture at third base for the Minnesota Twins for 6 seasons. He debuted for the club in September of 1998 and the following season established himself as a mainstay of the Twins infield by batting .310 with 11 homeruns and 58 runs batted in in only 392 at bats. The 2001 season was his true break-out season when he hit 26 homeruns with 103 runs batted in to go with 100 runs scored and 27 stolen bases. It was the first time in American League history that a third baseman hit at least 25 HR, 100 RBI, 100 runs scored and stole at least 25 bases. Koskie led his Twins teams to 3 consecutive appearances in the playoffs as the AL's Central Division Champs from 2002 to 2004.

After another strong season in 2004 when he again hit 25 dingers, Koskie became a free agent and signed in his home country of Canada with the Toronto Blue Jays. Unfortunately, injuries restricted him to playing in only 97 games. He was traded to the Milwaukee Brewers for the 2006 season where he played 76 games before suffering a career-ending concussion. Through his career, Corey was a very athletic third baseman and potent hitter who struggled with injuries which left baseball wondering just how good he could have been if he stayed healthier for longer.

Koskie's excellence led him to being named the Tip O'Neill Award co-winner (with Larry Walker) in 2001, a award given annually to the Canadian baseball player who is judged to have excelled in individual and team contribution while adhering to the highest ideals of the game of baseball. He was also named to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame, the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2015 to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.