Clint Hurdle

Imagine being on the cover of Sports Illustrate and being dubbed a "phenom" at the age of 20. That is the mantle that Clint Hurdle wore at a young age. He debuted in Major League Baseball at the age of 19 with the Kansas City Royals in 1977. The label put on him by SI was one that was difficult to live up to and honestly, Clint never quite got there.

Hurdle played with the Royals through the 1980 season before being traded to the Cincinnati Reds and then moving on to the New York Mets. He was then picked up by the St. Louis Cardinals in the Rule 5 draft in 1986 and finished back with the Mets for a final season in 1987. In his career, he played many positions including: LF, RF, DH, C, 1B, and 3B. Clint will be the first to admit that his playing career did not turn out as he predicted for him.

Where Clint over-performed was as a Major League manager; his players always loved playing for him. He piloted the Colorado Rockies for 8 seasons from 2002 to 2009 and won the NL pennant with the team in 2007. He joined the Pittsburgh Pirates as their skipper in 2011 where he managed for 9 seasons until 2019. With the Pirates he was named as NL Manager of the Year in 2013.

The road to success for Clint has not been easy, starting with the high expectations of his youth. His admitted struggle with alcoholism stunted his playing career; he has been sober since 1999 when he met his wife Karla. They are parents to a son and a daughter born with Prader-Willi Syndrome, a complex genetic disorder. Clint also has a daughter from a previous marriage.

Clint leans heavily on his faith and is known far and wide as an encourager. His former players frequently reach out to him in times of personal struggle and he publishes daily emails of encouragement and insight to a large distribution list of thousands of recipients.

If your organization is in need of encouragement from a man who has been on both the upside and downside of life, Clint Hurdle is your man to uplift your team. Contact us to book Clint today.