

Derek Jeter- the best New York Yankee

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Over last summer, before school started, my family and I went to a Yankee game where Derek Jeter could have had the hit that could have made him pass Lou Gehrig. I sat in my seat watching, waiting for Derek Jeter to come up to bat. Every time he didn't get the hit, I got more and more anxious. I wanted to be there to see baseball history be made. At his last at bat, I knew that he was not going to make baseball history that night. As we walked back to the car, I thought about it even more, I thought of the pressure that he had on him to get the hits, how hard he worked to get there, how many achievements and awards he had gotten prior to this, how many Golden Glove and Silver Slugger Awards he had received through the years, and how much time and dedication he puts into this love of baseball. I realized that there were way to many things that make him so great that no one could be better, he is the best Yankee.

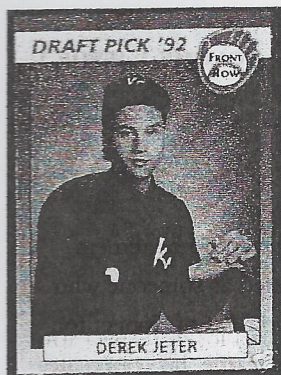
Drive

Derek Jeter has had an amazing drive to succeed ever since he was a young kid. He has had the determination to be remembered as a Yankee ever since he was drafted for the Yankees in 1992, playing his first game in 1995. Playing baseball professionally for the New York Yankees was always a dream of his. In the 4th grade he has told his teacher that he wanted to be a Yankee. He was referred to as a professional baseball player for the Yankees all throughout his younger years. Derek Jeter had always have the determination and dedication to become a part of the Yankees. He had grown up admiring players like Dave Winfield. His heart was there since a young age. His parents had a large impact on who he is today. They were nothing but supportive of him as he had tried to reach his goals as a young child. His parents had him sign contracts for the upcoming year on grades, terms, and extracurricular activities to make sure that he did not slack off. (islandconnections.com) He was driven by his thriving passion to play baseball, to get better and agree to his parents terms so he could both academically and physically play baseball for the Yankees. As a junior in high school, he had batted .557 with 7 homers and as a senior, batting .508 with 4 homers

◆ "I want to be remembered as someone who had a lot of respect for the game, his teammates and opponents, and want to be remembered as a winner. But most importantly I want to be remembered as a Yankee." -Derek Jeter

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Q- Do you think that Derek Jeter will retire as anything else besides a Yankee?

A- No, Derek Jeter has pledged, on many occasions, that he has started his career as a Yankee and will end it this way.

Q- Why do you think Derek Jeter is most people's MVP on the Yankees, from a fans perspective?

A- His leadership and his natural ability to get the job done are qualities that he has that make him a favorable player.

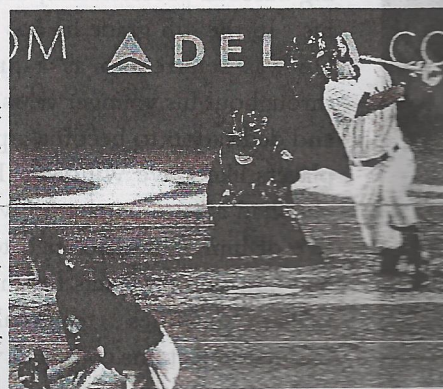
Q- Why do you think Derek Jeter is the best Yankee?

A- Because he takes on the role of a team leader which earned him the title of captain. Derek Jeter has a natural tendency to make the harder plays seem easy.

He has always carried himself in such a way that he was always going to be seen as a good player, achieving honors like Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. (derekjeter.com-bio) He always had the drive to prosper and to play well, which is shown through achievements such as this, which was at a younger age. He always possessed drive in the game of baseball Derek Jeter has always had the drive and the right mindset to be considered the best Yankee. To give this title to anyone else would not be ridiculous, considering he proves himself on and off the baseball field. Derek's parents have also had a big impact on the baseball player that he is today. His father and mother had always given him the confidence to know that he would be able to make it. They had always told him that he had to work hard at whatever he did because there was always going to be people that were better than him. They told him that no one should be able to outwork him because he should always give 100%. They had told him that everyone makes errors on the field but you never want to be the one that says "I wish I tried harder". His father and mother had always given him the confidence to know that he would be able to make it. They had always told him that he had to work hard at whatever he did because there was always going to be people that were better than him. (findarticles.com) They told him that no one should be able to outwork him because he should always give 100%. They had told him that everyone makes errors on the field but you never want to be the one that says "I wish I tried harder". Their words and support all contributed to the player that he is today. He has his head in the right spot and the right morals to be considered the best Yankee. He, along with having a drive on the field, has a drive to help others. Derek Jeter has been inspired by his father and others to start a charity called the "Turn 2 Foundation". Through this foundation, he encourages kids to "turn 2" a healthy lifestyle. Derek Jeter has the right determination and drive to face anything that is thrown his way. He has earned many awards that show his dedication and loyalty to the sport. Also, personally, he is invested in being an active member of society as a Yankee. He is dedicated to his foundation and for all of these reasons has deserved the title of the best Yankee. He has wanted to be a Yankee since he was a young kid and has never failed the people that have believed in him. Derek Jeter plays the game of baseball with dignity and he has said that he wanted to be remembered as a winner. He had also said that he wanted to be remembered as a Yankee, so he has been and always work his hardest to hold what was once a dream, but now reality.

Achievements

Derek Jeter has many achievements that show his love for the game that also make him the best Yankee. Starting from before he was in the Major League, he was always prospering. In 1994, Derek Jeter won Minor League Player of the year. In 1996, he won the players choice award for outstanding rookie of the year, chosen entirely by his peers, (Street & Smith's Baseball) along with the Rookie of the Year Award. As his first year as a Yankee, he had already proven himself to be an outstanding and driven baseball player. In 1998, he had one, yet another, Player of the Month Award. In the year 2000,



Derek Jeter hits past Lou Gehrig

He had won the All-Star game Award, the Babe Ruth Award and the world Series MVP Award. In both 2004 and 2005, Derek Jeter had won the Golden Glove Award for Shortstops. In 2006, Derek Jeter had been awarded five awards. This included the Golden Glove Award for shortstops, the TYIB hitter of the year award, and several others. In both 2007 and 2008, Derek Jeter had won the Silver Slugger Award for the American League. Though Derek was nicknamed Mr. November, for a home run he had hit in the 2001 World Series, he had many achievements in 2009 that have really proved that he has deserved this title. He had been awarded five awards including the sportsman of the year Award, The Silver Slugger Award, along with many others. Also in 2009, he had hit past Lou Gehrig's Derek Jeter's achievements are what have made him today. (baseball- almanac.com) Along with these many achievements, he has also helped the Yankees come to winning many World Series'. His ability to play the field and get big hits when it is necessary is part of what makes him a reliable, great Yankee. "Derek Jeter's hitting and fielding is exceptional as he always seems to get that 'clutch' hit when needed, as well as his ability to take away hits." (Christopher Baez) "He has a natural ability to get the job done."

2006

-Baseball Digest player of the Year Award

-Golden Glove Award for Shortstops

-Hank Aaron Award

-Silver Slugger Award (American League)

-TYIB: Hitter of the Year Award

2009

-Golden Glove Award for Shortstops

-Hank Aaron Award

-Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award

-Silver Slugger Award (American League)

-Sportsman of the Year Award



Turn 2 Foundation

Derek Jeter had done many things for others that would make him the best Yankee. Derek Jeter had been influenced by many people to start his own charity. At a young age he had learned the value of community service. His father had his own charity as well as his idolized Yankee, Dave Winfield. Derek Jeter had said that when he made it, that's what he also wanted. In 1996, The Turn 2 Foundation created. Derek Jeter had created it with a purpose to help kids "turn 2" a healthy lifestyle. It was made so children can turn away from drugs and alcohol and "2" a better way of life. This charity helps kids be on track to a successful life. He has concentrated his charity in West Michigan, where he had grown up, New York City, where he works, and Hillsborough County, Florida, where he lives. He has been awarded over \$10 million in grants for his organization. He has his family also on board with this act. His sister is the VP, his mother as the executive director, and his father as the president. (derekjeter.com- Turn2 Us) Derek Jeter believes being drug free and helping other see that it is a healthier way of life is very important. Derek Jeter follows this in his life to stay healthy so he can always perform his best. He is very concerned and caring when it comes to young children because when they fail, he sees potential being destroyed. He works to help children succeed and become active members on society. He teaches them to live good healthy lives and to help others. This proves that he is the best Yankee because of the leadership that he demonstrates. He show that he is a positive influence on peoples lives. Derek Jeter is the best Yankee because he is not selfish and he is willing to help others also be productive in their lives. He does not let his ego get the best of him and he still reaches out. He is trying to get children to follow him and his healthy mindset to living a good successful life. He teaches children to give back to the community. Derek Jeter is teaching people how to become leaders of tomorrow.



Personal Info. / Opposing Argument

- ◆ Derek Jeter is the best Yankee.
- ◆ Derek Jeter is a leader of the team that is always there to pick others up.
- ◆ He is an all around goods player who deserves to be called the best New York Yankee.
- ◆ Derek Jeter is a reliable player who always seems to be able to get the job done.
- ◆ Derek Jeter is a positive spirit who always goes in with a right and goes in to win.
- ◆ Derek Jeter is a good leader, captain and influence on the team and does everything he can to contribute positively to the team.
- ◆ Unlike A-Rod, Derek Jeter also does things honestly.
- ◆ He plays the game the way that it should be played, fair.
- ◆ Derek Jeter is being paid millions to play for the New York Yankees, and somehow he has managed to be steroid free and still withhold all the pressure of being a the best Yankee.
- ◆ He has natural talent and he knows how to use it effectively, where as A-Rod, or A-Fraud, needs to cheat to perform half as well as Derek Jeter.
- ◆ Derek Jeter is the best Yankee because he can perform so well under all amounts of stress and still manage to get his job done.
- ◆ Derek Jeter is an honest ball player who plays for the love of the game.
- ◆ Though many may be quick to say that it is Alex Rodriguez who deserves this title, I would be the first to disagree.
- ◆ Though he may seem to be more of the homer run hitter that everyone needs, he is not even that.
- ◆ He makes many errors in the field as well as having many strikeouts.
- ◆ There is a reason he is considered the one that everyone loves to hate.
- ◆ A-Rod has a big ego that he can not get enough of.
- ◆ He put far too much stress on the team due to his social life that he is not benefitting anyone.
- ◆ Derek Jeter does not bring any unnecessary baggage to the team, unlike A-Rod , who has his face all over the tabloids.
- ◆ He does nothing but put more stress on the team. A-Rod, on the other hand, while he was on the Rangers had taken steroids.
- ◆ How can someone say that they are great and have people say that they are great, when that are pretty much cheating in the game.
- ◆ It is people like him that make others wonder what is happening in MLB.
- ◆ A- Rod claims that he was under a lot of stress because he was being offered a lot of money to be playing on this team and he needed to make sure that he was going to play well.
- ◆ Well go figure that A-Rod would not be able to do this by himself.

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