

Brian Gump

Brian Gump was born June 16th, 1987 in Fountain Valley, CA. He has two older brothers and is the Son of Mark and Margaret Gump. He has a degree in English from UC Santa Barbara where he played for 4 years in the Big West Conference. He was drafted in 2008 by the Mets in the 46th round, but returned to school for his senior year and was then drafted by the Phillies in the 26th round of the 2009 MLB Draft and signed by scout Shane Bowers. Brian is a left handed outfielder who plays all 3 positions.

College

In 2008 led the team with 76 hits in 239 at bats...Batted .318... Led the team with 25 steals in 32 attempts...His 25 steals were tied for second-most in the Big West...Scored 51 runs, second-most on the team and ninth-most in the Big West...Had 22 extra-base hits, including four home runs... Had 22 multi-hit games...Went 5-for-5 with a walk and two stolen bases against Houston on Mar. 8... Had three hits including a game winning grand slam and a double, four RBI, and two steals against Cal Poly on Apr. 27. Brian was drafted by the New York Mets in the 46th round.

Brian returned for his senior year in 2009 after being drafted... Led the team in home runs with 8 (9th in the Big West) and runs scored with 59 (6th in the Big West)...batted .308 with a .323 Conference BA...had 22 steals (4th in the Big West)... had 16 multi hit games...Team high 15 game hitting streak...Has either reached base or recorded an RBI in every game of the season except 1...Went 3 for 3 with 2 home runs, 3 runs scored, 2 RBI and a walk against #1 ranked UCI on May 23...Went 2 for 5 with a home run, RBI, 2 bb and 5 runs scored against St. Mary's on Mar. 15...Drafted and signed by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 26th round.

Professional

In his first professional year, Gump played in 37 games for the GCL Phillies. Led the team in hitting, .317, runs, 21, hits, 40 and total bases, 61. second in RBI, 19, OBP, .386, SLG, .484. and OPS.

He earned an end of the season promotion, skipping short season and joining the Low-A Lakewood BlueClaws starting in 10 games during the remainder of the regular season and recording a hit in 7 of them. He also made his professional pitching debut, throwing a perfect inning against Delmarva. He started every game in the playoffs helping the BlueClaws to win the South Atlantic League championship.

Gump also writes a blog about life as a minor league ball player which became extremely popular after an article ran in the Philadelphia Daily News about it. Briangump.blogspot.com