

Gary Amato

I was born on February 5, 1986 in Austin Texas to Mary and Jeff Amato. I have 4 siblings, 3 brothers, Greg, Wes, and Nick, as well as 1 sister Amanda. I graduated from Cocoa Beach JR/SR High School in Cocoa Beach Florida in 2004 and received a scholarship to play Baseball for the Nittany lions of the Pennsylvania State University. While in high school I was very fortunate enough to have recieved a proclamation for my own day, Gary Amato Day for June 17th. After my first collegiate year with the Nittany Lions I played for Rick and Chief Twyman and the Havasu Heat in Havasu Arizona where I roomed with a fellow supporter Pete Parise. After three succesful years at Penn State I was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, where I played for 3 years. Just recently I moved to the Washington Nationals and posted the 3rd best ERA in the Nats organization. I posted a 1.64 ERA in 38.1 innings with 42 K's only 9 BB's and an opposing batting average of only .180. I am a 23 yr old 6' 2 - 215 lb right handed pitcher. i am extremely proud of my success and achievements in baseball and think giving back to children with inspiration through the sport to be the most uplifting and humbling thing I have ever done. While attending Penn State I was a Fine Art major and will persue a career in the Art business if baseball falls short. I have played guitar for 11 years and spend most of my downtime playing guitar,eirums, or drawing. family to me is the number 1 thing in life and if theres anything I can do to better a childs life and to help out families in times of need I will do it.