

**ASSOCIATION OF RICE ALUMNI
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Nominee LANCE BERKMAN Phone _____ Fax _____
Address 285 BRYN MAWR CIR
City/State/Zip HOUSTON TX 77024 Rice Class Year(s) 1998
Degrees/Majors/Years/Institutions _____
Occupation/Professional Field PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE
Current Title/Position HOUSTON ASTROS

The Distinguished Alumni Award is designed to recognize Rice alumni who have advanced the interest and standards of excellence of Rice University through distinctive professional or volunteer careers. The following criteria will be considered:

- a) advancement of the value of one's profession; exceptional expertise and dedication
- b) significant professional innovations or research findings
- c) significant voluntary contributions of energy, time, creativity, and skills for the advancement of the community welfare, the arts, education, social or government service

Please attach a curriculum vita or other biographical information for the above nominee, describing his or her professional achievements, honors and awards, publications/inventions/innovations, and professional/civic activities, boards or affiliations. In addition to the curriculum vita, please provide a short letter of recommendation describing the merits of the nominee. Consider the following question in support of the above criteria: **What qualities or achievements make this person a truly outstanding leader in his or her profession, and a role model for current Rice students?**

Please note that incomplete nomination forms cannot be considered.

Nominated by TOMMIE LU SCHEWE '59 Phone 713-436-9832 Fax _____
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City/State/Zip PEARLAND TX 77584-2086 tlschewe@jtt.net

Please list two other people (i.e., colleague, classmate) whom you have asked to write a letter of support to further validate your nomination.

Name JIM '58 & PAT '59 CAULEY Relationship _____
Address 102 CRESTWAY BAYTOWN TX 77520 Phone 281-424-7928
Name JESSIE '59 & BILL '59 SLOAN Relationship _____
Address 2034 BANKS HOUSTON TX 77098 Phone 713-526-2340

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Houston TX 77251-1892

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*Added 2011
James E. Boyle*

May 12, 2009

To: Rice Alumni Honors Committee
From: Tommie Lu Schewe (Class of 1959)
Re: Lance Berkman

I would like to nominate Lance Berkman for the Distinguished Alumni Award. I know that the awards are usually given to older alums, but baseball player's careers are over at a much younger age than most. Lance has not only excelled in his baseball career but has been a great ambassador for Rice University. Often in his interviews, the interviewer refers to "Lance's beloved Rice University". While at Rice, he was an All American. As a Houston Astro he has been outstanding on the field and in his charitable activities receiving the 2008 Roberto Clemente Award for the Houston Astros. This award is given by Major League Baseball to one player on each team for the player who combines outstanding skills on the baseball field and devoted work in the community. His charitable activities include the Berkman Bunch and the Sunshine Kids. He has several time been voted to the National League All-Star Team.

I have included several articles for your review. Although he is currently in his usual early-season slump, I am sure he will snap out of it soon.

Lance has brought great honor to himself and to Rice.

Thank you for your consideration.

May 24, 2009

To: Rice Alumni Honors Committee
From: Jim Cauley (Class of 1958) and Pat Cauley (Class of 1959)
Re: Lance Berkman

Tommie Lu Storm Schewe recently nominated Lance Berkman for the Distinguished Alumni Award. We would like to second the nomination because Lance typifies all that a Distinguished Rice Alumni represents.

Lance has demonstrated outstanding balance as a strong leader both in his personal life and in his professional life. He continues to experience a remarkable baseball career with the Houston Astros, positively leading his teammates on the field and off. In the midst of his successful career, he holds his family and his Christian faith at the center of his life.

As a result of these interwoven character traits, his positive influence not only impacts, family, baseball and his fans, but he reaches out beyond this sphere to charitable action, as well. The lives that he touches through the Methodist Hospital Berkman Bunch and the Sunshine Kids, as well as his large annual financial contribution to the Astros in Action Foundation, are immeasurable.

Lance Berkman is the essence of Rice University, and he represents it well.

Thank you for your consideration.

June 25, 2009

To: Rice Alumni Honors Committee
From: Jessie and Bill Sloan (Class of 1959)
Re: Lance Berkman's Nomination for Distinguished Rice Alumni Award

We would like to support Tommie Lu Schewe's nomination of Lance Berkman for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Lance attended Rice University for 1995-1997 where he excelled at baseball. He was named Player of the Year by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association as well as first team All-American by several sources. He has continued his earlier successes with the Astros organization and has been named to the National League All-Star team five times. In this age of abuse of performance enhancing drugs by professional athletes, Lance has distinguished himself by condemning such activities. His expertise and dedication to his career and team are without comparison.

Off the field, Lance has supported Berkman's Bunch, a charity that provides underprivileged children in the Houston area with a chance to experience baseball games as well as meet with Lance. He has made substantial contributions to the Astros in Action Fund as well as supporting M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and his church, Second Baptist Church.

Lance has distinguished himself on and off the playing field. His achievements make him a true leader in the baseball world and a role model for current Rice students. He is most deserving of a Distinguished Alumni Award.

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HOUSTON BASEBALL DINNER

Berkman's comedy biggest hit at event

■ First baseman earns 5th Astros MVP Award

By BRIAN McTAGGART

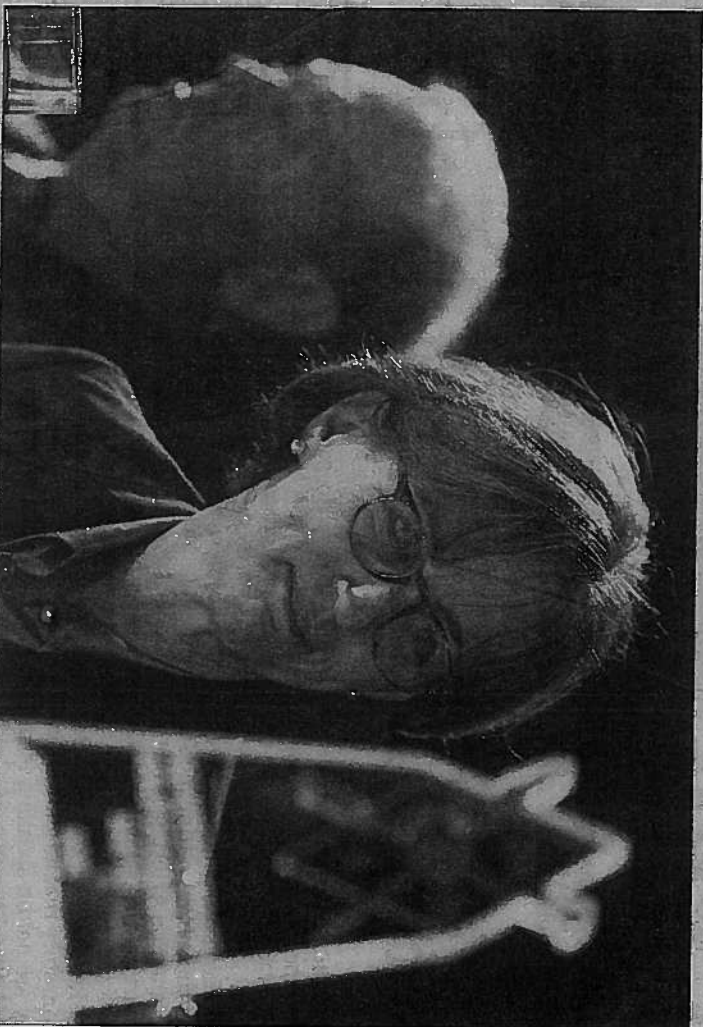
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

There were the usual reflections on the Astros' 2008 season and more than a few glimpses into what 2009 might hold in speeches by Astros owner Drayton McLane and manager Cecil Cooper.

But the 24th annual Houston Baseball Dinner on Thursday night at the Hilton Americas Convention Center Hotel was ruled by comedy. One-liners during the program were as common as line drives during a game at Minute Maid Park.

At the center of the fun was, not surprisingly, slugger Lance Berkman, who capped the night by being awarded the Astros' Most Valuable Player Award. But not before getting a few laughs from the crowd of more than 1,100.

"I want to thank (Cincinnati Reds pitcher) Bronson Arroyo for breaking Carlos Lee's finger because he would have been up here instead of me," said Berkman, who won his fifth team MVP award. Berkman, who lauded Rice



HOLHFELD HONORED: Lynne Hohlfield, widow of longtime Houston Chronicle baseball writer Neil Hohlfield, accepted the Fred Hartman Long and Meritorious Service Award for her late husband during Thursday night's Houston Baseball Dinner.

BRETT COOPER: CHRONICLE

coach Wayne Graham, also poked some fun at the University of Texas and Texas A&M.

"All you have to do is mention Aggies to hear grown men whoop," Berkman said. "And if you want to make

them cry, take them to an A&M football game."

As Berkman was receiving his award, James Loney of the Los Angeles Dodgers approached the podium and jokingly got his autograph. Loney, who played at Elkins,

was the Houston Area Player of the Year only a few years after being honored at the dinner as a standout high school player.

"I have a teammate named Manny Ramirez, and no, I don't know when he's going

to sign," Loney said. Lethander Wesley Wright, whom Berkman claimed his wife mistakenly thought was a baby, when their paths crossed on a team road trip, walked away with the Astros' Rookie of the Year at his first baseball dinner.

The night wasn't without its heartfelt moments as Lynne Hohlfield, the wife of late Chronicle sports writer Neil Hohlfield, accepted the Fred Hartman Long and Meritorious Service Award. The award was presented by long-time Astros athletic trainer Dave Labossiere, a close friend of Hohlfield who retired following last season.

McLane, of course, spoke of his optimism about the upcoming season before leaving the dinner early for another engagement. That made Cooper a little uneasy.

"I said I wanted to talk about 2010 and 2011 as far as an extension (of his contract), and he said he had to go," said Cooper, who's entering the final year of his contract.

Meanwhile, Hall of Fame broadcaster Milo Hamilton, who was the program emcee, announced he planned to work through 2012 and not retire after the 2010 season as he originally had planned.

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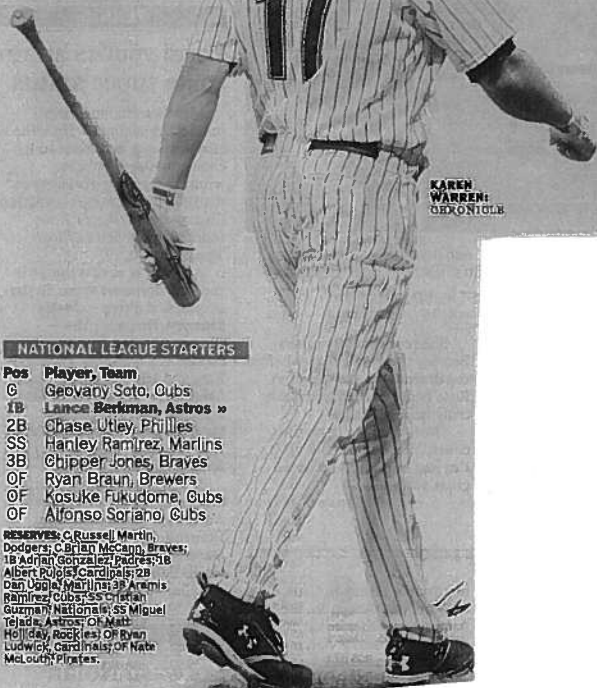
■ As the U.S. Olympic track and field trials wrap up, UT product Marshvet Hooker qualifies for Beijing in the women's 200 meters. **PAGE C6**

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2008 MLB ALL-STAR ROSTERS

LANCE BERKMAN

1B, Astros
National League



KAREN WARREN
CHRONICLE

NL PITCHERS

L/R Player, Team

R Aaron Cook, Rockies
R Ryan Dempster, Cubs
R Dan Haren, D-Backs
R Brad Lidge, Phillies
R Tim Lincecum, Giants
R Ben Sheets, Brewers
R Edinson Volquez, Reds
L Billy Wagner, Mets
R Brandon Webb, D-Backs
R Brian Wilson, Giants
L Kerry Wood, Cubs
R Carlos Zambrano, Cubs

AMERICAN LEAGUE STARTERS

Pos Player, Team

G Joe Mauer, Twins
1B Kevin Youkilis, Red Sox
2B Dustin Pedroia, Red Sox
SS Derek Jeter, Yankees
3B Alex Rodriguez, Yankees
OF Josh Hamilton, Rangers
OF Manny Ramirez, Red Sox
OF Ichiro Suzuki, Mariners
DH David Ortiz, Red Sox

RESERVES: OF Roger Bernier, Rays; C Jason Varitek, Red Sox; 1B Jhonny Morquecho, Twins; 2B Ian Kinsler, Rangers; SS Michael Young, Rangers; 3B Joe Crede, White Sox; 3B Carlos Guillen, Tigers; OF J.D. Drew, Red Sox; OF Carlos Quentin, White Sox; OF Grady Sizemore, Indians; DH Milton Bradley, Rangers.

AL PITCHERS

L/R Player, Team

R Justin Duchschere, Athletics
R Roy Halladay, Blue Jays
L Scott Kazmir, Rays
L Cliff Lee, Indians
R Joe Nathan, Twins
R Jonathan Papelbon, Red Sox
R Mariano Rivera, Yankees
R Francisco Rodriguez, Angels
R Ervin Santana, Angels
L Joe Saunders, Angels
L George Sherrill, Orioles
R Joaquin Soria, Royals

MLB ALL-STAR GAME

7 p.m.
July 15

■ Where:
Yankee Stadium

■ TV: Fox

NATIONAL LEAGUE STARTERS

Pos Player, Team

C Geovany Soto, Cubs
1B Lance Berkman, Astros »
2B Chase Utley, Phillies
SS Hanley Ramirez, Marlins
3B Chipper Jones, Braves
OF Ryan Braun, Brewers
OF Kosuke Fukudome, Cubs
OF Alfonso Soriano, Cubs

RESERVES: C Russell Martin, Dodgers; C Brian McCann, Braves; 1B Adrian Gonzalez, Padres; 1B Albert Pujols, Cardinals; 2B Dan Uggla, Marlins; 3B Aramis Ramirez, Cubs; SS Cristian Guzman, Nationals; SS Miguel Tejada, Astros; OF Matt Holliday, Rockies; OF Ryan Ludwick, Cardinals; OF Nate McLouth, Pirates.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Rice has emerged as a national baseball power, and the players consider annual Omaha visits more the rule than the exception

Owls build winning tradition

by MOISEKAPENDA BOWER
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

RECKLING Park offers proof of the strides the Rice baseball program has made under Wayne Williams, but there are other indications of how expectations have been altered.

In 1995, several Owls gathered at a friend's apartment to watch the NCAA tournament selection show, eager to learn where the Owls would land in their first regional appearance. After the Owls were placed in the NCAA South Regional at Baton Rouge, La., an impromptu celebration erupted between the television and the coffee table.

"There were probably 10 or 12 of us watching that selection show that they have on ESPN, and we dog piled in a guy's living room we were so excited to just be going to a regional," Astros first baseman and former Rice All-American Lance Berkman said. "Now they're just like, 'All right, it's another regional.'"

Success changes everything, and after winning the 2003 College World Series title, Rice is more selective when it comes to erecting a joyous mound of humanity on the diamond. After winning their second consecutive Houston Super Regional over Texas A&M, the Owls continued their new practice of subdued celebrations, with players offering hugs, back slaps and handshakes to commemorate another trip to Omaha.

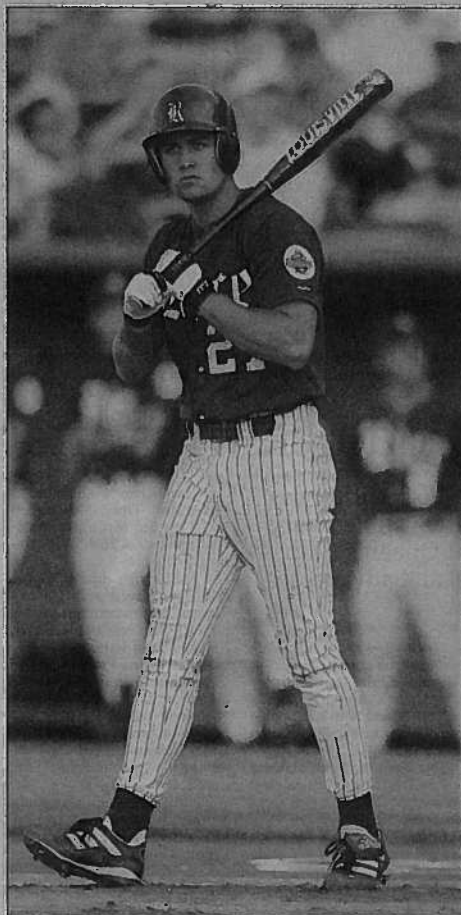
When Rice (47-13) faces Fresno State (42-29) on Sunday at Rosenblatt Stadium, it will mark the Owls' seventh CWS appearance since Berkman, Matt Anderson and Bubba Crosby took the program to its first two seasons after that dog pile in the living room. It took Berkman and Co. three years to progress from upstart regional contender to national title contender, but once the Owls reached that status, they didn't look back.

Tip of the cap to Graham

"I don't think you could ever envision Rice becoming a national power in baseball, even though we had a couple of good seasons," Berkman said. "It's a tribute to coach Graham and his staff that they've been able to maintain it, because it isn't easy."

"When the second team went in '99, then you're thinking this could be a regular-type deal where Rice is knocking on the door. Certainly with winning a national championship in 2003, that takes you to a whole different level."

The success the Owls enjoyed with Berkman bashing some runs paved the way for the construction of Reckling Park and laid the foundation for Graham to lure top talent to



SMALLER PUMA: Lance Berkman steps to the plate against LSU in the 1997 College World Series, Rice's first year to reach Omaha.

South Main. Rice made three CWS appearances before winning it all, and that title validated what the '97 team started and sparked the Owls' stretch of excellence.

"Us winning the national championship definitely helped with the recruiting and putting Rice on the national map," said Portland Beavers outfielder Vincent Sinisi, who recorded the final out in the Owls' title-clinching win over Stanford. "Everybody started thinking, 'Wow, Rice is a national contender every year.'"

Rice has maintained that momentum, even through its elimination in the 2004 Houston Regional. In 2005, a freshmen-laden squad pushed No. 1 Tulane to the brink in the New Orleans Super Regional, and the Owls who remained from the title team recognized that the program was in good hands in much the same way Berkman felt reassured as freshmen pitchers Marc Gwyn, Jeff Nichols and Mario Ramos

stepped forward in '97.

"I probably should be more surprised that they continue to go back-to-back-to-back to the College World Series," said Charleston RiverDogs pitcher Lance Pendleton, a freshman outfielder on the Rice title team. "If you're realistic, you should say, 'That's such a great accomplishment.' But I think it's becoming expected. Anything less than going to the College World Series and winning it's still a good year, but not what they're trying to do. They've been there and done that."

Success begets success

Rice had been there but hadn't done it when Pendleton arrived, but one title imbued a fevered pitch to claim another. The former Owls aren't surprised at how the program has grown, even if they couldn't forecast such dominance during their era.

"The feeling when I got there was we're good and we're

ROLL A SEVEN

Since making its first trip to the College World Series in 1997, Rice has made six more appearances in Omaha to tie for the second-highest total in the nation over that span:

Miami (Fla.)

■ **Appearances:** 8 (1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008).
■ **Titles:** 2 (1999, 2001).

Rice

■ **Appearances:** 7 (1997, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008).
■ **Titles:** 1 (2003).

Stanford

■ **Appearances:** 7 (1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008).
■ **Titles:** 0.

LSU

■ **Appearances:** 6 (1997, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2008).
■ **Titles:** 2 (1997, 2000).

Cal State Fullerton

■ **Appearances:** 6 (1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007).
■ **Titles:** 1 (2004).

SCHEDULE

Saturday's games (bracket over)	
Gm. 1: Stan. (42-29) vs. Fla. St. (54-12) ... 1	
Gm. 2: Georgia (41-23) vs. Miami (52-9) ... 6	
Sunday's games (bracket over)	
Gm. 3: Fresno St. (42-29) vs. Rice (47-13) ... 1	
Gm. 4: LSU (48-17) vs. B. Ours. (51-12) ... 6	
Monday's games	
Gm. 5: Gm. 1 loser vs. Gm. 2 loser ... 1	
Gm. 6: Gm. 2 winner vs. Gm. 1 winner ... 6	
Tuesday's games	
Gm. 7: Gm. 3 loser vs. Gm. 4 loser ... 1	
Gm. 8: Gm. 3 winner vs. Gm. 4 winner ... 6	
Wednesday's game	
Gm. 9: Gm. 4 loser vs. Gm. 5 winner ... 6	
Thursday's game	
Gm. 10: Gm. 5 loser vs. Gm. 6 winner ... 6	
June 20 games	
Gm. 11: Gm. 6 winner vs. Gm. 9 winner ... 1	
Gm. 12: Gm. 8 winner vs. Gm. 10 winner ... 6	
June 21 games	
Gm. 13: Gm. 11 winner vs. Gm. 12 loser ... 1	
Gm. 14: Gm. 12 winner vs. Gm. 13 loser ... 6	
Championship series	
Gm. 15: Bracket winners ... 6 June 23	
Gm. 16: Bracket winners ... 6 June 24	
Gm. 17: Bracket winners ... 6 June 25	
* If necessary	

not going to lose," Pendleton said. "We expected to win no matter who we played, and that has just snowballed ever since then."

"Rice expects to win every time they go out there. I think that momentum is building every year, and it gives (the program's players) more and more confidence to look back and say, 'Hey, this is the tradition that they've had, and we expect to keep it up.'"

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06/11/08

NL ALL-STAR
VOTING

First base

1. Lance Berkman, Astros	1,046,249
2. Derrek Lee, Cubs	771,516
3. Albert Pujols, Cardinals	700,777
4. Ryan Howard, Phillies	368,012
5. Prince Fielder, Brewers	317,039

Second base

1. Chase Utley, Phillies	1,284,961
2. Mark DeRosa, Cubs	589,637
3. Kazuo Matsui, Astros	523,335
4. Dan Uggla, Marlins	366,848
5. Orlando Hudson, Diamondbacks	333,998

Third base

1. Chipper Jones, Braves	1,110,171
2. Aramis Ramirez, Cubs	726,973
3. David Wright, Mets	655,105
4. Ty Wigginton, Astros	359,989
5. Mark Reynolds, Diamondbacks	292,702

Shortstop

1. Miguel Tejada, Astros	726,835
2. Hanley Ramirez, Marlins	607,528
3. Ryan Theriot, Cubs	583,483
4. Jose Reyes, Mets	498,007
5. Jimmy Rollins, Phillies	442,885

Catcher

1. Geovany Soto, Cubs	969,853
2. Brian McCann, Braves	578,276
3. Yadier Molina, Cardinals	458,084
4. J.R. Towles, Astros	367,248
5. Russell Martin, Dodgers	350,694

Outfield

1. Alfonso Soriano, Cubs	1,088,866
2. Kosuke Fukudome, Cubs	918,262
3. Ken Griffey Jr., Reds	775,759
4. Carlos Lee, Astros	587,027
5. Carlos Beltran, Mets	518,838
6. Ryan Braun, Brewers	514,913
7. Matt Holliday, Rockies	507,628
8. Hunter Pence, Astros	500,857
9. Pat Burrell, Phillies	487,131
10. Rick Ankiel, Cardinals	478,136

Did you know?

Lance Berkman has hit the four longest home runs by an Astro in the history of Minute Maid Park, including a record 464-foot shot June 7, 2003. Berkman hit a 460-foot blast Sunday.

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NL LEADERS

Through Monday

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	BA
C. Jones, Atl.....	58	219	44	92	.420
Berkman, Hou.....	63	231	60	86	.372
Pujols, StL.....	64	219	40	76	.347
Molina, SF.....	55	210	24	70	.333
Rowand, SF.....	59	212	29	69	.325
Theriot, Chi.....	59	232	40	75	.323
Holliday, Col.....	46	187	33	60	.321
Nady, Pitt.....	61	226	33	72	.319
Utley, Phil.....	65	247	51	78	.316
Martin, LA.....	61	210	30	66	.314

HOME RUNS

Utley, Phil.....	21
Berkman, Hou.....	18
Uggla, Fla.....	18
A. Gonzalez, SD ..	17
Braun, Milw.....	16
Dunn, Cin.....	16

RUNS BATTED IN

A. Gonzalez, SD ..	56
Utley, Phil.....	56
Berkman, Hou.....	51
Howard, Phil.....	49
Braun, Milw.....	47

ERA

Volquez, Cin.....	1.56
Lincecum, SF.....	2.15
Webb, Ari.....	2.58
Nady, Pitt.....	2.62
Hudson, Atl.....	2.86

STOLEN BASES

Bourn, Hou.....	24
Pierre, LA.....	23
Reyes, NY.....	23
Taveras, Col.....	21
Ramirez, Fla.....	15

Matsui, Hou.....

Victorino, Phil.....	13
Halston, Cin.....	12

SLUGGING PCT.

Berkman, Hou.....	.723
C. Jones, Atl.....	.680
Utley, Phil.....	.660

SAVES

Uggla, Fla.....	.648
Ludwick, StL.....	.636
Pujols, StL.....	.621

ON-BASE PCT.

C. Jones, Atl.....	.504
Pujols, StL.....	.474
Berkman, Hou.....	.458

Matsui, Hou.....

Martin, LA.....	.422
Giles, SD.....	.420
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Lance Berkman 17 | 1B



Status: Active

Born: 2/10/1976 in Waco, TX

Bats/Throws: S/L HT: 6'1" WT: 220 [Bio >](#)

Debut: 7/16/1999 College: Rice

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DATE	OPP	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	AVG
04/28/2009	@CIN	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.164
04/29/2009	@CIN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.162
05/01/2009	@ATL	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	.165
05/02/2009	@ATL	5	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	.179
05/03/2009	@ATL	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	.184
05/04/2009	@WSH	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	.198
05/05/2009	@WSH	4	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	.189
05/06/2009	CHC	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	.194
05/07/2009	CHC	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	.184
05/12/2009	@COL	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.187

Search by Roster

Team:

Houston Astros

Season: 2009

Houston Astros

ROSTER

Alberto Arias	P
Brandon Backe	P
Lance Berkman	1B
Geoff Blum	3B
Brian Bogusevic	RF
Michael Bourn	CF
Doug Brocail	P
Tim Lincecum	P
Darin Erstad	LF
Jeff Fulchino	P
Geoff Geary	P
Samuel Gervacio	P
Mike Hampton	P
LaTroy Hawkins	P
Brad James	P
Jeff Keppinger	3B
Carlos Lee	LF
Wilson Lopez	P
Tyler Lumsden	P
Tommy Manzella	SS
Kazuo Matsui	2B
Edwin Maysonet	SS
Jason Michaels	RF
Brian Moehler	P
Russ Ortiz	P
Roy Oswalt	P
Felipe Paulino	P
Hunter Pence	RF
Humberto Quintero	C
Yordany Ramirez	CF
Ivan Rodriguez	C
Wandy Rodriguez	P
Chris Sampson	P
Jason Smith	2B
Miguel Tejada	SS
J.R. Towles	C
Polin Trinidad	P
Jose Valverde	P
Wesley Wright	P



CHC@HOU: Berkman injures his wrist while striking out

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CHC@HOU: Berkman scores Bourn with a two-run homer

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STATS SUMMARY

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	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS	GO/AO
SEASON	30	107	14	20	44	3	0	7	16	21	2	27	0	1	.187	.323	.411	.734	1.25
CAREER	1401	4909	910	1469	2733	331	24	295	977	904	118	980	72	37	.299	.411	.557	.968	0.97

CAREER STATS

[More: Game Log](#) | [Splits](#) | [Batter vs. Pitcher](#) | [Hit Chart](#) | [Postseason & All-Star](#) | [More Stats](#)

SEASON	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS	GO/AO
1999	HOU	34	93	10	22	36	2	0	4	15	12	0	21	5	1	.237	.321	.387	.708	1.04
2000	HOU	114	353	78	105	198	28	1	21	67	56	1	73	6	2	.297	.388	.561	.949	1.01
2001	HOU	156	577	110	191	358	55	5	34	126	92	5	121	7	9	.331	.430	.620	1.051	0.91
2002	HOU	158	578	106	169	334	35	2	42	128	107	20	118	8	4	.292	.405	.578	.982	0.82
2003	HOU	153	538	110	155	277	35	6	25	93	107	13	108	5	3	.288	.412	.515	.927	0.96
2004	HOU	160	544	104	172	308	40	3	30	106	127	14	101	9	7	.318	.450	.566	1.016	0.83
2005	HOU	132	468	76	137	245	34	1	24	82	91	12	72	4	1	.293	.411	.524	.934	1.22
2006	HOU	152	536	95	169	333	29	0	45	136	98	22	106	3	2	.315	.420	.621	1.041	0.84
2007	HOU	153	561	95	158	286	24	2	34	102	94	11	125	7	3	.278	.386	.510	.896	1.10
2008	HOU	159	554	114	173	314	46	4	29	106	99	18	108	18	4	.312	.420	.567	.986	1.09
2009	HOU	30	107	14	20	44	3	0	7	16	21	2	27	0	1	.187	.323	.411	.734	1.25
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Berkman returns to lineup in three-hole
Berkman has dreams of coaching at UT
Berkman injury necessitates move
Astros re-sign Smith, option Fulchino
Berkman misses second straight game
Votebook: Pujols heads list of forces at first
Astros stars react to Ramirez suspension

PHOTOS



Switch-hitter Lance Berkman will get plenty of work from the right side vs. L.A.



Lance Berkman is greeted in the dugout following his homer.

FANTASY NEWS

[Berkman back in the lineup](#)

Lance Berkman returned to the Astros lineup on Tuesday, going 1-for-4 against the Rockies.

Player Search

Awards and Honors

ALL-STAR

2001: Houston (NL)
2002: Houston (NL)
2004: Houston (NL)
2006: Houston (NL)
2008: Houston (NL)

PLAYER OF THE MONTH

5/2004: Houston (NL)
5/2008: Houston (NL)

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

6/24/2001: Houston (NL)
6/6/2002: Houston (NL)

TEX POST-SEASON ALL-STAR

1998:

Seasons in Top 25 of Major Categories

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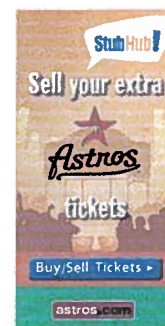
2001 .331 (4th in NL)
2002 .292 (19th in NL)

HITS

2001 191 (6th in NL)
2002 169 (12th in NL)

HOME RUNS

2001 34 (16th in NL)
2002 42 (3rd in NL)



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Lance Berkman

NL ALL-STAR
VOTING

First base

1. Lance Berkman, Astros	1,046,249
2. Derrek Lee, Cubs	771,516
3. Albert Pujols, Cardinals	700,777
4. Ryan Howard, Phillies	368,012
5. Prince Fielder, Brewers	317,039

Second base

1. Chase Utley, Phillies	1,284,961
2. Mark DeRosa, Cubs	589,637
3. Kazuo Matsui, Astros	523,335
4. Dan Uggla, Marlins	366,848
5. Orlando Hudson, Diamondbacks	333,998

Third base

1. Chipper Jones, Braves	1,110,171
2. Aramis Ramirez, Cubs	726,973
3. David Wright, Mets	655,105
4. Ty Wigginton, Astros	359,989
5. Mark Reynolds, Diamondbacks	292,702

Shortstop

1. Miguel Tejada, Astros	726,835
2. Hanley Ramirez, Marlins	607,528
3. Ryan Theriot, Cubs	483,433
4. Jose Reyes, Mets	498,007
5. Jimmy Rollins, Phillies	442,885

Catcher

1. Geovany Soto, Cubs	969,853
2. Brian McCann, Braves	578,276
3. Yadier Molina, Cardinals	458,084
4. J.R. Towles, Astros	367,248
5. Russell Martin, Dodgers	350,694

Outfield

1. Alfonso Soriano, Cubs	1,088,866
2. Kosuke Fukudome, Cubs	918,262
3. Ken Griffey Jr., Reds	775,759
4. Carlos Lee, Astros	587,027
5. Carlos Beltran, Mets	518,838
6. Ryan Braun, Brewers	514,913
7. Matt Holliday, Rockies	507,628
8. Hunter Pence, Astros	500,857
9. Pat Burrell, Phillies	487,131
10. Rick Ankiel, Cardinals	478,136

Did you know?

Lance Berkman has hit the four longest home runs by an Astro in the history of Minute Maid Park, including a record 464-foot shot June 7, 2003. Berkman hit a 460-foot blast Sunday.

NL LEADERS

Through Monday

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	BA
C. Jones, Atl.....	58	219	44	92	.420
Berkman, Hou.....	63	231	60	86	.372
Pujols, StL.....	64	219	40	76	.347
Molina, SF.....	55	210	24	70	.333
Rowand, SF.....	59	212	29	69	.325
Theriot, Chi.....	59	232	40	75	.323
Holliday, Col.....	46	187	33	60	.321
Nady, Pitt.....	61	226	33	72	.319
Utley, Phil.....	65	247	51	78	.316
Martin, LA.....	61	210	30	66	.314

HOME RUNS

Utley, Phil.....	21
Berkman, Hou.....	18
Uggla, Fla.....	18
A. Gonzalez, SD ..	17
Braun, Milw.....	16
Dunn, Cin.....	16

RUNS BATTED IN

A. Gonzalez, SD ..	56
Utley, Phil.....	56
Berkman, Hou.....	51
Howard, Phil.....	49
Braun, Milw.....	47
Lee, Hou.....	47
Ludwick, StL.....	46
Nady, Pitt.....	46

STOLEN BASES

Bourn, Hou.....	24
Pierre, LA.....	23
Reyes, NY.....	23
Taveras, Col.....	21
Ramirez, Fla.....	15
Matsui, Hou.....	13
Victorino, Phil.....	13
Hairston, Cin.....	12

SLUGGING PCT.

Berkman, Hou.....	.723
C. Jones, Atl.....	.680
Utley, Phil.....	.660
Uggla, Fla.....	.648
Ludwick, StL.....	.636
Pujols, StL.....	.621
McCann, Atl.....	.579
Burrell, Phil.....	.578
McLouth, Pitt.....	.576
Braun, Milw.....	.566

ON-BASE PCT.

C. Jones, Atl.....	.504
Pujols, StL.....	.474
Berkman, Hou.....	.458
Martin, LA.....	.422
Giles, SD.....	.420
Burrell, Phil.....	.419
Helton, Col.....	.409
Ramirez, Chi.....	.408
Holliday, Col.....	.407
Dunn, Cin.....	.406

HITS

C. Jones, Atl.....	92
Berkman, Hou.....	86
Guzman, Wash.....	84
Utley, Phil.....	78
A. Gonzalez, SD ..	76
Pujols, StL.....	76
Tejada, Hou.....	76
Atkins, Col.....	75
Braun, Milw.....	75
Theriot, Chi.....	75

ERA

Volquez, Cin.....	1.56
Lincecum, SF.....	2.15
Webb, Ari.....	2.58
Sheets, Milw.....	2.62
Hudson, Atl.....	2.86
Dempster, Chi.....	2.90
Wellemeier, StL.....	2.93
Zambrano, Chi.....	3.01
Santana, NY.....	3.08
Wainwright, StL.....	3.14

WON-LOST

Webb, Ari.....	11-2
Volquez, Cin.....	9-2
Lincecum, SF.....	8-1
Zambrano, Chi.....	8-2
Cook, Col.....	8-3

SAVES

Wilson, SF.....	18
Wood, Chi.....	18
Lidge, Phil.....	17
Valverde, Hou.....	16
Capps, Pitt.....	15
Hoffman, SD.....	14
Lyon, Ari.....	14
Wagner, NY.....	13
Cordero, Cin.....	12
Rauch, Wash.....	12

STRIKEOUTS

Volquez, Cin.....	96
Lincecum, SF.....	83
Harang, Cin.....	82
Billingsley, LA.....	79
Santana, NY.....	76
Sanchez, SF.....	75
Webb, Ari.....	75

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October 3, 2011

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Re: Support for Lance Berkman Nomination

Dear Ms. Linn:

I am proud to support the nomination of Lance Berkman for the Distinguished Alumni Award. His Hall of Fame worthy accomplishments are highlighted in the enclosed biography that I have researched and prepared without his input, as one of the qualities that makes him such a role model for both current and former Rice students is his humility which belies the accomplishments that have put him on a high pedestal in the world of professional baseball. He has done it the Honor Code way. I had the privilege of getting to meet and know Lance since he first arrived on the Rice campus in 1994, as he was the player destined to supplant my son Paul at first base. Lance's distinguishing accomplishments within his profession make him one of the all time greats in Rice University's 100 years of athletic endeavors. It is little wonder that Coach Graham, who has seen, played with and coached many highly touted baseball players in his career, projects Lance as a Hall of Fame entrant with another year such as the one he has had this season. Even more significant are Coach Graham's comments that, of all the professional athletes he has observed, Lance has been the best citizen in the profession because at all times he stands for what is honorable and moral, truly a "poster boy" for youth athletics.

Lance's efforts on the field while at Rice brought national respect and success to our baseball program and Rice in general. During Lance's tenure he, with Jose Cruz Jr. and others in the "breakout group," overcame the barriers of mediocrity and launched Rice baseball into the athletic prominence it enjoys even today. In the process, Lance was awarded several accolades, highlighted by his selection as the 1997 National College Player of the Year and his leading the first Rice baseball team to compete in the College World Series. Throughout Lance's extraordinary achievements in his profession, whether in college, as a fan favorite for the Houston Astros (leading the team to its first World Series appearance), in New York with the Yankees, or in Saint Louis with the Cardinals (where his late season efforts this year led them to the playoffs), Lance has remained a

Ms. Lauren Linn
October 3, 2011
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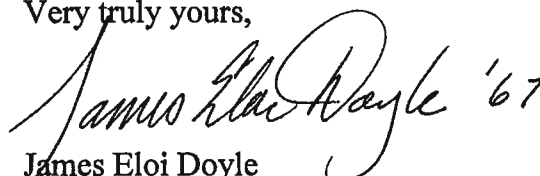
grounded, articulate and respectful and an exemplary national representative of the Rice community.

But it is not just that level of athletic accomplishments or his \$100,000,000 plus in contracts professionally that make him a person suitable for recognition. It is as they say, the rest of the story that makes Lance such a special person. But one example of Lance's caring use of his professional success is demonstrated by a recent event that involved a friend of my son's niece, an 8 year old cancer victim. Her parents are big Cardinal fans and, while going through extensive therapy, she became a Lance Berkman fan. Her uncle, knowing Paul's having been a teammate, asked if he could get some memorabilia from Lance. When Paul called Lance and told him they would be at his next game, Lance immediately invited the family to come early for hitting practice so he could escort "Scout" to first base. Soon after Scout and her family arrived, Lance escorted her onto the field and into the dugout, and she left with the memorabilia plus a picture of Lance holding her. No publicity, just using his success to make a little girl feel better about herself. That's Lance, the same Lance who offered to take less from the Astros to remain a supportive member of the Houston community.

In all that Lance has done since attending Rice, he has been thoughtful of others, a team player, and a model for today's youth. Another example is the way Lance has handled the controversial problem of steroid abuse in professional and collegiate athletics. Lance not only has been one of the most outspoken players against the abuse and in the forefront of the players' union to allow testing, but also has himself demonstrated that with hard work and dedication a person can compete at the top echelon without steroids. His career revival this year has further demonstrated that to players and fans.

Finally, Lance's community efforts through Bethel Church, Berkman's Bunch (support for inner city children), Aid Sudan (setting up radio tower and two water wells in Southern Sudan), and spokesman for Methodist Hospital and Fellowship of Christian Athletes is done with the same quiet commitment and humility. Lance's selection for this Distinguished Alumni Award would be a deserved honor for this local hero and would bring further appropriate recognition to Rice.

Very truly yours,

 '67

James Eloi Doyle

JED/syd
Enclosure(s)

LANCE BERKMAN BIO

Personal

Lance Berkman graduated from Canyon High School in New Braunfels, Texas in 1994. After attending Rice University, he married Cara Baker in 1998. They have four daughters, the fourth of whom was born just days before Lance was honored for his historic 300th career home run. Throughout his life and successful professional career, Lance has continued to share his Christian values with his peers and fans, as is also reflected in his humility and generosity. As Richard Justice reported in the Houston Chronicle several years ago: "To know Lance Berkman is to admire and like Lance Berkman," in large part because he "is a prototype for what every professional athlete should be in the way he lives his life and plays the game" and has succeeded "in the steroid era" where he remains "completely untainted except for an occasional extra piece of pie." Lance embodies the qualities of a leader and role model so rarely seen today in any profession.

Rice College Career

- 1997 National College Player of the Year
- Lead Rice to its first trip to the College World Series in 1997
- First Team All-American (1997)
- Lead the nation in home runs, RBIs and total bases (1997)
- 41 home runs in 1997 -- 3rd highest in college history
- 134 RBIs in 1997 -- 2nd highest in college history
- In his 3 years as an Owl, he hit .385 with 67 home runs and 272 RBIs

Drafted by the Houston Astros in 1st round (16th pick) of 1997 draft

Major League Career

To date, Lance has had a remarkable 12-year career in the major leagues

- 6 time National League All-Star, including in 2011
- Top 5 in the National League Most Valuable Player voting 4 times
- Houston Astros Most Valuable Player 5 times
- Major League record for doubles by a switch hitter in a season (55)
- National League record for the most RBI's by a switch hitter in a season (136)
- .296 career batting average
- 358 home runs, averaging 30 per season
- Already 4th all time in home runs among switch hitters
- 1,192 RBIs, averaging 99 per season

Consider The Company He Keeps

Lance's place in baseball history can best be appreciated by comparing his achievements with those of the all-time greats of the game. Just consider the company he keeps in three of the most important measures of a hitter:

His Slugging Percentage of .545 is **28th all-time**

- Not far ahead of Berkman: Stan Musial (19), Willie Mays (20), Mickey Mantle (20) and Hank Aaron (24)
- He is ahead of, for example: Jeff Bagwell (34), Duke Snider (35), Ken Griffey (36), Reggie Jackson, Ernie Banks, Harmon Killebrew, Frank Robinson.

His On Base Percentage (OBP) of .409 is **37th all-time**

- Right ahead of Berkman: Jackie Robinson (36)
- He is ahead of, for example: Jeff Bagwell (39), Joe DiMaggio (58), Willie Mays, Hank Aaron, Pete Rose, Alex Rodriguez.

His On Base Percentage Plus Slugging Percentage (OPS) of .954 is **20th all-time**

- Right ahead of Berkman: Alex Rodriguez (19)
- He is ahead of, for example: Jeff Bagwell (21), Ty Cobb (25), Willie Mays (27), Hank Aaron (37), Frank Robinson (42), Ken Griffey (54).

As A Switch Hitter, He Is Almost In A League Of His Own

- Second all time (to Mickey Mantle) among switch hitters in Slugging Percentage, OBP, and OPS
- Only two switch hitters have hit 40+ home runs in multiple seasons: Mickey Mantle and Lance Berkman

And He Is Still Going Strong

This year (2011) Lance was a National League All-Star for the sixth time. He was in the top ten in the National League in Home Runs, OBP, Slugging Percentage, and OPS.

- Third in NL in OBP (.412)
- Fourth in NL in OPS (.959)
- Fifth in NL in Slugging Percentage (.547)
- Ninth in NL Home Runs (31)