

= Dave Martinez =

David Martinez (born September 26 , 1964) is an American professional baseball coach and former outfielder . He is the bench coach for the Chicago Cubs of Major League Baseball (MLB) . He played in MLB for the Cubs , Montreal Expos , Cincinnati Reds , San Francisco Giants , Chicago White Sox , Tampa Bay Devil Rays , Texas Rangers , Toronto Blue Jays , and Atlanta Braves from 1986 to 2001 . Martinez had a .276 career batting average , 1 @,@ 599 hits , 91 home runs , 795 runs scored , and 580 runs batted in .

Martinez became the bench coach for the Tampa Bay Rays in 2008 , during which time he became a candidate for several managerial positions in MLB . After Rays ' manager Joe Maddon became manager of the Cubs after the 2014 season , Martinez joined the Cubs as their bench coach .

= = Early life = =

Martinez was born in Brooklyn , New York , to Puerto Rican parents . He lived at East 93rd Street and Lexington Avenue in Manhattan . At age 13 , his family moved to Orlando , Florida , on the recommendation of an uncle .

Martinez attended Lake Howell High School in Winter Park , Florida . He played on the school 's baseball team , which won the Five Star Conference championship in 1981 . He then enrolled at Valencia Community College , where he played college baseball .

= = Professional career = =

The Chicago Cubs selected Martinez in the January phase of the 1983 Major League Baseball draft . After he signed , he played for the Geneva Cubs of the Class A @-@ Short Season New York ? Penn League and the Quad Cities Cubs of the Class A Midwest League . He began the 1984 season with Quad Cities , and in 1985 , he received a promotion to the Winston @-@ Salem Spirits of the Class A @-@ Advanced Carolina League . Martinez led the Carolina League with a .342 batting average ; the second @-@ place finishers , Keith Miller and John Wilson , batted .302 . Martinez began the 1986 season with the Iowa Cubs of the Class AAA American Association .

The Cubs promoted Martinez to the major leagues for the first time on June 15 , 1986 , and he served as an injury replacement for Bob Dernier . He had a .119 batting average (8 @-@ for @-@ 67) before he was optioned back to the minor leagues in August . Martinez made the Cubs major league roster in 1987 , splitting time in center field with Dernier . He batted .292 in 142 games . Martinez struggled in the 1988 season , batting .230 in mid @-@ June . On July 14 , 1988 , Martinez was traded to the Montreal Expos in exchange for Mitch Webster . He finished 1988 with a .255 batting average and 23 stolen bases .

Martinez was pegged as a platoon player in Montreal , as he batted against right @-@ handed pitchers and sat against left @-@ handed pitchers . The Expos also had outfielders Otis Nixon , Marquis Grissom and Larry Walker on their roster . He played 126 games in 1989 , hitting .274 . In 1990 , Martinez lost the competition for the center field job to Grissom . However , Grissom was injured , and Martinez platooned with Nixon in center field . Martinez batted .279 with 11 home runs in 118 games in 1990 . He batted .295 in 1991 . After the 1991 season , the Expos traded Martinez with Willie Greene and Scott Ruskin to the Cincinnati Reds for Bill Risley and John Wetteland . He was sought out as a replacement for Eric Davis for the Reds . He competed with Reggie Sanders for the starting job during spring training .

Martinez played for Cincinnati in 1992 , but as Sanders established himself as the Reds ' starting center fielder , Martinez declared for free agency after the season . He signed with the San Francisco Giants on a two @-@ year contract for the 1993 and 1994 seasons . He suffered a torn hamstring in 1993 and was limited to 91 games . He hit .241 , his lowest average in several seasons . The Giants waived Martinez in October 1994 after he was held to a .247 average , 4 home runs and 27 runs batted in (RBI) .

Martinez signed a one @-@ year , \$ 500 @,@ 000 contract with the Chicago White Sox for the

1995 season . He received limited playing time under manager Gene Lamont . When Lamont was replaced by Terry Bevington , Martinez saw an increase in playing time . He signed a two @-@ year \$ 1 @.@ 425 million contract for the 1996 and 1997 seasons . He spent the 1996 season as a backup behind Darren Lewis , Tony Phillips , and Danny Tartabull , along with fellow backup Lyle Mouton .

In 1997 , Martinez batted , .286 and set career highs with 12 home runs and 55 RBI . He then signed a two @-@ year contract with the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays worth \$ 3 @.@ 5 million with an option for a third season at \$ 1 @.@ 75 million . In addition his desire to play in Florida , he was enticed by the Rays ' additions of Fred McGriff , Wilson Álvarez , and Roberto Hernández . In 1998 , he recorded the first hit in Tampa history . His contract option for the 2000 season vested when he recorded his 500th at bat of the 1999 season .

After batting .260 in his first 29 games of the 2000 season , the Devil Rays , who needed to improve their pitching staff , traded Martinez to the Cubs for Mark Guthrie and cash . On June 9 , 2000 , the Cubs traded Martinez to the Texas Rangers in a three team trade that sent Chuck Smith from the Florida Marlins to the Rangers and Brant Brown from the Marlins to the Cubs . On August 4 , 2000 , the Rangers traded Martinez to the Toronto Blue Jays for a player to be named later . The Blue Jays sent Peter Munro to the Rangers to complete the trade . By playing for four MLB teams in one season , Martinez tied the record . Since 1901 , the previous players to play for four MLB teams in a season were Frank Huelsman (1904) , Willis Hudlin (1940) , Paul Lehner (1951) , Wes Covington (1961) , Mike Kilkenny (1972) , and Dave Kingman (1977) . Dan Miceli (2003) and José Bautista (2004) later achieved the feat . With Toronto , he filled in for the injured Raúl Mondesí as the Blue Jays contended for the American League wild card . Between the four teams , he had a .274 batting average , five home runs , and 47 runs batted in (RBIs) in 132 games .

Martinez signed with the Atlanta Braves on a two @-@ year contract covering the 2001 and 2002 seasons , valued at approximately \$ 3 million . He batted .328 in the first half of the 2001 season , but only .233 in the second half . Late in the year , he was diagnosed with chronic tendinitis in the patella . He appeared in the MLB postseason for the only time in his career , as he played in the 2001 National League Division Series , as the Braves defeated the Houston Astros , and the 2001 National League Championship Series , where the Braves lost to the Arizona Diamondbacks . Martinez returned to the Braves in 2002 , but missed the entire season after he injured his right knee during spring training . He announced his retirement . In 1 @,@ 919 games played , Martinez had a .276 career batting average , 1 @,@ 599 hits , 91 home runs , 795 runs scored , and 580 RBI .

= = Coaching career = =

Martinez worked for the Tampa Bay Rays as a spring training instructor in 2006 and 2007 . On October 11 , 2007 , he was hired by the Tampa Bay Rays to be their bench coach . As the Rays ' bench coach , Martinez was in charge of defensive positioning , and worked with the Rays ' players on bunting and baserunning .

Martinez interviewed for managerial positions with Toronto in the 2010 offseason and the Cleveland Indians . During the 2011 offseason , Martinez interviewed for White Sox ' managerial position . The White Sox hired Robin Ventura . After the 2012 season , Martinez was considered for the Astros ' managerial position , which went to Bo Porter . During the 2013 offseason , Martinez interviewed for Cubs ' managerial position , which went to Rick Renteria , and the Washington Nationals ' managerial position , which went to Matt Williams .

Rays ' manager Joe Maddon opted out of his contract with Tampa Bay after the 2014 season . The Rays sought feedback from their players on who should manage the team . Evan Longoria , Alex Cobb , and Ben Zobrist endorsed Martinez . Martinez interviewed for the position , but was not among the Rays ' three finalists . Martinez announced his intention to leave the Rays . On December 4 , he was hired to serve as the bench coach for the Cubs under Maddon .

= = Personal life = =

Martinez resides in Safety Harbor , Florida , a suburb of Tampa Bay , with his wife , Lisa , and their four children : David , Jagger , Dalton , and Angelica . Lisa is originally from Chicago ; they met while Martinez was in his first stint with the Cubs . Jagger attended the University of Tampa , where he played for the school 's soccer team .