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### **Career Summary**

Nineteen years of professional athletic experience including a successful ten year major league baseball career as well as coaching and instruction of both professional and amateur athletes. Appearances on television and radio as a talk show host, baseball analyst and guest. Organize and participate in community and charity endeavors, including personal appearances, sponsorship and development of other fundraising opportunities. Most recently published author and entrepreneur creating one of a kind Bat Benches.

### **Professional Baseball**

- Signed a contract to play professional baseball with the Los Angeles Dodgers upon graduation from high school in 1976.
- Major league debut with the Chicago White Sox in 1982.
- From 1982 until 1991, played at the major league level for the White Sox, New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians and Baltimore Orioles.
- Retired after the 1991 season as a result of a degenerative back injury.
- During professional career negotiated baseball and product endorsement contracts.

### **Professional Baseball Accomplishments**

- 1982 Minor League *Player of the Year* as a member of the Edmonton Trappers (White Sox Triple A).
- 1983 American League *Rookie of the Year*; hit 35 home runs and had 100 runs batted in
- 1983 American League *All-Star Team* selection to the 50th annual major league all-star game in old Comiskey Park
- 176 major league home runs (7 on the roof at old Comiskey)
- Rank in the top five career home run leaders for the Chicago White Sox
- Retired in 1991

### **Professional and Youth Coaching and Instruction**

- After major league career concluded, managed, instructed and scouted professional and amateur baseball players on a year-round basis.
- Manager of the Merrillville Mud dogs, a Class A independent professional baseball team. During the team's 1995 inaugural season, was responsible for on-field coaching, scouting, signing of players and hiring and firing of coaching staff.
- Manager for Schaumburg Flyers Northern League inaugural Season (1999-2001) Won both halves and went to playoffs in first year. Was instrumental in getting 23 players signed to affiliated baseball.
- Hitting Instructor for the Valparaiso University varsity baseball team.(1991-2000)
- Established Kittle's Kages in 1991 to provide individual and small group hitting instruction to players ranging from youth league to college level
- Selected by renowned professional hitting coach Charlie Lau for the cover of his book "The Art Of Hitting" in recognition of his expertise and commitment as a hitting instructor
- Conduct baseball/hitting skills at clinics for schools and youth groups all over the country

### **Television and Radio**

- Since joining the Chicago White Sox in 1982, have appeared on television and radio:
  - Sports Channel Chicago - Provide commentary for featured college baseball games and NCAA championships.
  - WSCR Radio - Baseball Analyst for the Score/Warm-up radio broadcast in Chicago.
  - WYIN Cable 12 Channel 56 - Host of "Talking Baseball with Ron Kittle," a local cable television talk show originating in Merrillville, Indiana.
  - Local radio show (Lansing, Illinois) - "Kittle's Korner" (aired from 1983 - 1985).
  - Baseball analyst for NBC, Fox Sports, ESPN and many other telecasts
  - Radio: Play by Play and Color analyst for Schaumburg Flyers ((2002-2003)

### **Community/Charity Work**

- Maintain active involvement in not-for-profit charitable organizations:
- Founder and Chairman of Indiana Sport Charities (1989).
- Plan and hold charity events including an annual Celebrity Golf Outing.
- Activities include soliciting corporate sponsors, celebrity athletes and

- coordinating volunteers, managing charity funds, budgeting expenses and contributions.
- This charity raises money to fund cancer research at Northwestern Memorial Foundation, Children's Memorial Foundation, Munster Community Foundation St. Anthony's Medical Foundation and University of Chicago Comer Hospital.
  - Total funds raised through 2005 exceed \$1,000,000.00
  - Executive Board Member Chicago Baseball Cancer Charities (CBCC) - This organization has raised over \$11.5 million over a 35 year period for cancer research.
    - Primary beneficiaries are Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Children's Memorial Hospital, Chi-Sox Kids (Chicago White Sox) and the "Charlie Lau Wing" of Northwestern Memorial Hospital)
  - 1994 recipient of the Oscar Meyer Coach of the Year for his volunteer work in a program dedicated to Chicago inner-city youths.
  - "Think Pink" Baseballs for Breast Cancer: Pink baseballs signed by notable woman to raise money for breast cancer.

### **Other Accomplishments**

- Motivational Speaker
- Founder and President of MINE LLC: men's and woman's clothing line, golf, active and children
- CEO benches by Ron: Custom handcrafted baseball bat benches  
[www.ronkittle.com](http://www.ronkittle.com)
- Author of "Ron Kittle's Tales from The White Sox Dugout" co written with Bob Logan

### **Personal Background**

- Born January 5, 1958 and raised in Northwest Indiana.
- Graduated from Wirt High School in 1976 in Gary Indiana.
- Worked as an ironworker during the minor league off-seasons and during injury rehabilitation period (1976-1978)
- Married, wife Laura Cooke in 1984
- 2 children Hayley Elizabeth and Dylan James.
- Hobbies:
  - Motorcycle riding
  - Hunting
  - Golf
  - Anything my children like to do