



**Dale Murphy** was drafted in the first round of the 1974 draft by the Atlanta Braves. He played almost his entire career for the Braves (1974-1991) before finishing up with the Philadelphia Phillies (1991-1993) and Colorado Rockies (1993). Dale (or “Murph” as he is known by teammates and fans) is the youngest player in MLB history to win back-to-back MVP awards (1982 and 1983). He won 2 consecutive NL Player of the Year Awards (The Sporting News, 1982, 1983) and was named to the National League All-Star Team 7 times, 5 as a starter. He won the Gillette Trophy for the highest number of All-Star votes submitted by fans in the National League in 1985.

Murph won 5 consecutive Gold Glove Awards and 4 Silver Slugger Awards. He was named National League Player of the Month a record 6 times and was named the most feared hitter in the NL in a survey of pitchers in 1985. In 1991, he won the Bart Giamatti Caring Award and was presented in 1985 with the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, recognizing him as the player who best fit the image and character of Lou Gehrig. He also received the Roberto Clemente Award in honor of his character and charitable contributions on and off the field.

His streak of 740 consecutive games (1981-1986) is one of the longest in baseball history.

In 1983, he became only the sixth player in Major League history to have at least 30 homeruns (36) and 30 stolen bases (30) in one season. This elite group is sometimes referred to as the “30-30 Club.”

During the decade spanning 1981-1990, he led the major leagues in home runs and RBI's. He also led the National League in games, at bats, runs scored, hits, extra base hits, runs created, total bases and plate appearances.

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