

RH HoF Reference Data for Mike Carter

Nominated as: Player

Vetter: Bart Waldman, HoF Trustee & HoF 2017

Nominator: Willie Boyd, HoF 2017

References: Mike Juliano & Brian Wolcott

Bart Waldman Notes:

Mike Carter is nominated as a player, has been a regular participant in the RHWS, for many years, starting with the Detroit Oldtimers in the 1990s, and has an outstanding record as a player of late with the Border City Brewers. He excels as a leadoff hitter, base stealer, and a center fielder.

Mike's current team, the Brewers, has been a dominant team in the AAAA bracket in multiple age groups. According to several members of the Brewers, Mike is one of their most outstanding players and the best lead-off hitter and base stealer they have ever played with or against.

In addition, he has a long and distinguished record as a manager and organizer of players in his local Detroit MSBL league, where he's been a member of their Hall of Fame. While that may not go directly to his Roy Hobbs HOF credentials, it certainly speaks to his character and record of service.

Per Willie's nomination, Mike has also served as a highly successful high school baseball coach in the Detroit area.

Career and Achievements from nominator and references

Quick Facts

- **Born:** 1958
- **Hometown:** Detroit, Michigan
- **Roy Hobbs Experience:** Since 1994
- **Teams:** Border City Brewers & Detroit Oldtimer
- **Position:** Outfielder/Lead-off Hitter

A True Competitor

Mike embodies the spirit of Roy Hobbs Baseball: - Known for his fierce competitiveness and dedication - Always the first to arrive, ready to play or support his team - Compared to Mickey Rivers for his scrappiness and heart

Champion Background

- 🏆 **13 Roy Hobbs World Series Championships**
- ★ **2019 Roy Hobbs MVP**
- 🏅 **2 City Championships** as a high school coach
- 🎓 **Renaissance High School Coach** from 1999-2005

The Impact Player

Mike Carter's presence is felt both on and off the field: - Lead-off hitter and centerfielder for the Border City Brewers - **Fierce competitor** known for always giving his all - **Effective Leader:** Helps elevate teammates' performances

Legacy of Success

- Played in NW league alongside greats like Willie Horton
- Coached Renaissance High School to 2 City Championships
- Significant role in the success of the Border City Brewers
- Continues to make a difference working with young players

Mike's Winning Philosophy

- Resilience and determination are at the core of Mike's philosophy
- Believes in the "fight in the dog" over the "size of the dog"
- Known for his supportive and encouraging attitude
- Helps his team win by lifting others up

Beyond the Field

- Transitioned to forming his own team, leading to top league rankings
- Coached "The Tribe" to a 124-8-1 record from 2011-2015
- Achieved a remarkable 194-38-1 record from 2016-2024
- Secured 12 league championships and went undefeated for 2 years

Mike's Impact

- Known for creating long-lasting friendships and mentorships
- Well-respected for his contributions to youth and adult baseball
- Helps shape an enduring legacy of excellence

What Makes Mike Stand Out

- His unmatched competitive spirit and leadership
- Consistently promotes teamwork and sportsmanship
- Lifelong commitment to baseball and community

The Carter Difference

Mike Carter is more than just a player; he's a beacon of what Roy Hobbs Baseball represents. His dedication to the sport and community, coupled with his championship pedigree, make him a prime candidate for the Hall of Fame.

Nominator Willie Boyd's Comments:

1. Please tell us how this individual and his character affect Roy Hobbs Baseball, the game of baseball and his baseball colleagues on and off the field, and why.

Mike Carter is a worthy candidate for the Roy Hobbs HOF, as a player and man of character. He's well known, if there's a game he's there before time. Playing or watching, he epitomizes not only what Roy Hobbs baseball stands for but what the game of baseball was meant to be and how to be played.

When he first started playing for the Border City Brewers in 2013 everybody we played always said he resembles Mickey Rivers. He may have been small in stature in his earlier days, but he had a huge heart that symbolizes scrappiness & Roy Hobbs, A man that competes to the utmost.

Baseball has been a big part of his life, but his family is a bigger part of his life/heart and that's what keeps him going, living for October & November Roy Hobbs

2. What qualities and/or Roy Hobbs Baseball accomplishments make this individual special ... that they STAND APART from their peers and should be recognized through induction to the Roy Hobbs Baseball Hall of Fame?

In 2013 our Coach Dave Cooper said to me we need an outfielder, I knew a guy, Mr. Carter. He was the perfect fit and yes he's been Border City Brewers lead-off hitter and centerfielder ever since. He's a fierce competitor. With him in your dugout you have a good chance to win. Last year in the championship game the announcer was reading out the batting order, and he said "now leading off for Border City Brewers the best lead-off hitter in the history of Roy Hobbs, Mike Carter." We will never let him live that down 🤔

His ties to baseball extend beyond Roy Hobbs ... he was a coach at Renaissance high school from 1999-2005, in that time they won 2 City Championships, and he continues to work with kids, young and old. He lived at the field, played in the best league in the city, the Northwestern league which produced greats like Willie Horton, Alex Johnson and John Mayberry to name a few,

In the mid 1996-2005 era he played with the Detroit Oldtimers in the Roy Hobbs tournament in Ft. Myers for the first time,

3. From your list of character qualities and/or your line of reasoning in support of your candidate, if you could pick only 2, which would they be and why? These should be compelling and your stories should demonstrate how your candidate is EXCEPTIONAL in regard to Roy Hobbs Baseball. *

His hard nose play and the ability to strive to be better when he was younger and smaller, determination to not give up when the odds were against him. It's fair to say that his mantra is "it's not the size of the dog that's in the fight, it's the fight in the dog." Roy Hobbs is a very competitive tournament, and Mike is the most competitive person I know.