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FEATURE: LAMONTE WADE JR. '12: FROM ST. PAUL'S TO THE BIG LEAGUES

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Almost 10 years after graduating, St. Paul's own LaMonte Wade Jr. '12 is now a major league baseball player, and his story of how he reached the big leagues is both fascinating and inspiring. LaMonte was born on January 1st, 1994, and raised in Baltimore City. He comes from a tight-knit family with very supportive parents and a younger brother, Jamal, who he has forged a close bond with due to their common passion for baseball, and that they are close in age, being only two years apart.

LaMonte entered St. Paul's as a freshman. Here, he played four years on the varsity baseball team, the last two were with Jamal. LaMonte was a four-year letter winner for both baseball and basketball. As a pitcher and outfielder for the Crusaders, he was named to the preseason Under Armour All-American Team in 2012 and earned 3-time All-MIAA team honors. Ranked as the number 1 player in his class in the state, he went on to play collegiately at Division 1 University of Maryland.

At UMD, he played primarily outfield. In the classroom, he majored in criminology. Jamal joined LaMonte at UMD in 2014, where the two brothers had the privilege of again playing on the same team. They enjoyed time together in the outfield before Jamal became a full-time pitcher. During college, LaMonte received attention from several major league teams, including the New York Yankees and the Minnesota Twins. He never communicated with coaches from his hometown team, the Baltimore Orioles, but admitted during an interview with Alumni Relations Director Charley Mitchell '73 that "it would've been nice to be picked by them."

In 2015, LaMonte entered the Major League Baseball Draft as a junior. He was told that he might be selected anywhere between the fifth and ninth rounds. While he anxiously waited in an apartment room in College Park with some of his teammates who were also hoping to be drafted, LaMonte received the call from the Minnesota Twins, who drafted him in the ninth round. He noted that this call came as a bit of a surprise since he had talked more with the New York Yankees and expected to hear from them; but nevertheless, he was ecstatic that he was on his way to achieving his dream of becoming a professional baseball player.

LaMonte's first summer of professional baseball was in 2015 with the Elizabethton Twins and Cedar Rapids Kernels, the Rookie and A-level minor league affiliates of the Minnesota Twins. That summer his hot bat produced a .312 batting average and nine home runs for Elizabethton, earning the Appalachian League's Player of the Week honors and making it onto the Postseason All-Star Team. During his next season, in 2016, he played for the Cedar Rapids Kernels again and was named a Mid-Season All-Star. In addition to his spot on this team, he was promoted to the Fort Myers Miracle, the advanced A-level affiliate team of the Minnesota Twins. On this team, LaMonte continued to excel and earned Minnesota Twins Organizational All-Star honors.

During the 2017 season, LaMonte continued his success with the Chattanooga Lookouts, the Double-A affiliate of the Twins, participating in the Mid-Season All-Star game. To start the year in 2018, LaMonte was with the Lookouts again and unleashed some insane power, launching seven home runs in only 46 games, leading to another Mid-Season All-Star game and a promotion to the Triple-A Twins affiliate with the Rochester Red Wings.

LaMonte began 2019 with the Red Wings, and three months into the season, he received life-changing news: the Minnesota Twins wanted him to join their major league team. He received this phone call at 1 o'clock in the morning during a road trip in Syracuse. He was told by the Twins that he would need to meet the team in Minnesota that same day. After scrambling to gather his things and notify family of the news, he left the airport at 5 am to head to Minnesota and meet his new team, where he was welcomed with open arms.

The day he stepped on to a major league field for the first time during a regular season game was June 28th, 2019, with his parents in the stands. In the 4th game of his major league career, he dislocated his

thumb and was sidelined until September. Shortly after getting back on the field, LaMonte collected his first major league hit and RBI during a home game against the Cleveland Indians on September 8th. About a week later, on September 15th, LaMonte hit his first home run of his career, also while playing against the Indians.

At the end of 2019, LaMonte and the Twins clinched a playoff spot, giving him his first taste of major league postseason baseball. When reflecting on this exciting time during his interview with Mr. Mitchell, he noted, "there's nothing like playoff baseball, it's just different." LaMonte described the atmosphere of these games as similar to that of a packed football game: so loud and full of energy that it was hard to hear the person standing right next to you.

In the shortened 2020 season, LaMonte played 16 big-league games for the Twins, hitting .231 with three doubles. When he wasn't playing baseball, he was in the clubhouse dominating his teammates at ping pong, a game that he is very skilled at after many matches with his family growing up. He proclaims that he was the best at ping pong on the Twins, but his mother, who competes in organized matches, is actually the best in the family.

Recently, on February 4th, 2021, LaMonte was traded to the San Francisco Giants. This upcoming season, his goal is to drive the ball to the outfield gaps more consistently and use the entire field when hitting. One day, after his career comes to an end, LaMonte hopes to return to the University of Maryland to finish college. His advice to younger players is to take school seriously because you never know how far sports can take you. The St. Paul's community is very proud of LaMonte and wishes him, and Jamal, the best of luck in 2021 and the rest of their baseball careers.



18 THOUGHTS ON “FEATURE: LAMONTE WADE JR. '12: FROM ST. PAUL'S TO THE BIG LEAGUES”**Annis**

MAY 24, 2022 AT 11:10 PM

That's an awesome point

**Leatha**

JUNE 3, 2022 AT 1:00 AM

Howdy this is somewhat of off topic but I was wondering if blogs use WYSIWYG editors or if you have to manually code with HTML. I'm starting a blog soon but have no coding knowledge so I wanted to get guidance from someone with experience. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

**Darcy**

JUNE 5, 2022 AT 3:57 AM

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**Renato**

JUNE 5, 2022 AT 4:40 AM

Because the admin of this web page is working, no hesitation very shortly it will be well-known, due to its quality contents.

**Dillon**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 12:53 PM

Yes! Finally someone writes about starting a business.

**Ruby**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 2:38 PM

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Plz reply as I'm looking to create my own blog and would like to find out where u got this from. thank you

**Tamara**

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**Terrence**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 3:05 PM

Excellent pieces. Keep writing such kind of info on your blog. Im really impressed by your site.

Hello there, You've done a great job. I'll definitely digg it and individually suggest to my friends. I am sure they'll be benefited from this web site.

**Damion**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 3:18 PM

Excellent post. I was checking constantly this blog and I am impressed!

Very helpful information specially the last part 😊

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**Ted**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 3:31 PM

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**Landon**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 3:36 PM

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**Marcelo**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:40 PM

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Jordan

JULY 1, 2022 AT 4:46 PM

If some one wants expert view regarding blogging and site-building afterward i recommend him/her to pay a visit this webpage, Keep up the fastidious work.



Eda Mccurty

JULY 16, 2022 AT 4:06 PM

Assisted me a lot, just what I was searching for : D.



Warner Carnohan

JULY 27, 2022 AT 9:38 PM

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Elda Johnosn

AUGUST 4, 2022 AT 2:56 AM

This site definitely has all of the information I needed concerning this subject and didn't know who to ask.



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AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 3:39 PM

Thanks-a-mundo for the article post. Really looking forward to read more. Much obliged.



Danika Pinkenburg

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 AT 11:15 AM

Really cool article