



**Name:** Walter William Weiss

**Years:** November 28, 1963 to Present

**Residence:** Tuxedo, New York

**Brief Biography:** Walt Weiss was born on November 28, 1963 in Tuxedo, NY. He was originally drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the tenth round of the 1982 draft, but opted to pursue his degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill instead. Three years later, he was drafted again with the twelfth overall pick by the Oakland Athletics.

The Athletics were so impressed with the rookie Weiss that they traded away their starting shortstop to give Weiss more playing time. His season did not fare as hoped, however, as he batted .250 with a mere three home runs, 39 RBIs, and 44 runs scored. Even though his individual season was disappointing, he helped lead the A's to their first pennant in over a decade and to the World Series, where they lost in five games. Weiss was rewarded with the American League Rookie of the Year Award and with an All-Star Rookie Roster berth.

The following year, Weiss helped lead the A's back to the World Series, where, this time, they won for their first title in fifteen years. Weiss saw his best offensive numbers in 1990 in the categories of hits, runs, batting average, and stolen bases. He helped the A's win their consecutive pennants, but was injured in the ALCS as the A's failed to make the World Series.

Weiss was traded to the Florida Marlins in 1992 and became a free agent a year later. In free agency, Weiss signed with the Colorado Rockies. As a Rockie, Weiss broke his career highs in home runs and RBIs. In 1997, Weiss signed with the Atlanta Braves. Weiss was starting shortstop for the Braves and made his only All-Star team in 1998. Weiss made a heroic defensive play for the Braves in the 1999 NLDS. In the tenth inning a line drive hit him in the stomach but he still managed to throw home to get the out. The play saved the season for the team, helped them win the series, and helped them appear in the 1999 World Series, where they lost to the New York Yankees. Weiss retired in 2000.

Since his retirement, Walt Weiss has been affiliated with various charities.

**Major Accomplishments:** All-Star selection (1998), World Series champion (1989), 1988 AL Rookie of the Year

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