



## ANDRE DAVIS

### PROFILE

Buried in the small print of Melky Cabrera's impressive Major League Baseball bio, you'll find a line that would make any young prospect proud: July 30, 2017 - Traded by the Chicago White Sox with cash to the Kansas City Royals for Andre Davis and A.J. Puckett.

For Castro Valley's Davis, a North Coast Section champion at Redwood Christian High and standout at Chabot College, it might not be his greatest lifetime achievement in baseball, but certainly it's a great conversation-starter.

A "crafty left-hander," as he referred to himself, Davis pitched an underdog Redwood Christian team into the 2011 NCS title game with a win over St. Joseph Notre Dame, then found himself in the on-deck circle in the last of the eighth inning with the Eagles and Head-Royce tied 4-4 in the finals and the potential winning run standing on second base.

Then the unimaginable happened. The Head-Royce manager elected to intentionally walk the batter ahead of Davis, who promptly lined a season-ending, championship-winning single to center field.

Davis went on to Chabot, then Arkansas-Pine Bluff, the latter 2,000 miles away from all the people who made it possible.

"My career wouldn't have been what it was without (Redwood Christian coach) Jim Cleveland and (superintendent) Bruce Johnson. They were the backbone of Redwood Christian sports. They set the tone as to how to do things the right way and how to become a better athlete and person."

Davis played three years of minor league ball, compiling a 10-9 pitching record and a .185 batting average. The White Sox liked him enough as a pitcher to ask that he be included in the Cabrera package.

Having already missed his junior season at Redwood Christian with a knee injury, Davis had it happen again in his second start for the White Sox's affiliate in Kannapolis (NC). He never pitched another professional game and claims he has rarely picked up a ball or glove since formally hanging up the spikes in 2020.

"I walk with no pain," he says of his new life, which is focused on becoming a physician assistant through a graduate program at the University of Washington. "I choose not to run."

The 32-year-old Davis and his wife, Morgan, another Redwood High grad, haven't given up hope of returning to Castro Valley someday.