



TRIPLE PLAY WITH CAMERON MAYBIN

Veteran center fielder Cameron Maybin, who was acquired by General Manager Jerry Dipoto prior to the July 31 trade deadline, is in his 12th year in the Big Leagues. If you drew a line on a map of North America that followed his career path it would look like Google Maps gone hay-wire. Seattle is the eighth organization Maybin has played for, and yet he views all that change and travel with a relentlessly positive attitude.

Maybin brings speed, good defense and post-season experience to the Mariners. He also has a reputation as a great teammate and a positive clubhouse guy.

"I try to make everyone's job as easy as possible," he said, describing the contributions he likes to make. "I try to provide good character and bring positive energy on the field and in the clubhouse.

"And I don't think baseball has even totally clicked for me yet."

He compares himself to José Bautista and Juan Encarnación, guys who had upturns in their production later in their careers. "I think I could be like one of those guys," said the 31-year-old. "The best is yet to come."

Since making his Major League debut in 2007, Maybin has played in more than 1,000 games and is nearing 900 career hits. Last season, he was a member of the 2017 World Series champions Astros. As if that wasn't exciting enough, during the Series he stole a base, which triggered a major food chain's promotion that provided a free taco to anyone in America!



On Playing for His Eighth Organization

Eight, really? I've enjoyed the journey baseball has taken me on. I take a lot of pride in my character and how I carry myself. People, for the most part, have always had good things to say about me, so I look at moving around like a positive. Someone still wants you. They want and value what you can bring to the clubhouse.

Everyone's journey is different. Mine has taken me to a lot of places and that has allowed me to build great relationships with a lot of awesome people.

On Winning a World Series with Houston

Throughout my career, it seemed like I was always on young teams or rebuilding teams that were trying to

figure out which direction to go. To join an organization that was doing so well, to be welcomed with open arms and to add a spark to what they were already doing, and to have an opportunity to contribute in the playoffs and the World Series, that meant the world to me. It allowed me to make an imprint on history. It was the best experience of my professional career.

As for the taco, I told my wife 'I'm going to win tacos tonight [for America] if I get in this game. I got a big pinch-hit to get on base and stole second. If I'm in the game, I'm always looking to make something happen.

On His Athletic Family Tree

[Editor's Note: Success at the highest level is hardly a fluke within Maybin's extended family, which is

full of great athletes. He's related to former NFL player Aaron Maybin, current NFL player Jalen Reeves-Maybin, former Louisville basketball player Marques Maybin, NBA player Rashad McCants, WNBA player Rashanda McCants, and John Avery who plays in the Canadian Football League.]

I'll say I'm the best athlete, but it's tough to say because I think everyone in the family feels the same way about themselves. It makes for fun family reunions and barbecues. I'll say I'm the best athlete, but Aaron [who played for the Bills and the Jets] is a physical specimen. We had some good one-on-one pickup games coming up back in the day.

—Mike Gastineau