



Jared Johnson

Baseball Contestant

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Age: 29

Resides: Mobile, AL

Superstar athlete Jared was a shoo-in for a career in major league baseball until disaster struck when he was diagnosed with metastatic stage IV testicular cancer. With only a 4% chance of survival, Jared battled through chemo with the help of the extraordinary muscle and bone density gained from playing baseball. After high doses of chemo and major surgery, Jared miraculously was given the all-clear. But the surgery, which had cracked his body open from neck to groin, left him unable to recover his previous hitting prowess – the muscles simply weren't able to knit themselves back together as they were before. After struggling through years of rehab, Jared discovered that he was still able to function at a high level on the other side of the field as a pitcher. Unfortunately, the low pay of minor and independent league play is not enough to support a family, so Jared still dreams of one day making it to the big leagues.