Player Spotlight

Andrew Wiggins



Indiana Sophomore Andrew Wiggins became interested in baseball from an early age because his older brother and father both played. His father, a Pastor, was an outfielder and a pitcher at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. He gave Andrew a toy tee so he could swing a bat before he was able to walk, and he would never put the bat down. Wiggins watched the Yankees growing up in Indianapolis and his favorite player was Alex Rodriguez. He recalls visiting Yankee Stadium for the first time during his senior year of high school to see his team take on the Phillies. Wiggins' favorite memory on the field was a playoff run during his Senior year of high school when they were truly playing baseball as a team and made it one game away from playing in the state championship. Though he is an Outfielder this summer in Keene, Wiggins is a two-way player at school just like his father. Growing up, Wiggins also played flag football and basketball in addition to running cross country. He was a Quarterback and Wide Receiver on the flag football field and a Forward on his high school basketball team.

Outside of sports, Wiggins' greatest interest is music. He is minoring in the subject in college and plays seven different instruments. Those are the soprano, alto, and tenor saxophones in addition to the ukulele, trombone, clarinet, and piano. He is self-taught in most of these instruments and also sings. His favorite instrument is the alto saxophone. His mother, a Lawyer and former Judge, is also into music, and one of the reasons Andrew listened to a lot of different music as a child. His favorite artist is Jazz Trumpeter Chet Baker because of his amazing tone and ideas. Wiggins is also interested in Anime and enjoys talking to different people in general.

Andrew is the youngest of four siblings. His oldest brother is about to go to law school at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. His older sister is attending graduate school in Denver for psychology, and his youngest sister plays basketball at Butler University where she is a senior studying business.

Wiggins chose Indiana because of the campus life, player development, and academics. He is switching his major from sports marketing to something media-related but hopes to have a long career in professional baseball. He also hopes to have a music career during and after his baseball career.

This summer, Andrew has become a lot more comfortable on the basepaths and getting everyday opportunities in the outfield to improve his confidence there. He also enjoyed visiting Fenway Park for the first time with some SwampBats teammates. His host parent is Giovanna Cunningham, who has a son Sylas whom Wiggins enjoys seeing at games as the bat boy. Cunningham also has a daughter Andrew's age, Sydney, and a daughter Lydia who has two kids of her own. He appreciates how they all support the SwampBats.