



JOE GIRARDI

Joe Girardi is a true athletic powerhouse. He has grown from a little-known journeyman catcher into a true leader – universally liked and respected, known for being well-spoken, intelligent and world-class athlete and manager.

He graduated in 1982 from Spalding Institute in Peoria, Ill., where he was an All-State selection in baseball. While attending Northwestern University, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering, and was named a three-time Academic All-American and two-time All-Big 10 selection for his athletic abilities.

Girardi made his Major League Baseball debut in 1989. He participated in 15 seasons as a catcher in the Major Leagues with the Chicago Cubs, Colorado Rockies, St. Louis Cardinals and New York Yankees. He was a member of three World Series Championship squads in New York (1996, 1998-99), and played in a total of six postseasons with the Cubs (1989), Rockies (1995) and Yankees (1996-99). While playing for the Cubs, Girardi was named the 2000 All-Star team, his only All-Star appearance.

After retiring as a catcher in 2004, Girardi became a commentator for the YES Network, and hosted the kids-oriented Kids on Deck. He received positive reviews for his abilities as a broadcaster, and was offered an expanded role on 2005 Yankee broadcasts. Girardi, however, decided to become a coach instead by accepting a bench coach and catching instructor position with the New York Yankees.

In 2005, Girardi accepted the manager position for the Florida Marlins, replacing departed manager Jack McKeon. As a first-time manager, he guided the Marlins to a surprising Wild Card contention (finishing with a 78-84 record), despite having the lowest team payroll in Major League Baseball. Because of his success and perseverance as a leader with the Marlins, Joe was awarded the National League Manager of the Year Award in 2006.

After fielding managerial offers for the 2007 season, he instead decided to return to the broadcast booth for the YES Network in 2007.

This return didn't last long, and in October of 2007, Girardi signed a three-year contract as manager of the Yankees. In 2009 his second year as manager, he led the Yankees to their 40th AL pennant and their 27th World Series title, his first World Series title as manager and the Yankees' first since 2000.

After leaving the Yankees in 2017, Girardi went back to broadcasting and served as an analyst for MLB Network and Fox Sports. Two years later, on October 24, 2019 the Philadelphia Phillies hired Girardi as their manager.

Girardi and his wife, Kim, reside in Florida with their three children, Serena, Dante and Lena.