

# Baseball As A Career

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One of the nation's leading weekly newspapers, Grit, recently commented editorially on the promise of professional baseball as a career. We agree with the sentiments expressed in this newspaper.

It was pointed out that those who made the Major Leagues receive a minimum salary of \$7,000 a year. This is pretty good money for lads 18 or 19, or even 22 or 23 years old. Then, those who become stars in the Majors can increase their earnings rapidly and many youngsters in their twenties are now earning \$20,000 or much more.

Eventually, the stars – in their heyday – earn as much as thirty thousand, forty thousand or maybe even sixty thousand or seventy thousand. It's true that these salaries are only for the greatest stars in the country, but then there are many who are earning twenty thousand at relatively young ages.

Even better than the pay, while they are active, is the promise of a pension at the age of fifty if the Major League baseball player stays in the big time for at least five years.

In conclusion, if a youngster likes to play baseball and if he enjoys having three or four months free each year, and has the ability to make the grade, baseball is certainly a promising career. No wonder so many youngsters thrill at the sound, "Play ball," and prefer to enter professional baseball – among all professional sports.