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JEFF CIRILLO TO RECEIVE "NICE GUY" AWARD

Former Milwaukee Brewer and current FSN Brewer television analysts, Jeff Cirillo, will receive the "Nice Guy" Award, according to Banquet Chairman, Mike Reese. The presentation will take place at the 46th Annual Red Smith Banquet on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 6:30 pm at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in downtown Appleton, Wisconsin.

Drafted by Milwaukee in the 11th round out of USC in the 1991 amateur draft, Cirillo went on to become the Brewers all-time career batting average leader with .306 average. He made his major league debut with the Crew on May 11, 1994 and held down the "hot corner" position for the next six years. During this time he collected a .300 batting average or better for three seasons, including a career-high .326 in 1999. The same year, he added 198 hits (also a career-high) with 15 home runs and 88 RBI. He also made the 1997 All-Star squad.

Cirillo was part of a 3 team trade on December 13, 1999, between the Brewers, Rockies and A's, in which he and Scott Karl were sent to the Rockies in exchange for Henry Blanco and Jamey Wright. His 2000 season in Denver proved to be a career year for him when he posted career-highs in RBI (115), runs (111) and doubles (53); finished with 195 hits, and matched his personal-best .326 average.

Before the 2002 season he was traded to the Seattle Mariners and after two down seasons with the Mariners he was traded again in 2004 to the Padres where he suffered a wrist injury and missed most of the season, but not before making history by becoming Randy Johnson's 4,000th strikeout victim on June 29, 2004.

Cirillo rejoined the Brewers in 2005 where he found production with his bat again along with solid defense. He played part of the 2007 season with the Twins before retiring from baseball with the Arizona Diamondbacks after the 2007 season.

Cirillo will be joined at the head table by Red Smith Award winner, Ron Dayne and Greg Gumbel, who will be the main speaker. Information about purchasing tickets, priced at \$60.00, can be obtained by visiting our website at www.redsmith.org, or by calling Joe Ornstein at (920) 570-2536 or email contact@redsmith.org. Tickets are also available at Players Choice W3035 County Road JJ in Appleton. You can also follow the Red Smith Banquet on Facebook.

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