

Superman's Sendoff
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Our favorite saying has come to an end. Superman has officially left the building. Jackie Bradley Jr has signed a 2 year deal worth 24 million dollars with the Milwaukee Brewers. Jackie Bradley is one of the most likeable players in the Major Leagues. You are a very lucky person if you had the opportunity to meet him. From our experiences here at Beantown Takes, he is chill, down to earth, and makes you smile every time. He is definitely someone who we would love on our podcast one day.

Jackie played 8 years with the Red Sox. He was an All Star in 2016, A Gold Glove winner, ALCS MVP well deservingly, and a World Champion. Jackie is a player that we will never forget. He gave 100% on the field and more everytime out. Jackie Bradley over the years hit .239 with 98 home runs, and drove in 376 runs batted in.

Red Sox fans will never forget the production by Bradley in the 2018 postseason. Jackie had not 1, not 2, not 3, but 4 very clutch hits in the 2018 postseason. The first one I was in attendance for this game. The Red Sox were down 4-2 with 2 outs with the bases loaded in game 2 of the ALCS vs the Astros. It was a 2-1 count and Bradley was facing Gerrit Cole. Jackie smacked a ball of the Green Monstah that ended up clearing the bases to give a 5-4 lead. The Red Sox never looked back in this game as they would end up winning 7-5 and tying the series 1-1. The next game, it is 4-2 vs one of the best relievers at that time Roberto Osuna. Bases loaded again and this time Jackie did it with a bang. Bradley crushed a grand slam that put the dagger through the hearts of Houston and they would win 8-2 and go up 2-1 in the series. The next game in the 6th inning, the Red Sox were down 5-4 and Bradley did it again. With the tying run on second, Superman sent Lex Luthor over the wall off Josh James to put the Red Sox in front. The Sox won again 8-6 and put them up 3-1 in the series. The Red Sox ended up gaining all momentum because of Bradley's performance in the series. This next one ended up in a loss, however in Game 3 of the World Series, Jackie crushes a ball into the Dodger bleachers against Kenley Jansen the best closer in the league at that time to tie the game up at 1. Without Jackie's postseason performance in 2018, the Red Sox do not get to the World Series and also win the 2018 World Series as well.

What made Jackie Bradley Jr “Superman” was his outstanding defense. No need to put advanced stats on there and the simple stats won’t explain how great his defense was. Red Sox Nation knows the defense Jackie brought. We found out about Superman flying when he actually flew in the air in a game against the White Sox and made a spectacular catch. For me it is a tie for my favorite catch. I have to put him robbing Aaron Judge of a home run in 2017 at Fenway on there, and the other one was vs the Twins in 2018 at Fenway, where Jackie had such a low possibility to catch the ball, the probability was near impossible. Jackie got to it fast, lunged out and crashed into the Monstah hard. As a fan, you were like wow unbelievable. That play Jackie could have been really hurt and he put his body on the line to help his team get a win. Every time Jackie made a spectacular play you would go crazy, but yet again Superman is in the building so what do you expect. You can argue that Jackie Bradley Jr is one of the best defensive center fielders in Red Sox history.

Jackie is a fan favorite to Red Sox Nation. He took the time every day to make a fans day and make them smile. The efforts that he and his wife Erin made in the Jimmy fund along with the Red Sox Foundation are unbelievable. Do not even get us started about their daughter Em, she is so adorable. Jackie’s effort on and off the field will be missed by all of us here in Boston. Superman will never be forgotten and we thank you Jackie Bradley Jr along with your family for all you have done for the city of Boston. Hopefully we will see you and your family again someday and for one last time, SUPERMAN IS IN THE BUILDING! Thank you Jackie Bradley Jr we love you!

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