



Phillies Beat



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Welcome back to the latest edition of Todd Zolecki's Phillies Beat newsletter!

Garrett Stubbs is the vibes guy in the Phillies' clubhouse.

He is the team's unofficial DJ, [which everybody knows by now](#). He recently ordered red pinstriped overalls, which teammates occasionally wear in the clubhouse after wins. (He wore his overalls following Friday's [7-2 victory](#) over the Cardinals.) If you want a good sense of Stubbs' personality, [watch him interact with Little Leaguers in Williamsport, Pa., last weekend](#), and let him explain why he had "Day Games" stitched onto one of his catcher's mitts.

Stubbs explained the story behind the glove that personifies his clubhouse persona and his sense of humor:

Most players have their last name or a nickname embroidered on their gloves. You chose “Day Games” on one of yours. Why?

Stubbs: It started last year. I came over to the Phillies, obviously get the opportunity to be the backup for J.T. [Realmuto], who plays pretty much every single day. So my role became ... giving J.T. a day off, which means that the day games, those hotter days of the month, where it's 95 degrees, 90 percent humidity, I was going to be in there catching those games, which to me is a role that I'm all for. I came into this year knowing that was going to be my role again, and I love to play up whatever role I have with the team, and like to bring a little bit of humor to whatever it may be, and came up with this glove with Rawlings and put the “Day Games” where my name is supposed to be.



So when did you come up with the idea?

Stubbs: They come into Spring Training. You get to design whatever

glove ... you get three of them. And on one of them I decided to completely fill the role with the “Day Games” logo on the side.

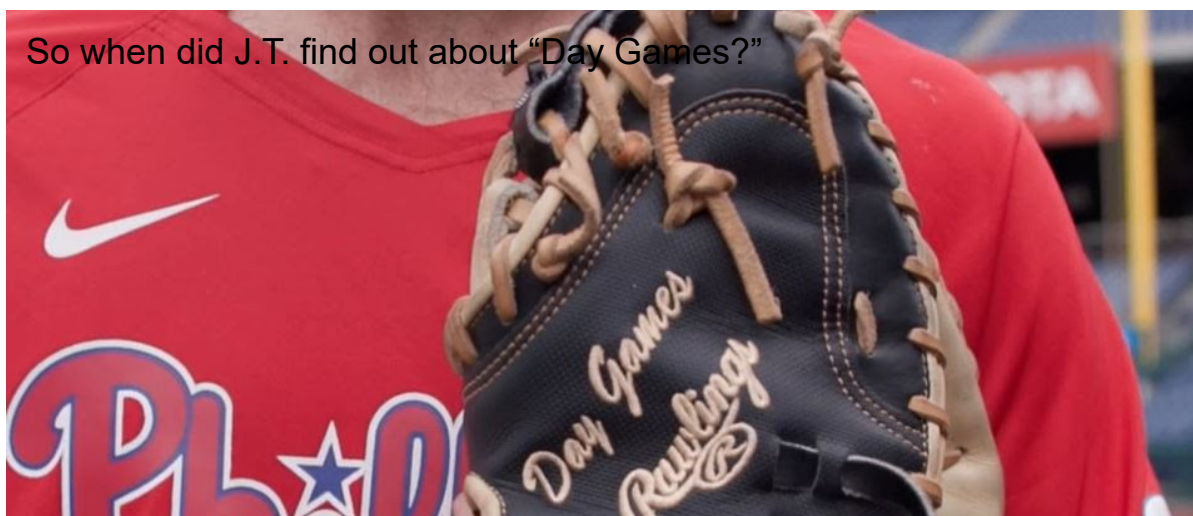
Some people might not know this, but players have game gloves (aka gamers) and gloves they use for practice. Is this your gamer?

Stubbs: This isn’t my gamer. It was supposed to be, but every glove breaks in a lot differently and this one didn’t necessarily break in the way that I wanted to. But our bullpen catcher [Héctor Rabago] uses it almost every single day in the bullpen. It’s got some pretty good wear and tear on it. The bullpen guys like it, too. Every time he busts it out it gives them a good laugh. It just gets good vibes.

What makes a good gamer?

Stubbs: It’s all feel. It’s like any golfer. When they have a putter, some people like to use a blade, some people like to use a mallet. There’s different models that you can choose from. I have a lot of the same models, but they’re all handmade, so you end up using them and they break in differently. This one I like to say broke in with a little gerbil right in the middle of the glove, so if you catch it a little bit wrong the gerbil likes to kick the ball out.

So when did J.T. find out about “Day Games?”



TRIVIA

The Phillies swept St. Louis last year in the National League Wild Card Series. They trailed the Cardinals in Game 1, 2-0, when they scored six runs in the ninth inning to win, 6-3. Who started the six-run rally with a one-out single?

- A. Alec Bohm
- B. Brandon Marsh
- C. Kyle Schwarber
- D. J.T. Realmuto

GET ALVY ON ETSY, ASAP



José Alvarado has a big personality, but lately he has been spending his time quietly in front of his locker making necklaces for himself and his teammates. Alvarado said he wanted somebody to make him a few, but it fell through, so he purchased a backpack full of beads and materials on Amazon -- he has a backpack filled with them, besides the ones already sitting on a shelf in his locker -- and has been making them ever since.

Bryce Harper, Taijuan Walker, Johan Rojas, Edmundo Sosa, Brandon Marsh, Seranthony Domínguez, Gregory Soto, Jeff Hoffman, Cristopher Sánchez and Dylan Covey are a few who have them and/or wear them.

“It’s relaxing to me,” Alvarado said. “I’m just chilling.”



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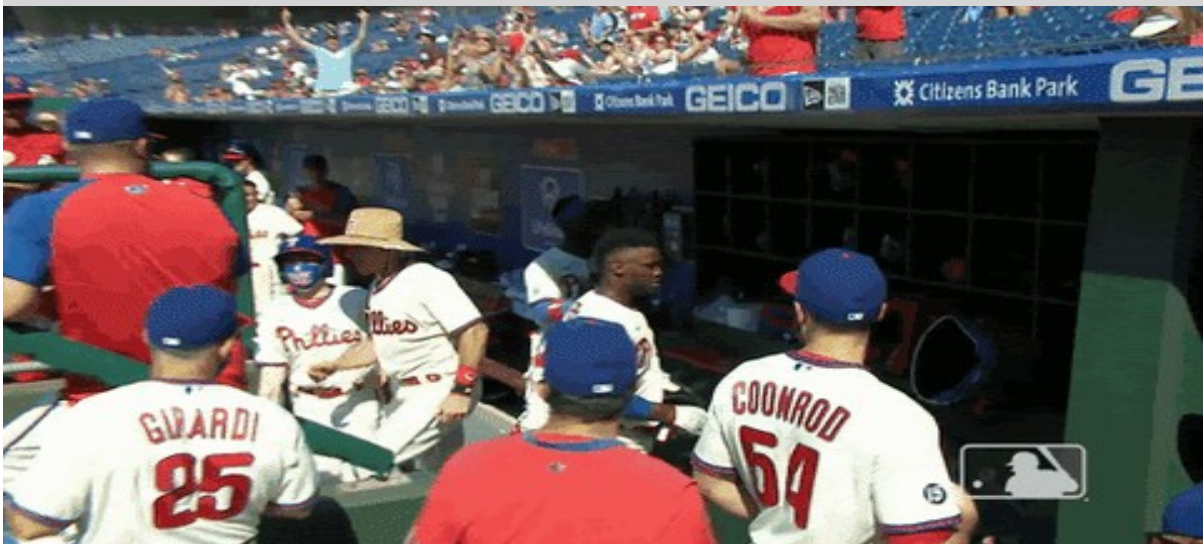
The Phillies beat the Mets in 13 innings at Citizens Bank Park, 8-7, on Aug. 26, 2008, to take a half-game lead over New York in the NL East. The Mets had a seven-run lead after four innings, but the Phillies scored a run in the fourth, four runs in the fifth and a run in the eighth to pull within a run.

Eric Bruntlett’s two-out double in the ninth scored Jayson Werth to tie it. Chris Coste’s bases-loaded single in the 13th won it.



TRIVIA ANSWER

D. Realmuto



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