

## Cubs Agree to Terms with X-Man

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The Chicago Cubs and outfielder Xavier Nady have agreed to terms on a one-year contract. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Nady, 31, hit .305 (169-for-555) with 37 doubles, 25 home runs and 97 RBI in 148 games between the Pittsburgh Pirates and New York Yankees in 2008, his last full big league campaign. He played only seven games with the Yankees in 2009 due to Tommy John ligament replacement surgery on his right elbow last July, his second such procedure. He totaled a .357 on-base percentage and a .510 slugging percentage in 2008.

In 2008, Nady set career highs in runs (76), hits (169), doubles, home runs, RBI and walks (39). He was acquired by New York from Pittsburgh with pitcher Damaso Marte for four minor league prospects July 26 and was batting a team-high .330 (108-for-327) with 26 doubles, one triple, 13 home runs and 57 RBI in 89 games at the time of the trade. Nady was tied for first in the National League with 10 outfield assists and ranked fifth in the league in batting average on July 26. In all or part of eight major league seasons with San Diego (2000, 2003-05), the New York Mets (2006), Pittsburgh (2006-08) and the Yankees (2008-09), Nady is a career .280 hitter (632-for-2257) with 128 doubles, 87 home runs and 325 RBI in 679 games. He has played all three outfield positions (408 games in right field, 100 games in left field and 45 games in center field) and seen time at first base (82 games) and third base (three games).

Nady, who bats and throws righthanded, is a career .308 hitter (184-for-597) with a .383 on-base percentage, 21 home runs and 85 RBI vs. left-handed pitching and a .270 hitter (448-for-1660) vs. right-handed pitching. He is a career .304 hitter (31-for-102) in 28 games at Wrigley Field.

The six-foot-one, 185-pound Nady was selected by San Diego in the second round of the 2000 Draft and joined the major league club September 17 without a day in the minors, becoming the 20th player to go directly to the majors out of the draft since the draft was instituted in 1965. He played the next two full seasons in the minors before splitting the 2003 and 2004 campaigns between the Padres and Triple-A.

After half a season with the Mets in 2006, Nady was acquired by Pittsburgh at the trade deadline and spent the next two years with the Pirates until being sent to the Yankees in 2008. He batted .301 (289-for-961) with 62 doubles, 36 home runs and 152 RBI in 269 games with the Pirates. Nady hit .286 (8-for-28) with four doubles and two RBI in his seven games with the Yankees in 2009.{jcomments on}