

Omar Vizquel, speaking with NESN in Boston, told reporters that he will call it quits following the 2012 season to pursue other opportunities. The 45-year-old Vizquel has 13 singles in 58 at bats this season for the Toronto Blue Jays, serving as the team's utility infielder. He is currently the oldest player in Major League Baseball, with Jamie Moyer playing for Toronto's AAA team, the Las Vegas 51s. Vizquel has played 24 seasons in the bigs and will fall short of the 3,000-hit mark by around 100 or so.

Vizquel said about life after retirement: "I've enjoyed this game a lot, but I think it's time to pursue a new career as a coach or manager, and hopefully I'll get that opportunity in the future."

Much will be made about Vizquel's chances at being a Hall of Famer when he hangs up the spikes. He's likely to be in the all-time top 40 in hits and he's just 19 hits behind Babe Ruth for his career. He's also an 11-time Gold Glove award winner at shortstop.

Vizquel was acquired by the Indians in one of the franchise's best trades. On December 20, 1993, Vizquel was traded from Seattle to Cleveland in exchange for Felix Fermin, Reggie Jefferson, and cash considerations. Amazingly, it was the only time Vizquel was traded in his 24-year career, though he has played for six different teams.