

49 Things You May Not Know About Jason Grilli

1. I married my high school sweetheart.
2. I am a dual citizen - US & Italian.
3. Scared of heights – I actually got dizzy at the glass floor at the CN Tower in Toronto.
4. Love to sing in the shower.
5. Can play the guitar a little bit.
6. Never had my own car until I got drafted.
7. Weighed only 158 lbs. my senior year in high school.
8. Skipped many Monday night classes in college to go to NY Yankee games.
9. Played basketball in high school and hated it.
10. I don't have a sense of smell. Broke my nose three times and lost it one of those times.
11. In HS started a lawn mowing business and worked at my Father's sports bar to help save money for college.
12. Played in the Cape Cod League two times.
13. Lived in Italy and Hawaii for two months thanks to baseball.
14. Walked 17 miles to the Coliseum in Rome at night just to see it
15. Love to cook on the grill – With a last name like mine, I had better.
16. Enthralled by social media – No, I don't tweet about daily routines. I instead try to be funny and somewhat interesting.
17. Love to spend time with my family.
18. My dream job is to be a stay-at-home father. I have been making strides towards this as my career path in baseball provides me an opportunity to live my dream. I also want to leverage my time and efforts now to help transition into life after baseball and to be a resource to other athletes who may not make the multi-million dollar contracts.
19. Eat peanuts and drink Red Bull before the 5th inning.
20. I have Morton's Toe. Morton's Toe (or Morton's Syndrome, long toe) is the common term for the condition of a shortened first metatarsal in relation to the second metatarsal. It is a type of brachymetatarsia. This promotes an anterior position of the second metatarsal-phalangea (MTP) joint in relation to the hallux (big toe). The condition may or may not result in the second toe (second from innermost) extending further than the hallux, if the second toe is of equal length to the big toe.
21. Collected all my jerseys from every team I have ever played on from high school, college, minor leagues, all the way to the seven teams I have played on in the MLB.
22. Hate the middle seat on an airplane, let alone economy seats. Come on! I am 6' 5"! You should get first class, or at least emergency row, if you have a height problem.

23. Have a fountain in my house. We didn't put it there, it was there when the house was purchased. Apparently, the original owner was a big-game hunter. The second owner of the home didn't know what to do with a large sand pit where two tigers were grappling and filled it with a fountain. Guess I can make all the wishes I want. Many have come true & if they don't I can get my money back.
24. My name in Italian means Crickets and though I used to be able to dunk a basketball with ease, I can't jump that high anymore.
25. I am scared of snakes. Indiana Jones was too and he was still pretty cool.
26. Qualify myself as a "Jeek". A Jock that is a Geek. Love my tech gadgets.
27. My favorite meal is Linguini with clam sauce. Can't go wrong with that for me.
28. Have many nicknames. "Grillcheese" since my father was named the "Cheeseman" back when he played. I have made that my twitter handle since it is catchy and people remember it.
29. Love helping people. Once my teammate and best friend in college tried to help an elderly man get into a cab, which resulted in our missing the bus ride back to the team hotel. Our coach punished us by dropping us off about five miles from the field and we had to walk. We flagged a ride back to the hotel when they were out of view. Took one for the good of mankind and turned a wrong into a right.
30. Have attended three colleges in pursuit of my degree. Seton Hall University, Syracuse University, & currently taking classes at LeMoyne College. After leaving college early, I am only eight classes, (24) credits, away from graduating from LeMoyne College with a degree in Business Marketing.
31. Favorite ballpark in all of MLB is Kansas City. That ballpark was built ahead of its time and the grass is always in mint condition.
32. Caught fish at the Regional Market in Seattle - One of my favorite cities to visit- I think I have video of that to post.
33. I love when it rains. Growing up in Syracuse, you kinda get used to bad weather.
34. I used to play the saxophone and piano. Love music, but had to give it up to concentrate on baseball.
35. Got to a green belt in karate as a kid. It was great to keep me in shape and the discipline was cool. Not to mention I looked a little like Ralph Macchio as a kid, with the same hairdo.
36. My favorite candy bar is a Kit Kat.
37. If I were not a baseball player, I would be a rock star! Love that movie too with Mark Walberg. Parallels to baseball.
38. I am friends with Mike Starr, the Gas Man. He is most well-known for his role in Dumb and Dumber, as the thug Joe Mentalino.

39. Purchased a hammer in AZ while I was with Texas Rangers. A guy was selling them on the side of the road. Thought it was funny, so I had to pay him \$5 for a "Hot" Hammer. We later used it that night in the bullpen to fix the bullpen door as the mascot, Baxter, bent it before the game started. Had we not had it, it would have delayed the start of the game.
40. Best off day on the road was my Ferris Bueller day in LA. Teammate Glendon Rusch let me use his Aston Martin, went to late night recording of and then saw Bruce Springsteen jam for three hours.
41. Crashed the Star Wars Convention in Indianapolis with three teammates because our opener was snowed out.
42. I don't like to gamble much, but I love the Wheel-of-Fortune Slot machines.
43. I am a big fan of dogs, but can't stand cats.
44. Like fishing, but not hunting.
45. My dream vacation is to go to Australia.
46. When eating cookies, I have to dunk them in milk.
47. Proud owner of a black '09 Hummer. Instant collector's edition now that they are not manufacturing them anymore.
48. Hope to coach at the college level one day. Would love to coach my son's teams like my father did for me. When the time is right, I may give it a shot.
49. I love the # 49 - Wear it to honor my father as he has helped pave the way to where I am today along with my family. When you are Italian, family is HUGE!

Why should you get involved with Jason Grilli? Sure, you may not know me personally, but while wearing my name on the back of my jersey, I have always worked tirelessly to maintain the integrity of my family and my reputation. I would never jeopardize the Grilli family name for the sake of chasing the almighty dollar. I believe in this industry and know with all my heart that people who do the same, can and will succeed with hard work and commitment.

If I could only share one thing with you about me, instead of 49, it would be that I've always been driven to succeed and to help others to do the same. Playing on a few championship teams, I know what it takes to be ultra-dedicated towards reaching the pinnacle of success. I have followed a proven success system, which I now coach, mentor & encourage others to perform on a daily basis.

Aside from that, I have an incredibly loving family and love to spend time grilling, bowling and sucking the very bone marrow out of this thing we call life!

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