

Rod Nichols

Born Dec. 29, 1964, Burlington, Iowa.

High School: Highland High School

College: University of New Mexico

High School

- Played baseball, where he was an all-state shortstop in 1982.

College

- Three-year Letterman at UNM.
- 1985 Drafted in the 5th round by the Cleveland Indians.

Professional

- 1988 July 30th Made his major league debut.
- First UNM baseball player to play in the major leagues.
- Pitched in 100 games over 7 seasons.
- His career took him to the Dodgers where he played at AAA for the Albuquerque Dukes. He may be the only player from New Mexico, who played a high school, college, and pro game at the old Sports Stadium.
- 1995 Finished his major league career with the Atlanta Braves.
- Played one season in Japan for the Fukuoka Daiei Hawks in 1997.
- Since retiring from baseball, he has worked as a the Phillies Triple A minor league pitching coach for the Reading Phillies, the Scranton Red Barons, the Ottawa Lynx and the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs.
- 2013-2015 Named the bullpen coach for the Philadelphia Phillies.