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Mookie Betts is a graduate of the Crieve Hall Babe Ruth League in Nashville, Tennessee and is a professional baseball center fielder for the Boston Red Sox.

- At an annual high school baseball showcase at Middle Tennessee State University in June of 2010, hundreds of kids from across the state vied to impress one of the dozens of scouts on hand.
- Halfway through the afternoon, a 17-year-old rising senior darted from shortstop across the infield for a ball up the middle. He slid behind the bag, stretched out, spun and made a perfect behind-the-back glove flip to second. In that moment, Red Sox area scout Danny Watkins knew Mookie Betts was different. He saw Betts a few more times throughout the summer at various tournaments. Five years later, Betts was celebrating his one-year anniversary in the majors. He became a major league mainstay and a key piece of Boston's future.

Since the 2014 season, Betts has become one of the most hyped young players in baseball. The foundation for Betts' success was laid long ago, in the suburbs of Nashville, instilled by his parents, cultivated by his friends. They've known all along what he could be and now he's proving it as a franchise cornerstone for the Boston Red Sox. Betts ended the 2015 season with a .291 batting average, with 92 runs scored, 77 RBIs, 18 home runs and 21 stolen bases.

Betts is also an avid bowler. He bowled throughout his youth and competed in the PBA World Series of Bowling in Reno, Nevada, in 2015. He bowled a perfect game in January of 2013.

