

Outfielder Brian Mraz was named all-state by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association after hitting .451 in his senior season of 1996. He later played at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Ranger Junior College and was a sales director for an auto dealer in Decatur TX in 2009.

Brian Ray Mraz was born on Aug. 30, 1978, in Temple to Dave and Shelley Wilde and is the youngest of seven children. He was raised in the Belton/Temple area and attended Lakewood Elementary, Belton Jr. H.S., Temple H.S. (as a freshman and soph) and Belton H.S. where he graduated in 1996. Brian played football as a senior and baseball as a junior and senior at BHS.

In football the 5'10 185 lb. Mraz was a DB/WR in 1995 for the 4-6 (3-2) Tigers under Coach Jim Rodrique and was named honorable mention all-district as a senior in his only year of football. Belton upset Taylor 14-7 in the season finale to knock the Ducks out of a district co-championship.

Brian's baseball career began at the age of 5 with T-ball and continued thru the Midget and Little Leagues. From the ages of 15-18 he played for the Centex Mavericks, a "select" team comprised of boys from Temple, Belton and other central Texas towns that included three other (future) Belton Wall of Honor members (Brad Turner, Kyle Tidwell and Pat Bishop). Brian played for the Temple H.S. varsity as a soph but then transferred to BHS where he played as a junior and senior. As a junior in 1995 Mraz hit .380 (leading the team) with 19 RBIs, 8 doubles, and 2 HRs and scored 18 runs for the Belton team which was 12-13 (3-7) on the year. He was named 1st team all-district as an outfielder and won the team's "Big Stick" award.

As senior in 1996 Mraz hit .451 (.500 in 10 district games) with 27 RBIs and 3 HRs for the 17-11 Tigers. He played centerfield and was known for his speed and throwing arm (against Taylor, he threw out a runner at home from 354 feet away in centerfield). He was named 1st team all-district; all-centex; and all-state by the Texas H.S. Baseball Coaches Association. The all-state team also included Brian's teammate, Brad Turner. Mraz again won the team's "Big Stick" award after leading the team in hitting.

Mraz was recruited by UMHB, Dallas Baptist, Houston Baptist and several junior colleges and signed with UMHB where he played in the fall of the 1996-1997 year before leaving school. He sat out a year (1998) before playing at Ranger Junior College in 1999. In 2009 Brian Mraz, 30, lived in Krum TX with his wife, Chasidy, and three children: daughter, Kamryn, 9, Kollin, 6, & Kasey, 4. Brian was the sales director for the Dodge-Crysler Jeep dealer in Decatur TX.