

GEORGE KONTOS

NUMBER

70

HEIGHT

6-3

WEIGHT

225

BATS

R

THROWS

R

POSITION

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

**BIRTHDATE**

June 12, 1985

OPENING DAY AGE

26

BIRTHPLACE

Lincolnwood, Ill.

RESIDES

Lincolnwood, Ill.

M.L. SERVICE

23 days (Rookie)

COLLEGE

Northwestern University

STATUS

- ▶ Selected by the Yankees in the fifth round of the 2006 First-Year Player Draft...contract extends through the 2012 season.

2011

- ▶ Posted a 3.00 ERA (6.0IP, 2ER) without recording a decision in seven relief appearances with the Yankees as a September callup...retired five of his six first batters faced and prevented each of his six inherited runners from scoring...held opponents scoreless in five of his appearances.
- ▶ Was signed to a Major League contract and selected to the Yankees' active roster from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on 9/6...made his Major League debut in 9/10 loss at Los Angeles-AL, allowing 2H and 1ER in 1.1IP (2K, 1HR)...did not face an official batter in 9/18 loss at Toronto after Lawrie was caught stealing second base to end the inning.
- ▶ Entered 9/22 loss vs. Tampa Bay with the bases loaded and struck out Justin Ruggiano to strand all three runners (1.1IP, 1H, 1K).
- ▶ Prior to his call-up, went 4-4 with two saves and a 2.62 ERA (89.1IP, 26ER) in 40 appearances (four starts) at Scranton/WB...was 1-0 with a 2.08 ERA (17.1IP, 4ER) in four starts and 3-4 with a 2.75 ERA (72.0IP, 22ER) in 36 relief appearances...tossed at least 2.0 innings in 21 of his 36 relief outings, including six appearances of at least 3.0 innings and two with at least 4.0IP.
- ▶ Was returned to the Yankees from the Padres on 3/14/11 after being selected in the 2010 Rule 5 Draft.

2010

- ▶ Combined to go 0-4 with a 3.60 ERA (45.0IP, 18ER) in 24 appearances (two starts) with Single-A Tampa, Double-A Trenton and Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre...had made just two career relief appearances entering the season...struck out 38 batters with just 15BB.
- ▶ Began the season on the disabled list recovering from "Tommy John" surgery performed on 7/7/09.
- ▶ Was reinstated from the D.L. on 6/18 and joined Tampa, going 0-1 with a 2.61 ERA (10.1IP, 3ER) in five appearances (two starts)...was promoted to Trenton on 7/6, going 0-2 with a 3.38 ERA (32.0IP, 12ER) in 17 relief appearances...was transferred to Scranton/WB on 9/1, making two relief appearances over the season's final week (0-1, 10.12 ERA, 2.2IP, 3ER).
- ▶ Was selected by the Padres in the Rule 5 Draft on 12/9/10.

2009

- ▶ Combined to go 4-5 with a 3.15 ERA (71.1IP, 25ER) in 13 starts with Double-A Trenton and Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
- ▶ Began the season with Trenton, going 1-1 with a 2.66 ERA (20.1IP, 6ER) in four starts before being promoted to Scranton/WB on 5/4...in nine starts with Scranton/WB, went 3-4 with a 3.35 ERA (51.0IP, 19ER).
- ▶ Was 3-1 with a 2.25 ERA (28.0IP, 7ER) in his first five starts with Scranton/WB, but went 0-3 with a 4.70 ERA (23.0IP, 12ER) over his final four starts.
- ▶ Tossed his first career complete game on 6/6 at Charlotte, recording the loss despite allowing just 4H and 2ER in 8.0IP (3R, 2BB, 5K).
- ▶ Was placed on the disabled list on 6/26 with a right biceps strain...underwent "Tommy John" surgery on 7/7, missing the remainder of the season.

2008

- ▶ Made a team-high 27 starts for Double-A Trenton, going 6-11 with a 3.68 ERA (151.2IP, 62ER)... led the team with career highs in strikeouts (152) and innings pitched... held opponents to a .239 avg., including a .212 (67-for-316) mark vs. lefthanders... led all Yankees minor leaguers and ranked third in the Eastern League in strikeouts.
- ▶ Struck out a career-high 13 batters on 7/31 vs. Altoona, holding the Curve scoreless over 8.0IP (1H, 1BB) in the no-decision... was named the EL "Pitcher of the Week" for the period ending on 8/3.

2007

- ▶ Went 4-6 with a 4.02 ERA (94.0IP, 42ER) in 19 appearances (17 starts) with Single-A Tampa.
- ▶ Was placed on the disabled list from 4/19-6/13 with a right shoulder contusion.
- ▶ Following the season, pitched for the Honolulu Sharks of the Hawaiian Winter League, going 3-4 with a 3.71 ERA (34.0IP, 14ER) in eight appearances (seven starts)... struck out 42 batters.

2006

- ▶ Made his professional debut with short-season Single-A Staten Island, going 7-3 with a 2.64 ERA (78.1IP, 23ER) in 14 starts... ranked third among all New York-Penn League pitchers with 82K.
- ▶ Won seven consecutive decisions over eight starts from 7/8-8/17, posting a 1.69 ERA (48.0IP, 9ER) with 48K over the stretch.
- ▶ Following the season, was named to the *Baseball America* Minor League Short-Season All-Star team.

PERSONAL

- ▶ Full name is George Nicholas Kontos.
- ▶ Attended Northwestern University, where he started the most games of any Wildcat pitcher (16) and ranked second in the Big Ten with 84K in 2006.
- ▶ At Niles West High School (Ill.), was a three-year varsity baseball and letterwinner... also lettered in basketball... was honored as the 2003 Illinois state baseball Gatorade "Player of the Year"... was named first-team All-State by the Illinois Coaches Association and *Chicago Sun-Times*, and was the Central Suburban "Player of the Year."

Kontos' Career Pitching Record

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HP	BB	SO	WP	BK
2006	Staten Island	7	3	2.64	14	14	0	0	0	78.1	64	25	23	3	2	19	82	3	0
2007	Tampa	4	6	4.02	19	17	0	0	0	94.0	95	51	42	15	0	30	101	6	0
2008	Trenton	6	11	3.68	27	27	0	0	0	151.2	134	76	62	14	4	57	152	2	0
2009	Trenton	1	1	2.66	4	4	0	0	0	20.1	19	7	6	0	2	9	24	5	0
	Scranton/WB	3	4	3.35	9	9	1	0	0	51.0	44	24	19	6	2	21	39	2	0
2010	Tampa	0	1	2.61	5	2	0	0	0	10.1	7	3	3	0	0	3	8	0	0
	Trenton	0	2	3.38	17	0	0	0	0	32.0	30	13	12	2	0	11	28	0	0
	Scranton/WB – a	0	1	10.12	2	0	0	0	0	2.2	5	3	3	1	0	1	2	0	0
2011	Scranton/WB – b	4	4	2.62	40	4	0	0	2	89.1	72	27	26	12	2	26	91	3	0
	YANKEES	0	0	3.00	7	0	0	0	0	6.0	4	2	2	1	0	3	6	0	0
Minor League Totals		25	33	3.33	137	77	1	0	2	529.2	470	229	196	53	12	177	527	21	0
Major League Totals		0	0	3.00	7	0	0	0	0	6.0	4	2	2	1	0	3	6	0	0

Selected by the Yankees in the fifth round of the 2006 First-Year Player Draft.

a – Selected by the San Diego Padres in the Rule 5 Draft on December 9, 2010.

b – Returned to the Yankees on March 14, 2011.

Kontos' Career Fielding Record

Position	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Pitcher	---	7	0	0	0	0	0

Kontos' Regular Season Batting Record

Year	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS
2011	NY Yankees	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major League Totals		-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-