



# ASTROS SUPPLEMENTAL BIOS

**ERIK KRATZ**





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## ERIK KRATZ

CATCHER

**BATS/THROWS:** R/R

**OPENING DAY AGE:** 35

**BORN:** June 15, 1980 in Telford, PA

**RESIDENCE:** Harrisonburg, VA

**ACQUIRED:** Signed as a minor league free agent: November 8, 2015

**CONTRACT STATUS:** Signed through 2016

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-4/245

**SERVICE TIME:** 3.075

### NON-ROSTER INVITEE

### CAREER

**2015: Split the season between the Royals organization and Phillies, also missing time with a stint on the 15-day disabled list.**

- Made the Royals Opening Day roster, playing with Kansas City before landing on the 15-day DL on 5/6 with plantar fasciitis in his left foot...reinstated from the DL after a rehab assignment and was designated for assignment on 6/11 and claimed off waivers by the Boston Red Sox on 6/21 before being designated for assignment by the Red Sox on 6/25 and outrighted to Triple-A Pawtucket where he refused his assignment and elected free agency.
- Signed as a minor league free agent with Seattle on 7/2 and played in 10 games for Triple-A Tacoma before being released by the Mariners on 7/15.
- Signed as a minor league free agent with Philadelphia on 7/17, spending the remainder of the season in the Phillies organization.
- Hit .312 in 26 games for Triple-A Lehigh Valley before having his contract selected by Philadelphia on 9/1, spending the remainder of the season with the Major League club.
- Following the season, signed with the Padres as a minor league free agent on 11/8/15.

### QUICK HIT

- **First MLB Hit:** July 17, 2010 vs. HOU, single of Bud Norris (Major League debut)
- **First MLB Home Run:** May 22, 2012 vs. WSH, pinch-hit off Tom Gorzelanny

**2014: Began the season with the Toronto Blue Jays, playing in 34 games total for Toronto and 27 for Triple-A Buffalo before being acquired by the Royals on 7/28 along with RHP Liam Hendriks in exchange for INF Danny Valencia.**

- Made the Blue Jays Opening Day roster...had four separate stints with the Blue Jays before being acquired by the Royals.
- After being acquired by Kansas City, spent the remainder of the season with the Major League club.
- Was active on the Royals postseason roster but did not play.

**2013: Played the entire season with the Phillies aside from one stint on the disabled list with a rehab assignment between Double-A Reading and Triple-A Lehigh Valley.**

- Made his first career Opening Day roster with Philadelphia and played in a career-high 68 games.
- Missed action after undergoing surgery on his left knee from 6/9-7/19.
- Committed just one error in 441 total chances for a .998 fielding percentage, which ranked fourth in the National League among backstops with at least 400 chances on the year.

**2012: Split the season between Triple-A Lehigh Valley and the Major League club for the Phillies.**

- The Phillies were 23-15 in his 38 starts for the Big league club (.605 winning percentage)...threw out 12 of 30 (40%) attempted base stealers.
- Hit a ninth-inning, game-tying home run off Craig Kimbrel against Atlanta on 8/31, the first home run that Kimbrel had ever allowed on an 0-2 pitch.

**2011: Spent the majority of the season with Triple-A Lehigh Valley, hitting .288 (103-for-358) in 103 games, also seeing time with the Big League club.**

- Named to the International League All-Star Game for the third straight year.
- Finished third among International League catchers in batting average.
- Selected by Philadelphia in September, appearing in two games total for the Phillies.

**2010: Made his Major League debut for the Pirates with nine games, spending the majority of the season with Triple-A Indianapolis.**

- Began the season in the minors before being selected by the Pirates on 7/16 for his first career call-up.
- Made his Major League debut on 7/17 with a start, going 2-for-4 in the game.
- With Indianapolis, pitched a scoreless 15th inning on 4/26 to earn a save at Louisville.
- Named an International League All-Star for the second straight year.

**2009: Played the entire season with Triple-A Indianapolis, hitting .273 (87-for-319) over 93 games played.**

- Named an International League All-Star as well as a Post-Season All-Star.
- Received the "Top Star" of the Triple-A All-Star Game, going 2-for-2 with a walk, a double and a two-run home run in the International League's 6-5 win over the Pacific Coast League in Portland, Ore.

**2008: Split the season between Double-A New Hampshire and Triple-A Syracuse, hitting a combined .239 (59-for-247) with 16 home runs and 43 RBI in 73 total games played.**

**2007:** Split the year between Double-A New Hampshire and Triple-A Syracuse, hitting a combined .235 (64-for-272) with 13 home runs and 49 RBI over 84 total games played.

**2006:** Played the majority of the season with Double-A New Hampshire with 71 games there, also playing in 12 games for Triple-A Syracuse.

**2005:** Spent the entire campaign with Double-A New Hampshire, hitting .205 (60-for-292) with 10 doubles, 11 home runs and 34 RBI in 91 games played.

- Following the season, played for the Peoria Saguaros in the Arizona Fall League.

**2004:** Hit a combined .299 (29-for-97) over 29 games between three different levels in the Blue Jays system.

- Missed time while on the seven-day disabled list from 4/15-25.

**2003:** In his second season, hit .306 (55-for-180) over 58 games total between Single-A Auburn, Single-A Charleston and Double-A New Haven.

**2002:** Played his first professional season with Rookie-Level Medicine Hat, hitting .275 (39-for-142) with four home runs and 11 RBI in 44 games played.

- Hit a home run in his first professional at-bat on 6/20 vs. Billings.

## PERSONAL

Erik Floyd Kratz...he and his wife, Sarah, have three children, Brayden, Ethan and Avery Grace...played for the Major League All-Star team in its 2014 Tour of Japan...is a 1998 graduate of Christopher Dock High School (PA)...earned a degree in business administration from Eastern Mennonite University (VA), graduating in 2002, where he hit .415 with 33 home runs and 159 RBI during his four-year collegiate career...originally signed by Toronto Blue Jays' scout Chip Lawrence.

## ERIK KRATZ'S CAREER BATTING RECORD

| YR   | CLUB                       | AVG         | G          | AB          | R          | H          | 2B         | 3B       | HR         | RBI        | SH        | SF        | HP        | SO         | SB         | CS        | OBP         | SLG         | E           |           |
|------|----------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2002 | Medicine Hat (R)           | .275        | 44         | 142         | 20         | 39         | 5          | 0        | 4          | 11         | 0         | 0         | 3         | 6          | 32         | 0         | 1           | .318        | .394        | 3         |
| 2003 | Charleston (A)             | .316        | 8          | 19          | 0          | 6          | 3          | 0        | 0          | 2          | 0         | 0         | 2         | 1          | 7          | 0         | 0           | .409        | .474        | 0         |
|      | Auburn (A)                 | .312        | 49         | 157         | 25         | 49         | 15         | 0        | 5          | 26         | 0         | 1         | 6         | 21         | 31         | 0         | 1           | .411        | .503        | 1         |
|      | New Haven (AA)             | .000        | 1          | 4           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 1          | 0         | 0           | .000        | .000        | 0         |
| 2004 | Dunedin (A)                | .286        | 15         | 49          | 6          | 14         | 4          | 0        | 1          | 6          | 0         | 0         | 1         | 2          | 16         | 0         | 0           | .327        | .429        | 1         |
|      | New Hamp. (AA)             | .333        | 4          | 9           | 1          | 3          | 1          | 0        | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 1         | 2          | 2          | 0         | 0           | .500        | .444        | 0         |
|      | Auburn (A)                 | .308        | 10         | 39          | 5          | 12         | 6          | 0        | 10         | 0          | 1         | 0         | 1         | 8          | 0          | 0         | 0           | .317        | .462        | 0         |
| 2005 | New Hamp. (AA)             | .205        | 91         | 292         | 27         | 60         | 10         | 0        | 11         | 34         | 3         | 4         | 6         | 27         | 86         | 2         | 0           | .283        | .353        | 6         |
| 2006 | New Hamp. (AA)             | .225        | 71         | 258         | 34         | 58         | 10         | 0        | 6          | 27         | 1         | 1         | 8         | 16         | 54         | 1         | 0           | .290        | .333        | 3         |
|      | Syracuse (AAA)             | .250        | 12         | 40          | 12         | 10         | 2          | 0        | 1          | 7          | 0         | 2         | 0         | 5          | 4          | 0         | 0           | .319        | .375        | 0         |
| 2007 | New Hamp. (AA)             | .250        | 49         | 160         | 22         | 40         | 15         | 1        | 8          | 30         | 2         | 3         | 5         | 12         | 33         | 0         | 0           | .317        | .506        | 1         |
|      | Syracuse (AAA)             | .214        | 35         | 112         | 10         | 24         | 2          | 0        | 5          | 19         | 3         | 0         | 1         | 8          | 28         | 0         | 1           | .273        | .366        | 3         |
| 2008 | New Hamp. (AA)             | .245        | 33         | 102         | 15         | 25         | 5          | 0        | 7          | 19         | 0         | 2         | 4         | 13         | 26         | 2         | 0           | .347        | .500        | 2         |
|      | Syracuse (AAA)             | .234        | 40         | 145         | 20         | 34         | 11         | 1        | 9          | 24         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 9          | 33         | 1         | 0           | .287        | .510        | 4         |
| 2009 | Indianapolis (AAA)         | .273        | 93         | 319         | 45         | 87         | 30         | 0        | 11         | 43         | 0         | 2         | 1         | 31         | 72         | 7         | 0           | .337        | .470        | 6         |
| 2010 | Indianapolis (AAA)         | .274        | 70         | 230         | 30         | 63         | 22         | 1        | 9          | 41         | 0         | 3         | 9         | 32         | 54         | 1         | 2           | .380        | .496        | 7         |
|      | <b>PITTSBURGH</b>          | <b>.118</b> | <b>9</b>   | <b>34</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>.167</b> | <b>.118</b> | <b>0</b>    |           |
| 2011 | Lehigh Valley (AAA)        | .288        | 103        | 358         | 56         | 103        | 19         | 0        | 15         | 53         | 0         | 2         | 11        | 38         | 72         | 2         | 0           | .372        | .466        | 8         |
|      | <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>        | <b>.333</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>6</b>    | <b>0</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>.333</b> | <b>.500</b> | <b>0</b>    |           |
| 2012 | Lehigh Valley (AAA)        | .266        | 37         | 124         | 17         | 33         | 10         | 0        | 8          | 30         | 0         | 4         | 3         | 10         | 20         | 0         | 0           | .326        | .540        | 1         |
|      | <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>        | <b>.248</b> | <b>50</b>  | <b>141</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>35</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>9</b>   | <b>26</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>34</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>.306</b> | <b>.504</b> | <b>1</b>  |
| 2013 | <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>        | <b>.213</b> | <b>68</b>  | <b>197</b>  | <b>21</b>  | <b>42</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>9</b>   | <b>26</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>45</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>.280</b> | <b>.386</b> | <b>1</b>  |
|      | Lehigh Valley (AAA)        | .167        | 3          | 12          | 0          | 2          | 1          | 0        | 0          | 1          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0           | .167        | .250        | 0         |
|      | Reading (AA)               | .000        | 1          | 4           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0        | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0           | .000        | .000        | 0         |
| 2014 | <b>TORONTO</b>             | <b>.198</b> | <b>34</b>  | <b>81</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>16</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b>   | <b>10</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>12</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>.226</b> | <b>.346</b> | <b>0</b>  |
|      | Buffalo (AAA)              | .299        | 27         | 87          | 13         | 26         | 10         | 0        | 3          | 17         | 1         | 3         | 0         | 9          | 18         | 0         | 1           | .354        | .517        | 2         |
|      | <b>KANSAS CITY</b>         | <b>.276</b> | <b>13</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>10</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>.290</b> | <b>.517</b> | <b>0</b>  |
| 2015 | <b>KANSAS CITY</b>         | <b>.000</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>4</b>    | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>.000</b> | <b>.000</b> | <b>0</b>  |
|      | Omaha (AAA)                | .214        | 15         | 56          | 7          | 12         | 2          | 0        | 4          | 12         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 5          | 9          | 0         | 0           | .274        | .464        | 1         |
|      | Tacoma (AAA)               | .205        | 10         | 39          | 3          | 8          | 4          | 0        | 0          | 5          | 0         | 0         | 1         | 3          | 7          | 0         | 0           | .279        | .308        | 0         |
|      | Lehigh Valley (AAA)        | .312        | 26         | 77          | 14         | 24         | 8          | 1        | 3          | 15         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 18         | 18         | 1         | 0           | .433        | .558        | 1         |
|      | <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>        | <b>.227</b> | <b>12</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>.261</b> | <b>.318</b> | <b>0</b>  |
|      | <b>Major League Totals</b> | <b>.218</b> | <b>192</b> | <b>514</b>  | <b>52</b>  | <b>112</b> | <b>23</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>23</b>  | <b>69</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>36</b>  | <b>116</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>.270</b> | <b>.397</b> | <b>2</b>  |
|      | <b>Minor League Totals</b> | <b>.258</b> | <b>847</b> | <b>2834</b> | <b>382</b> | <b>732</b> | <b>195</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>110</b> | <b>432</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>269</b> | <b>633</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>6</b>    | <b>.333</b> | <b>.446</b> | <b>50</b> |

\*Led league +Tied for league lead @Rehab assignment

