



GORDON BECKHAM

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Given Name: James Gordon Beckham

Bats: Right **Throws:** Right

Height: 6-0 **Weight:** 185

Opening Day Age: 27 (September 16, 1986)

Birthplace/Residence: Atlanta, Ga.

First Pro Contract: White Sox.

Sox Acquisition: Selected in the first round (eighth overall), June 2008 First-Year Player Draft.

Major League Service: Four years, 123 days.

Contract Status: Signed through 2014 (agreed to terms on January 17, 2014).

■ **2013:** Appeared in 103 games with the White Sox, his fewest since his rookie season of 2009 (also 103) ... was the Sox recipient of the Wilson Defensive Player of the Year Award ... his .267 average was the second-highest of his career (.270 in 2009), while his five home runs and 24 RBI were the fewest ... committed 12 errors with a .975 fielding percentage (seven errors and a .990 fielding mark in 2012) ... batted .287 (83-289) with four homers and 17 RBI vs. right-handers (.195/1/7 vs. lefties) ... hit a combined .306 (57-186) from April-July, compared to .161 (42-261) from August-September ... hit .325 (50-154) from the No. 8 spot in the lineup and .294 (20-34) from the No. 7 spot ... by contrast, batted .190 (27-142)

when hitting second ... made his fourth consecutive Opening Day start on 4/1 vs. Kansas City (second base) ... matched his career high (third time) with four hits on 4/4 vs. the Royals ... was on the disabled list from 4/10-6/2 with a hook of the hamate fracture in his left hand suffered on 4/9 at Washington ... appeared in eight injury rehabilitation games at Class AAA Charlotte from 5/18-6/1 ... returned to the lineup on 6/3 at Seattle ... matched his career high with four hits (fourth time) on 6/5 at Seattle ... led off for the fourth time in his career on 6/14 at Houston (1-4) ... recorded a seven-game hitting streak from 7/5-11 (.429, 12-28) ... tallied three straight multihit games from 7/5-7 at Tampa Bay ... made his first two career appearances at shortstop on 7/5 at Tampa Bay and 7/11 at Detroit ... stole home on 7/8 vs. the Cubs, the first Sox player to accomplish that feat since Juan Pierre in 2010 ... missed five games from 7/21-25 with a strained left wrist ... hit leadoff and walked a career-high four times on 8/10 vs. Minnesota, the first Sox No. 1 hitter to walk four times since Scott Podsednik on 5/9/06 vs. the Angels ... left the game on 8/15 at Minnesota with a strained right quad ... recorded consecutive multihit efforts on 9/3-4 at Yankee Stadium ... hit safely in 10 of his final 11 games (.293, 12-41).

MAJOR LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

■ **2012:** Established career highs with 151 games, 123 hits, 16 home runs and 62 runs scored ... ranked fourth in the American League with a .9899 (7 E/698 TC) fielding percentage at second base, the second-best mark in club history behind Nellie Fox (.9901 in 1962) ... committed just two errors over his final 71 games, including a 35-game errorless streak from 8/19-9/28 (161 TC) ... finished second to the Yankees' Robinson Cano (154) in games played at second base ... batted .274 (31-113) with five home runs and 17 RBI in his final 37 games ... hit .259 (68-263) with 12 homers and 39 RBI at U.S. Cellular Field and .210 (55-262) with four home runs and 21 RBI on the road ... owned a .258 average (50-194) with seven homers and 27 RBI when batting second and .218 (67-308) with eight homers and 32 RBI in the No. 9 position ... batted .315 (23-73) with three homers and 13 RBI over 18 interleague games ... hit .261 (30-115) with five home runs and 12 RBI in May (.153 with no homers and two RBI in April) ... tied for eighth in the AL with 20 RBI in June ... made his third consecutive Opening Day start at second base on 4/6 at Texas ... homered three times in four games from 5/18-21 ... hit a game-winning

solo homer in the eighth inning on 5/18 at the Cubs ... matched his career high with four hits (second time) on 5/27 vs. Cleveland ... compiled a career-high tying, 10-game hitting streak from 5/24-6/3 (.333, 16-48) ... recorded his first career multihomer game on 6/1 vs. Seattle ... became just the fourth player (and second Sox player) to hit two home runs in a game off Felix Hernandez (also Brian Anderson on 8/26/05) ... was 3-5 with a home run and a career-high tying four RBI on 6/2 vs. Seattle ... hit leadoff for the first time in his career on 7/5 vs. Texas and again on 7/29 at the Rangers ... hit a game-winning solo homer in the eighth inning on 8/6 vs. Kansas City ... connected on his first career leadoff home run on 8/7 vs. the Royals ... homered in consecutive games on 9/10-11 vs. Detroit ... the home run on 9/11 was his 15th of the season, surpassing his previous career high.

Highest Fielding Percentage By 2B in Sox History

| Player, Year | Pct. |
|----------------------|-------|
| Nellie Fox, 1962 | .9901 |
| Gordon Beckham, 2012 | .9899 |
| Gordon Beckham, 2011 | .9889 |
| Nellie Fox, 1954 | .9888 |
| Scott Fletcher, 1990 | .9880 |
| Nellie Fox, 1959 | .9879 |



■ **2011:** Ranked third among AL second basemen with a .989 (8 E/723 TC) fielding percentage, the third-best mark in club history ... was percentage points behind the Angels' Howie Kendrick (.992) for the league lead before committing two errors on 9/27 vs. Toronto ... also finished second among AL second basemen in total chances and assists (443) and third in games played (149) ... batted .245 (68-278) with seven home runs and 25 RBI in the first half, and .213 (47-221) with three homers and 19 RBI after the All-Star Break ... hit .292 (14-48) during interleague play ... made his second straight Opening Day start at second base on 4/1 at Cleveland ... his 59-game errorless streak ended on 5/25 at Texas ... missed games on 5/28-29 after he was hit below his left eye by a relay throw from Alex Rios on 5/27 at Toronto ... homered in back-to-back games on 6/3-4 vs. Detroit ... produced a career-high, 10-game hitting streak from 7/6-19 (.385, 15-38) ... tied his career high with a RBI in five consecutive games from 7/10-18 ... committed three errors in a four-game span from 7/19-25 after making one in his previous 99 contests ... hit a career-high three doubles on 9/20-2 at Cleveland, the most by a Sox player since Aaron Rowand on 9/13/05 at Kansas City (also three).

■ **2010:** Batted .252 (112-444) with 25 doubles, nine home runs and 49 RBI ... was named the second baseman on *The Sporting News Under-25 All-Star Team* ... his average was at .199 on 6/23, but he rebounded to hit .310 (66-213) the remainder of the season ... ranked sixth in the AL with a .981 fielding percentage (12 E/632 TC) in his first season at second base ... played in just 13 games in September due to a bruised right hand ... made his first Opening Day start on 4/5 vs. Cleveland ... ended a streak of 112 at-bats without an extra-base hit with a double on 6/9 vs. Detroit ... homered on 6/25 vs. the Cubs was his first since 4/11 vs. Minnesota (211 at-bats) ... established a career high with four hits on 7/18 at Minnesota ... left game on 8/30 at Cleveland with a bruised right hand (hit by a Frank Herrmann pitch) and missed the next two games ... made his last start on 9/15 due to the hand injury but appeared as a pinch runner four times the remainder of the season.

■ **2009:** Was named *The Sporting News Rookie of the Year* (with Philadelphia's J.A. Happ) ... became the 10th White Sox rookie honored by the publication and first since Ozzie Guillen in 1985 ... also received the Players Choice American League Outstanding Rookie award, presented by the Major League Baseball Players Association ... finished fifth in the AL Rookie of the Year voting ... hit .270 (102-378) with 28 doubles, 14 home runs and 63 RBI in 103 games ... ranked among the AL rookie leaders in numerous offensive categories, including doubles (1st), extra-base hits (1st), RBI (1st), home runs (2nd) on-base (2nd, .347) and slugging percentage (2nd, .460) and average (4th) ... was the first position player from the 2008 draft to reach the major leagues (fourth overall) ... his 28 doubles were the most by a Sox rookie since Carlos Lee (32) and Chris Singleton (31) in 1999 and also the most ever by a White Sox player in 103 or fewer games played ... was named the AL Rookie of the Month for July after hitting .330 (32-97) with 10 doubles, three home runs and 18 RBI ... became the third Sox player to receive the honor, joining Alexei Ramirez (August 2008) and Ross Gload (September 2005) ... compiled a .952 (14 E/292 TC) fielding percentage at third base ... his contract was purchased from Class AAA Charlotte on 6/4 ... made his major-league debut at third base on 6/4 vs. Oakland, going 0-3 ... ended an 0-13 streak to begin his career on 6/9 vs. Detroit with a single off Dontrelle Willis ... drove in his first two runs with a double on 6/13 at Milwaukee ... hit his first major-league home run on 6/20 at Cincinnati (off Johnny Cueto) ... recorded his first game-ending hit on 6/27 vs. the Cubs, a ninth-inning single off Jose Ascanio ... doubled twice with a career-high four RBI on 8/1 vs. the Yankees ... missed four games from 9/6-9 with a strained right oblique, ending a string of 81 consecutive games played (65 straight starts) ... entered the season ranked by *Baseball America* as the No. 1 Prospect in the White Sox organization.

MINOR LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

■ **2009:** Combined to hit .326 (57-175) with 23 doubles, four homers and 25 RBI in 45 games between Class AA Birmingham and Class AAA Charlotte.

■ **2008:** Hit .310 (18-58) with three home runs and eight RBI in 14 games with Class A Kannapolis after signing on 8/13 ... batted .394 with three home runs and 13 RBI in 18 games with Peoria in the Arizona Fall League ... finished fifth in the AFL in on-base percentage (.468) and tied for sixth in average ... participated in the AFL Rising Stars Showcase ... went 5-5 with two home runs and seven RBI on 11/6 vs. Scottsdale ... named to the AFL Top Prospects Team following the season ... was recommended/signed by Kevin Burrell and Nick Hostetter.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

■ In 2014, led an anti-bullying campaign visit at McClellan Elementary School ... among his charitable work in 2013, participated in "Wild Pitches" variety show in support of White Sox Charities and the Children's Home + Aid's "Bring Me Home" campaign ... in 2012, continued his support of Out of the Park for Parkinson's (outofthepark.org), which raises awareness and support to help battle Parkinson's disease ... participated in an anti-bullying presentation at a local Chicago Boys and Girls Clubs ... held a meet-and-greet at U.S. Cellular Field for the Make-A-Wish Foundation ... in 2011, participated in the White Sox Charities Bowling Classic ... visited veterans at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. ... recorded a Public Service Announcement for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) ... was selected as a recipient of the 2010 Hope Award presented by the National Parkinson Foundation ... also participated in Children's Home + Aid's "Bring Me Home" campaign, meet and greets with groups from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, a photo shoot for a Comcast calendar to benefit animal rescue groups and visited season-ticket holders at their homes, delivering autographed Sox gear ... in 2009, participated in the Volunteer Corp Blood Drive and food packing sessions at the Greater Food Depository.

MISCELLANEOUS/PERSONAL

■ Married Brittany ... father-in-law is former White Sox second baseman and current Atlanta Braves assistant hitting coach Scott Fletcher ... Twitter: @gordonbeckham ... attended the University of Georgia ... named SEC Player of the Year and First-Team All-American after hitting .411 with 28 home runs and 77 RBI as a junior, the first Bulldog to hit over .400 since 1982 ... was a finalist for the USA Baseball Golden Spikes, Dick Howser and Brooks Wallace Awards ... established single-season school records in home runs (28), runs scored (97) and total bases (221) ... led the Bulldogs to a second-place finish in the 2008 College World Series ... named to the CWS All-Tournament team after batting .522 (12-23) with two homers and five RBI ... finished among the NCAA Division I leaders in home runs (T1st), runs scored (2nd), total bases (2nd) and slugging percentage (5th, .804) ... named SEC Baseball Scholar Athlete of the Year ... ranked by *Baseball America* as the third-best collegiate athlete in the 2008 draft and the No. 6 prospect overall ... batted .307 with seven home runs and 51 RBI as a sophomore in 2007 and .280 with 12 homers and 54 RBI as a walk-on his freshman campaign ... named Freshman All-American by *Baseball America* and Collegiate Baseball in 2006 ... father, Gordon, was a quarterback for the University of South Carolina (1979-82) ... is a 2005 graduate of Westminster High School in Atlanta, Ga. ... was a Georgia AAA All-State football player as a junior at free safety and as a senior at quarterback.

CAREER PLAYING RECORD

| YEAR | CLUB | AVG | G | AB | R | H | TB | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | SH | SF | HB | BB | SO | SB | CS | OBP | SLG | E |
|------|--------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|------|------|----|
| 2008 | Kannapolis | .310 | 14 | 58 | 11 | 18 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 1 | .365 | .500 | 3 |
| 2009 | Birmingham | .299 | 38 | 147 | 23 | 44 | 73 | 17 | 0 | 4 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 24 | 1 | 0 | .366 | .497 | 7 |
| | Charlotte | .464 | 7 | 28 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .448 | .679 | 3 |
| | WHITE SOX | .270 | 103 | 378 | 58 | 102 | 174 | 28 | 1 | 14 | 63 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 41 | 65 | 7 | 4 | .347 | .460 | 14 |
| 2010 | WHITE SOX | .252 | 131 | 444 | 58 | 112 | 168 | 25 | 2 | 9 | 49 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 37 | 92 | 4 | 6 | .317 | .378 | 12 |
| 2011 | WHITE SOX | .230 | 150 | 499 | 60 | 115 | 168 | 23 | 0 | 10 | 44 | 7 | 3 | 13 | 35 | 111 | 5 | 3 | .296 | .337 | 8 |
| 2012 | WHITE SOX | .234 | 151 | 525 | 62 | 123 | 195 | 24 | 0 | 16 | 60 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 40 | 89 | 5 | 4 | .296 | .371 | 7 |
| 2013 | WHITE SOX | .267 | 103 | 371 | 46 | 99 | 138 | 22 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 28 | 56 | 5 | 1 | .322 | .372 | 12 |
| | Charlotte | .333 | 8 | 36 | 7 | 12 | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | .368 | .389 | 0 |
| | MINOR TOTALS | .323 | 67 | 269 | 47 | 87 | 135 | 27 | 0 | 7 | 38 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 39 | 2 | 1 | .374 | .502 | 13 |
| | A.L. TOTALS | .249 | 638 | 1846 | 2217 | 551 | 843 | 122 | 4 | 54 | 240 | 23 | 17 | 37 | 181 | 413 | 26 | 18 | .314 | .380 | 39 |
| | M.L. TOTALS | .249 | 638 | 1846 | 2217 | 551 | 843 | 122 | 4 | 54 | 240 | 23 | 17 | 37 | 181 | 413 | 26 | 18 | .314 | .380 | 39 |

— Selected by the White Sox in the first round (eighth overall) of the First-Year Player Draft (6/08).
 — On White Sox disabled list with a hook of the hamate fracture in his left hand (4/10-6/3/13); included rehab assignment to Class AAA Charlotte (5/18-6/3/13).

CAREER FIELDING STATISTICS

| POSITION | PCT | G | GS | TC | PO | A | E | DP | POSITION | PCT | G | GS | TC | PO | A | E | DP |
|-------------|-------|-----|-----|------|------|------|----|-----|------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|
| Second Base | .985 | 527 | 520 | 2532 | 1009 | 1484 | 39 | 363 | Third Base | .952 | 102 | 102 | 292 | 73 | 205 | 14 | 21 |
| Shortstop | 1.000 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |

CAREER GAME BESTS AND HOME RUN INFORMATION

HITS — 4 (4x, last 6/5/13 at Sea.) ... **HR** — 2 (6/1/12 vs. Sea.) ... **RBI** — 4 (3x, last 6/20/12 vs. Cubs)
RUNS — 3 (5x, 5/27/12 vs. Cle.) ... **SB** — 2 (6/5/13 at Sea.) ... **HITTING STREAK** — 10 games (2x, last 5/24-6/3/12)
GAME-ENDING HOME RUNS — NONE ... **GRAND SLAMS** — NONE
MULTIOMER GAMES — 1 (6/1/12 vs. Sea.) ... **PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS** — NONE
INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS — NONE ... **LEADOFF HOME RUNS** — 1 (8/7/12 vs. K.C.)

