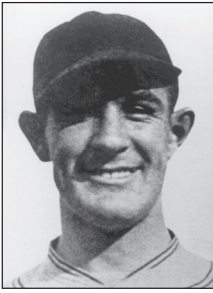




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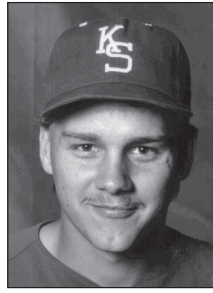
ELDEN AUKER

Pitcher
Norcatur, Kan.

- First Team All-American (1932)

1932

Became Kansas State's first ever All-American as a pitcher in 1932 ... Nearly missed out on a perfect game at Oklahoma as Kansas State defeated OU, 5-0 ... Helped the Wildcats top Kansas, 12-1 and 8-4, by pitching both games on consecutive days.



DAVID CHADD

27

DH | 6-0 | 180 | R/R
Wichita, Kan. (Barton County CC)

- ABCA Second Team All-American (1988)
- Baseball America Second Team All-American (1988)

1988

Named a second team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and Baseball America... Also named a First Team All-Big Eight and all-region performer... Led the Big Eight with a .418 batting average... Transferred from Barton County Community College in time for the 1987 season and set then-school records in career batting average (.388), single-season hits (84), single-season runs scored (66) and single-season total bases (135)... Still holds career mark for batting average... Served as an assistant coach at Wichita State and Kansas State before becoming a scout for the Florida Marlins and Detroit Tigers... Is now the Vice President of Amateur Scouting for the Tigers.



JACK WOOLSEY

13

OF | 5-10 | 170 | L/L
Kansas City, Kan. (Wyandotte)

- ABCA First Team All-American (1968)

1968

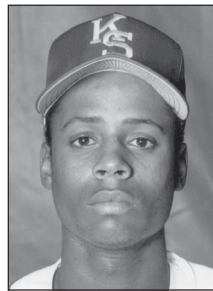
Named a First Team All-American outfielder in 1968 by the American Baseball Coaches Association... Also named a NCAA District Five outfielder in 1967 and an All-Big Eight performer in 1967 and 1968... Led the Big Eight in home runs, triples and RBI in both 1967 and 1968... Was second in total hits and stolen bases in the conference in 1968, a season in which he hit .361... Drafted in the second round of the 1969 draft by San Francisco.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
1967	.275	28--	102	19	28	3	1	2	22	--	--	4--	--	--	--	--
1968	.339	31--	109	21	37	1	7	8	33	--	--	13--	--	--	--	--
1969	.280	32--	107	21	30	4	4	4	12	--	--	7--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	.299	91--	318	61	95	8	12	14	67	--	--	24--	--	--	--	--

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
1987	.336	41--	119	31	40	9	0	7	27	22	17	3--	50	8	3	.951
1988	.418	49--	201	66	84	18	0	11	54	40	22	4--	190	14	12	.944
TOTAL	.388	90--	320	97	124	27	0	18	81	62	39	7--	240	22	15	.946



SEAN COLLINS

1

OF | 5-10 | 160 | R/R
Venice, Calif. (El Camino CC)

- ABCA Honorable Mention All-American (1989)

1989

An honorable mention All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association and a First Team All-Big Eight honoree... Named honorable mention all-conference as a junior... Finished his senior season with a .361 average with seven home runs and 33 stolen bases... Ended his career as the Kansas State career stolen base leader with 54, while he currently ranks sixth in that department... Currently ranks third in school history in single-season stolen bases... Selected in the 13th round of the 1989 draft by the Kansas City Royals.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
1988	.353	55--	190	64	67	8	3	1	28	45	24	21-24	91	137	15	.938
1989	.361	45--	147	52	53	5	2	7	33	42	25	33-42	89	4	5	.949
TOTAL	.356	100--	337	116	120	13	5	8	61	87	49	54-66	180	141	20	.941



ANDY REPLOGLE

18

RHP | 6-5 | 205 | R/R
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Snider)

- Second Team All-American (1973)

1973

A second team All-American and a first team All-Big Eight performer... Started the season 0-3, but reeled off seven victories in his next eight decisions as he was 5-1 in Big Eight games... Among his wins was a one-hitter against Colorado, a two-hitter against Kansas, a three-hitter against Oklahoma State and a four-hitter against Iowa State... Threw a no-hitter, but lost 1-0 against Creighton... Only conference loss was an extra-inning affair against Big Eight Champion Oklahoma... Struck out 78 batters in 78.2 innings... Still holds the school records for career complete games (25), career wins (25) and career strikeouts (223)... Drafted in the fourth round in 1972 by the New York Mets, but did not sign... Drafted in the ninth round in 1975 by St. Louis.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
1973	2.75	7-4	12-11	0	0	78.2	51	34	24	47	78	0	--	6	6	0
1974	2.95	9-2	14-11	0	0	73.1	52	28	24	43	74	0	--	1	0	0
1975	3.72	9-4	14-13	0	0	82.1	66	47	34	39	71	0	--	2	5	0
TOTAL	3.15	25-1040-35	0	0	234.1	169	109	82	129	223	0	--	9	11	0	



CRAIG WILSON **11**

SS | 6-1 | 185 | R/R
Franklin Park, Ill. (Leyden)

- Baseball America Third Team All-American (1991)
- Baseball America First Team All-American (1992)
- Collegiate Baseball Second Team All-American (1992)
- Big Eight Player of the Year (1992)

1991

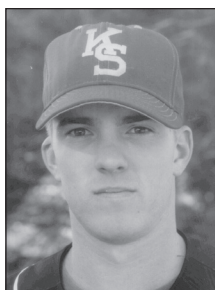
Earned First Team All-Big Eight honors as a junior and was honored by Baseball America as a Third Team All-American... Set then-school record with 88 hits, while he recorded 60 runs, 15 doubles and nine home runs... Was the only Wildcat to start all 60 games and led the team with a .386 batting average, a mark that was sixth in the Big Eight... Struck out only 14 times in 228 at-bats... Held a midseason 12-game hitting streak, while he later registered an 11-game streak... Hit successfully in 75 percent of the games and reached base in 88 percent... Of his 88 hits, 31 went for extra bases... Drafted in the 23rd round by the San Francisco Giants, but did not sign.

1992

Became K-State's first consensus All-American and first conference player of the year... Set the school record with a .416 batting average in 56 games played with 17 doubles, eight home runs and 62 RBI... Led the league with a .405 average in conference games and tied for the lead in hits per game (1.42), while he was fourth in RBI and fifth in triples... Recorded 28 multi-hit games and struck out just 11 times in 232 plate appearances... Still holds school records for career games played (250), career games started (236) and career singles (188)... Drafted in the 13th round by the Chicago White Sox.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
1989	.241	53--	174	36	42	10	4	0	28	21	17	4-7	69	128	16	.925
1990	.328	57-57	198	31	65	16	1	4	34	25	20	4-6	71	164	24	.907
1991	.386	60-60	228	60	88	15	5	9	52	23	14	10-13	88	142	16	.935
1992	.416	56-56	209	54	87	17	5	8	62	13	11	5-6	91	182	9	.968
TOTAL	.349	226--	809	181	282	58	15	21	176	82	62	23-32	319	616	65	.935



HEATH SCHESSER **16**

SS | 6-1 | 175 | R/R
Manhattan, Kan. (Manhattan)

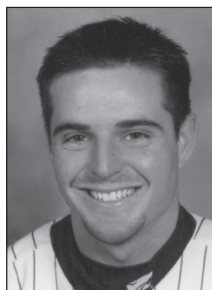
- ABCA Third Team All-American (1997)
- NBCWA Third Team All-American (1997)

1997

Earned third team All-America honors from both the American Baseball Coaches Association and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association... Also earned First Team All-Big 12 honors and named to the NCBWA All-District team... Hit .409 (97-for-237) over a 56-game schedule with 20 doubles, eight triples, a school-record tying 16 home runs, 70 runs scored and 85 RBI... Led the team in 12 offensive categories, while he ranked among the nation's top 10 in RBI per game (1.52) and triples per game (0.14)... Still holds single-season school records for runs scored, hits, extra-base hits (44), RBI and total bases (181)... Selected in the 70th round of the 1994 draft by the New York Mets, but did not sign... Drafted in the fifth round of the 1997 draft by the Detroit Tigers.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
1995	.258	52-52	178	36	46	5	2	0	36	33	26	9-10	66	142	19	.916
1996	.344	53-53	209	57	72	20	2	6	49	40	41	6-7	65	154	28	.887
1997	.409	56-56	237	70	97	20	8	16	85	33	25	7-10	84	185	22	.924
TOTAL	.345	161-161	624	163	215	45	12	22	170	106	92	22-27	215	481	69	.910



KASEY WEISHAAR **3**

OF | 5-10 | 175 | R/R
Topeka, Kan. (Shawnee Heights)

- NCBWA Honorable Mention All-American (1999)

1999

An honorable mention All-American selection by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association... Also earned First Team All-Big 12 honors... Finished second in the Big 12 and set a K-State single-season record with a .429 (82-for-189) batting average, a mark that was also 16th nationally... Hit safely in 46 of the 53 games he played and became K-State's third batting champion to hit .400 in the 1990's after fellow All-Americans Heath Schesser and Craig Wilson... Held the career (16) and single-season (10) records for sacrifice flies until it was broken in 2011... Also holds the single-season record for on-base percentage at .521.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
1998	.299	27-16	67	12	20	4	2	2	10	6	12	0-0	18	1	2	.905
1999	.429	53-53	191	53	82	9	4	7	31	30	30	4-7	84	2	4	.956
2000	.311	49-49	177	39	55	9	2	2	47	32	35	4-7	77	3	3	.964
2001	.294	50-50	180	35	53	7	0	5	23	23	30	3-3	70	3	0	1.000
TOTAL	.341	179-168	615	139	210	29	8	16	111	91	107	11-17	249	9	9	.966



DANIEL EDWARDS **32**

RHP | 6-0 | 200 | R/R
Kingwood, Texas (Kingwood)

- NCBWA Third Team All-American (2007)

2007

Earned Third Team All-America honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association... Also named a First Team All-Big 12 and ABCA All-Midwest Region performer... Also a candidate for the Brooks Wallace Award, Dick Howser Trophy and the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award... Ranked second in the Big 12 in saves with 11, which tied the school record at the time... Registered a team-low 2.27 ERA, surrendering only nine runs all season... Did not allow a run in his first 12 appearances, which spanned 18 innings... Held an ERA of under 1.00 until his 21st time out of the pen... Faced the minimum in seven of his 23 appearances... Drafted in the 27th round in 2007 by the Cleveland Indians but did not sign... Drafted in the 25th round in 2008 by the Philadelphia Phillies.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	B/Avg.	WPHBP	BK	
2005	3.33	0-3	17-0	0	0	24.1	18	11	9	10	13	2	.220	0	2	0
2006	4.94	1-1	18-0	0	3	23.2	24	13	13	7	31	3	.258	1	1	0
2007	2.27	3-0	23-0	0	11	35.2	22	9	9	13	49	1	.173	1	2	1
2008	2.47	5-3	28-0	0	12	40.0	24	12	11	15	53	3	.182	1	4	0
TOTAL	3.06	9-7	86-0	0	26	123.2	88	45	42	45	146	9	.203	3	9	1



A.J. MORRIS 30

RHP | 6-2 | 200 | R/R
Humble, Texas (Humble)

- ABCA First Team All-American (2009)
- Baseball America First Team All-American (2009)
- Collegiate Baseball First Team All-American (2009)
- NCBWA First Team All-American (2009)
- PING!Baseball First Team All-American (2009)
- Rivals.com First Team All-American (2009)

2009

Became K-State's second consensus First Team All-American and the first pitcher in program history to accomplish the feat... Was a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award and the College Baseball Foundation Pitcher of the Year Award, while he was a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy... Was also named the Big 12 Pitcher of the Year, a First Team ABCA All-Midwest Region honoree, the NCBWA District VI Player of the Year and was named to the NCAA Houston (Rice) All-Regional team... Ended the year with a school-record 14 wins and a 2.09 ERA... Set the single-season school record in four categories, including victories, innings (116.1), strikeouts (100) and pitching decisions (15)... Went 7-0 with a 1.93 ERA against ranked opponents... Did not allow a hit in 52 of hits 114 full innings, while he faced the minimum 43 times... Drafted in the fourth round by the Washington Nationals.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	B/Avg.	WPHBP	BK	
2007	3.78	4-2	19-5	0	0	50.0	50	32	21	25	29	4	.255	5	8	1
2008	6.04	4-4	14-12	0	0	53.2	68	39	36	18	31	2	.319	1	8	0
2009	2.09	14-1	16-16	5	0	116.1	98	35	27	30	100	4	.222	9	4	0
TOTAL	3.44	22-7	49-33	5	0	220.0	216	106	84	73	160	10	.254	15	20	1



NICK MARTINI 26

OF | 5-11 | 190 | L/L
Crystal Lake, Ill. (Prairie Ridge)

- ABCA Second Team All-American (2010)
- Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American (2010)

2010

A Second Team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and the 2010 Big 12 Player of the Year as a sophomore... Became the first Wildcat to earn conference player of the year honors since 1992... Also earned Second Team All-American honors from Collegiate Baseball and ABCA All-Region honors... The Big 12's top hitter with a .416 batting average and led the conference in on-base percentage at .509, while he was second in hits (96), third in walks (41), fifth in triples (4), sixth in RBI (59) and seventh in stolen bases (39) and total bases (133)... Ranked fifth in school history and 30th nationally in average... Hit .433 against Big 12 competition, the eighth-best mark in league history... Also ranked 26th nationally in on-base percentage and tied for 34th in hits... His 96 hits were one shy of the single-season school record, while his 71 singles were a new school record... Also set the school record with a 26-game hitting streak from February 27 to April 11... Streak was the fifth-longest in Big 12 history... Hit .446 (45-for-101) with seven doubles, two triples, two home runs and 28 RBI during the streak... Recorded a hit in 54-of-59 games, while he reached base in every contest... Led the team with 31 multi-hit games and 18 multi-RBI contests... Was 19-for-24 in stolen base attempts, while he worked 41 walks... Drafted in the seventh round in 2011 by the St. Louis Cardinals.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
2009	.336	62-61	232	54	78	17	2	4	50	27	41	19-24	96	2	1	.990
2010	.416	59-59	231	49	96	17	4	4	59	41	21	19-24	118	1	2	.983
2011	.326	61-61	221	48	72	15	4	1	44	37	27	24-28	134	2	2	.986
TOTAL	.360	182-181	684	151	246	49	10	9	153	105	89	62-76	348	5	5	.986



JAMES ALLEN 20

RHP | 6-0 | 195 | R/R
St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)

- NCBWA First Team All-American (2011)
- Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American (2011)

2011

Earned All-America honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and Collegiate Baseball... Was also a First Team All-Big 12 selection and a First Team Academic All-Big 12 pick... One of the top closers in the country with 17 saves, which was tied for seventh nationally and second in the Big 12... His 17 saves set a new school record and ranked sixth in Big 12 history... Also set the career mark and finished tied for fourth in Big 12 history with 31 saves... Was named to the midseason watch list for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year award, while he was also a candidate for the NCBWA Dick Howser Trophy and the College Baseball Hall of Fame Pitcher of the Year award... Made 29 appearances, holding a 3-1 record and a 1.35 ERA... His 29 appearances were tied for third in school history, while his 81 career relief outings were second in K-State history... Drafted in the seventh round by the Cincinnati Reds.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	B/Avg.	WPHBP	BK
2009	5.50	2-1	24-0	0	5	36.0	42	23	22	12	41	3	.302	1	0
2010	2.28	5-1	28-0	0	9	47.1	31	12	12	14	42	1	.189	0	7
2011	1.35	3-1	29-0	0	17	40.0	25	6	6	11	45	0	.179	2	1
TOTAL	2.92	10-3	81-0	0	31	123.1	98	41	40	37	128	4	.221	3	18



JARED KING 24

OF | 6-1 | 200 | S/L
Dublin, Ohio (Jerome)

- Perfect Game Second Team All-American

2013

A First Team All-Big 12 performer who was also named the 2013 Big 12 Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year... Hit .335 with 16 doubles, two triples, seven home runs and a team-leading 53 RBI... Also paced the team with a .523 slugging percentage and was third on the squad with 14 steals... Placed in the top 10 of the Big 12 in 10 offensive categories, including top-five rankings in RBI (second), slugging percentage (fourth), home runs (fourth), total bases (114; fourth) and walks (34; fourth)... Finished his career ranked seventh in sacrifice flies (12), ninth in extra-base hits (73) and 10th in home runs (22)... Also named to the American Baseball Coaches Association All-Midwest Region team... Drafted in the fifth round of the 2013 Major League Baseball Draft by the New York Mets.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
2011	.307	50-48	176	34	54	12	2	8	40	15	32	13-16	80	0	2	.976
2012	.377	56-56	220	49	83	15	4	7	47	31	29	16-20	134	1	3	.978
2013	.335	59-59	218	52	73	16	2	7	53	34	22	14-19	142	2	3	.980
TOTAL	.342	165-163	614	135	210	43	8	22	140	80	83	43-55	356	3	8	.978



ROSS KIVETT

7

2B | 6-1 | 195 | R/R
Broadview Heights, Ohio (St. Edward)

- ABCA Second Team All-American (2013)
- Baseball America Third Team All-American (2013)
- Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American (2013)
- Big 12 Player of the Year (2013)

2013

The 2013 Big 12 Player of the Year who became the fourth Wildcat since 2009 to earn multiple All-America honors in the last five years... Finished his junior campaign hitting .360 with 15 doubles, four triples, three home runs and 39 RBI... Helped lead K-State to its first conference championship in 80 years as he ranked second in the Big 12 with a .376 average against league foes... Also went 6-for-12 with two home runs and five RBI to earn MVP honors in the NCAA Manhattan Regional, leading the Wildcats to their first regional title... A First Team All-Big 12 and American Baseball Coaches Association All-Midwest Region honoree... Played in every game during K-State's historic season and finished in the top 10 of four offensive categories in single-season school history... Selected in the 10th round of the 2013 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft by the Cleveland Indians, but did not sign and elected to return to school for his senior season.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
2011	.314	48-38	156	29	49	4	1	0	19	11	21	8-13	28	23	2	.962
2012	.286	58-58	224	46	64	10	5	0	28	33	26	25-29	112	170	6	.979
2013	.360	64-64	261	57	94	15	4	3	39	29	27	26-36	120	208	5	.985
2014	.333	55-55	210	49	70	13	1	4	33	35	25	21-22	155	50	5	.976
TOTAL	.326	225-215	851	181	277	42	11	7	119	108	99	80-100	415	451	18	.980



JORDAN WICKS

33

LHP | 6-1 | 195 | R/R
Conway, Ark. (Conway)

- Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American (2021)
- Big 12 Freshman of the Year (2019)

2021

The 2019 Big 12 Freshman of the Year became K-State's first All-American since the 2013 season in 2021 ... Named All-Big 12 First Team after leading the Big 12 in strikeouts in the regular season along with a 6-3 record and 3.70 ERA ... Wicks set the program's single-season strikeout record with 118 in 2021 while also eclipsing the all-time mark with 230 ... Turned in seven quality starts in 15 appearances in his All-America campaign ... Finished 10th in program history with his career earned run average of 3.24 and 34 career starts ... Also named Preseason Big 12 Co-Pitcher of the Year ahead of the 2021 season in addition to Preseason All-America honors from every major publication ... Voted to 2021 ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region Second Team ... Named National Pitcher of the Week on Feb. 24, 2021 and was named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week twice in 2021 ... Became K-State's first first-round pick in the 2021 Major League Baseball Draft by the Chicago Cubs with the 21st overall selection.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR B/Avg.	WPHBP	BK	
2019	3.61	6-3	15-15	1	0	84.2	92	35	34	26	86	4	.276	3	2
2020	0.35	3-0	4-4	0	0	26.0	13	1	1	4	26	0	.151	0	0
2021	3.70	6-3	15-15	0	0	92.1	90	40	38	28	118	9	.249	5	0
TOTAL	3.24	15-6	34-34	1	0	203.0	195	76	73	58	230	13	.250	8	2



TYSON NEIGHBORS

16

RHP | 6-2 | 220 | R/R
Royse City, Texas (Royse City)

- USA Baseball Collegiate National Team (2023)
- NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award Finalist (2023)
- D1Baseball First Team All-American (2023)
- NCBWA First Team All-American (2023)
- CBF First Team All-American (2023)
- ABCA/Rawlings Second Team All-American (2023)
- Baseball America Second Team All-American (2023)
- Perfect Game Second Team All-American (2023)
- Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American (2023)

2023

Became the second Wildcat in program history to earn consensus all-american honors ... Became jsut the second player in school history to be selected and invited to the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team Training Camp ... He earned a position on the Collegiate National Team and competed for Team USA in a friendship series against Chinese Taipei and Japan ... Named to National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Stopper of the Year Finalist ... Received All-American recognition from seven national organizations (D1Baseball, Baseball America, NCBWA, ABCA/Rawlings, College Baseball Foundation, Collegiate Baseball, Perfect Game) ... Received ABCA First Team All-Central Region honors ... Voted First Team All-Big 12 ... Earned College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honors ... Voted Big 12 Pitcher of the Week (April 10) ... Made 25 appearances (second-most) on the mound in 2023 ... Went 5-1 with a team-best 1.85 ERA (10 ER, 48.2 IP) to go with 86 strikeouts and 16 walks ... His 86 strikeouts ranked second on the team and sixth in the Big 12 ... Led the team with 11 saves (ties third in single-season records) while opponents hit .135 against him ... Led the league in saves overall and during conference games ... Held teams scoreless in 17 of 25 appearances ... Punched out a season-high eight batters and retired nine of 11 during his three innings on April 8 at Texas for his fifth save ... Earned save during the Big 12 Championship in combined shutout over Texas ... Took only loss against Iowa on February 26 at Karbach Round Rock Classic, allowing one earned runs on two hits in one inning of relief ... Made team-leading 14 appearances during Big 12 games, went 3-0 with a 2.59 ERA (7 ER, 24.1 IP) and league-high five saves ... Struck out 40 and walked eight in holding opponents scoreless in nine of 14 relief appearances.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR B/Avg.	WPHBP	BK	
2022	5.40	1-0	9-0	0	0	8.1	8	5	5	14	13	0	.267	1	2
2023	1.85	5-1	25-0	0	11	48.2	22	11	10	16	86	5	.135	3	3
TOTAL	2.37	6-1	34-0	0	11	57.0	30	16	15	30	99	5	.155	4	5



**KAELEN
CULPEPPER** 22

SS | 6-0 | 190 | R/R
Memphis, Tenn. (St. Benedict at Auburndale)

- D1Baseball Second Team All-American (2024)
- Baseball American Preseason First Team All-American (2024)

2024

Named All-American Second Team (D1Baseball), All-Central Region Second Team (ABCA/Rawlings), and All-Big 12 Second Team ... Was one of three players to start in all 61 games as the Cats' starting shortstop ... Slashed .328/.419/.574 with 80 hits that includes 15 doubles, six triples and a career-best 11 home runs ... Scored 50 runs and drove in a team-best 59 runs ... Led the Wildcats in batting average and slugging percentage ... Ended the year as one of the Big 12's top offensive producers, ranking fifth in RBI and sixth in hits, while leading in triples ... Turned in 23 games with two or more hits to pace the offense, while he turned in 13 games with multiple RBI and finished his career with a 10-game hitting streak (May 17-June 8) ... Hit .337 with runners in scoring position and .321 with two outs, driving in a team-leading 18 two-out RBI ... In the NCAA Tournament, the Fayetteville Regional MVP hit .474 (9-for-19) with three doubles, one triple and two home runs for an incredible 1.575 OPS while driving in a team-leading 10 RBI ... Is the fourth player in K-State history to hit for the cycle after leading Cats to a 19-4 triumph over No. 2 seed Louisiana Tech in the Fayetteville Regional ... He tripled in the second, singled in the sixth, doubled in the seventh, and homered in his fifth at-bat, to complete the cycle ... During Big 12 play, produced a slash line of .286/.376/.496 with seven doubles, three triples and five home runs, while scoring 21 runs with a team-leading 26 RBI ... Taken 21st overall by the Minnesota Twins in the 2024 Major League Baseball Draft, becoming the first positional player selected in the first round.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
2022	.283	51-48	166	27	47	9	0	5	22	12	27	1-1	26	89	6	.950
2023	.325	40-40	151	32	49	8	0	10	41	16	27	9-9	32	79	6	.949
2024	.328	61-61	244	50	80	15	6	11	59	35	41	17-21	59	148	12	.945
TOTAL	.314	152-149	561	109	176	32	6	26	122	63	95	27-31	117	316	24	.947



**AJ
EVASCO** 7

INF/OF | 6-6 | 220 | R/R
Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)

- D1Baseball Freshman All-American (2025)

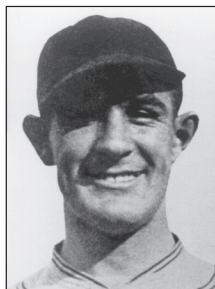
2025

Named Freshman All-American by D1Baseball ... Selected to Big 12 All-Freshman Team ... Named Big 12 Player of the Week (March 17) ... Played in 54 games in his debut season, making 51 starts at first base and in right field ... Made six starts as the designated hitter ... Made collegiate debut on February 14 in the season opener against Washington, doubling in his first at-bat with an RBI ... Set freshman program records for most home runs and RBI ... Hit record-breaking home run No. 11 against Texas on June 1, driving in the record-setting RBI in his second homer against the Longhorns ... Posted a .311 average on the season with a .554 slugging percentage and a .380 on-base percentage... Totaled 12 doubles, one triple and 11 home runs ... Ranked within the top five in nearly all major offensive categories ... Ranked third with 52 RBI and second with 52 runs scored ... Finished fifth on the team with 60 hits ... Led the team with a 20-game on-base streak from March 1 to April 4 ... Recorded a team-best 14-game hitting streak from March 1-23 ... Posted 14 multi-hit games and had 14 multi-RBI contests - good for third on the team ... Recorded a grand slam at Creighton on March 11 ... Reached safely in 46 games, that included a hit in 41 of those ... Hit a team-best .418 (23-for-55) with runners in scoring position, and recorded 20 hits with two-outs with 11 two-out RBI ... Had one multi-home run game against Texas on June 1 ... Collected five three-hit performances (Last: vs. #12 West Virginia, May 11) ... Drove in a season-high four RBI in three games: vs. William & Mary on March 8, at Creighton on March 11, vs. Utah on March 16) ... Recorded a pair of three-run walk-off home runs on March 8 against William and Mary and on March 16 vs. Utah ... Drove in the game-winning run with a two-run double in a 3-1 decision over UCF (April 12) ... Was one of five players to play and start in all 30 games in Big 12 play ... Hit second-best average of .324 in conference games, to go along with a .532 slugging percentage and .394 on-base percentage ... Recorded six doubles with one triple and five home runs in league games, driving in 28 RBI and led with 34 runs scored ... Went 4-for-10 (.400) with four RBI to lead the offense in the NCAA Austin Regional, homering twice against Texas (June 1).

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg.	GP-S	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-A	PO	A	E	FLD%
2025	.311	56-51	193	52	60	12	1	11	52	18	31	4-4	122	2	1	.992

ELDEN AUKER: THE FIRST WILDCAT ALL-AMERICAN



ELDEN AUKER (1910-2006)

Pitcher | 1933-42
 Detroit Tigers
 Boston Red Sox
 St. Louis Browns

Taking it in stride. That expression pretty well describes Elden Auker's approach to life. He's had quite a life to handle, covering 87 years and enough significant achievements to fill many people's portfolios.

Auker played football, basketball and baseball at Kansas State in the late 1920s and early 1930s, and he was selected as an all-American in all three sports. After graduation, he had offers to play professional football and baseball. He chose baseball, and embarked on a 10-year major league career.

On his first visit to venerable Yankee Stadium in New York, the first batter he faced was none other than Babe Ruth, whom Auker struck out on four pitches. He also played with or against numerous other Hall of Famers in a career with the Detroit Tigers, Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Browns.

Even at age 88, Auker still was competitive, as can be attested by the fact that he played golf three times a week. In a sport in which it is every participant's goal to shoot his age, Auker has made a habit of it, recording the feat 20 times in a row at one point. And his exploits have earned fans of all ages and circles, including a former President of the United States, who came to Auker and asked if he remembered him.

It's just another day in the life of Elden Auker.

Auker grew up in Norcatour, in northwest Kansas, where he was coached in football by Pete Peterson, an alum of the University of Nebraska. "He said, 'They'll get you a job if you'll go to Nebraska. I think you ought to go there,'" Auker said. "But I played in a basketball tournament in Norton against Almena, and we beat them, 10-9. (Those were the days when defense was everything.) I scored nine of the 10 points in that game. The referee in that game was Charley Corsault, the basketball and baseball coach at Kansas State.

"After the game he talked with me about going to Kansas State. He gave me quite a talk on it. He said, 'I'll get you a job. But I think you owe it to Kansas; you're a Kansas boy. If you go to Nebraska, you're not being loyal to your home state.' I was young and I thought a lot of Kansas, so I decided that was where I should go."

Among the sports he played at K-State, he liked football the best. "I just liked the physical contact, I guess," he said. He played quarterback and halfback on offense and safety on defense. "I got as far away from the action as I could on defense, but I got plenty of contact back there on punts and passes."

Despite all the success Auker had, his most vivid memories of his K-State playing days were two losses. In 1931, the Cats were 5-0 and bound for a possible berth in the Rose Bowl, the only postseason bowl game in existence at that time. They had won their first five games by a total score of 94-14, including three straight shutouts against Kansas, Oklahoma and West Virginia. But late in the contest against West Virginia, an injury to Ralph Graham, one of the other stars on that team, left the Wildcats shorthanded.

The Cats lost their next two games, and Auker takes more than his share of the blame. "The third quarter of the Iowa State game was scoreless," he said. "I dropped back to punt (that was when the goal post was on the goal line) and I faked it. The end had been cutting in fast and almost blocked a couple of punts. So when he cut in, I faked a punt and ran 102 yards for a touchdown. That put us ahead 6-0. Henry Cronkite, who was doing the place kicking, missed the point after touchdown.

"In the fourth quarter I was playing safety. The guy got behind me and they threw a pass over my head for a touchdown. I tipped the ball, but the guy still caught it and fell over the goal line. They kicked the point and beat us 7-6. The Kansas City Star came out the next day and said, 'Auker hero and goat.' That's one I remember.

"The next game was against Nebraska. We had Nebraska beat, 3-0, with 27 seconds left to play. I punted a ball, trying to kick it out of bounds down the right-hand side of the field. Nebraska put in a little guy who caught it right on the sideline. The guys thought he was out of bounds, but he wasn't, and he ran 80 yards for a touchdown and they beat us, 6-3. Those two games I remember. I always remember those bad things.

The good things are just kind of taken in stride, but those bad things, you never forget them."

Auker remembers a lot about his K-State days, even though they occurred more than 65 years ago. He recalls working his way through school cleaning a drug store for \$1 a day. "In those days, they didn't pay you any money for signing," he said. "They gave athletes jobs. I got a job cleaning out the drug store every morning, sweeping it and mopping it. I did that for four years for \$1 a day. And that got me through school. In those days, you could buy breakfast for 15 cents, dinner was about 35 cents. I worked in the harvest fields in the summertime and I pitched baseball and made a little money."

After graduation, he was offered a contract for \$6,000 (\$500 per game) by the Bears. "That was back in 1932 when times were tough," he said. "That was a lot of money."

In 1932, there was no Deion Sanders to follow and no agents to negotiate, and Auker was forced to make a choice. "I graduated on June 1 and went directly to Detroit," he recalled. "When I got there, I reported to Mr. Navin, who owned the Tigers. In our first conversation he said, 'I understand that you have an opportunity to play football this fall.' I said, 'Yes. I've been offered a contract with the Chicago Bears.'

"He said, 'We think you have the possibility of being a major-league pitcher, but before you come up here, we've got to send you to the minor leagues. We're going to have to invest money in training you and getting you ready for professional baseball.'

Auker possessed a good fastball and a good curve. But a football injury to his shoulder prevented him from throwing overhand. His first manager in the minors, Bob Coleman, convinced him to try pitching underhand, instead of sidearmed. After practicing for awhile, Coleman told Auker he wanted to give him some game action so Auker was going to pitch nine innings, regardless of his performance. He pitched a shutout, winning 1-0, and never threw overhand again.

He made the majors the next year. His catcher that year with the Tigers, Ray Hayworth, still is living in North Carolina. Auker and Hayworth form the oldest living battery in baseball. Hayworth was behind the plate when Auker came to the mound in a relief role in Yankee Stadium to face Ruth. "Bucky Harris was our manager," Auker said. "He said to me, 'Elden, you go to the bullpen, and if I need you, I'll call you in.' We had a left-handed pitcher named Carl Fisher. He got into the third inning and got in trouble. So the phone rang, and they called me in from the bullpen. The hitter was Babe Ruth. I threw four pitches to him, and struck him out.

"I didn't think anything about it. All I was trying to do was get him out, and I went from there. I had to get him out before I could do anything else. I later played golf with him for a couple of years down in Florida. He was a good personal friend. He told me, 'I didn't like your style of pitching. It bothered me.'"

Auker also was friends with another Yankee Hall of Famer, Lou Gehrig. The two players often wrestled for fun in the common hallway between the two locker rooms at Fenway Park. Until one time when Auker caught Gehrig by surprise. "I grabbed him. Usually he just lifted you off the ground and you started just bearhugging," he said. "This time, he just folded up. He said, 'Don't do that.' I helped him get up and said, 'What's the matter with you?' He said, 'I've got something wrong with me. I don't have any strength. I can't hit the ball out of the infield. I don't know what's wrong with me.' He said he had begun to notice it the previous winter. He had a lousy spring and by the time they got to Boston, he wasn't doing well at all. He played a couple of innings that day and he took himself out. Then the next day, he played a couple more innings, and took himself out. They went to Detroit, and that's when he left the team and went to the Mayo Clinic. That was the last time I saw him."

The list of former teammates — Ted Williams, Hank Greenberg, Mickey Cochrane — is a list of some of the all-time greats of the game.

In 1935, he opened the World Series against the Chicago Cubs and was interviewed by a young reporter from WHO in Des Moines, Iowa, named Ronald Reagan. Twenty-five years later, Reagan, then the governor of California asked Auker if he remembered him. "I thought he had it turned around, but he remembered interviewing me," Auker said.

Auker's athletic exploits are limited to the golf course these days, though he plays like someone much younger. His history has earned him a place in several Halls of Fame, including K-State's and the state of Kansas.

"I was the first member to be elected into the Kansas State Sports Hall of Fame," he said. "They hold a banquet whenever they have someone to go in, and Mrs. Auker and I always go. We have a great time. We don't see many old friends, because there are not many of them left, but we see some new friends that we've made."

Even the fact that he has outlived most of his contemporaries doesn't bother Auker. He just takes it all in stride.

AUKER IN THE MAJORS

(Statistical Research compiled by Dr. Rodney D. and Jeanne Merkle)

Year	Team	G/GS	ERA	W	L	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	BB	K
1933	Detroit	15/6	5.24	3	2	2	1	0	55.0	63	25	17
1934	Detroit	43/18	3.42	15	7	10	2	1	205.0	234	56	86
1935	Detroit	36/25	3.83	18	7	13	2	0	195.0	213	61	63
1936	Detroit	35/31	4.89	13	16	14	2	0	215.1	263	83	66
1937	Detroit	39/32	3.88	17	9	19	1	1	252.2	250	97	73
1938	Detroit	27/24	5.27	11	10	12	1	0	160.2	184	56	46
1939	Boston	31/25	5.36	9	10	6	1	0	151.0	183	61	43
1940	St. Louis	38/35	3.96	16	11	20	2	0	263.2	299	96	78
1941	St. Louis	34/31	5.50	14	15	13	0	0	216.0	268	85	60
1942	St. Louis	35/34	4.08	14	13	17	2	0	249.0	273	86	62
Career	10 Years	333/261	4.42	130	101	126	14	2	1,963.1	2,230	706	594