



PRESTON TUCKER

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OUTFIELDER

Full Name: **Preston Michael Tucker**

Bats: **Left**

Throws: **Left**

Height: **6-0**

Weight: **210**

DOB: **July 6, 1990**

Opening Day Age: **27**

Born: **Tampa, FL**

Resides: **Tampa, FL**

MLB Debut: **May 7, 2015**

MLB Service Time: **1.095**

Acquired: **Trade with Houston, December 20, 2017**

Contract Status: **Signed through 2018**

2017

- Acquired by the Braves from the Houston Astros in exchange for cash considerations on 12/20/17...Was designated for assignment by HOU on 12/15.
- Spent the entire 2017 season with Houston's Triple-A Fresno Grizzlies...In his fourth year at the Triple-A level, hit .250 (123-for-492) with 20 doubles, 24 home runs and 96 RBI.
- Played in a team-high 128 games and drove in 96 runs, the second-most on the club...His RBI total was his most since he had 103 in 2013.
- After going hitless (0-for-8) in the first two games of the season, hit safely in 11 consecutive games, 4/9-20 (.450, 18-for-40), and in 18-of-19 games through 5/1....Had a .421 (32-for-76) average during that span.
- Batted .367 (29-for-79) in April and .327 (33-for-101) in June...In the remaining months, had a .196 (62-for-312) average in 83 games.
- Appeared in 54 games in right field and 35 in left field...Committed three errors in 157 total chances for a .981 fielding percentage...Made his third and final error of the season on 5/27... Completed 100 total chances the remainder of the season without committing an error.
- Logged his 10th career multi-home run game at the minor league level on 5/30 vs. Albuquerque.

2016

- Played 48 games in the majors, making 34 starts in an injury-shortened season...Started 20 games as the designated hitter, 13 games in left field and one in right field.
- Thirteen of his 22 hits went for extra bases (eight doubles, one triple, four homers)...Eleven of his 13 extra-base hits came against right-handers.

CAREER HIGHS

Most Runs

3, 7/19/15, HOU vs. TEX

Most Hits

4, 7/6/15, HOU at CLE

Most Doubles

2, 3x, last: 5/29/15, HOU vs. CWS

Most Triples

1, 7/22/16, HOU vs. LAA

Most Home Runs

2, 7/22/15, HOU vs. BOS

Most RBI

3, 3x, last: 7/22/15, HOU vs. BOS

Most Walks

2, 2x, last: 4/11/16, HOU vs. KC

Most Stolen Bases

None

Longest Hitting Streak

5 games, 2x, last: 4/5-4/10/16

- Made his first appearance on an Opening Day roster before being optioned to Triple-A on 5/15...Recalled back to Houston on 7/22.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a right shoulder sprain on 8/12...He spent the rest of the season on the DL, although he did attempt a rehabilitation stint at Double A Corpus Christi... Underwent shoulder surgery on 9/21.

- Combined to hit .283 (65-for-230) with 14 doubles, three triples, eight homers, 32 RBI and an .806 OPS (.332 OBP/.474 SLG) in 59 games in the minor leagues between Triple-A Fresno (53 games) and Double-A Corpus Christi (6 games).

2015

- Finished sixth among A.L. rookies in doubles (19) and tied for fifth in homers (13) after playing in 98 games with Houston in what was his first career major league action...Posted a .255 (60-for-235) batting average with 17 doubles, 13 homers, 32 RBI and an .807 OPS (.314 OBP/.494 SLG) against right-handed pitchers.
- Recorded a club high two pinch-hit home runs, batting .231 (3-for-13) with a walk and four RBI in his 14 pinch-hit plate appearances...Became one of four rookies in club history to record multiple pinch-hit homers, joining Cliff Johnson (5 in 1974), Jason Lane (2 in 2004) and Daryle Ward (2 in 1999).
- Made 76 starts with Houston: 62 in left field, 12 in right field and two at designated hitter.
- Was selected to the major league roster from Triple-A on 5/7...Optioned to Triple-A on 8/22...Recalled from Triple-A on 9/2.
- Made his major league debut on 5/7 at LAA...Became the sixth player in club history to record a hit, a walk and an RBI in his big league debut, and the first since Jon Singleton in 2014.
- The first two homers of his career occurred during the series in Detroit in May, and both were pinch-hit homers...Joined Dave Bergman as the only players in Astros history to record their first two career homers in the pinch...Per Elias, he became the first player in club history with two pinch-hit homers in the same series...Prior to Tucker, the last MLB player to do this was Dioner Navarro for the Cubs in a series vs. SF in 2013, and the last MLB rookie to do this was Reggie Taylor at COL in August of 2002.
- Had consecutive multi-double games from 5/14-15, and became the first rookie in club history to record multiple doubles in consecutive games...His four doubles within his first seven games established a new franchise record.
- Prior to making his MLB debut in May, was leading all minor league players in homers (10) and RBI (32)...Became the first player from the Astros 2012 draft class to make it to the Major Leagues.

2014

- Split his season between Double-A Corpus Christi and Triple-A Oklahoma City, hitting .282 (151-for-536) with 35 doubles, 24 home runs and 94 RBI in a combined 138 games...Led all Astros minor leaguers with 24 home runs and 94 RBI.
- Named a Texas League Mid-Season and Post-Season All-Star and was named Corpus Christi's April Player of the Month after hitting .295 with six homers and 17 RBI over 26 games.
- At the time of his promotion to Triple A, led the Texas League with 17 home runs, 43 RBI, 34 extra-base hits, 41 runs scored, and 140 total bases...Ranked second in the Texas League with 72 hits, third with 17 doubles, and third with a .536 slugging percentage.
- 2013
- Combined to hit .297 (159-for-535) with 32 doubles, 25 homers, 103 RBI, 56 walks and a .368 OBP in 135 games between Class-A Advanced Lancaster (75 games) and Double-A Corpus Christi (60 games)...Ranked tied for seventh in all of minor league baseball in RBI and tied for 14th in hits.
- Was a California League Midseason All-Star...Named the California League Player of the Week for the week of 5/27-6/3...Named Lancaster Player of the Month for May.
- Promoted to Double-A on 6/26 and hit .183 with three homers over his first 15 games at the level...Went on to hit .288 with seven homers, a .370 on-base percentage and a .475 slugging percentage over his final 45 games of the season.
- At the time of his promotion to Double-A, led the California League in total bases (162) and RBI (74), ranked second in hits (97), third in runs (61), fourth in average (.326), and tied for fifth in homers (15).
- Became the first player in the minor leagues to reach 70 RBI on the season after hitting a pair of three-run homers on 6/23 vs. Rancho Cucamonga.
- 2012
- Hit .321 (53-for-165) with eight homers and 38 RBI in 42 games with Class-A Short Season Tri-City after getting drafted by Houston.
- Received New York-Penn League Player of the Week honors twice (8/6-13 and 8/20-27)...Was named Tri-City's Offensive Player of the Month for August.

AMATEUR

- Graduated from Henry B. Plant High School in Tampa, Fla. in 2008...Was an honorable mention Louisville Slugger All-American during his senior season after batting .468 with nine homers and 46 RBI...Set a school record for RBI in a season with 51 during his junior year...Also was a member of the National Honor Society.
- Attended the University of Florida where he set many school records, including hits (341), at-bats (1,035), doubles (70) and RBI (258)...Left school with the second most homers (57) in program history.
- Became the first player in Gators history to earn Regional All-Tournament honors during all four years of his career...Also became the first Gator to be named the Most Outstanding Player of two different NCAA Regional Tournaments (2009, 2011)...Set school records in NCAA Tournament hits (46), RBI (31), runs (29), homers (11) and doubles (10).
- Earned First-Team Freshman All-American honors in 2009, becoming the first player in school history to earn the NCBWA Freshman Hitter of the Year Award...Took home the Gators' Triple Crown by hitting .364 with 15 homers and a school-record 85 RBI that year...Also led the squad in slugging (.628).

COMPLETE RECORD

Year	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB-CS	OBP	SLG	E
2012	Tri-City	.321	42	165	32	53	7	0	8	38	0	2	2	18	16	1-2	.390	.509	0
2013	Lancaster	.326	75	298	61	97	18	1	15	74	0	4	2	29	45	3-0	.384	.544	1
	Corpus Christi	.262	60	237	36	62	14	1	10	29	0	0	4	27	46	0-1	.347	.456	0
2014	Corpus Christi	.276	65	261	41	72	17	0	17	43	0	0	3	26	46	3-3	.348	.536	1
	Oklahoma City	.287	73	275	38	79	18	0	7	51	0	3	0	31	74	2-0	.356	.429	5
2015	Fresno	.295	33	129	20	38	4	0	11	35	0	1	1	12	25	1-0	.357	.581	1
	Houston	.243	98	300	35	73	19	0	13	33	0	0	3	20	68	0-2	.297	.437	1
2016	Houston	.164	48	134	11	22	8	1	4	8	0	0	2	8	40	0-0	.222	.328	1
	Fresno	.301	53	209	35	63	14	3	8	29	0	3	2	15	49	1-1	.349	.512	0
	Corpus Christi	.095	6	21	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	9	0-0	.167	.095	1
2017	Fresno	.250	128	492	84	123	20	7	24	96	0	10	1	65	102	2-3	.333	.465	3
Minor Totals		.282	535	2087	348	589	112	12	100	398	0	24	15	225	412	13-10	.353	.491	12
Major Totals		.219	146	434	46	95	27	1	17	41	0	0	5	28	108	0-2	.274	.403	2

MAJOR LEAGUE FIELDING RECORD

Position	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Left Field	.984	98	119	2	2	123	0
Right Field	1.000	17	25	0	0	25	0

PERSONAL

- Is the older brother of Astros prospect OF Kyle Tucker, who was the fifth overall selection in the 2015 draft.

TRANSACTIONS

- Selected by the Colorado Rockies in the 16th round of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft; did not sign.
- Selected by the Houston Astros in the seventh round (219th overall) of the 2012 First-Year Player Draft...Signed by John Martin.
- On Houston's disabled list (right shoulder sprain) from August 12, 2016 through the end of the season; included an injury rehabilitation assignment to Corpus Christi (AA).
- Acquired by the Atlanta Braves from the Houston Astros in exchange for cash considerations on December 20, 2017.