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# Justin Williams

BATS  
LEFT

THROWS  
RIGHT

HEIGHT  
6'2"

WEIGHT  
215



## JUSTIN PAUL WILLIAMS

MAJOR LEAGUE SERVICE **None**  
OPENING DAY AGE **22**  
BORN **8/20/95** in **Houma, LA**  
RESIDES **Houma, LA**  
CONTRACT STATUS **Signed through 2018**

ACQUIRED **From the Arizona Diamondbacks in a three-player trade, 11/14/14 (see page 173)**  
SIGNING SCOUT **Rusty Pendergrass (Diamondbacks)**

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## X-RAY REPORT

- Justin grew up with extremely limited means, leaving him unable to participate in many extra-curricular activities due to cost...he relied on his travel coach, Chad Raley, to take him to tournaments and provide necessary equipment... he believes Chad is a big reason he was noticed by scouts.
- Justin's love for baseball stemmed from playing games such as hitting rocks or foam footballs with a broomstick handle...from there, the game's coupling of physical ability with intelligence drew him in.
- Justin quickly developed a strong relationship with former Rays minor league hitting coordinator and current hitting coach Chad Mottola... he appreciated how Mottola never attempted to change his approach physically, but instead focused on his mental game.
- His childhood idol and role model was Ken Griffey Jr. ...he admired how "The Kid" impacted the game in all phases.
- Justin attended the MLB Rookie Career Development Program in Washington D.C. in January along with Jake Bauers and Ryan Yarbrough...the four-day orientation program included media training, time management and financial planning.

## 2017 SEASON

- Named Most Valuable Player for Double-A Montgomery by the Rays Baseball Operations department...spent the entire season with the

Biscuits, recording a career-high 14 HR, 72 RBI, 37 BB and 53 runs.

- Ranked 2nd among Rays minor leaguers in home runs, one shy of Jesús Sánchez...finished 3rd with 72 RBI, behind Sánchez (82) and Brett Sullivan (74)...his .301 avg. was 7th among Rays minor leaguers and marked the third time in five minor league seasons he hit .300 or better.
- Named to the Southern League postseason All-Star Team...finished the season ranked 4th in the SL in avg. and 3rd with a .489 SLG.
- Missed nearly all of May with a left knee contusion...was on the disabled list from May 5-29.
- Named the Rays Minor League Hitter of the Month for August, batting .333/.411/.677 (31-for-93) with 8 2B, 8 HR and 28 RBI.
- Totaled 3 HR and 6 RBI on Aug 30 vs. Mobile (Angels)...it was the second 3-HR game in Biscuits history, joining Tyler Goedell in 2013.
- Was called up to Triple-A Durham for the International League playoffs...hit .333 (4-for-12) with 1 2B and 3 BB in 4 games.
- Named to the Rays Organizational All-Star Team by MLB.com.
- Ranked by *Baseball America* as the No. 8 prospect in the Rays system and No. 16 prospect in the SL following the season.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Split the 2016 season between Class-A Charlotte and Montgomery, batting .295 (101-for-342) with 10 HR and 59 RBI...missed one month with a right hamstring injury.



- Named the Rays Minor League Hitter of the Month for July...combined between the two levels to hit .382/.396/.652 (34-for-89) with 4 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR and 24 RBI.
- Appeared in 16 games for the Peoria Javelinas in the Arizona Fall League.
- Ranked by *Baseball America* as the No. 9 prospect in the Rays system following the season.
- Split the **2015** season, his first in the Rays organization, between Class-A Bowling Green and Charlotte...hit .277/.298/.394 (130-for-470) with 7 HR and 48 RBI, and his 130 hits remain a career high.
- Played for the Australian Baseball League champion Brisbane Bandits, batting .342/.398/.582 (63-for-184) with 12 2B, 10 HR and 33 RBI in 47 games...ranked 3rd in the league in avg. and 2nd in slugging pct. ...tied for 3rd in hits and tied for 2nd in home runs.

- In **2014**, led the Rookie-level Pioneer League with a .386 avg. and .433 OBP...named to the postseason All-Star Team.
- At the time of his Aug 3 promotion to Class-A South Bend, had compiled a Missoula record 28-game hitting streak.
- Acquired by the Rays in a trade involving Jeremy Hellickson following the season.
- Named an Arizona League postseason All-Star for the AZL Diamondbacks in **2013**.

## AMATEUR CAREER

- Selected by the Diamondbacks in the second round of the 2013 June Draft out of Terrebonne (La.) High School...won the Home Run Derby at the Perfect Game Showcase in 2012 at Petco Park.

## CAREER BATTING

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB-I	SO	SB	CS	GDP	SLG	OBP
2013	AZL D-backs	.345	37	148	17	51	12	0	1	32	0	0	5	8-1	35	0	1	3	.446	.398
	Missoula	.412	11	51	12	21	6	0	0	5	0	0	0	1-0	7	0	0	1	.529	.423
	South Bend	.111	3	9	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-0	2	0	0	0	.111	.273
2014	Missoula	.386	46	189	31	73	6	2	2	23	0	2	0	17-0	44	1	1	6	.471	.433
	South Bend	.284	28	102	16	29	6	3	2	23	0	0	3	7-0	23	0	1	2	.461	.348
2015	Bowling Green	.284	99	387	43	110	25	2	7	42	0	4	2	13-0	76	3	1	12	.413	.308
	Charlotte	.241	23	83	8	20	5	0	0	6	0	0	0	1-0	14	3	1	7	.301	.250
2016	Charlotte	.330	51	194	23	64	11	0	4	31	0	2	1	6-0	26	0	1	5	.448	.350
	Montgomery	.250	39	148	20	37	7	2	6	28	0	1	1	5-0	30	0	1	4	.446	.277
2017	Montgomery	.301	96	366	53	110	21	3	14	72	0	4	2	37-4	69	6	2	11	.489	.364
<b>Minor League Totals</b>		<b>.308</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>1677</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>97-5</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>.445</b>	<b>.348</b>

1: Selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the second round of the 2013 June Draft...signed by Rusty Pendergrass. 2: Acquired by the Tampa Bay Rays along with INF Andrew Velazquez from Arizona in exchange for RH Jeremy Hellickson, November 14, 2014.

### DID YOU KNOW?

## NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Since the ownership group led by Stuart Sternberg in 2005, more than 50 Rays games have been televised nationally. Prior to that, the club had made only four national TV appearances.

