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# CHRISTIAN COLÓN

**INFIELD** HT 5'10" WT 190 | BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT

MLB SERVICE 2 YEARS, 8 DAYS | MLB DEBUT JULY 1, 2014 AT MINNESOTA (W/KC) | BIRTHPLACE CAYEY, PUR

BORN MAY 14, 1989 | OPENING DAY AGE 27 | CONTRACT STATUS SIGNED THROUGH 2017

ACQUIRED CLAIMED OFF WAIVERS FROM KANSAS CITY ON MAY 16, 2017

## 2016 SUMMARY

- Made Kansas City's Opening Day roster for second-straight season and appeared in 54 games, including starts at second base (29) and third base (10).
- Had three stints with Royals: Opening Day-May 18, June 8-August 31, and September 6-end of season.
- Hit first career home run in 293rd career at-bat on Sept. 15 off Dillon Overton, a three-run shot; the three RBI set a career high.
- Hit .294 (20x68) through June 29, but just .177 (14x79) after that.
- Had a .379 on-base percentage when leading off an inning; from 2014 through 2016, his career .412 OBP when leading off an inning ranked second among American League players (min. 60 plate appearances).
- Hit .290 (18x62) with nine of his 13 RBI in seventh inning or later.

## MAJOR LEAGUE CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Made his first Opening Day roster with Kansas City in 2015; optioned to Omaha on July 3 and didn't return to Majors until Sept. 1.
- Batted .290 with five doubles and eight runs scored in 43 games with the Royals; made starts at shortstop (14), second base (eight), and third base (six).
- Hit .333 (12x36) against left-handed pitching, and hit .318 (7x22) with a .444 OBP when leading off an inning.
- Went 11x24 (.458) during September; that included first four-hit game on Sept. 20 at Comerica Park.
- Made one appearance in the postseason, as a pinch-hitter in 12th inning of decisive Game 5 at Citi Field; drove in Jarrod Dyson with a single to break a 2-2 tie and spark a five-run rally.
- Made his Major League debut on July 2, 2014 and had three separate stints with Royals; also played in 86 games at Omaha.
- Collected three hits twice, including on July 4 at Cleveland; with two doubles and a triple in that game, became second Royal to record three extra-base hits in first Major League start, joining Mark Quinn, who hit two homers and doubled vs. the Angels on Sept. 14, 1999.
- Fractured the distal tip of the middle finger on right hand on Sept. 2 vs. Texas and was placed on disabled list Sept. 17 (retroactive to Sept. 7).
- Activated from the 15-day DL on Sept. 28 and made return on Sept. 30 in American League Wild Card game vs. Oakland.
- In that game, he drove in Eric Hosmer with tying run in 12th inning with an infield single; then, after stealing second base, scored walk-off run on single by Salvador Perez.
- Made one more appearance that postseason, as a defensive

## CAREER BESTS (THRU 2016)

HITS	4 — 9/20/15 at DET
RUNS	3 — 7/4/14 at CLE
HOME RUNS	1 — 9/15/16 vs. OAK
RBI	3 — 9/15/16 vs. OAK
SB	1 (5x) — LAST, 9/19/15 at DET
HITTING STREAK	8 — 4/21/15 to 5/3/15
GRAND SLAMS	—
CAREER PINCH-HIT HR	—
CAREER GAME-ENDING HR	—

## MLB DISABLED LIST HISTORY

2014	Fractured right middle finger September 7-28
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## HONORS AND AWARDS

2013	OMAHA STORM CHASERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR
2012	NORTHWEST ARKANSAS NATURALS PLAYER OF THE YEAR
	TEXAS LEAGUE MIDSEASON ALL-STAR
	PUERTO RICAN WINTER LEAGUE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

replacement at second base in Game 2 of ALCS at Baltimore (no plate appearances).

## MINOR LEAGUE CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Finished 2014 with Kansas City; had a hit in 26 of final 28 games with Triple-A Omaha, from June 10-July 27, a span interrupted from July 1-10 by first big league call-up.
- During his final 28 games with Storm Chasers, batting .388 (44x115) with eight doubles, five home runs, and 22 RBI.
- That span included a 14-game hitting streak from June 10-26 that tied his Minor League career-long streak (also 2013); batted .404 (23x57) with four doubles, a home run, and 11 RBI during streak.
- Named Omaha Player of the Year in 2013 after ranking eighth in Pacific Coast League with a career-high 140 hits.
- Also set career highs in games (131), at-bats (512), runs scored (72), homers (12), and total bases (194).
- From July 25 until end of season, had a hit in 36 of 39 games, batting .344 (52x151) with 25 runs scored, four doubles, five



home runs, and 18 RBI.

- During that stretch, from August 10-25, set his Minor-League career high with a 14-game hitting streak; batted .276 (16x58) with a double, two home runs, and six RBI during the streak.
- Helped Omaha win Pacific Coast League and Triple-A Championships, going 6x27 (.222) with two doubles, a homer, and four runs scored during postseason.
- In **2012**, named a Texas League All-Star and Northwest Arkansas Player of the Year in just second full season of professional baseball.
- His season ended prematurely after taking a foul tip to his right eye Aug. 15 with Omaha.
- Named Puerto Rican Winter League Rookie of the Year, hitting .301 with 26 runs scored and 13 steals.
- Led Texas League with 21 sacrifices in **2011**, his first full season in pro baseball; tied then-career best hitting streak with an 11-game run from April 30-May 15, batting .372 (16x43) with six RBI.
- Opened professional career with Single-A Wilmington in **2010**.

- Had a season-best 11-game hitting streak from Aug. 8-20, batting .370 (17x46) with three doubles and six RBI.
- Closed out season with a hit in 21 of final 25 outings, batting .327 (34x104) with 17 runs scored, five doubles, a triple, a home run, and 12 RBI.

## PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

- Christian Anthony Colón...he and his wife, Kayla, have two daughters, Marley and Mia Rose...attended three different high school due to his father's job commitments, graduating from Canyon High in Anaheim, CA...named MVP of the Aflac All-American High School Baseball Classic in 2006...chose to attend Cal State Fullerton instead of signing with Padres in 2007... named a freshman All-American by Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball, and Rivals.com at Fullerton in 2008 after batting .329... was a second-team All-American by Baseball America and the NCBWA after batting .357 with eight home runs and 40 RBI as a sophomore in 2009...helped Team USA to a 24-0 record at the 2008 FISU World Championships.

## COLÓN'S BATTING HISTORY

YEAR	CLUB	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HBP	BB	SO	SB	CS	OPB	SLG	E
2010	WILMINGTON	.278	60	245	38	68	12	2	3	30	4	3	6	13	33	2	4	.326	.380	17
2011	NW ARKANSAS	.257	127	491	69	126	14	2	8	61	21	4	6	46	51	17	7	.325	.342	18
2012	AZL ROYALS	.364	7	22	6	8	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	.481	.500	1
	NW ARKANSAS	.289	73	273	33	79	9	2	5	27	7	2	2	31	27	12	6	.364	.392	17
	OMAHA	.412	5	17	4	7	1	0	1	5	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	.429	.647	0
2013	OMAHA	.273	131	512	72	140	12	3	12	58	15	2	7	41	57	15	4	.335	.379	17
	OMAHA	.311	86	344	55	107	18	0	8	47	6	5	3	30	29	15	4	.366	.433	7
2014	NW ARKANSAS	.250	2	8	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	.333	.375	0
	KANSAS CITY	.333	21	45	8	15	5	1	0	6	1	0	0	3	4	2	0	.375	.489	2
	OMAHA	.281	51	192	19	54	9	0	1	17	2	1	1	21	18	8	2	.353	.344	5
2015	KANSAS CITY	.290	43	107	8	31	5	0	0	6	1	0	0	11	17	3	2	.356	.336	7
	OMAHA	.273	19	77	9	21	5	0	1	5	1	0	1	6	11	2	0	.333	.377	3
2016	KANSAS CITY	.231	54	147	13	34	6	0	1	13	1	0	2	11	31	0	1	.294	.293	1
	MILB TOTALS	.281	561	2181	306	612	84	9	39	254	56	19	27	195	229	73	28	.344	.381	85
<b>MLB TOTALS</b>		<b>.268</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.328</b>	<b>.338</b>	<b>8</b>

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

YEAR	CLUB	SERIES	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HBP	BB	SO	SB	CS	OPB	SLG	E
2014	KC/OAK	ALWC	1.000	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1.000	1.000	0
	KC/BAL	ALCS	---	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	0	
2015	KC/NYM	WS	1.000	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	1.000	0
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>0</b>

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

**2017:** Claimed off waivers by Miami on May 16

**2010:** Selected by Kansas City in first round (fourth overall) of the First-Year Player Draft; signed by Royals' scout Scott Groot

**2007:** Selected by San Diego in 10th round of First-Year Player Draft; did not sign