



# COLTON BENDER

Catcher

B-T: R-R

HT: 5-7; WT: 195

OPENING DAY AGE: 26

BORN: January 13, 1999 in Norwich, CT

HOW OBTAINED: Free Agent (2023)

SCHOOL: Quinnipiac

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Selected by the San Diego Padres in the 10th round (310th overall) of the 2021 draft out of Quinnipiac. Signed with the Padres on July 26, 2021.
- Released by San Diego on March 23, 2025
- Signed by the Philadelphia Phillies on April 18, 2025

## 2024

- Spent season with Fort Wayne (A+), appearing in 45 games
- Posted four multi-hit games, including a season-high three hits on June 20 vs Wisconsin
- Season-best two doubles Apr. 21 at Dayton
- Lone home run of the season came June 20 vs Wisconsin
- Had two multi-run games
- Compiled four multi-RBI games, including a season-high three RBI Apr. 21 at Dayton
- Walked a season-best two times June 27 vs Dayton
- Appeared in games at C (25), LF (2) and DH (17)
- Threw out 22% of base stealers (10-46)
- Posted a .990 fielding percentage in 216.1 innings at catcher, with only two errors in 210 total chances and just one passed ball

## 2023

- Spent entire season with Fort Wayne (A+), playing 46 games
- Season-best three runs May 25 vs Lansing
- Had four hits and run scored on Apr. 15 vs Lake County
- Posted two doubles on Aug. 3 vs Great Lakes
- Hit .265 (18-68) in home games, compared to .153 (11-72) in away games
- Hit .333 in April and .303 in August

## 2022

- Split season between ACL-Padres (ROK) and Lake Elsinore (A)
- Promoted to Lake Elsinore on Aug. 3
- Posted 31 walks to 29 strikeouts over 42 total games

## 2021

- Began pro career with ACL-Padres (ROK)
- Made pro debut July 26 vs ACL-Royals Gold, had first pro hit in same game
- Promoted to Lake Elsinore (A) on Aug. 6
- Hit first-career home run Aug. 7 at Rocket City

## COLLEGE

- Played at Quinnipiac from 2018-21
- Played for Utica in Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League in summer of 2018
- Appeared in 28 games for Newport of New England Collegiate summer league in 2019
- Played for Norwich in Futures Collegiate League and Bourne in Cape Cod Baseball League during summer of 2021
- 2019 NEIBA All-New England Third Team
- 2019 All-MAAC Second Team
- 2019 All-NECBL First Time
- Two-time Buster Posey Award Watch List (2019, 2021)

## HIGH SCHOOL/PERSONEL

- Played at Lyman Memorial High School, hitting .609 as senior
- Hit a grand slam in high school state finals
- All State selection as junior and senior
- Selected to represent Connecticut in an all-star game against Massachusetts as a senior
- Helped Lyman Memorial to a runner-up finish in state championships as a senior
- Parents are John and Jamie Bender
- Has an older sister Jordan
- Majored in health science in college
- Has worked with children with special needs through the Little League Challenger Division, and mentored a child with Down's Syndrome during basketball season while in high school
- Lists fishing, hunting and golf as his favorite hobbies

## CAREER HIGHS

Hits: 4 (4/15/23, FW vs LC)

RBI: 3 (x2, Last 4/21/24, FW at DAY)

Runs: 3 (x3, Last 5/25/23, FW vs LAN)

SB: 1 (x4, Last 8/20/23, FW vs DAY)

HR: 1 (x7, Last 6/20/24, FW vs WIS)

Strikeouts: 4 (6/9/23, FW at QC)

## COLTON BENDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG	OPS	HBP	SAC
2021	ACL-Padres (ROK)	.200	4	10	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.273	.200	.473	0	0
2021	Lake Elsinore (A)	.260	20	77	14	20	3	0	1	13	7	29	1	1	.326	.338	.664	1	0
2021	<b>2021 Totals</b>	.253	24	87	16	22	3	0	1	13	8	30	1	1	.320	.322	.642	1	0
2022	ACL-Padres (ROK)	.225	28	71	14	16	3	0	2	8	18	15	0	0	.396	.352	.748	2	0
2022	Lake Elsinore (A)	.200	14	40	11	8	1	0	0	5	13	14	1	0	.429	.225	.654	3	0
2022	<b>2022 Totals</b>	.216	42	111	25	24	4	0	2	13	31	29	1	0	.408	.306	.714	5	0
2023	Fort Wayne (A+)	.207	46	140	20	29	5	1	3	14	24	47	2	0	.327	.321	.648	2	3
2024	Fort Wayne (A+)	.167	45	150	11	25	7	0	1	15	14	41	0	0	.235	.233	.468	0	2
	<b>Career Totals</b>	.205	157	488	72	100	19	1	7	55	77	147	4	1	.320	.291	.611	8	5