



# ERIC SKOGLUND

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<b>BATS</b>	<b>THROWS</b>
L	L
<b>HEIGHT</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
6'7"	215 LBS
<b>OPENING DAY AGE</b>	
29	

**BORN:** October 26, 1992 in Sarasota, Florida   
**RESIDES:** Sarasota, Florida  
**ACQUIRED:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-Round selection in the 2014 MLB Draft (92<sup>ND</sup> OVERALL)  
**ACQUIRED:** Pittsburgh's 16<sup>th</sup>-Round selection in the 2011 MLB Draft (482<sup>ND</sup> OVERALL)  
**COLLEGE:** University of Central Florida (Orlando, Florida)  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Sarasota High School (Sarasota, Florida)  
**PRO DEBUT:** June 19, 2019 (Burlington) 2.0 IP, 0 R, 3 K @ Bristol  
**MLB DEBUT:** May 30, 2017 vs. Detroit: 6.1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 5 K, W  
**MLB SERVICE TIME:** 1 Year, 109 Days

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## 2021 SEASON

- Missed the entire season due to injury.
- Made two relief appearances in Cactus League action, totaling 1.2 scoreless innings, allowing one hit while striking out one.

## 2020

- Sent outright to Triple-A Omaha on June 28 and did not pitch during the Major League season.
- Made one relief appearance in Cactus League play during Major League Spring Training, allowing three runs on three hits in 0.2 inning.

## 2019

- Appeared in six games (four starts) with the Kansas City Royals over the final five weeks of the season, going 0-3 with a 9.00 ERA (21 ER in 21.0 IP), while striking out four.
- Served an 80-game suspension at the beginning of the season for violating the MLB Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment program.
- Appeared in his first Major League game of the year 8/25 @ Cleveland, started and threw 5.0 innings and allowed two runs on two hits but charged with a no-decision in a 9-8 Royals win in 10 innings.
- Pitched in three games on the road for the Royals and held opponents to a .211 average (8-for-38) away from Kansas City, but opposing hitters hit .431 against him (22-for-51) at Kauffman Stadium.
- Started 13 minor league games, including 11 with Omaha (AAA) and two with Northwest Arkansas (AAA) during his rehab assignment following his suspension ... went 3-5 with a 6.04 ERA (49 ER in 73.0 IP) combined between his two minor league stops.
- Threw at least 5.0 innings in 10 of 11 starts in Triple-A with the Storm Chasers, including a pair of seven-inning outings on 6/27 @ Iowa and 6/18 @ Nashville.
- Two Double-A starts with the Naturals came against the Sod Poodles, on 6/11 @ Amarillo and 6/17 vs. Amarillo ... earned win on the road, allowing one earned run over 5.0 innings but charged with the loss at home.

## 2018

- Made the Major League Opening Day roster for the first time in his career, but went 1-5 with a 6.70 ERA (37 ER in 49.2 IP) across nine starts, before being placed on the 10-day IL on 5/26 with a sprained left UCL ... was transferred to the 60-Day Injured List on 6/17, began rehabbing on 7/18 and appeared in games with Surprise (R), Northwest Arkansas (AA) and Omaha (AAA) before being activated on 9/4, having missed over three months.
- Made five rehab starts, including one with the AZL Royals, two with the Naturals and two with the Storm Chasers, in which he posted a 3.54 ERA (8 ER in 20.1 IP).
- His 13 starts were the most by a Royals rookie left-handed pitcher since Will Smith (16) in 2012 ... he completed at least 5.0 innings in nine of 13 starts, after doing it just once in five starts in 2017 ... allowed two walks or fewer in 12 of his 13 starts, his 2.44 walk rate (19 BB in 70 IP) ranked second among American League rookies

## CAREER HIGHS

**INNINGS:** 8.0 (5/29/15 @ Potomac)  
**STRIKEOUTS:** 10, 4x (Last: 8/12/16 @ San Antonio)  
**WALKS:** 4, 3x (Last: 7/31/17 vs. Fresno)  
**HITS:** 11, 4x (Last: 8/4/19 @ Reno)  
**RUNS:** 9 (5/4/17 vs. Memphis)  
**HOME RUNS:** 4 (8/23/16 @ Springfield)  
**PITCHES THROWN:** 112 (8/10/17 @ Memphis)  
**SCORELESS STREAK:** 15.0 IP (5/16/15 to 5/29/15)



(min. 50 IP) behind Shane Bieber (1.81).

- Recorded a career-high 7.2 innings of two-run ball in a 2-1 loss on May 14 vs. Tampa Bay.
- Matched the club record by a pitcher with six assists, joining: Steve Busby (4 times), Mark Gubicza, Charlie Leibbrandt, Dennis Leonard, Mike McCormick and Paul Splittorff (once each).
- Reinstated from the 60-day IL on Sept. 4, after missing more than three months for the sprained left UCL ... in five outings (4 starts) following his return, posted a 1.33 ERA (3 ER in 20.1 IP) and .157 opponents' average (11-for-70), both of which ranked fourth in the American League (min. 20.0 IP) from his return date (Sept. 7), through the season's end.

## 2017

- Started the season with one outing in Northwest Arkansas (AA) before a promotion to Omaha (AAA) on April 10 ... made eight starts with the Storm Chasers before his first call-up to Kansas City.
- Called up to the Major Leagues on May 30 and made his MLB debut that day at Kauffman Stadium against Detroit, throwing 6.1 scoreless innings in a 1-0 win over Justin Verlander and the Tigers, striking out five.
- Became the 10th Royal to start and win his Major League debut, and his 6.1 scoreless innings marked the third-longest scoreless start by a Royal in his debut ... according to Elias, he's the third starting pitcher, in his Major League debut, to win a 1-0 decision over a former Cy Young Award winner, joining Steve Woodward (July 28, 1997 over Roger Clemens) and Lee Tunnell (Sept. 4, 1982 over Fernando Valenzuela).
- Made two more starts in the big leagues in June, before being opened back to Omaha and made 11 more starts in Triple-A before another call-up to Kansas City on August 19, where he remained for the rest of the season.
- Between May, June, August and September, pitched in seven Major League games for the Royals, five being starts ... went 1-2 with a 9.50 ERA (19 ER in 18.0 IP), with 14 strikeouts.
- Between Northwest Arkansas and Omaha, spent most of the season in the minor leagues, where he made a total of 20 starts across the two levels, as he went 4-5 with a 4.07 ERA (47 ER in 104.0 IP) and 103 strikeouts.

## 2016

- Spent the entire season with Northwest Arkansas (AA), as he made 27 starts with the Naturals, went 7-10 with a 3.45 ERA (60 ER in 156.1 IP) and 134 strikeouts ... named a Texas League postseason All-Star.
- Led the league in strikeouts (134) and innings pitched (156.1), tied for the league lead in games started (27) ... ranked third in the league in WHIP (1.11) and placed seventh in ERA.
- 134 strikeouts in 2016 are the most ever in a single season for a Naturals pitcher, topping the previous record of 126, most recently achieved in 2013 by Jason Adam ... his 156.1 innings rank as the third-most in a season, behind Will Smith's 161.1 in 2011.
- His .230 opponents' batting average ranks as the lowest ever for a Naturals pitcher in a single season, while his 1.11 WHIP ranks as the second-lowest ever (minimum 0.8 IP/team games played).
- Matched a career high with 10 strikeouts over 6.0 scoreless innings on August 12 @ San Antonio, taking a no-decision in a 1-0 Naturals win.
- Allowed less than two earned runs in 12 of his 27 starts, including a trio of scoreless starts for the Naturals, all lasting 6.0 innings: May 21 vs. Tulsa, July 23 vs. Springfield and August 12 @ San Antonio.

## 2015

- Made 15 starts for Wilmington (A+), going 6-3 with a 3.52 ERA (33 ER in 84.1 IP) with 66 strikeouts ... named a Carolina League All-Star.
- Missed the last seven weeks of the season after being placed on the Injured List on July 20 with a right elbow injury ... at the time of his injury, ranked 13th among qualifying Class A pitchers in WHIP (1.11).
- Threw an 8.0-inning complete game, a 3-1 loss at Potomac on May 29 ... allowed three runs on 10 hits with a walk and three strikeouts.
- Five of his 15 starts were scoreless, including back-to-back outings on May 16 and 23, where he combined for 13 scoreless frames, while striking out 18 as part of the longest scoreless streak in his career.
- At the time, set a career-high with 10 strikeouts in his May 16 outing @ Lynchburg, a 6.0-inning start.

- Threw 1.0 scoreless inning in the California/Carolina League All-Star game June 23 at LoanMart Field in Rancho Cucamonga, California.

## 2014

- Began his professional career with Idaho Falls (R) in the Pioneer League, going 0-2 with a 5.09 ERA (13 ER in 23.0 IP) across nine games (eight starts).
- Eight of his nine appearances were at least 2.0 innings, while five were 3.0 innings, including his last three.

## COLLEGE (2012-2014)

- Attended the University of Central Florida, where he pitched in 46 games (33 starts) across three seasons for the Knights (American Athletic Conference), going 15-10 with a 3.36 ERA (80 ER in 214.1 IP) and 165 strikeouts.
- JUNIOR (2014):** Started 15 games, named the American Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year and a unanimous selection to the All-AAC First Team as a starting pitcher ... also a semifinalist for the Gregg Olson Award for Breakout Player of the Year in collegiate baseball ... led the Knights, ranked second in The American, and was 46th in the nation with 94 strikeouts
- SOPHOMORE (2013):** Appeared in 14 games (10 starts) for the Knights, totaling 56.2 innings and a 1-4 record.
- FRESHMAN (2012):** Honored as a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American after going 5-3 in 17 appearances (eight starts) ... named to the All-Conference USA Freshman Team while ending the season with a 3.21 ERA in 47 2/3 innings while striking out 45 batters.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Full name is **Eric Lawrence Skoglund** ... resides in Sarasota, Fla.
- Graduated from Sarasota High School (Fla.) in 2011 ... posted a 0.66 ERA during his junior season, the lowest in school history and lowest in the country in 2010 ... named a Rawlings/Perfect Game All-America Honorable Mention selection in 2010.
- Selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 16th round of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft, but did not sign, instead opting to attend UCF.
- Celebrated his 25th birthday visiting patients in the pediatric unit at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City

YEAR	CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
2014	Idaho Falls (R)	0	2	5.09	9	8	0	0	0	0	23.0	30	17	13	2	1	9	25	1.70	.316
2015	Wilmington (A+)	6	3	3.52	15	15	1	0	0	0	84.1	83	36	33	2	4	11	66	1.11	.260
2016	NW Arkansas (AA)	7	10	3.45	27	27	0	0	0	0	156.1	135	63	60	19	4	38	134	1.11	.230
2017	NW Arkansas (AA)	0	0	2.70	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.1	5	1	1	0	0	3	1	2.40	.385
	Omaha (AAA)	4	5	4.11	19	19	1	0	0	0	100.2	110	57	46	14	3	29	102	1.38	.274
	KANSAS CITY	1	2	9.50	7	5	0	0	0	0	18.0	30	20	19	2	0	12	14	2.33	.375
2018	Surprise (R) ^	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	1.00	.200
	NW Arkansas (AA) ^	0	0	4.00	2	2	0	0	0	0	9.0	12	5	4	1	0	2	4	1.56	.324
	Omaha (AAA) ^	0	1	4.32	2	2	0	0	0	0	8.1	8	4	4	2	0	0	6	0.96	.250
	KANSAS CITY	1	6	5.14	14	13	0	0	0	0	70.0	66	41	40	12	6	19	49	1.21	.246
2019	NW Arkansas (AA) ^	1	1	5.40	2	2	0	0	0	0	10.0	14	7	6	0	2	2	5	1.60	.333
	Omaha (AAA) ^	2	4	6.14	11	11	0	0	0	0	63.0	79	45	43	12	5	17	43	1.52	.312
	KANSAS CITY	0	3	9.00	6	4	0	0	0	0	21.0	30	21	21	5	1	9	4	1.86	.337
2020	Did not play (no minor league season)																			
2021	Did not play (injured)																			
MAJOR LEAGUE TOTALS (3 SEASONS)		2	11	6.61	27	22	0	0	0	0	109.0	126	82	80	19	7	40	67	1.52	.288
MINOR LEAGUE TOTALS (6 SEASONS)		20	26	4.10	89	88	2	0	0	0	461.0	478	235	210	52	19	112	388	1.28	.267

^ Minor League injury rehab