

= Denny Bautista =

Denny M. Bautista Germán ( born August 23 , 1980 ) is a Dominican professional baseball pitcher who is currently a free agent . Bautista is 6 feet 5 inches ( 1 @. @ 96 m ) tall and weighs 190 pounds ( 86 kg ) . He played in Major League Baseball ( MLB ) for the Baltimore Orioles , Kansas City Royals , Colorado Rockies , Detroit Tigers , Pittsburgh Pirates , and San Francisco Giants from 2004 to 2010 . From 2011 through 2013 , he played for the Hanwha Eagles of the Korea Baseball Organization ( KBO ) . He bats and throws right @-@ handed . Bautista throws three pitches : a fastball , a curveball , and a changeup . He has struggled with control throughout his career .

Bautista grew up receiving instruction on pitching from his second cousin , Pedro Martínez . The Florida Marlins signed him in 2000 but traded him to the Baltimore Orioles before Bautista reached the major leagues . He debuted with the Orioles in 2004 , appearing in two games before getting traded to the Kansas City Royals . Bautista was ranked Kansas City 's number two prospect by Baseball America entering the 2005 season , but he made just seven starts before missing the rest of the season with an injury . He posted a 5 @. @ 66 earned run average ( ERA ) for the Royals in 2006 before getting traded to the Colorado Rockies . He appeared in nine games ( all in relief ) for the Rockies in 2007 , spending most of the year in the minor leagues .

After 2007 , Bautista never made another start in the major leagues . He began 2008 with the Detroit Tigers bullpen but had an injury and was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates during the year . He re @-@ signed with Pittsburgh in 2009 but only appeared in 14 games , spending most of the year in the minors . Bautista posted a 3 @. @ 74 ERA with the San Francisco Giants in 2010 but was never on their playoff roster and was released during the playoffs . In 2011 , he signed with the Seattle Mariners but was assigned to the minor leagues . Halfway through the season , he joined the Hanwha Eagles of the Korea Baseball Organization . On April 18 , 2015 , it was announced that he had signed a minor league deal with the Boston Red Sox .

= = Early life = =

Bautista had an early connection to Major League Baseball ( MLB ) : as a teenager he pitched in a park built by professional baseball players Pedro Martínez , Ramón Martínez , and Juan Guzmán . Pedro , then one of baseball 's outstanding starting pitchers , mentored Bautista and trained with him during the offseason .

= = Professional career = =

= = = Minor league career = = =

= = = = Florida Marlins organization = = = =

The Florida Marlins signed Bautista on June 21 , 2000 , and assigned him to the Gulf Coast Marlins , their rookie @-@ level minor league affiliate . He started 11 games for the Marlins , posting a 6 ? 2 win ? loss record with an earned run average ( ERA ) of 2 @. @ 43 and 17 walks . He was tied for second in the league in wins ( along with six other pitchers behind Jeff Randazzo 's seven ) , second in the league in ERA ( behind Yoel Hernández 's 1 @. @ 35 ) , tied for second with 58 strikeouts ( along with Randazzo behind Manuel Esquivia 's 77 ) , third in the league with 63 innings pitched ( behind Randazzo 's 68 2 ? 3 and Esquivia 's 64 2 ? 3 ) , and tied for second in the league in complete games with two ( tied with Hernández behind Randazzo 's three ) . He also appeared in one game for the Single @-@ A short season Utica Blue Sox of the New York ? Penn League that year . He split 2001 between Utica and the Single @-@ A Kane County Cougars of the Midwest League , going a combined 6 ? 2 with an ERA of 3 @. @ 23 , 51 strikeouts , 20 walks , and 78 1 ? 3 innings pitched in 15 games ( 14 starts ) . In the playoffs , he pitched a shutout for the Cougars ,

allowing just one hit , striking out eight , and helping the Cougars win their first Midwest League title .

After the 2001 season , Baseball America ranked Bautista the third @-@ best prospect in the Marlins ' organization . The following April , a USA Today article said that Bautista had similar career potential to Pedro Martínez , noting that Bautista 's fastball had become about 10 mph faster during his time in the minor leagues . In 2002 , he pitched with the Single @-@ A Advanced Jupiter Hammerheads of the Florida State League , where he went 4 ? 6 with an ERA of 4 @.@ 99 , 79 strikeouts , 40 walks , and 88 1 ? 3 innings pitched in 19 games ( 15 starts ) . He recovered in 2003 , making 25 starts between the Hammerheads and the Double @-@ A Carolina Mudcats of the Southern League . He finished the year with a 12 ? 9 win @-@ loss record , an improved ERA of 3 @.@ 41 , 138 strikeouts , and 70 walks in 137 1 ? 3 innings pitched .

= = = Major League career = = =

= = = = Baltimore Orioles = = = =

On August 31 , 2003 the Marlins traded Bautista and fellow minor leaguer Don Levinski to the Baltimore Orioles for veteran Jeff Conine . Before the 2004 season , Baseball America ranked him the Orioles ' fifth @-@ best prospect . The Orioles assigned Bautista to the Double @-@ A Bowie Baysox of the Eastern League , where he went 3 ? 5 with a 4 @.@ 74 ERA , 72 strikeouts , 33 walks , and 62 2 ? 3 innings pitched in 14 games ( 13 starts ) during the 2004 season . Bautista made his major league debut that year : the Orioles called him up as part of a roster reshuffle , and he made his first appearance , in relief , on May 25 , 2004 , against the New York Yankees . He recorded three outs in the first inning he pitched , but he got into difficulties and surrendered four runs on three hits before getting removed during his second inning . After a second relief appearance on May 27 ( in which he allowed four runs in 1 ? 3 of an inning ) amid a three @-@ game sweep of the Orioles by the Yankees , Bautista was sent back to Bowie . A month later the Orioles traded him to the Kansas City Royals for veteran relief pitcher Jason Grimsley .

= = = = Kansas City Royals = = = =

= = = = = 2004 = = = = =

The Royals assigned Bautista to the Double @-@ A Wichita Wranglers of the Texas League , where he went 4 ? 3 with an ERA of 2 @.@ 53 , 73 strikeouts , 32 walks , and 81 2 ? 3 innings pitched in 12 starts . In September , he was called up and added to the Royals ' starting rotation when the team decided to go to a six @-@ man staff to limit their pitchers ' innings . He made his first major league start on September 6 , allowing four runs over six innings and taking the loss in a 7 ? 3 defeat to the Detroit Tigers . In five starts for the Royals , Bautista had an 0 ? 4 record , a 6 @.@ 51 ERA , 18 strikeouts , and 11 walks in 27 2 ? 3 innings pitched .

= = = = = 2005 = = = = =

Bautista was ranked the second @-@ best prospect in the Royals ' organization before the 2005 season by Baseball America . After a productive spring training in 2005 , Bautista was named to the Royals ' starting rotation again ; he started seven games , going 2 ? 2 with an ERA of 5 @.@ 80 , 23 strikeouts , and 17 walks in 35 2 ? 3 innings pitched before tendinitis in his shoulder put him on the disabled list for the remainder of the season . On April 8 , 2005 , Bautista won his first MLB game , holding the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim to one run in eight innings pitched .

= = = = = 2006 = = = = =

At the start of the 2006 season , Bautista was again in the Royals ' starting rotation , but after a poor start ( interrupted by a disabled list stint from April 14 to May 8 ) in which he went 0 ? 2 with an ERA of 5 @. @ 66 , 22 strikeouts , and 17 walks in 35 innings pitched , the Royals sent him to the Triple @-@ A Omaha Royals of the Pacific Coast League . There he continued to struggle , posting a 2 ? 5 record , a 7 @. @ 36 ERA , 28 strikeouts , 32 walks , and 44 innings pitched in 10 starts . On August 1 , the Royals traded him along with Jeremy Affeldt to the Colorado Rockies for Ryan Shealy and Scott Dohmann .

= = = = Colorado Rockies = = = =

= = = = = 2006 = = = = =

The Rockies assigned Bautista to the Triple @-@ A Colorado Springs Sky Sox of the Pacific Coast League where he started six games , posting a 1 ? 4 record , a 4 @. @ 50 ERA , 35 strikeouts , and 16 walks in 36 innings pitched before being called up to the Rockies in September . He appeared in four games , three of them in relief with Colorado . In 12 games ( eight starts ) with Kansas City and Colorado on the season , Bautista had an 0 ? 3 record , a 5 @. @ 62 ERA , 27 strikeouts , and 21 walks in 41 2 ? 3 innings . His Pacific Coast League totals for 2006 were a 3 ? 9 record , a 6 @. @ 08 ERA , 63 strikeouts , and 40 walks in 80 innings pitched .

= = = = = 2007 = = = = =

Bautista was optioned to Colorado Springs halfway through spring training in 2007 . On April 29 , he was called up by the Rockies to replace Ryan Speier in the bullpen . He gave up one run over 4 2 ? 3 innings and won two of the first four games he appeared in before he then allowed 11 runs in one inning pitched over his next three outings . After Bautista allowed six runs in 1 ? 3 of an inning on May 13 in a 15 ? 2 loss to the San Francisco Giants , bringing his ERA to 19 @. @ 06 , he was sent back to Colorado Springs . In 51 games , all in relief , at Colorado Springs , he had a 3 ? 2 record , a 2 @. @ 92 ERA , 63 strikeouts , and 31 walks in 64 2 ? 3 innings . He was recalled when rosters expanded in September . On September 12 , he made his final major league start in a bullpen game , throwing two scoreless innings in a 12 ? 0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies . In nine games , he had a 2 ? 1 record , a 12 @. @ 46 ERA , eight strikeouts , and four walks in 8 2 ? 3 innings pitched . He was left off the playoff roster as the Rockies went to the World Series . On December 4 , the Rockies traded Bautista to the Detroit Tigers for pitcher José Capellán .

= = = = Detroit Tigers = = = =

Bautista began 2008 with the Tigers in a relief role , often pitching in the eighth @-@ inning as the " setup man " for veteran closer Todd Jones . In his debut on Opening Day ( March 31 ) , he gave up a run in the 11th inning and took the loss in a 5 ? 4 defeat to the Royals . After that game , he had nine consecutive scoreless outings . He then allowed five runs over three outings in a row before getting placed on the disabled list on May 3 with a sore shoulder . He came off the disabled list on June 5 and appeared in three more games with the Tigers . In 16 games with the Tigers , Bautista had an 0 ? 1 record , a 3 @. @ 32 ERA , 10 strikeouts , and 14 walks in 19 innings . Due to the return of Joel Zumaya from the disabled list , Bautista was designated for assignment and was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates on June 25 for right @-@ handed pitcher Kyle Pearson .

= = = = Pittsburgh Pirates = = = =

= = = = = 2008 = = = = =

Bautista made thirty @-@ five appearances for the Pirates in 2008 , all in relief . On July 2 , he threw 3 1 ? 3 scoreless innings of relief to pick up the win in a 9 ? 5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds . With Pittsburgh , Bautista posted a 4 ? 3 record , an ERA of 6 @.@ 10 , 34 strikeouts , and 28 walks in 41 1 ? 3 innings . His combined totals for the season were a 4 ? 4 record , a 5 @.@ 22 ERA , 44 strikeouts , 42 walks , and 60 1 ? 3 innings in 51 games . Bautista was eligible for arbitration but the Pirates declined to tender an offer , although general manager Neal Huntington stated " We 'd like to get him back . "

===== 2009 =====

On December 22 , 2008 , Bautista signed a minor league contract with an invitation to spring training to return to the Pirates in 2009 . He failed to make the team and began 2009 with the Triple @-@ A Indianapolis Indians of the International League . In 36 games with Indianapolis , he had a 2 ? 3 record , a 4 @.@ 88 ERA , 58 strikeouts , and 34 walks in 48 innings . On August 15 , he had his contract purchased from Indianapolis to replace the injured José Ascanio in the bullpen . He threw two scoreless innings to earn the win on August 27 in a 3 ? 2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies . In 14 games , he had a 1 ? 1 record , a 5 @.@ 27 ERA , 15 strikeouts , and seven walks in 13 2 ? 3 innings . On October 27 , he became a free agent .

===== San Francisco Giants =====

On January 21 , 2010 , Bautista signed a minor league contract with the San Francisco Giants with an invite to spring training . He competed with Guillermo Mota for the final spot in the Giants ' bullpen but was sent to the minors on April 4 as Mota won the job . Bautista served as the closer for the Fresno Grizzlies of the Pacific Coast League before he was recalled to the major league team on May 7 . Giants ' manager Bruce Bochy said , " He 's been the best pitcher down there . " With the Giants , Bautista often pitched in long relief . He posted a 2 @.@ 16 ERA in his first 19 games through June 30 , but in 12 games after that , his ERA was 8 @.@ 31 . In his most recent major league appearance , on August 4 , he allowed back @-@ to @-@ back home runs to Carlos González and Troy Tulowitzki in a 6 ? 1 loss to Colorado . On August 5 , Bautista was designated for assignment by the Giants to make room for Todd Wellemeyer on the roster . Shortly thereafter , he was outrighted to Fresno . In 31 games with the Giants , he had a 2 ? 0 record , a 3 @.@ 74 ERA , 44 strikeouts , and 27 walks in 33 2 ? 3 innings . In 19 games with Fresno , he had a 3 ? 2 record , a 3 @.@ 18 ERA , 28 strikeouts , 9 walks , and six saves in 22 2 ? 3 innings pitched . He did not pitch at all in the postseason for the Giants as they won the 2010 World Series ; in fact , he was granted free agency during the playoffs on October 12 .

===== Seattle Mariners organization =====

On December 14 , 2010 , Bautista signed a minor league contract with the Seattle Mariners including an invite to spring training . He stayed with the Mariners through most of spring training but was reassigned to the minor leagues on March 27 , 2011 . In 24 games with the Tacoma Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League , Bautista had a 1 ? 2 record , a 4 @.@ 21 ERA , 49 strikeouts , and 22 walks in 36 1 ? 3 innings . He was released on June 30 so that he could join the Korea Baseball Organization .

===== Hanwha Eagles =====

Bautista signed with the Hanwha Eagles in Korea on June 29 , 2011 . He served as Hanwha 's closer upon joining the team in 2011 , posting a 3 ? 0 record , a 2 @.@ 02 ERA , 122 strikeouts , 41 walks , and 35 2 ? 3 innings pitched in 27 games . On April 11 , 2013 , he allowed a three @-@ run home run to Lee Seung @-@ Yeop in a 4 ? 0 loss to the Samsung Lions . While pitching for

Hanwha , he has become friends with Kim Tae @-@ kyun . Used as a starter in 2013 after the departure of Hyun @-@ jin Ryu , Bautista had a 7 ? 7 record , a 4 @.@ 24 ERA , and 153 strikeouts in 138 innings . After the 2013 season , the Eagles chose not to resign Bautista , opting to make Félix Pie and Caleb Clay the foreign players on their roster .

= = = Boston Red Sox = = =

Bautista signed a minor league deal with the Boston Red Sox in April 2015 .

= = Pitching style = =

Bautista throws three pitches : a fastball , a curveball , and a changeup . His fastball travels in the high 90 mph range . His curve can break down sharply , and he learned the changeup from Pedro Martínez . Wildness had been a problem for Bautista throughout his career . He has trouble controlling his fastball and walks a great deal of hitters , which has often contributed to his departure from teams .

= = Personal life = =

Bautista is married to Elizabeth ; the couple has one son and resides in Santo Domingo . The relationship between Bautista and Pedro Martínez has been reported variously as first cousin and second cousin , with Bautista at one point denying there was a connection at all . Bautista finally confirmed that he and Martínez are second cousins through Bautista 's mother .