

= Aubrey Huff =

Aubrey Lewis Huff III (born December 20 , 1976) is an American former professional baseball player . He played in Major League Baseball (MLB) for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays , Houston Astros , Baltimore Orioles , Detroit Tigers , and San Francisco Giants . Huff is 6 feet 4 inches (1 @. @ 93 m) tall and weighs 225 pounds (102 kg) . He batted left @-@ handed but threw right @-@ handed .

Huff attended Vernon College and the University of Miami , where he finished his career second in school batting average . He was drafted by the Devil Rays in the sixth round in 1998 . After a couple years in the minor leagues , he debuted with the Devil Rays in 2000 . His first full season in the majors came in 2001 . In 2002 , he finished tenth in the American League (AL) in batting average . He set a career high in 2003 with 34 home runs and batted .311 with 107 runs batted in (RBI) . Next season , he batted .297 with 24 home runs and 104 RBI . In 2005 , he was placed on the disabled list for the first time in his career , but he batted .261 with 22 home runs and 92 RBI . During the 2006 season , he was traded to the Astros .

In 2007 , Huff signed a three @-@ year contract with the Orioles . He hit 15 home runs his first season with the Orioles , his lowest total since 2001 . In 2008 , he won the Silver Slugger Award for the designated hitter position after batting .304 with 32 home runs and a career @-@ high 108 RBI . During the 2009 season , he was traded to the Tigers . He became a free agent after the season and signed a one @-@ year deal with the Giants . He batted .290 with 26 home runs in 2010 , reached the playoffs for the first time , and won his first World Series . He signed a two @-@ year deal with the Giants in 2011 and hit 12 home runs , his lowest total since 2001 . In 2012 , he was used mostly as a pinch hitter and appeared in a career @-@ low 52 games but won his second World Series with the Giants .

On January 4 , 2014 , Huff officially announced his retirement from baseball and took a position as a baseball color commentator , but in 2015 , he announced coming out of retirement at age 38 .

= = Early life = =

Although he was born in Marion , Ohio , Huff grew up in Mineral Wells , Texas . When he was six years old , his father , Aubrey II , was killed as an innocent bystander in a domestic dispute while working as an electrician . That left Huff 's mother Fonda in charge of raising him and his sister Angela . Growing up , Huff regularly practiced baseball in his yard , which had a batting cage with lights and a pitching machine . He said , " [My mother bought] it more to keep me out of trouble . " He grew up rooting for the Texas Rangers and frequently attended their games . One of his favorite players was Nolan Ryan . Huff initially attended Mineral Wells High School but then transferred to Brewer High School when his family moved to Fort Worth . Although he was selected to the All @-@ District baseball team in high school , he was better known as a basketball player . He graduated in 1995 .

= = College career = =

Huff attended Vernon College for two years and was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of its baseball team in 1996 . Huff transferred to the University of Miami for his final two years of college baseball . As a junior , he tied team single @-@ game records for runs in a game (five against Harvard University on March 28) and most doubles in a game (four on May 16 against Georgia Tech) .

As a senior , Huff hit for a .412 batting average , the fourth highest single @-@ season average in school history . His .768 slugging percentage is the second highest in school history . He also hit 21 home runs (fifth in school history) and a school record of 95 runs batted in (RBI) . Baseball America , The Sporting News and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association named him a first @-@ team All @-@ American .

Huff finished his college career with a .400 batting average (second in school history) and a .719 slugging percentage (third in school history) . In 2009 , he was inducted into the University of Miami

Sports Hall of Fame .

= = Minor league career = =

Huff was the Tampa Bay Devil Rays ' fifth @-@ round selection in the 1998 Major League Baseball (MLB) draft . He spent 1998 with the Charleston RiverDogs of the single @-@ A South Atlantic League , where he batted .321 with 85 hits , 19 doubles , 13 home runs , and 54 RBI in 69 games .

In 1999 , Huff played for the Orlando Rays of the double @-@ A Southern League and was named a Southern League postseason All @-@ Star . In 133 games with the Rays (tied with three players for fourth in the league behind Brady Clark 's 138 , Brent Abernathy 's 136 , and Kurt Airoso 's 134) , Huff batted .301 (eighth) with 148 hits (fourth , behind Abernathy 's 168 , Clark 's 165 , and Tim Giles 's 157) , 40 doubles (third , behind Scott Vieira 's 44 and Abernathy 's 42) , 22 home runs (tied with John Curl for second behind Javier Cardona 's 26) , and 78 RBI (tied with Bry Nelson for ninth in the league) .

Huff began 2000 with the Durham Bulls of the triple @-@ A International League . In 108 games , he batted .316 (fifth) with 129 hits , 36 doubles (fourth , behind Clark 's 41 , Ryan Jackson 's 38 , and José Fernández 's 37) , 20 home runs , and 76 RBI . He was named the International League Rookie of the Year and was named to the postseason All @-@ Star team .

= = Major league career = =

= = = Tampa Bay Devil Rays = = =

= = = = 2000 = = = =

Huff was called up by the Devil Rays at the beginning of August to be the starting third baseman after Vinny Castilla suffered an injury . He had an RBI in his debut on August 2 , a 5 ? 3 loss to the Cleveland Indians . Two days later , he got his first career hit against José Mercedes in a 10 ? 9 loss to the Baltimore Orioles . On August 10 , he had a season @-@ high three RBI by hitting his first career home run , a game @-@ winning three @-@ run hit against Jason Ryan in a 10 ? 4 victory over the Minnesota Twins . In 39 games , Huff hit .287 with 35 hits , seven doubles , four home runs , and 14 RBI .

= = = = 2001 = = = =

Huff began the 2001 season with Durham but was called up on April 13 when Ariel Prieto was sent to the minors . He became the starting third baseman on May 11 when Castilla was released . On June 29 , he had three RBI in a 7 ? 5 loss to the New York Yankees . Huff was moved from third base to first base on August 6 following an injury to Steve Cox . After batting .243 with 6 home runs and 33 RBI in his first 92 games , he was optioned to Durham on August 23 when Cox came off the disabled list (DL) . In September , he was called up to replace Greg Vaughn as the Devil Rays ' designated hitter (DH) . On September 19 , he had three hits and five RBI , including a game @-@ winning single against David Cone , in a 12 ? 2 victory over the Boston Red Sox . He finished the season batting .248 with 102 hits , 25 doubles , eight home runs , and 45 RBI in 111 games . In 17 games at Durham , he batted .288 with 19 hits , six doubles , three home runs , and 10 RBI .

= = = = 2002 = = = =

Huff missed the first month of 2002 with a broken cheekbone and began the season in the minor leagues before getting called up on May 28 to replace the struggling Jason Tyner on the roster . He started for the rest of the season as a first baseman , a third baseman , or a DH . On June 9 , he hit

a three @-@ run home run against Bobby Jones in a 9 ? 6 loss to the San Diego Padres . He hit a game @-@ winning two @-@ run home run against Félix Heredia on June 26 in a 4 ? 2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays . On July 19 , he had four hits , including a home run against Esteban Loaiza , and three RBI in an 11 ? 8 loss to the Blue Jays . On August 5 , his three @-@ run home run against Jon Garland accounted for all of the Devil Rays ' scoring in a 4 ? 3 loss to the Chicago White Sox . On August 18 , he had three hits and three RBI , including a home run against Jeff Suppan , as the Devil Rays defeated the Kansas City Royals 8 ? 6 . He had a 17 @-@ game hitting streak from August 23 to September 10 , the second @-@ longest streak in franchise history at the time (behind Quinton McCracken 's 18 @-@ game streak in 1998) and as of 2012 the third @-@ longest (behind Jason Bartlett 's 19 @-@ game streak in 2009) . In 113 games , Huff finished tenth in the American League (AL) with a .313 batting average and had 142 hits , 25 doubles , 23 home runs , and 59 RBI . He led the Devil Rays in home runs , marking the first time a player led his team in home runs after starting the season in the minors since 1996 , when Tony Clark led the Detroit Tigers . In 32 games with Durham , he batted .325 with 41 hits , nine doubles , three home runs , and 20 RBI .

===== 2003 =====

On April 26 , 2003 , Huff had four hits in a 10 ? 7 victory over the Baltimore Orioles . After playing mostly first and third base in April , he took over from George Lombard as the Devil Rays ' right fielder for the remainder of the season on April 29 . On May 3 , he had the first multihomer game of his career by hitting two two @-@ run home runs against Adam Bernero in an 8 ? 6 victory over the Tigers . He had four hits on June 4 in a 5 ? 2 victory over the Chicago Cubs . In the first game of a doubleheader on June 17 , Huff had four RBI in an 11 ? 2 victory over the Yankees . On July 2 , he had all four Devil Rays ' RBI and hit a three @-@ run home run against Pedro Martínez in a 5 ? 4 loss to the Red Sox . On September 3 , he hit a three @-@ run home run against Freddy García and had four RBI in a 7 ? 0 victory over the Seattle Mariners . On September 6 , he stole home plate in a 7 ? 4 victory over the Oakland Athletics . On September 23 , he had four hits and hit a home run against Josh Towers in an 8 ? 5 loss to the Blue Jays . In 162 games (tied for second in the AL with Miguel Tejada behind Hideki Matsui 's 163) , he batted .311 (ninth) with 47 doubles (third behind Garret Anderson 's and Vernon Wells 's 49) , 34 home runs (ninth) , and 107 RBI (tied for eighth with Jason Giambi) . Huff 's single @-@ season totals in hits , doubles , home runs , and RBI have been matched by eleven players in major league history as of 2012 . He was tied for 24th in AL Most Valuable Player (MVP) voting along with Esteban Loaiza and Jason Varitek . Defensively , he tied with Tim Salmon for the lead in errors by AL right fielders with six .

===== 2004 =====

In 2004 , Huff spent most of the season playing third base . On May 12 , he had five RBI , including a three @-@ run home run against Chan Ho Park , in a 9 ? 8 victory over the Texas Rangers . On May 28 , he had four hits , three runs scored , and two RBI including a home run against Javier Vázquez in a 7 ? 5 victory over the Yankees . Two days later , he hit two home runs against Jon Lieber and had three hits and RBI in a 7 ? 6 victory over the Yankees . Four days later , he hit a game @-@ winning three @-@ run home run against Johan Santana in a 5 ? 2 victory over the Twins . On June 15 , he hit a game @-@ winning three @-@ run home run against Brian Lawrence in a 5 ? 2 victory over the San Diego Padres . On July 2 , he had three RBI and hit a game @-@ winning two @-@ run home run against Carl Pavano in a 4 ? 2 victory over the Florida Marlins . He saw a streak of 398 consecutive games played snapped on August 22 when he was forced to miss a game with a minor back injury . He told reporters afterwards , " You guys care more about the streak than I do . " On August 27 , he had four hits in an 8 ? 7 loss to the Athletics . Four days later , he had three hits , two home runs , and four RBI in a 12 @-@ inning , 10 ? 6 loss to the Orioles . He had four hits on September 23 in a 7 ? 3 loss to the Yankees . Huff finished the season batting .297 with 178 hits , 27 doubles , 29 home runs , and 104 RBI in 157 games . His average , home runs ,

and RBI were the highest totals among Devil Rays ' players .

===== 2005 =====

In 2005 , Huff spent most of the year in right field . On April 18 , Huff had four RBI and hit the 100th home run of his career , a three @-@ run shot against Jaret Wright in a 19 ? 8 loss to the Yankees . He had three hits and four RBI , including a game @-@ winning three @-@ run home run against Aaron Sele , on June 3 in a 6 ? 1 victory over the Mariners . After hitting 5 home runs in the first three months , Huff hit 17 home runs through the rest of the season . On July 22 , he hit the first grand slam of his career , a game @-@ winning home run against Bruce Chen in a 7 ? 5 victory over the Orioles . Three days later , he had a walk @-@ off double against Curt Schilling in a 10 @-@ inning , 4 ? 3 victory over the Red Sox . The next day , he hit a grand slam against Chad Bradford in a 10 ? 8 loss to the Red Sox . Three days later , he had two hits and four RBI , including a three @-@ run home run against D. J. Carrasco in a 6 ? 3 victory over the Royals . He was named the AL Player of the Week from July 25 to 31 after he batted .409 with two home runs and 10 RBI . On August 28 , Huff drove in all the runs for the Devil Rays with a two @-@ run home run against Jarrod Washburn in a 2 ? 1 victory over the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim . On September 30 , he had two hits and hit a three @-@ run home run against John Maine in a 7 ? 6 loss to the Orioles . In 148 games , Huff batted .261 with 150 hits , 26 doubles , 22 home runs , and 92 RBI .

===== 2006 =====

For 2006 , Huff was moved back to third base . He was placed on the disabled list for the first time in his career on April 12 with a sprained left knee suffered in a collision with Nick Green the day before . On May 4 , he was activated from the DL . On May 19 , he hit his first career walk @-@ off home run against Yusmeiro Petit in a 10 @-@ inning , 5 ? 4 win over the Marlins . He had three hits and three RBI on June 22 , including a game @-@ winning two @-@ run home run against Édgar González in a 4 ? 1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks . On July 9 , he hit a three @-@ run home run against Kris Wilson in a 6 ? 5 victory over the Yankees . Through July 9 , Huff batted .283 with 65 hits , 15 doubles , 8 home runs , and 28 RBI in 63 games .

=== Houston Astros ===

On July 12 , 2006 , the Houston Astros acquired Huff from Tampa Bay for minor leaguers Mitch Talbot and Ben Zobrist . Huff was used at third base for the Astros until August 1 , when he was moved to right field following regular third baseman Morgan Ensberg 's return from the DL . In his debut with the Astros on July 13 , the first game after the All @-@ Star break , Huff had two hits , including a three @-@ run home run against Randy Messenger in a 5 ? 1 victory over the Marlins . On August 9 , he had three hits , two home runs , and six RBI in a 14 ? 1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates . He hit a game @-@ winning home run against José Capellán on September 8 in a 4 ? 3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers . In 68 games with Houston , Huff batted .250 with 56 hits , 10 doubles , 13 home runs , and 38 RBI . He combined to bat .267 with 121 hits , 25 doubles , 21 home runs , and 66 RBI in 131 games in 2006 . On October 31 , he filed for free agency .

=== Baltimore Orioles ===

===== 2007 =====

On January 3 , 2007 , Huff officially signed a 3 @-@ year \$ 20 million contract with the Baltimore Orioles . He began the year getting most of the starts at first base , but in mid @-@ May he became the Orioles regular DH as Kevin Millar was moved to first base . On May 9 , he hit a walk @-@ off

home run against Brian Stokes to account for the game 's only scoring in a 10 @-@ inning , 1 ? 0 win over Tampa Bay . In a 9 ? 7 loss to the Angels on June 29 , he hit for the cycle and got his 1000th hit and 200th double (both against Kelvim Escobar) . He is one of four Orioles to hit for the cycle (along with Brooks Robinson , Cal Ripken , Jr . , and Félix Pie) and the first player to do so at Oriole Park at Camden Yards . On August 3 , his three @-@ run home run against James Shields accounted for all the Orioles ' runs in a 3 ? 1 victory over Tampa Bay . On August 14 , Huff had two hits and five RBI , including a grand slam against Jeff Karstens in a 12 ? 0 victory over the Yankees . He had four hits on September 15 in an 8 ? 3 loss to the Blue Jays . In 151 games , Huff batted .280 with 154 hits , 34 doubles , 15 home runs , and 72 RBI .

===== 2008 =====

Before the 2008 season , Huff switched his uniform number from 19 to 17 in honor of his former teammate Joe Kennedy , who died during the offseason . He angered fans in the offseason when he called Baltimore a " horse---- " town when compared to Tampa , but he regained fan support by the end of the year by posting one of his best seasons . He was the Orioles ' designated hitter for most of the season , although he was moved to third base at the end of August following an injury to Melvin Mora . On April 2 , he hit a two @-@ run home run against Matt Garza and a game @-@ winning two @-@ run double against Al Reyes in a 9 ? 6 victory over Tampa Bay . On April 8 , he had four hits and four RBI in an 8 ? 1 victory over the Rangers . On July 3 , he had three hits , three RBI , and two home runs against Kyle Davies in a 10 ? 7 loss to the Royals . He was named AL Player of the Week from June 30 to July 6 after hitting .345 with three home runs and nine RBIs . On August 27 , he had three hits and three RBI , including a two @-@ run home run against Lance Broadway in an 11 ? 3 victory over the White Sox . Two days later , he had two hits , including a three @-@ run home run against Andy Sonnanstine in a 10 ? 9 loss to Tampa Bay . He was named the Player of the Week again from August 25 ? 31 after batting .478 with two home runs and seven RBI . He hit a grand slam against Juan Rincón on September 8 in a 14 ? 3 victory over Cleveland . In 154 games , Huff batted .304 with 182 hits (tied with Nick Markakis for 10th in the league) , 48 doubles (tied with Markakis for third in the league behind Dustin Pedroia 's 54 and Brian Roberts 's 51) , 33 home runs (tied for eighth with Jason Giambi and Josh Hamilton) , and 108 RBI (sixth) . He finished 16th in AL MVP voting and was named " Most Valuable Oriole " by Baltimore sportswriters . He won the Silver Slugger Award for DH and the Edgar Martínez Award , becoming the first Oriole to win the award since Tommy Davis in 1974 .

===== 2009 =====

Huff moved to first base in 2009 following the departure of Millar . On April 13 , he had four hits and three RBI in a 10 ? 9 victory over Texas . On April 21 , he hit two home runs and had four RBI in a 10 ? 3 victory over the White Sox . He hit a game @-@ winning three @-@ run home run against Phil Hughes on May 9 in a 12 ? 5 victory over the Yankees . The next day , he hit a three @-@ run home run against Joba Chamberlain in a 5 ? 3 loss to the Yankees . On June 17 , he had three RBI , including a game @-@ winning two @-@ run home run against Pedro Feliciano in a 6 ? 4 victory over the New York Mets . Through August 17 , Huff batted .253 with 109 hits , 24 doubles , 13 home runs , and 72 RBI in 110 games .

===== Detroit Tigers =====

On August 17 , 2009 , Huff cleared waivers and was traded to the Detroit Tigers in exchange for pitching prospect Brett Jacobson . He began his time with the Tigers as the team 's DH , but in September he only played against right @-@ handed pitchers as Marcus Thames began playing against left @-@ handed pitchers . He hit his first career pinch @-@ hit home run against Jason Frasor on September 14 , a game @-@ tying three @-@ run hit in a 10 @-@ inning , 6 ? 5 victory over Toronto . In 40 games with the Tigers , Huff batted .189 with 20 hits , six doubles , two home

runs , and 13 RBI . His season totals were a .241 batting average , 129 hits , 30 doubles , 15 home runs , and 85 RBI in 150 games . Following the season , Huff filed for free agency .

= = = San Francisco Giants = = =

= = = = 2010 = = = =

On January 13 , 2010 , Huff signed a one @-@ year , \$ 3 million contract with the San Francisco Giants . He spent most of the season playing first base for the Giants , although he played left field and right field when Buster Posey played first base from May 29 ? June 30 and Travis Ishikawa made most of the starts at first base from July 3 ? August 14 . On April 14 , Huff hit his first career inside @-@ the @-@ park home run (his first home run with the Giants) , a game @-@ winning hit against Charlie Morton in a 6 ? 0 victory over the Pirates . On June 4 , he hit a game @-@ winning two @-@ run home run against Zach Duke in a 6 ? 4 victory over Pittsburgh . He hit two two @-@ run home runs on June 13 , including a game @-@ winning home run against Vin Mazzaro in a 6 ? 2 victory over Oakland . On July 8 , he had four RBI and a two @-@ run home run against Manny Parra in a 9 ? 3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers . He hit a game @-@ winning two @-@ run home run against Blake Hawksworth on August 20 in a 6 ? 3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals . On August 28 , he got his 1,500th career hit against Alex Sanabia in a 10 @-@ inning , 10 ? 9 victory over the Marlins . In 157 games , Huff batted .290 with 165 hits , 35 doubles , 26 home runs , and 86 RBI while scoring 100 runs (tied for seventh in the league with Brandon Phillips , Martín Prado , and Dan Uggla) for the first time in his career . Huff finished seventh in the voting for the NL MVP award .

Huff , in the 11th year of his career , reached the playoffs for the first time as the Giants won the NL West . In Game 4 of the NL Division Series (NLDS) against the Atlanta Braves , he had a ninth @-@ inning , two @-@ out , game @-@ tying RBI single against Mike Dunn in a 3 ? 2 Giants ' victory . He batted .267 with four hits and one RBI in the series as the Giants defeated the Braves in four games . In Game 4 of the NL Championship Series (NLCS) against the Philadelphia Phillies , on October 20 , he had three hits , two runs scored , and an RBI in a 6 ? 5 Giants ' victory . He batted .250 with six hits and three RBI in the series as the Giants defeated the Phillies in six games . In Game 1 of the World Series against the Texas Rangers , on October 27 , he had three hits and an RBI in an 11 ? 7 Giants ' victory . In Game 4 of the series on October 31 , he hit a game @-@ winning two @-@ run home run against Tommy Hunter in a 4 ? 0 Giants ' victory . He batted .294 with five hits , a home run , and four RBI in the series , winning his first World Series as the Giants defeated the Rangers in five games to win their first World Series in 56 years .

= = = = 2011 = = = =

Huff filed for free agency after the 2010 season , but on November 23 , 2010 , he re @-@ signed a \$ 22 million contract with the Giants for two years with a club option for 2013 . Coming off the team 's 2010 World Series success and his new contract , Huff arrived at 2011 spring training out of shape . He began 2011 in right field due to an injury to Cody Ross , but he returned to first base when Ross was activated from the disabled list on April 20 . He drew a pinch @-@ hit , game @-@ winning , bases loaded walk on April 30 against John Lannan in a 2 ? 1 victory over the Washington Nationals . Three days later , he hit a game @-@ winning home run against Taylor Buchholz in a 10 @-@ inning , 7 ? 6 victory over the New York Mets . He had a walk @-@ off RBI single against Brian Fuentes on May 20 in a 10 @-@ inning , 2 ? 1 victory over Oakland . On June 2 , his wife 's birthday , Huff hit three home runs and drove in a career @-@ high six runs in the Giants ' 12 ? 7 win over the St. Louis Cardinals . He said after the game , " [My wife] wanted me to hit her a homer . I hit three . Brownie points . " Those home runs accounted for a quarter of his season total , as his overall production dropped from the previous season . Compared to 2010 , his batting average dropped 44 points , his homers fell from 26 to 12 , and his walks went from 83 to 47 as he grew

impatient . His On @-@ base plus slugging (OPS) dropped 215 points to .676 , last among Major League first baseman in 2011 . Giants ' manager Bruce Bochy said , " [Huff 's] struggles helped cause our struggles " ; the Giants failed to return to the playoffs in 2011 .

= = = = 2012 = = = =

In 2012 spring training , Huff competed with Brandon Belt and Brett Pill for the Giants ' first base job . Belt won the job , and Huff opened the season as the Giants ' left fielder . He had two hits and three RBI on April 13 , including a two @-@ run home run against Joel Hanrahan in a 5 ? 0 victory over Pittsburgh . On April 21 , because the Giants did not have any infielders available , Huff was positioned at second base for the first time in his career in the ninth inning of a tied game against the Mets . He failed to cover second base in a potential double play situation , and the Mets went on to win the first game of the doubleheader 5 ? 4 . After the game , on April 25 , Huff was placed on the 15 @-@ day disabled list with anxiety issues .

He returned from the DL on May 7 but was used mainly as a pinch hitter for the rest of the season . On June 15 , he was placed on the DL with a sprained right knee which he suffered jumping over a dugout railing to celebrate Matt Cain 's perfect game . He returned from the DL on July 28 but was placed on it four days later with right knee tendinitis which kept him out until August 31 . In 52 games , Huff batted .192 with 15 hits , four doubles , one home run , and seven RBI . In the playoffs , Huff was used exclusively as a pinch hitter . In 10 games , he had one hit in nine at @-@ bats but won his second career World Series as the Giants swept the Tigers in four games . On November 1 , Huff 's \$ 10 million club option was declined , making him a free agent . He instead earned a \$ 2 million buyout .

= = Legacy = =

Huff ranks among the top ten in several career and single @-@ season records in the history of the Tampa Bay Rays (Devil Rays from 1998 ? 2007) as of 2012 . Through 2012 , he ranks third behind Carl Crawford and B. J. Upton in games played (799) , at bats (3 @,@ 028) , plate appearances (3 @,@ 322) , hits (870) , and doubles (172) . His .287 batting average ranks fourth (behind Crawford 's .296 , Fred McGriff 's .291 , and Jason Bartlett 's .288) , his 128 home runs rank second (behind Carlos Peña 's 161) , his 449 RBI rank third (behind Crawford 's 592 and Peña 's 458) , and his 400 runs scored rank fifth . He and Delmon Young are the only Devil Rays to appear in 162 games in a season . He holds Devil Rays ' record for hits in a season and doubles in a season , both set in 2003 . His batting averages in 2002 and 2003 rank sixth and seventh , respectively ; his home run totals in 2003 and 2004 are tied for third (with Jose Canseco 's 1999 total behind two of Peña 's totals) and ninth , respectively ; and his RBI totals in 2003 and 2004 are fourth and tied for sixth (with Evan Longoria 's 2010 total and McGriff 's 1999 total) , respectively .

Through the 2012 season , Huff had hit 242 career home runs , tying him for 217th all @-@ time with Dusty Baker , Sal Bando , Wally Berger , Roy Campanella , and J. D. Drew . In addition to being used as a designated hitter , he has played at five different positions in his career : first base , third base , left field , right field , and second base .

= = Personal life = =

On January 27 , 2007 , Huff married Barbara " Baubi " Heaton . The couple has two sons : Jayce (born September 4 , 2008) and Jagger (born September 15 , 2010) . During Huff 's playing days , they resided in Tampa , Florida , in the off @-@ season . Baubi Huff filed for divorce on January 31 , 2012 . Huff 's mother lives in Largo , Florida , where she teaches math . His sister , Angela , is a store manager there . As of 2015 , Huff and his family reside in Carmel Valley , San Diego .

Huff has several tattoos . A noted Transformers fan , he has the logos of the Autobots and Decepticons tattooed on his shoulder blades . On his left shoulder , he also has a tattoo of a guitar with his father 's name under it in memory of his father .

During the Giants ' 2010 playoff race and postseason , Huff became known for wearing a red " rally thong " , which he joked would help the team win . When he was slumping in 2011 , fans sent him thongs throughout the season in hopes of improving his performance .

== Post @-@ playing career ==

On January 4 , 2014 , Huff officially announced his retirement from baseball and took a position as a baseball color commentator for the Pac @-@ 12 Network . On March 31 , 2014 , Huff started co @-@ hosting a morning radio show on Bay Area sports radio station 95 @.@ 7 The Game with Chris Townsend and Ric Bucher titled Bucher , Towny and Huff . Huff left the show in August 2014 . Currently , Huff is working on a comeback to baseball and hopes to join a club for MLB Spring training .

Huff is an assistant baseball coach at Canyon Crest Academy in San Diego , California .