

= Ryan Hanigan =

Ryan Michael Hanigan (born August 16 , 1980) is an American professional baseball catcher for the Boston Red Sox of Major League Baseball (MLB) . After graduating from Andover High School in 1999 , Hanigan attended Rollins College , where he signed as an undrafted free agent with the Cincinnati Reds . He then spent the 2002 to 2006 seasons with Reds minor league baseball teams before making his MLB debut on September 9 , 2007 as a pinch hitter . He recorded his first major league hit in that at @-@ bat . He also played for the Tampa Bay Rays . He has caught two no hitters , both thrown by Homer Bailey .

= = Early life = =

Hanigan was born on August 16 , 1980 , in Washington , D.C. , to Mike and Helen Hanigan . He has an older sister named Hayley . He played American Legion Baseball for American Legion Post 8 in Andover . At Andover High School , Hanigan was a three @-@ year varsity starter , and was named an Eagle @-@ Tribune and Eastern Massachusetts All @-@ Star during his senior season , in which he hit .397 . From 1997 ? 98 , the Andover team had a 38 ? 9 record . He was teammates with future professional golfer Rob Oppenheim , and graduated from the school in 1999 .

= = College career = =

After graduating from high school , Hanigan had a difficult time finding a college that would let him play baseball . He attended Rollins College in Winter Park , Florida , where he played third base or left field because of an upperclassman at the catcher position . During the summer in 2001 , Hanigan played in the New England Collegiate Baseball League , where he hit .282 in 38 games . In his junior year , he hit .384 with 48 RBIs over 57 games for Rollins , as the team finished 41 ? 16 and clinched a berth to the NCAA Division II Baseball Championship . Hanigan would have served as team captain his senior year ; when he left Rollins , Hanigan 's .359 career batting average was seventh best in school history .

He played summer baseball in the Cape Cod League for Orleans Cardinals , where he was named the Top New England Prospect and an All @-@ Star . In August 2002 , Hanigan was awarded the Charles F. Moore Sr. award for the most valuable player on the Cardinals team . John Brickley , a scout for the Reds , signed him as a free agent on August 23 , although six other teams " showed interest " in signing the catcher .

= = Professional career = =

= = = Cincinnati Reds = = =

True fans of baseball understand that Hanigan is known for his extraordinarily competitive at @-@ bats . As early as T @-@ Ball--a league I 'm which it 's difficult to give away an AB-- " Hanny " as his teammates called him , was known for his patience and eye . " Every at @-@ bat is competitive with Ryan , " said then teammate Eric Derek . " This guy sets the rest of us up to crush that ball [on the tee] . " Hanigan continued commanding at @-@ bats all the way to the major leagues where his .190 average belies his mastery of the zone . " Watching him command an at @-@ bats isn 't unlike watching a ninja master command an inferior opponent , " said current teammate Dustin Pedroia . " I imagine . " In 2002 , Hanigan began his career with the Reds ' organization when he played in six minor league games for the Dayton Dragons of the Midwest League , batting .273 with three hits . On April 28 , 2003 , in a game against the Quad City River Bandits , he went 4 ? 5 with three RBIs . Hanigan was named to the East squad in the Midwest League All @-@ Star Game , where he served as the reserve catcher . Later in July , he was placed on the disabled list (DL) with a high ankle sprain ; up until then , he was hitting .283 with 26 RBIs . Hanigan finished the season batting

.277 with a home run and 31 RBIs , which earned him a promotion to the Triple @-@ A Louisville Bats . In one game for the Bats , he went 1 ? 3 .

Hanigan spent the entire 2004 season with the Class A @-@ Advanced Potomac Cannons , where he served as the team 's catcher and designated hitter . From July 6 to July 29 , he had a 22 @-@ game hit streak , the longest in the Carolina League for the year . On August 24 , he hit in the game @-@ winning run against the Salem Avalanche with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning . For the season , Hanigan hit .296 with five home runs and 56 RBIs over 119 games as the Cannons made the Carolina League Northern Division playoffs for the first time since 1995 .

The following season , Hanigan played for the Double @-@ A Chattanooga Lookouts . On August 29 , 2005 , he hit a grand slam against the West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx as the Lookouts lost , 10 ? 12 . After the season , he was selected by the Reds to represent the organization in the Arizona Fall League , and was a non @-@ roster invitee to the Reds 2006 spring training camp . In 2006 , Hanigan appeared in 56 games for the Lookouts as well as eight games for the Bats . During a July 13 , 2006 contest , Hanigan drove in the what would be the winning run with two outs in the seventh inning against the Birmingham Barons . For the season , he hit .246 for the Lookouts and .154 for the Bats .

Playing for the Lookouts , Hanigan was selected to the Southern League All @-@ Star Game in June 2007 . He was promoted to the Bats on June 28 , 2007 , after reaching base safely in 40 of his last 42 games for the Lookouts , including three four @-@ hit games . He was called up to the major @-@ league squad on September 1 . Hanigan made his MLB debut on September 9 against the Milwaukee Brewers . Pinch hitting for Kirk Saarloos , he doubled to left field off the first pitch from All @-@ Star Ben Sheets , and later scored a run on a wild pitch . For the MLB Reds , Hanigan hit .300 in five games played , with two RBIs and a double . During the off @-@ season , he played in the Dominican Professional Baseball League for the Leones del Escogido .

Playing for the Bats in 2008 , Hanigan was a mid @-@ season and postseason International League (IL) All @-@ Star , and was named the best defensive catcher in the IL by Baseball America . He was called up to the majors on August 10 , 2008 , after David Ross was designated for assignment by the Reds ; 18 days later , he hit a home run in the eighth inning to score what would be the winning run against the Houston Astros . After batting .271 in 31 games for the Reds , Hanigan was ranked as the 16th best prospect in the Reds minor league system by Baseball America .

Hanigan spent the entire 2009 season with the Reds except for five games with the Bats . He served as the backup catcher to Ramón Hernández until Hernández underwent knee surgery and was placed on the DL . Hanigan went on the DL after he was hit on the face mask by a foul tip and suffered a concussion ; he returned on August 8 , 2009 . For the season , Hanigan had the best fielding percentage as a catcher (.998) , and the second best caught stealing percentage (42 @-@ 9) in the majors .

On March 14 , 2011 , Hanigan signed a three @-@ year , \$ 4 million extension with the Reds , covering his first two arbitration @-@ eligible seasons . The contract also included up to \$ 800 @-@ ,@ 000 in incentives based on playing time , split for the 2012 and 2013 seasons . The deal included a \$ 300 @-@ ,@ 000 signing bonus .

On April 3 , 2011 , he set career records by hitting more than one home run and getting four hits in a single game . Against Chicago Cubs pitcher Sean Marshall , Hanigan drove in the tie @-@ breaking run in what was an 8 ? 7 win for the Reds on August 7 . He finished the year batting .267 with an on @-@ base percentage of .356 and a career @-@ high of six home runs .

In 2012 and 2013 , Hanigan split time catching with Reds ' prospect Devin Mesoraco . Hanigan caught both of Homer Bailey 's no @-@ hitters , against the Pittsburgh Pirates on September 28 , 2012 , and against the San Francisco Giants on July 2 , 2013 .

= = = Tampa Bay Rays = = =

Hanigan was traded to the Tampa Bay Rays as part of a three @-@ team trade also involving the Arizona Diamondbacks on December 3 , 2013 . The Rays immediately signed him to a three @-@

year , \$ 10 @. @ 75 million contract through 2016 , with a team option for 2017 .

Playing as the Rays ' primary catcher , on April 4 he went 2 @-@ 5 with a three @-@ run homer in a win over the Texas Rangers . Two weeks later he hit two home runs with six RBIs in a 16 @-@ 1 win over the New York Yankees . In May , Hanigan , plagued for nearly two weeks by a strained hamstring , was finally placed on the 15 @-@ day DL on May 28 . On June 17 he had a home run and a walk against the Baltimore Orioles , but he then missed several more games due to neck stiffness and later with soreness in his left side .

= = = Boston Red Sox = = =

On December 19 , 2014 , the Rays traded Hanigan and Wil Myers to the San Diego Padres as part of a three @-@ team transaction , in which the Padres traded Jake Bauers , Burch Smith , and René Rivera to the Rays , the Padres trade Joe Ross and a player to be named later to the Washington Nationals , and Washington traded Steven Souza and Travis Ott to Tampa Bay . The Padres then traded him , later that same day , to the Boston Red Sox for Will Middlebrooks . On April 17 , 2015 , Hanigan hit his first home run in a Red Sox uniform off of Ubaldo Jiménez of the Baltimore Orioles . The two run shot tied the game that Boston eventually won in walk @-@ off fashion . On May 1 , 2015 , Hanigan left the game after a ball struck his hand after Mark Teixeira got struck in his hand first . The next day , X @-@ rays tested positive that Hanigan 's hand was fractured , placing him on the 15 @-@ day disabled list . The Red Sox projected that he was going to be out indefinitely but other sources projected that the injury did not end his 2015 year . On May 3 , 2015 , Hanigan was placed on the 60 @-@ day disabled list .

= = Personal life = =

Hanigan currently resides in Lexington , Kentucky , where he also breeds horses . His Australian shepherd won a Best in Breed award at the 2014 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show .