

= Kevin Kolb =

Kevin Benjamin Kolb (/ ʔkʔb / ; born August 24 , 1984) is a former American football quarterback . He was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the second round of the 2007 NFL Draft . He has also been a member of the Arizona Cardinals and the Buffalo Bills . He played college football for the Houston Cougars .

Kolb attended Stephenville High School in Stephenville , Texas , where he was a three @-@ year starter at quarterback . He moved on to the University of Houston where he earned Conference USA Offensive Most Valuable Player of the Year honors in 2006 . Kolb started for two games in place of the injured Donovan McNabb during the 2009 NFL season for the Eagles , and earned NFC Player of the Week honors following his week 3 performance against the Kansas City Chiefs . Following McNabb 's trade to the Washington Redskins in April 2010 , Kolb became the starting quarterback for the Eagles . However , after suffering a concussion in week 1 against the Green Bay Packers , Kolb was replaced at quarterback by Michael Vick . Vick suffered a rib cartilage injury in week four and Kolb was named the starter . When Vick returned after week eight , Kolb was relegated to a backup role . Kolb was traded to the Arizona Cardinals prior to the start of the 2011 season . Kolb was released by the Cardinals on March 15 , 2013 .

= = Early years = =

While attending Stephenville High School in Stephenville , Texas , Kolb became the starting quarterback for the Yellow Jackets during his sophomore year . He was a two @-@ time UIL District 8 @-@ 4A offensive MVP . His most outstanding year was his senior year , 2002 , in which he completed 206 of 321 passing attempts for 3 @,@ 357 yards and 29 touchdowns , as well as rushing for 197 yards . At the end of the 2002 season , he earned honorable mention All @-@ State and second @-@ team Academic All @-@ State honors .

= = College career = =

Kolb initially committed to Oklahoma State to play college football but rescinded this commitment when Houston hired head coach Art Briles , a former head coach at Stephenville High School . Kolb was also recruited by TCU , Oklahoma and Texas Tech .

= = = 2003 = = =

One day before the season @-@ opener in 2003 , Kolb was named the starter in Houston as a true freshman , the first true freshman quarterback to start in the season @-@ opener in school history , making his debut against Rice at Robertson Stadium . On September 20 , Kolb threw for 321 yards and four touchdowns and went 20 @-@ for @-@ 29 passing in the 42 ? 35 win over Mississippi State . He was named Conference USA Player of the Week for his performance . On October 25 , Kolb accounted for over 400 yards passing and 100 yards rushing against TCU in a 62 @-@ 55 loss to the Horned Frogs , only the fourth time this feat had been achieved in Division I @-@ A. He tied the league record with 578 total yards , and earned Conference USA offensive co @-@ player of the week honors for his performance . Kolb finished the season with 3 @,@ 131 passing yards , 25 touchdowns , and only six interceptions en route to a 7 @-@ 6 record on the year , which ended with a 54 @-@ 48 loss to Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl . Following the season , Kolb was named Conference USA Freshman of the Year .

= = = 2004 = = =

Kolb was named to the Walter Camp Award , Davey O 'Brien Award and Maxwell Award watchlists prior to the start of the 2004 season . He started in all 11 games in 2004 , finishing first in the conference in total offense with 256 @.@ 1 yards per game , and he passed for 2 @,@ 766 yards

and 11 touchdowns .

== 2005 ==

Kolb was named to the Maxwell Award and Davey O'Brien Award watchlists for the second straight year in 2005 . After a losing season in 2004 , Kolb led the Cougars to a 6 @-@ 5 regular @-@ season record in 2005 . He was named the Cougars ' MVP in the Fort Worth Bowl in a 42 @-@ 13 loss to Kansas after passing for 214 yards and scoring one rushing touchdown . He finished the season with 3 @,@ 258 passing yards , and became the school 's all @-@ time total offense leader . He earned third @-@ team All @-@ Conference USA honors following the season .

== 2006 ==

Kolb was named to the Maxwell Award watchlist for the third consecutive year in 2006 . He was named the consensus Conference USA Preseason Offensive Player of the Year , and he earned preseason all @-@ conference honors . The 2006 season was Kolb 's signature college year , in which he threw 30 touchdowns and only four interceptions on the way to a 10 @-@ 4 record and a Conference USA championship . He went 22 @-@ for @-@ 35 for 235 yards and three touchdowns in a win over Rice University on September 2 , and was named the Conference USA Player of the Week for his efforts . He was named as a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award on November 1 . He was named the Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year on November 30 . Kolb won the conference 's offensive MVP , but Houston lost to South Carolina 44 @-@ 36 in the Liberty Bowl . He finished the season with 3 @,@ 808 passing yards , 30 touchdowns and four interceptions . Kolb ended his career with 12 @,@ 964 total passing yards , fifth all @-@ time .

Kolb was invited to play in the 2007 East ? West Shrine Game on January 20 , 2007 , and the 2007 Senior Bowl on January 27 .

== Professional career ==

== Pre @-@ draft ==

Kolb was rated as the sixth @-@ best quarterback in the 2007 NFL Draft by NFLDraftScout.com , and was projected to be drafted in the third or fourth round . He hired Jeff Nalley and Vann McElroy as his agents prior to the draft , and they hired former NFL quarterback Jerry Rhome to work with Kolb to get him ready for the pre @-@ draft workouts . He worked out with Danny Arnold in Stafford , Texas in February 2007 in order to prepare for the NFL Scouting Combine . Kolb worked out for the Baltimore Ravens in the first week of April , and followed it up with a visit to the Philadelphia Eagles .

== Philadelphia Eagles ==

Kolb was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the second round (36th overall) of the 2007 NFL Draft . He was the third quarterback taken in the draft behind JaMarcus Russell (1st overall) and Brady Quinn (22nd overall) . He signed a four @-@ year , \$ 4 @.@ 285 million contract with the team on July 25 , 2007 . Kolb spent 2007 as the third @-@ string quarterback behind Donovan McNabb and A. J. Feeley .

In his second year in the league , Kolb was promoted to second @-@ string quarterback ahead of A. J. Feeley . He played the entire second half of the Eagles game against the Baltimore Ravens on November 23 after an infamous benching of McNabb . Kolb threw an interception in the endzone to Ed Reed , who took it back 108 yards for a touchdown , an NFL record . Kolb completed only 17 passes on 34 attempts for 144 yards , throwing no touchdowns and four interceptions during the season .

Kolb 's first NFL start was a 48 @-@ 22 loss against the New Orleans Saints at home on September 20 , 2009 due to an injury to Donovan McNabb . His first career touchdown was recorded in the first quarter of that game on a 71 @-@ yard pass to DeSean Jackson ; he threw for 391 yards on 31 completions . On September 27 , 2009 , Kolb made his second start in place of McNabb , throwing for 327 yards and two touchdowns in a 34 @-@ 14 win against the Kansas City Chiefs . Kolb became the first quarterback in NFL history to throw for more than 300 yards in each of his first two career starts . He was named the NFC Offensive Player of the Week after his efforts against the Chiefs .

Kolb expressed his desire to be the starting quarterback for the Eagles during the 2010 offseason : " Obviously my goal is to be the starter and to start for 16 games and to lead this team as far as we can go . Personally , I don 't have a lot of personal goals right now , they 're more team @-@ oriented , besides me getting on the field and proving I can take over this thing . " Kolb gained many comparisons to the situation Aaron Rodgers endured backing up Brett Favre during his first three seasons . Kolb and Rodgers reached out to one another to share their similar plights .

On March 26 , Adam Scheffer reported that the Eagles expected Kolb to be the starting quarterback for the 2010 season . On April 4 , McNabb was traded to the Washington Redskins , making Kolb the starting quarterback . Kolb signed a one @-@ year contract extension worth \$ 12 @. @ 25 million on April 29 , keeping him under contract with the Eagles through the 2011 season .

In the Eagles ' season @-@ opener against the Green Bay Packers , the supposed start of the " Kevin Kolb Era , " he was tackled by Packers linebacker Clay Matthews , and sustained a concussion . For precautionary measures , Kolb was withdrawn from the game . After passing a series of tests , he was nonetheless withheld for the game against the Detroit Lions . On September 21 , backup quarterback Michael Vick was named the starting quarterback over Kolb for the rest of the season following Vick 's win over the Lions . Kolb took over for Vick in a game against the Redskins in week 4 after Vick suffered a chest injury . Kolb went 22 @-@ for @-@ 35 with 201 passing yards , one touchdown and an interception in place of Vick . However , he was still beaten by the Redskins and their new starting quarterback , Donovan McNabb , 12 @-@ 17 . Against the Atlanta Falcons in week 6 , Kolb went 23 @-@ for @-@ 29 for 326 yards , three touchdowns and one interception , and was named the NFC Offensive Player of the Week following his performance . During the game , Kolb made an illegal horse @-@ collar tackle on Falcons safety William Moore following an interception . The Eagles were penalized 15 yards and Kolb was later fined \$ 5 @, @ 000 by the league , the first time a quarterback was fined for a horse @-@ collar tackle .

After the 2010 season , there was speculation that the Eagles would look to make a deal for Kolb since Vick was the clear starting quarterback . However , due to the 2011 NFL Labor Dispute , the Eagles were unable to trade away Kolb . On July 19 , 2011 , Kolb expressed interest in playing for the Arizona Cardinals , saying " Arizona would be a great place " to play .

= = = Arizona Cardinals = = =

Kolb was traded to the Arizona Cardinals on July 28 , 2011 , in exchange for cornerback Dominique Rodgers @-@ Cromartie and a second @-@ round draft pick in the 2012 NFL Draft (which the Eagles traded for draft picks used on Vinny Curry and Brandon Boykin) . Expected to start , Kolb had a decent preseason debut for the Cardinals in preseason play against the Oakland Raiders , going 4 @-@ for @-@ 7 for 68 yards ; among the four completions was a 43 @-@ yard pass to wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald .

Kolb started his first game for the Cardinals on September 11 , 2011 against the Carolina Panthers in the first week of the 2011 NFL season . Kolb was 18 of 27 for 309 yards , two touchdowns , and no picks in the 28 @-@ 21 win over the Panthers . He also posted a 130 @. @ 0 passer rating in the game , third best in the NFL in Week 1 . However , over the rest of the season , his play markedly deteriorated as the Cardinals lost several close games . Furthermore , he was hampered by various injuries . A foot injury (turf @-@ toe) that he incurred in a game against the Baltimore Ravens sidelined him for several games . His backup quarterback , John Skelton , performed ably as he stepped in and won games against St. Louis (once at home , once away) and against Philadelphia

. Upon return from his turf @-@ toe injury , Kevin led the Cardinals to a comeback win against the Dallas Cowboys in overtime . The game was memorable for the blunder committed by Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett , who called a time @-@ out to " ice " his own kicker on a potential game @-@ winning field goal . The ensuing kick after the time @-@ out was not good , and in overtime , Kevin threw a touch @-@ pass to LaRod Stephens @-@ Howling who ran it into the end @-@ zone for the winning score . But in the very next game against the San Francisco 49ers , Kolb was inadvertently kicked in the back of the head early in the first series . He left the game with concussion @-@ related symptoms , and did not return that season .

Following a quarterback battle , Kolb lost his starting position to John Skelton for the 2012 NFL season . Following a Week 1 injury to Skelton , Kolb entered the game during the 4th quarter , leading the team on a come @-@ from @-@ behind victory . Skelton was eventually ruled out for the Week 2 matchup against the New England Patriots . Arizona was handed their first loss of the season by the 2 @-@ 2 St. Louis Rams , by a final score of 17 @-@ 3 . Kolb completed just around 50 % of his passes , and was sacked 9 times (The 2012 Cardinals became the first team since their 2003 counterparts to allow eight or more sacks in consecutive games) .

Kolb proved his worth to the coaching staff following October 14 's matchup against the Buffalo Bills , in which Kolb suffered a rib injury late in the fourth quarter . Skelton began taking snaps for the injured Kolb and was only able to complete 2 of 10 passes with a game @-@ costing interception in the OT period . This injury caused Kolb to miss the following seven games , all of which the Cardinals lost .

The Cardinals released Kolb on March 15 , 2013 after failing to agree to a restructured contract .

= = = Buffalo Bills = = =

Kolb agreed to a two @-@ year contract for \$ 13 million with the Buffalo Bills on March 30 , 2013 . On August 24 , Kolb suffered a severe concussion in a preseason game against the Washington Redskins . He was placed on injured reserve on August 30 . Kolb was released on March 11 , 2014 .

= = = Retirement = = =

Kolb retired in 2014 due to Post @-@ concussion syndrome , citing lingering effects from 3 career concussions .

= = = Career statistics = = =

Kolb married his wife Whitney Huddleston in February 2007 . Whitney gave birth to their first child , a daughter named Kamryn June , on January 10 , 2009 , and their second child , a daughter named Atley Rose , was born in April 2010 .

= = Personal = =

Kolb majored in business entrepreneurship at the University of Houston .

Kolb competed in North Texas fishing tournaments in the offseason . Kolb also enjoys hunting wild hogs in his spare time . It may seem dangerous to hunt with just a twelve @-@ inch Bowie knife , but Kolb , assured the public , " Our dogs go and find ' em first , and then we stab the pigs . It 's a little bit dangerous , but as long as you know what you 're doing , you 'll be alright . "

On June 28 , 2014 , Kolb was arrested in Willacy County , Texas , for boating while intoxicated .