

= Patrick Corbin =

Patrick Alan Corbin ( born July 19 , 1989 ) is an American professional baseball pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks of Major League Baseball ( MLB ) .

At Cicero ? North Syracuse High School , Corbin did not pitch for his high school 's baseball team until his junior season . He played college baseball at Mohawk Valley Community College in his freshman season , and was noticed by scouts in a traveling showcase . He transferred to Chipola College for his sophomore season .

After a standout season at Chipola , the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim drafted Corbin in the second round of the 2009 MLB Draft . The Angels traded Corbin to the Diamondbacks in 2010 as part of a package for Dan Haren . Corbin made his MLB debut with the Diamondbacks in 2012 , and was named an All @-@ Star in 2013 . Corbin missed the 2014 season due to an injury to the ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching elbow .

= = Early life = =

Corbin is from Clay , New York . His father , Dan Sr. , worked as a driver for a sausage company , while his mother , Patty , works as a nurse at a rehabilitation center for the elderly .

Corbin 's father built a basketball court in his backyard for his children . As a child , Corbin identified basketball as his favorite sport . He played Pop Warner football , basketball in the Catholic Youth Organization , and Little League baseball . For baseball , Corbin was a fan of the New York Yankees .

= = Amateur career = =

= = = High school = = =

Corbin attended from Cicero ? North Syracuse High School ( C @-@ NS ) in Cicero , New York . His father suggested that he sign up for the school 's baseball team during his freshman year , but Corbin declined , preferring to play with his friends . However , he did play for the basketball and football teams . His friends on the basketball team convinced him to try out for the baseball team in his junior year , and with little training , he was able to throw as fast as 80 miles per hour ( 130 km / h ) .

In 2007 , his senior season at C @-@ NS , Corbin had an 8 ? 0 win ? loss record , allowing only 33 hits and 16 runs while striking out 76 batters in 47 innings pitched . C @-@ NS became the top ranked team in the state of New York , and Corbin was named to the All @-@ League team and first team All @-@ Central New York . He graduated from C @-@ NS with a record of 14 ? 0 and 139 strikeouts .

For the C @-@ NS basketball team , Corbin broke the school 's record for most three @-@ point field goals in a single game . He was named to the All Section Basketball team after completing his senior season .

= = = College = = =

Corbin 's grades at C @-@ NS were not good enough for him to enroll at a four @-@ year college that would allow him to play college baseball . As a result , Corbin enrolled at Mohawk Valley Community College , a junior college in Utica , New York , for his freshman year . At Mohawk , Corbin played baseball and basketball . Scouts from two teams attempted to sign Corbin as an undrafted free agent for a \$ 75 @, @ 000 signing bonus . Though Corbin 's father wanted his son to sign , Corbin 's coach suggested they wait another season . After the season , he joined a travel baseball team , where scouts took notice of Corbin after recording his fastball above 90 miles per hour ( 140 km / h ) . In a tournament in Georgia , Corbin opposed a team led by Zack Wheeler .

Corbin allowed only one hit in a shutout .

Corbin transferred to Chipola College in Marianna , Florida , also a junior college , for his sophomore year , so that he could play baseball throughout the year in the warmer weather . At Chipola , Corbin stopped playing basketball , focusing exclusively on baseball . While training , Corbin added 15 to 20 pounds ( 6 @. @ 8 to 9 @. @ 1 kg ) . Competing for the Chipola Indians , who play in the Panhandle Conference of the Florida State College Activities Association ( FSCAA ) , a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association ( NJCAA ) Region 8 , Corbin pitched to a 5 ? 2 record with a 4 @. @ 32 earned run average ( ERA ) and 86 strikeouts in 74 1 ? 3 innings pitched . He was named to the Panhandle Conference 's All @-@ Conference first team , and was voted the league 's fourth best player . Chipola reached the FJCAA / NJCAA Gulf District Tournament , but lost to Santa Fe College in the championship game . Corbin had a 1 ? 0 record and a 2 @. @ 77 ERA in 13 innings pitched during the tournament , resulting in his being named to the All @-@ Tournament team .

Following the 2009 season , Corbin signed a letter of intent with the University of Southern Mississippi . He planned to transfer to Southern Miss in order to continue his college baseball career with the Southern Miss Golden Eagles , competing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association 's Division I.

= = Professional career = =

= = = Draft and minor leagues = = =

Scouts from every Major League Baseball ( MLB ) team evaluated Corbin prior to the 2009 MLB Draft , including Tom Kotchman of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim , a personal friend of Chipola 's head coach . With Kotchman 's recommendation , the Angels drafted Corbin in the second round of the draft , with the 80th overall selection . He was the first junior college player selected in the draft . On the day of the draft , Corbin played basketball with his roommate .

Corbin signed with the Angels , receiving a \$ 450 @, @ 000 signing bonus , foregoing his commitment to Southern Miss . Corbin pitched for the Orem Owlz of the Rookie @-@ level Pioneer League in 2009 , where Kotchman served as his manager . Corbin struggled in his first professional experience . In his first six appearances , five of them starts , he allowed 23 hits and 12 earned runs in 17 1 ? 3 innings , giving him a 6 @. @ 23 ERA . Corbin later related that he attempted to strike out too many batters while pitching for Orem .

Baseball America ranked Corbin the Angels ' 12th best prospect prior to the 2010 season , projecting him as a mid @-@ rotation starting pitcher . Corbin altered his approach , as he sought to pitch to contact . He began the 2010 season with the Cedar Rapidsernels of the Class A Midwest League . Corbin had an 8 ? 0 record and 3 @. @ 86 ERA , allowing 25 earned runs in 58 1 ? 3 innings in nine starts for Cedar Rapids . He struck out 70 batters while allowing 78 hits and 20 walks . During the season , the Angels promoted Corbin to the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes of the Class A @-@ Advanced California League . With Rancho Cucamonga , Corbin had a 5 ? 3 record and 3 @. @ 88 ERA , allowing 26 earned runs in 60 1 ? 3 innings in 11 starts . Combined , Corbin had a 3 @. @ 87 ERA , 106 strikeouts , and 28 walks in 118 2 ? 3 innings pitched with Cedar Rapids and Rancho Cucamonga .

At the trade deadline , Corbin was traded to the Diamondbacks with Joe Saunders , Rafael Rodríguez and Tyler Skaggs for Dan Haren . The Diamondbacks assigned Corbin to the Visalia Rawhide of the California League . Corbin pitched to a 1 @. @ 38 ERA in 26 innings with Visalia . In 2011 , while pitching for the Mobile Bay Bears of the Class AA Southern League , he set a franchise record with 27 1 ? 3 consecutive scoreless innings . He finished the season with a 9 ? 8 win @-@ loss record and 142 strikeouts in 160 1 ? 3 innings pitched . His strikeout total led the Southern League , and Mobile won the league championship .

The Diamondbacks invited Corbin to spring training in 2012 , where he pitched to a 0 @. @ 57 earned run average . Corbin began the 2012 season with Mobile , pitching to a 2 ? 0 record and 1

@. @ 67 ERA in four starts .

= = = Major leagues = = =

On April 30 , 2012 , the Diamondbacks promoted Corbin to the major leagues to start in place of Josh Collmenter , who was moved to the bullpen . Joe Martinez was optioned to the Reno Aces of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League to make room for Corbin on the roster . Corbin allowed three runs in 5 2 ? 3 innings in his MLB debut against the Miami Marlins , picking up the win . Corbin also had two sacrifice bunts and scored a run in the victory . After pitching to a 2 ? 3 record and a 5 @. @ 27 ERA in five starts , the Diamondbacks optioned Corbin to Reno on May 22 , as Daniel Hudson was set to return to the Diamondbacks from the disabled list . Hudson suffered an elbow injury in June , and the Diamondbacks recalled Corbin as a long reliever , while moving Collmenter into the rotation . The Diamondbacks again optioned Corbin to Reno in July so that he could continue to work as a starting pitcher when they activated Saunders off of the disabled list . The Diamondbacks recalled Corbin on August 1 , displacing Collmenter in the rotation . In 107 innings with the Diamondbacks , Corbin pitched to a 6 ? 8 record and 4 @. @ 54 ERA .

During the 2012 ? 13 offseason , Corbin gained 10 pounds ( 4 @. @ 5 kg ) and added 2 miles per hour ( 3 @. @ 2 km / h ) to his fastball . Corbin made the Diamondbacks ' Opening Day roster out of spring training in 2013 , pitching in the starting rotation . He won the National League ( NL ) Pitcher of the Month Award for May 2013 , after he pitched to a 5 ? 0 record and 1 @. @ 53 ERA in five games started . Corbin was named an All @- @ Star , as he had an 11 ? 1 record with a 2 @. @ 35 ERA , which was the third best in the NL at the All @- @ Star break . Corbin was the eighth youngest player named an All @- @ Star . In the 2013 MLB All @- @ Star Game , Corbin received the loss after allowing the game 's first run in the fourth inning . He finished the season with a 3 @. @ 41 ERA .

During spring training in 2014 , Diamondbacks manager Kirk Gibson decided that Corbin would start on Opening Day . However , Corbin felt arm tightness during a spring training start . An MRI revealed damage to his ulnar collateral ligament of the elbow . He underwent Tommy John surgery , and missed the entire 2014 season . The Diamondbacks placed Corbin on the 15 @- @ day disabled list on March 30 , and transferred him to the 60 @- @ day disabled list on April 4 , in order to open a roster spot for Roger Kieschnick , who they claimed off waivers .

Corbin returned to the Diamondbacks on July 4 , 2015 .

= = Scouting report = =

Corbin is listed at 6 feet 3 inches ( 1 @. @ 91 m ) and 170 pounds ( 77 kg ) . His pitching repertoire contains a fastball that averages 92 miles per hour ( 148 km / h ) , occasionally topping out at 95 miles and hour . His secondary pitches include a changeup , which he throws between 81 miles per hour ( 130 km / h ) and 82 miles per hour ( 132 km / h ) and a slider , which he throws between 78 miles per hour ( 126 km / h ) and 79 miles per hour ( 127 km / h ) , and considered his best pitch coming out of college .

Corbin improved his changeup after pitching in Instructional League during the 2009 ? 10 offseason , which led Corbin to consider it a better pitch than his slider . However , Todd Helton , after striking out twice against Corbin early in the 2013 season , dubbed Corbin 's slider " the best I 've ever seen . " In 2011 , he developed a knuckle curve , which he believes contributed to his consecutive scoreless innings streak .

= = Personal life = =

Teammate Paul Goldschmidt describes Corbin as " humble " about his success . With his signing bonus , Corbin bought a used car instead of a new one . He lived in his parents ' basement during the 2012 ? 13 winter and officiates youth basketball games during the offseason .

Corbin has three siblings . His sister plays for the basketball team at C @- @ NS . Corbin met his

girlfriend when they were classmates at C @-@ NS .