

Kash Beauchamp was born into baseball. His father Jim Beauchamp spent 50 years in professional baseball, playing and coaching in the Major Leagues for five different teams. The experience of growing up in the game obviously impacted Kash Beauchamp's career. After a stellar high school career as a three sport athlete, Kash accepted a scholarship to Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma where he was immediately drafted as the first overall pick in the January, 1982 Major League Baseball Draft ahead of such future stars as Kirby Puckett and Randy Meyers. Beauchamp began his pro career as a member of the 1982 Pioneer League Champion Medicine Hat Blue Jays. Kash garnered all-star honors after hitting .320 and playing terrific defense in center field. Beauchamp was promoted to the South Atlantic League in 1983 where he played on a star studded team that included, Cecil Fielder, Jose Mesa, Pat Borders, Fred McGriff and David Wells. In 1984 Beauchamp was again promoted to the Carolina League where while playing for the Kinston Blue Jays, he was the MVP of the Carolina League All-Star game by going 5-6 with two triples and a HR with 5 RBI. The same year Beauchamp was voted by Baseball America as the Best Defensive Outfielder and Outfielder with the Best Arm. He was promoted to AA for the playoffs where he hit .400 in his short stint at the end of the season. He had a clutch 2 out bases clearing triple in game two of the playoffs. Beauchamp was added to Toronto's 40 man roster at the end of the season. Beauchamp then began the next season in Knoxville and spent the rest of his career between AA and AAA with the Blue Jays, Braves, Giants, Reds, and A's organizations. During this time Kash suffered numerous injuries that required 4 different surgeries. The most devastating coming when he was in AAA with the Blue Jays where he was having an All-Star season. In a collision at home plate Beauchamp fractured his scapula. He was due to get called up to the Major Leagues the next day. Another highlight in that time period was playing for his father Jim, for the 1989 International League Champion Richmond Braves, a team that formed the foundation of the unbelievable success for the Atlanta run of 13 straight division titles. Another highlight was playing for the 1990 Shreveport Captains where Beauchamp was the MVP of the Texas League Championship Series in helping Shreveport win it's first title in 30 years. Beauchamp was released on the last day of spring training in 1991, and then went on to begin his coaching career as the assistant basketball and baseball at Chattahoochee Valley Community College for two years. During that time Beauchamp coached Major All-Star Tim Hudson. He also worked as the scouting coordinator for Omni Sports Management out of Cleveland, Ohio for well respected sports agent George Kalafatis, where he signed such players as Mark Lemke, Ricky Botallico, and Tony Graffanino. In 1993 Independent League Baseball was starting it's first season with the advent of the Northern League. Beauchamp at 29 still had the desire and ability to play. After sitting out two seasons, he signed with the Rochester Ace's where he dominated the league by hitting .367 and leading the league in RBI and was second in HR, while being named MVP of the Northern League. The Cincinnati Reds signed Beauchamp, making him the first independent league player signed to a MLB organization. Beauchamp didn't disappoint. In only 60 AB's for the AA Chattanooga Lookouts, Kash hit .400 with 6 HR and earned an invitation to the prestigious Puerto Rican Winter League, where he lead in hitting. Beauchamp was traded to the Dodgers organization the next spring and played at the AA and AAA level in San Antonio and Albuquerque where he collected his 1,000 career hit and helped the Albuquerque Dukes win the Pacific Coast League Championship. Beauchamp finished his playing career in 1994 and became the hitting coach for the Montreal Expos at the A Ball and AA Levels. During that time Beauchamp worked closely with such future superstars as Vladimir Guerrero, Jose Vidro, Jose Cabrera, and Brad Fullmer. In 1998, Beauchamp began his managing career with the Independent League New Jersey Jackals and won the Northeast League Title in his first year. Beauchamp since has managed in Lincoln, Adirondack, Bangor, Anderson SC, and Wichita. He was also the Director of Player Procurement for the Golden League and Vice President and Director of Baseball Operations for the South Coast League. Beauchamp was also named hitting coach for Team USA for the Intercontinental Cup played in Sydney, Australia prior to the Sydney Olympics. Beauchamp is the founder of the renowned Wood Bat Mechanics for the Aspiring Professional and works as a lead instructor for International Performance Baseball, and the Arizona Winter League. 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