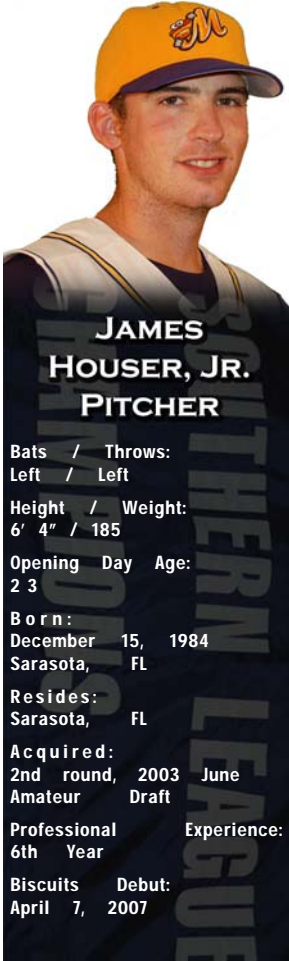


Player Profile



JAMES HOUSER, JR. PITCHER

Bats / Throws:
Left / Left

Height / Weight:
6' 4" / 185

Opening Day Age:
23

Born:
December 15, 1984
Sarasota, FL

Resides:
Sarasota, FL

Acquired:
2nd round, 2003 June
Amateur Draft

Professional Experience:
6th Year

Biscuits Debut:
April 7, 2007

Pitches Thrown (as of 9/16/07)

FB CH CU SL

Biscuits Career

2007: Twenty-two-year-old spent the entire year in Double-A with the Southern League Champion Montgomery Biscuits, compiling a 3.65 ERA in 20 starts. Missed the final 25 games of the season, beginning August 18 and including the Biscuits postseason, due to a violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program ... Opponents hit just .230 off Houser, ranking 4th in the league among starters ... Limited left-handers to a .125 average (10-for-80) with 2 HR while totaling 20 K and 6 BB ... Named Southern League Pitcher of the Week after going 2-0 and tossing 11.1 shutout innings with 4 hits, 2 BB and 9 K from May 14-20 ... Allowed just 2 hits in 7 of his 20 starts, including in 3 consecutive starts from May 15-25 ... Tied a career high with 8.0 IP while yielding 2 H and 1 ER in a June 29 victory over Mississippi (Braves) ... Went 4-1 with a 3.48 ERA and a .209 opp avg. in 14 starts prior to the All-Star break ... Low run support led to an 0-3 record in July despite his 3.33 ERA.

Career Summary

2006: Went 12-4 for the Class-A Visalia Oaks, tying Chris Mason for both the team lead and California League lead ... Also placed 8th in the Cal League in ERA and tied for 4th in strikeouts ... The Rays recognized him as Visalia's Pitcher of the Year ... Won 11 straight decisions from May 18 through the end of the season ... The streak was the longest among all Class-A pitchers ... Only two pitchers in all the minor leagues had longer streaks: Jason Hirsch of Round Rock (Astros AAA) and Jason Windsor of Sacramento (A's AAA) each won 12 straight decisions ... Established career highs in wins, IP, starts and SO ... Led the Oaks staff with 2 wins and 14 K in the Cal League Playoffs ... Went 2-1 with a 4.50 ERA in his 3 postseason starts.

2005: Was Pitcher of the Year for Class-A Southwest Michigan ... Was also named to the Midwest League's midseason All-Star Team ... 3.76 ERA was the 10th best in the league and 3rd lowest among league lefthanders ... Set career highs with 8.0 IP and 10 K in a 3-hit, scoreless performance on April 28 at West Michigan ... Rays Minor League Pitcher of the Month for May ... Missed most of July with soreness in his left shoulder ... Upon his return from the DL, he went 4-2 and crafted a 1.95 ERA, .205 opp avg. with 41 K and 6 BB over his final 7 starts ... *Baseball America* ranked him the 6th-best prospect in the Rays organization heading into the year.

2004: Opened the campaign with the Class-A Charleston RiverDogs of the South Atlantic League ... Crafted a 2.20 ERA and went 3-1 over 7 starts before a left elbow strain ended his season prematurely ... Was working on a 17.0-inning scoreless streak at time of injury ... Made his final start on May 19, shutting out Augusta (Red Sox) for 6.0 innings and 1 hit to finish the year with 23.0 straight shutout innings. Named the Rays 4th-best prospect entering the season by *Baseball America*.

Biscuits Transactions

- 4/27/07:** placed on disabled list (wisdom teeth)
- 5/15/07:** activated from disabled list (wisdom teeth)
- 7/3/07:** placed on temporarily inactive list
- 7/7/07:** activated from temporarily inactive list
- 8/14/07:** suspended 50 games by Major League Baseball after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance

James Houser, Jr.'s Minor League Pitching Record

YR	CLUB - Lg. (Level)	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	AVG
2003	Princeton - APPY (R)	0-4	3.73	10	10	0	0	0	41.0	43	23	17	1	2	13	0	44	5	0	.262
2004	Charleston - SAL (A)	3-1	2.20	7	7	0	0	0	32.2	27	9	8	1	3	13	0	27	0	1	.239
2005	SW Michigan - MID (A)	8-8	3.76	22	22	0	0	0	115.0	100	50	48	12	8	31	0	109	4	2	.239
2006	Visalia - CAL (A+)	12-4	4.41	28	27	0	0	0	151.0	140	80	74	20	10	46	0	137	1	4	.246
2007	Montgomery - SL (AA)	5-4	3.65	20	20	0	0	0	103.2	88	51	42	10	5	39	1	90	2	2	.230
MINOR LEAGUE TOTALS		28-21	3.84	87	86	0	0	0	443.1	398	213	189	44	28	142	1	407	12	9	.242

