

Coach Profile



Career Summary

Ben joins Montgomery's coaching staff for the first year ... Started with the Rays organization as a coach at Vero Beach last season after he took a year off in 2006 ... Spent his previous six seasons in the Padres organization ... Was named San Diego's major league hitting coach in 2000 then spent two seasons at Rookie-level Idaho Falls (2001 - 02), followed by a three-year stint with Short-season A Eugene (2003 - 05) ... Began his coaching career in 1989 with the Brewers where he spent five seasons in the Milwaukee system as a coach and scout ... He joined the Pittsburgh organization for six seasons as a minor league hitting instructor (1994) and then coach at Triple-A Calgary (1995 - 97), Rookie-level Bradenton (1998) and Class-A Hickory (1999) ... Oglivie played 16 major league seasons as an outfielder with Boston, Detroit and Milwaukee, batting .273 with 235 home runs and 900 RBIs ... He also appeared with the Brewers in the 1982 "Suds Series" against the Cardinals ... An 11th-round pick by the Red Sox in 1968, he was a three-time American League All-Star (1980, 1982 - 83) and clubbed 41 homers in 1980 to share the AL home run title with Reggie Jackson ... Played for two years with Japan's Kintetsu Buffaloes before his retirement following the 1988 season ... He and his wife, Tammy, have two children: Trianna and Ben, Jr.

Biography (reprinted from BaseballLibrary.Com)

Tall and slender with a strong-wristed lefthanded stroke, Oglivie spent 16 ML seasons in the AL's Eastern Division, but didn't blossom as a power hitter until the latter half of his career. He hit three home runs in a game for the Brewers three times, all after turning 30, and he lead the AL with 41 HR in 1980. The native Panamanian was a free-swinger who disdained bases on balls, yet he rarely flailed wildly, striking out 80 times in a season only twice.

Originally signed by the Red Sox, he could not crack Boston's starting lineup in 1971-73, and was traded to the Tigers for second baseman Dick McAuliffe. Oglivie played more regularly in Detroit, but was still on the bench enough to lead the AL in pinch hits in 1976, and after hitting .262 with 21 HR as the Tigers rightfielder in 1977, he was traded to the Brewers for pitchers Jim Slaton and Rich Folkers. He hit .303 in his first season in Milwaukee, then belted 29 HR in 1979 before recording career highs across the board in 1980, batting .304 with 41 HR and 118 RBI. His batting average plummeted into the .240s in 1981-82, but he still hit 34 HR in 1982 to help the Brewers to their only WS appearance, and in the WS he homered in a losing effort against the Cardinals in Game Seven.

Oglivie's HR production waned after the 1982 season, and after hitting only five in 103 games in 1986, he left the ML to play in Japan. He returned to the U.S. in 1989, and signed a minor league contract with the Brewers.

Bats / Throws:
Left / Left

Height / Weight:
6' 2" / 170

Opening Day Age:
59

Born:
February 11, 1949
Colon, Panama

Resides:
Colon, Panama

Acquired:
Signed with Rays on
11/29/06

Professional Experience:
38th Season, 9th as a Minor League
Coach

Biscuits Debut:
N/A

Ben Oglivie's Major League Batting Career

16 SEASONS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HBP	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	DP	SLG	OBP
MLB TOTALS	.273	1754	5913	784	1615	277	33	235	901	21	69	35	560	105	852	87	70	122	.450	.336

Year-by-Year Biscuits Hitting

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	DP	IB	HBP
2004	.253	140	4542	523	1148	225	42	80	477	371	1001	49	37	.374	.315	76	22	59
2005	.272	137	4629	662	1261	226	33	119	614	393	978	143	52	.413	.335	121	18	62
2006	.246	139	4558	549	1120	201	39	106	490	438	1134	131	54	.377	.317	95	18	52
2007	.269	140	4765	695	1284	251	40	114	649	532	986	102	61	.411	.346	107	18	55
Totals	.260	556	18494	2429	4813	903	154	419	2230	1734	4099	425	204	.394	.330	399	76	228