

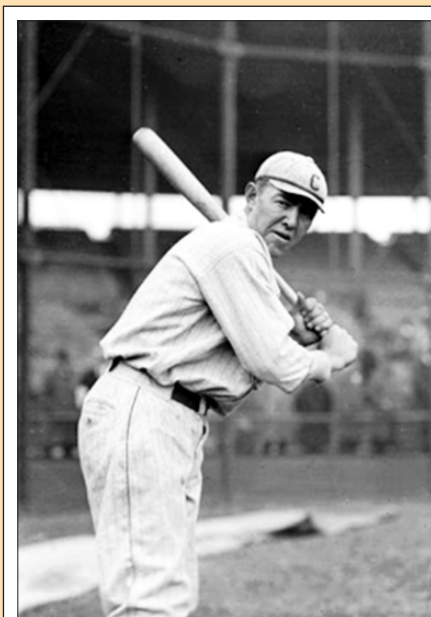
# Astyanax Douglass, "A Horned Frog makes good"

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In 11 major league games over two seasons with the Cincinnati Reds, Astyanax Douglass compiles a lifetime batting average of .176 with four hits and one RBI in 24 at bats; none of his four hits go for extra bases.

A three-sport athlete (football, basketball, baseball) at Texas Christian University and a World War I veteran, Douglass turns down an initial offer to sign with the Chicago White Sox before inking his first professional baseball contract with the Cincinnati Reds on June 21, 1921.

**Astyanax, a name meaning king or overlord, derives from Greek mythology ... Astyanax was the son of Hector of Troy.**



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1925 Cincinnati Reds**

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Nine days later on June 30, the Covington, Texas, native makes his professional debut in the second game of a doubleheader against the New York Giants ... replacing starting catcher Bubbles Hargrave, Douglass goes 0-for-1 against Giants' starter Jesse Barnes in a 12-1 loss ... Douglass collects his first major hit on September 19, a single against the Boston Braves' Hugh McQuillan in a 9-6 loss.

Set to retire after the 1924 season, where he hits .238 splitting time between three teams, Douglass wires the Cincinnati Reds in February that he will return to the team in 1925 to replace Jack Blott, who leaves the team to become a football coach at the University of Michigan.

On May 21, 1925, Douglass gains national notoriety when he slugs Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Jimmy Ring during a fight on the field ... Douglass and Ring continue their scuffle later in the clubhouse and again later that evening at the train station.

## HUSKY COLLEGIAN JOIN REDS AS CATCHER

Astynax Douglass, a husky young collegian from Texas Christian University, located at Ft. Worth, Tex., reported to Pat Moran Sunday and will be given a thoro trial as a catcher by the Red boss.

Douglass was sent a contract last week and brought it in with him to sign after a conference with Moran and Garry Herrmann.

He is about six feet tall and built accordingly.

Boyd Chambers, athletic director of the University of Cincinnati, uncovered Douglass when scouting for the Reds last summer. Chambers

liked the way Douglass handled himself, both behind the bat and with the stick.

Douglass also is quite a football player. He took part in the game at Ft. Worth last Christmas Day between Texas Christian and Centre College.

His arrival gives Tom Conway strenuous opposition for the job of being Moran's third catcher.

In three minor league seasons, with six different teams, Douglass finishes with a .285 career batting average ... Douglass hits a career-high .350 in 1926 with the Albany Nuts of the Southeastern (B) League.

Following his playing days, Douglass becomes a furniture store owner in El Paso, Texas ... on January 26, 1975, Douglass passes away at the age of 77.

## Astyanax Douglass Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Lev	AB	HT	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1919	Texas Christian.....	Southwest	NCAA	-	-	-	-	-	-	---
1920	Texas Christian.....	Southwest	NCAA	-	-	-	-	-	-	---
1921	Cincinnati Reds .....	NATIONAL	ML	7	1	0	0	0	0	.143
1922	Amarillo High School Coach.....	Texas HS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	---
1924	<b>3 Teams .....</b>	<b>Texas/East Texas</b>	<b>D-A</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.238</b>
1924	Texarkana Twins.....	East Texas	D	148	37	4	0	2	-	.250
1924	Galveston/Dallas.....	Texas	A	20	3	1	0	0	2	.150
1925	Cincinnati Reds .....	NATIONAL	ML	17	3	0	0	0	1	.176
1925	<b>2 Teams .....</b>	<b>3-I League</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.317</b>
1925	Springfield, Terre Haute .....	3-I League	B	161	51	5	1	2	-	.317
1926	Albany Nuts.....	Southeastern	B	40	14	2	0	0	-	.350
<b>Major League Totals .....</b>				<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.167</b>
<b>Minor League Totals .....</b>				<b>369</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>.285</b>