

Derrick Gibson Bio

Born and raised in Seaford, Delaware, Derrick began his baseball career in the Nanticoke Little League. He crossed into travel ball at the age of 11 for what became known as the Delmarva Shorebirds Youth Travel Team until the age of 16. His coach, Chris Hudson, unselfishly released Derrick to allow him to continue his pursuit in playing at the highest level. As a result, Derrick played showcase baseball with the Orioles Scout Team (2006/2007) and the college summer team Youse's Orioles (2007). He graduated from Seaford High School where he played on the varsity team all four years earning All-Conference and All-State Honors. In 2008, he was named Delaware State High School Baseball Player of the Year and Gatorade Player of the Year. He was also named to the 2008 Wilson All-American HS team. He signed a letter of intent to play baseball at the University of North Carolina, of which he forgone when he was drafted in the 2nd round (77th overall) of the 2008 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox. Derrick continued in the Red Sox farm system for six years earning numerous awards including Minor League Baserunner of the Year in 2009 and was a 2-time selection for the All-Star Game. In the 2014 season, Derrick hit a career high .290 between the Portland Seadogs and Pawtucket Red Sox teams. Becoming a free agent in 2014, Derrick signed with his childhood favorite team, the Baltimore Orioles, and spent the year with the Norfolk Tides. During that season, Derrick lost his grandfather, Jack Gibson, who taught him the game and fostered his love for it. In 2015, Derrick signed with the New York Mets and played the season with the Binghamton Mets. He finished the season with a .281 batting average. In 2016, the Colorado Rockies signed him to a 1-year deal where he was assigned to the AAA Albuquerque Isotopes. He finished the season with a career high of 12 triples, one short of Robert Andino's record set in 2007.

Derrick currently resides in Seaford, Delaware with his wife, the former Rachel Thomas and their two children, Caroline and Genevieve.