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## NBC Player Profile: Alex Gordon (Beatrice Bruins)

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Third baseman Alex Gordon, the Royals first-round draft pick and the No. 2 overall selection in the 2005 June Free Agent Draft, was named Baseball America Minor League Player of the year.

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Gordon was a former player for the Beatrice (NE) Bruins in 2002 and 2003.

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Alex Gordon at 3B for the Beatrice Bruins

During the tournament, Gordon batted .308, with 2 doubles and 5 RBI.

During the 2002 season for the Bruins, Gordon - a high school Senior - hit for a .320 average in seven games. He collected 2 doubles and one base on balls. At third base, he posted a .840 fielding percentage, with 15 assists, and 4 errors.

In the 2003 season, the Bruins did not make it to the NBC World Series. The M.I.N.K. League was represented by the St. Joseph (MO) Saints, the Kearney (MO) River Bandits, and the Parkville (MO) Sluggers. During the summer league competition, Gordon had a .348 batting average, collecting 46 hits and 45 RBI. He also hit 9 doubles, 3 triples, and 8 home runs for the Bruins. Defensively, he had a .877 fielding percentage with only 2 errors at third base.

Alex Gordon was a two-time All-American at the University of Nebraska. In 93 games, he hit .353 with 43 stolen bases in 57 attempts, 53 doubles, 11 triples, and 44 home runs.

Gordon was a member of Team USA in 2004, where he played mostly at first base. He hit .348 (4-12) in 24 games and was named the MVP of the team. Gordon led Team USA to the gold medal at the FISU World University Games.

In 2005, Gordon won the Golden Spikes Award, Dick Howser Trophy, Brooks Wallace Award, ABCA national Player of the Year Award, and Baseball America National Player of the Year Award. He was considered by many to be the best collegiate player in the nation and was drafted in 2005 by the Royals.

This past year, Alex Gordon spent the season playing for the AA Wichita Wranglers in the Texas League. He hit for a .325 average, with 29 home runs and was stole 22 bases out of 25 attempts. He played an important role in leading the Wichita Wranglers to the Texas League playoffs. In his first minor league season, Alex Gordon was named the Texas League Player of the Year and Baseball America's Minor League Player of the Year.