

Autographed Baseball by San Francisco Giants Kelby Tomlinson



Kelby Aaron Tomlinson (born June 16, 1990) is an American professional [baseball utility player](#) for the [San Francisco Giants](#) of [Major League Baseball](#) (MLB). He played [college baseball](#) at [Texas Tech](#) and was drafted by the Giants in 2011. He is 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. He bats and throws right-handed.

Born in Chickasha, Oklahoma, Tomlinson attended [Elgin High School](#) in [Elgin, Oklahoma](#).^[1] Tomlinson played [college baseball](#) for two seasons at [Seward County Community College](#) (2009–10) and one season at [Texas Tech](#) (2011).^{[2][3]} He was drafted by the [San Francisco Giants](#) in the 12th round (387th overall) of the [2011 MLB draft](#).^[4]

Minor leagues^[edit]

In 2011, Tomlinson began his professional baseball career playing for the [Augusta GreenJackets](#) of the [Class A South Atlantic League](#), hitting .356 in 149 at bats. In 2012, Tomlinson finished the year with a .224 average in 450 at bats. In 2013, Tomlinson started the year with the [AZL Giants](#) of the [Arizona Fall League](#). He was then promoted to the [San Jose Giants](#) of the [California League](#) at the A-Advanced level, where he had a .276 average in 134 at bats. He was then called up to play for the [Richmond Flying Squirrels](#) of the [Class AA Eastern League](#). He struggled, managing only a .198 average in 96 at bats. In 2014, Tomlinson was now the starting second baseman for the [Richmond Flying Squirrels](#). He eventually finished the year with a .268 average in 433 at bats, playing in 126 games.

In 2015, Tomlinson continued to play for the Richmond Flying Squirrels. He was eventually promoted to play for the [Sacramento River Cats](#) of the [Pacific Coast League](#), at the AAA level. after hitting .324 in 253 at bats for the Flying Squirrels. He managed a .316 average in 136 at bats before being called up the Major Leagues, to play for the [San Francisco Giants](#).

In his minor league career, Tomlinson played in 457 games and recorded 1679 at bats. He scored 253 runs and 459 hits. Tomlinson hit 8 home runs and had 160 runs batted in. He was walked 175 times and struck out 336 times. Tomlinson also stole 126 bases. In the minors, Tomlinson recorded an average of .273 and an on-base percentage of .345.^[5]