

## **ERIC ROOF**

Coach Boss on Roof: "Tri-Captain who is an outstanding leader in the catching role. Eric provides maturity beyond his years with his baseball IQ behind the plate and his left handed bat will hit in the middle of the order. A versatile player, Eric could also play in the infield if needed."

2008: Second on the team in RBIs with 33...Started 37 games...hit three home runs, good for third on the team...had nine multi-hit games and eight multi-RBI games...recorded first multi-hit game of the season vs. Northwestern (4/5) with a 2-for-3 performance and two runs scored...went 3-for-4 with four RBIs and two doubles vs. Western Michigan (4/9)...had two hits and two RBIs vs. Central Michigan (4/16) and Toledo (4/23)...went 6-for-12 with five runs and 7 RBIs in four game series against Iowa (4/25-27)...posted a 3-for-4 and 2-for-4 performance with four RBIs in back-to-back games vs. Penn State (5/4) and Western Michigan (5/7), respectively...collected four RBIs and went 3-for-4 vs. Purdue (5/10)...Academic All-Big Ten selection...named to CoSIDA Academic All-District Second Team...drafted by Detroit in the 46th round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft.

2007: Saw action in 36 games, starting on 24 occasions...hit .247 with nine RBI...scored 16 runs...posted a .347 on-base percentage...five of his 20 hits were for extra bases...picked up first career hit and scored a run versus Auburn (2/24)...doubled and scored against St. Joseph's (3/4)...scored two runs at Stetson (3/7)...had first career multi-hit game with 2-for-4 effort against Quinnipiac (3/9)...doubled and scored in home opener versus Concordia (3/24)...went 2-for-3 with a walk and drove in a run at Indiana (3/31)...walked, stole a base and scored a run versus Western Michigan (4/10)...walked and scored at Minnesota (4/21)...walked twice, scored a run and drove in a run against Michigan (4/29)...hit first career home run with solo shot in first game of doubleheader at Illinois (5/19)...went 2-for-4 with a double and in the second game of that doubleheader...had two hits - including a double - and scored a run in season finale at Illinois (5/20).

Prior to MSU: Played one year for Coach Luther Bramblett at St. Catherine College...team went 39-14 and finished the season ranked No. 15...hit .338 with five homers and 34 RBI.

High School: Played four years under Billy Hodge at St. Mary High School...two-year captain...led the team in batting his senior year with a .490 batting average to go along with three homers and 34 RBI...a first team all-region selection as a junior and senior...named a Kentucky Senior All-Star.

Personal: Born Nov. 15, 1986...son of Gene and Marianne Roof...accounting major...favorite player is Brandon Inge...enjoys playing Play Station and golf...played for the Columbus All-Americans in the summer of 2007...his father, Gene, played for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Montreal Expos in the early 80s, and is currently a coach in the Detroit Tigers organization...his younger brother, Jonathan, is a sophomore infielder for MSU...his older brother, Shawn, played baseball at Illinois...hit .301 with five homers and 34 RBIs playing in the Jayhawk League in the summer of 2008.