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REDS SEND ALEX GONZALEZ & CASH TO RED SOX Receive SS Kristopher Negrón From Boston

CINCINNATI - Cincinnati Reds President of Baseball Operations and General Manager Walt Jocketty today announced the acquisition of minor league **SS Kristopher Negrón** from the Boston Red Sox in exchange for **SS Alex Gonzalez** and **cash**.

Negrón, 23, has spent the season at Class A Salem, where he hit .264 with 3 homers and 34 RBI in 111 games. He will be assigned to the Reds' Florida State League affiliate in Sarasota.

Gonzalez, 32, this season for the Reds hit .210 in 68 games. In June and July he missed 28 games following surgery to remove 4 loose bodies from his right elbow.

To fill Gonzalez' spot on the 25-man roster, the Reds have selected from Class AAA Louisville the contract of **IF Kevin Barker**. In 100 games for the Bats he hit .284 with 22 HR and 68 RBI. He will wear uniform number 60.

NEGRÓN, Kristopher David
HT: 6'0"; **WT:** 180; **BATS:** Right; **THROWS:** Right; **BORN:** 2/1/1986 in Willingboro, NJ; **RESIDES:** Vacaville, CA; **SIGNED BY:** Blair Henry; **ACQUIRED:** Red Sox 11th pick (7th round, 223rd overall) in the 2006 First-Year Player Draft.

2008: Hit .265 (115-for-434) between Single-A Greenville, Double-A Portland and Single-A Lancaster...set career highs with 8 home runs, 24 doubles and 46 RBI...ranked 2nd in the Red Sox organization with 129 games played...finished T2nd among Red Sox minor leaguers with a career-high 8 triples and 3rd while equaling a career-high with 31 stolen bases in 37 attempts...was 10th in the organization with a career-best 73 runs scored...started the season in Greenville, hitting .244 (76-for-311) in 92 games during 2 stints with the Drive...finished 2nd on the team with 5 triples and 25 stolen bases, and 3rd with 50 runs scored...went 9-for-9 in stolen bases in May to earn Red Sox Minor League Base Stealer of the Month honors...played 3 games with Portland during a July call-up...finished the season at Lancaster, hitting .328 (38-for-116) with 7 homers and 19 RBI in 33 games...stole 6 bases in 7 attempts and legged out 15 extra-base hits (6 doubles, 3 triples, 6 homers) in August/September and was named Red Sox Minor League Base Runner of the Month...went 5-for-5 with a pair of homers and 5 RBI, all career highs, vs. Bakersfield on August 22...hit .256 (10-for-39) with 2 homers and 7 RBI in 9 playoff games for Lancaster...hit a walk-off 3-run homer in the 10th inning of Game 2 of California League semifinal series...combined to hit .355 (39-for-110) with a .600 slugging pct. vs. southpaws...played 108 games at second base...also played at shortstop, third base and all 3 outfield positions.

2007: Ranked 2nd in the Sox system with a career-high 31 steals between Greenville and Lancaster...tied for 15th in the South Atlantic League with 29 stolen bases for the Drive...named the Red Sox Minor League Base Stealer of the Month for May when he was successful in 8 of 9 attempted thefts...reached base safely in 14 of his 18 June games, batting .283 (17-for-60)...had a season-high 7-game hit streak from July 31-August 9...promoted to Lancaster on August 31 and had 2 steals in 3 games for the JetHawks...combined to play 43 games at second base, 42 at shortstop, 31 at third base and 5 in the outfield.

2006: After batting .234 (18-for-77) in his first 25 games with the Gulf Coast League Red Sox, hit .292 (19-for-65) with 2 homers and 10 RBI in his final 16 contests, including 7 multi-hit efforts, earning an August 26 transfer to short-season Single-A Lowell...had hits in 7 of his 9 contests with the Spinners, twice recording 2 steals in a game...combined to play 20 games at third base and 25 at shortstop...hit .167 (2-for-13) in 3 playoff games for the GCL Red Sox...attended Cosumnes River (CA) College where he hit .361, with 78 runs and 31 steals in 2006.

Negrón's Career Hitting

Yr	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
06	GCL Red Sox - R	.261	41	142	19	37	6	2	2	16	3	0	5	12	20	10	0	11
	Lowell - A	.393	9	28	8	11	2	1	0	5	2	0	1	4	2	5	1	1
07	Greenville - A	.226	112	403	61	91	11	4	3	29	5	0	13	46	97	29	7	15
	Lancaster - A	.182	3	11	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	1
08	Greenville - A	.244	92	311	50	76	15	5	1	27	6	4	10	31	48	25	5	9
	Portland - AA	.143	4	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
	Lancaster - A	.328	33	116	23	38	8	3	7	19	1	3	6	5	25	6	1	6
09	Salem - A	.264	111	409	69	108	17	4	3	34	6	2	8	39	83	20	3	20
	Minor Totals	.255	405	1427	1087	364	60	19	16	130	24	9	45	138	279	97	17	27

