

Philadelphia Phillies Pitcher Kyle Kendrick takes a break From the World Series to shoot with eModa.

Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Kyle Kendrick takes time during the World Series to do an eModa photo shoot with Reality star girlfriend Stephenie Lagrossa.

Oct. 29, 2008 - [PRLog](#) -- Kyle Kendrick is a Philadelphia Phillies pitcher. Growing up in Mount Vernon, Washington he was the oldest of four. During school, he played every sport and even got a scholarship offer as a quarterback for Washington State University. He declined, however, and went on to pursue his love of baseball. This love he has could possibly stem from growing up playing the sport with his dad. His father played in the minors for the Astros for years, so sports run in Kyle's blood. All of his siblings are very athletic and all played or play in school. "My little nine-year-old sister, Shea, is an amazing soccer player," gushes Kyle. He also states that his two younger brothers Ryan and Corey, like him, also played multiple sports.

In his second year of playing in the majors, Kyle is finding himself right in the middle of the World Series, a position he is not taking for granted, he assures me. "I know guys who have been in the league 22 years and not had a chance to see a World Series. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this team. We played really hard last year, but this year it has all fallen into place just right. I am really proud of my team and very grateful to be here. Philadelphia is one of the best cities to play for, hands down. The energy from the fans is what gets you so pumped to play and I am just happy we can give this experience back to them after all their support. The World Series is as good as it gets, and you just can't ask for anything more as a baseball player."

Stephanie Lagrossa is the youngest of five. Four older brothers kept this cookie tough and active. Growing up in Delaware County, Steph (as everyone around her refers to her as) played all types of sports. She not only played field hockey but she swam, played lacrosse, softball, basketball and even found time to be a cheerleader. All of this activity built a backbone for Steph to grow on and eventually test her athleticism on the hit reality show Survivor, where she competed not once, but twice! After her stint as one of the show's most popular players, she came back east to Philly to become the in-area host for the Philadelphia Flyers as well as a Monday night commentator on Comcast Sports Channel's "Monday Night Live" program. She is currently filming her new gig on CBS New England's NE Thing; she tells me "It's like QVC, but only for products made in the NE area. It will only be broadcast there as well."

As Steph and Kyle rolled in early in the AM before game 2 of the World Series, I was eagerly awaiting their arrival. The nicest couple you'll ever meet, Steph is a bit more outgoing (very East Coast) and Kyle very patient and calm (a very Washington-state trait...I'm also from there!). We ran around talking about the shoot, going over wardrobe, grabbing coffee and doing make-up (on her, not him). We wanted to get edgy and do something fun and, fortunately for me, they were game or, shall I dare to say...good sports about it all. Kyle chilled and chatted up the photographer as Steph and I ran around getting ready to do what we do. He even stopped over for a bit to watch Steph get her makeup done and entertained us while she was getting glammed up.

We put it all together and banged out the first few looks just to get them warmed up in front of the camera. Our photographer, Josh Trusty, got the tunes cranked and the lights lit as the transformation began. As they had entered very simply dressed, we vamped them up big time and got them fashioned-out. When I asked Steph what her inspiration was for wanting to do the shoot, she stated that "I love your personal style and have also shopped in eModa's Boutique location and online. When I saw the Jimmy (Rollins, number 11, Philadelphia Phillies) and Ryan (Howard, number 6, Philadelphia Phillies) shoots that you have put

together, I thought about how much fun it would be to do that with Kyle. I never really know what to buy when I shop...I usually just walk into a boutique and tell the person there to dress me. I thought this was a great chance to get styled by you, since I am already an eModa.com fan. Kyle is way more into clothes than I am anyway, so I knew he would enjoy this experience as well.”

When I was talking to Kyle about his inspiration for coming, he answered “Steph,” and started to chuckle. “I really love clothes and this looked like a great opportunity for me to do something that I have not done before. I have seen the shoots my teammates have done and it just seemed like good times. Who doesn’t want to get styled and dressed? It’s a way to learn more about clothes! Also, it’s so cool to do this with Steph.”

I couldn’t resist putting Kyle in the new Rolling Stones tee shirt line with the cover of the issue with Kurt Cobain. Since he is from the Seattle area, it just seemed like it had to happen. It looked so sharp with the Roar button up. He told me after the shoot on our phone conversation that “I loved so much about the shoot and all the clothing. I love the Laguna Beach Jeans as well as the other denim you chose for me, but I must say the Kurt Cobain tee is my favorite thing from the shoot.” He went on to tell me that he learned about changing up his style by trying things he had not thought of before, “...using layers is so simple but looks really good. I took that away from the shoot and will now be able to do that with my wardrobe.”

It was a great shoot. Check it out on the front page at www.emoda.com

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