

IT'S EASY TO KNOW WHERE YOU STAND WITH ERIK MILLER. HE TELLS it like it is, which we all know is a good thing in the dating world. There's no argument that Erik comes off as the perfect guy — he's tall, dark, and handsome, and he's a professional athlete. But it's Erik's sense of humor that hooked us. A little sarcastic and a lot smart, Erik will have you rolling within minutes of meeting him. His commitment to his sport and his team is a cornerstone of Erik's life. "We don't get paid like the Avs, so I have to have a real job too." But playing professional lacrosse is a dream come true for this Maryland transplant. "It's a lot of guy time, and I'd be lying if I said it wasn't fun." Think you're his type? Erik, who is 6 feet 7 inches tall, has only two prerequisites for a woman. She needs to be tall and athletic. "It's a huge part of my life, so she's got to be up for that kind of stuff."

Where do you live? Riverfront.

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What's on your nightstand? A lamp, alarm clock, my keys, and my BlackBerry.

What kind of music do you like? It's easier to say what I don't like, I guess. I don't like country, and I don't like hard-core rap. The last band I saw live was Whiskeytown and they put on a great show.

What can't you live without? Family and friends. My family is tight and my team is tight. It doesn't leave a lot of time for dating, but you can always make time for the right relationship.

Do you believe in love at first sight? No way. You can see someone and be attracted to them, but attraction is one thing and the relationship is another.

What are you looking for? Someone fun and smart, and someone who has a good heart. And I'll admit it: I'm looking for someone attractive. That may sound shallow, but anyone who says looks don't matter is lying. What's a great Denver date? I don't do blind dates, so by the time we go on a date, hopefully, we've already met once or twice so we'll know some things we have in common. Ideally, I'd like to do a nice dinner downtown where we can talk.

Relationship deal breaker? Someone who is even slightly involved with someone else. I won't deal with that at all.

Childhood crush? Daisy Duke.