

BANDITS SELECT PITCHER LEXI KILFOYL WITH FIRST PICK IN AUSL INAUGURAL DRAFT

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Round Out Top Four Picks –***

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– New Softball League Launches This Spring –

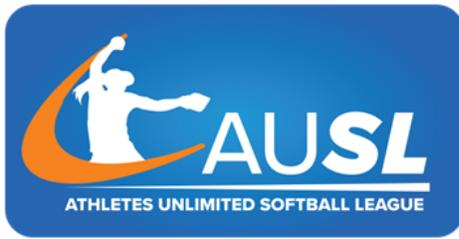
January 29, 2025, New York, N.Y. - Former Oklahoma State pitching star and two-time NFCA All-American **Lexi Kilfoyl** was selected with the first overall pick in the AUSL Inaugural Draft by Bandits General Manager **Jenny Dalton-Hill**, as the Bandits, Blaze, Talons and Volts began assembling their rosters for the inaugural season of the new softball league launching this spring.

The clubs prioritized pitching with their top picks, with **Carley Hoover**, a World Cup of Softball Silver Medalist for Team USA (No. 2 pick by Blaze General Manager **Dana Sorensen**), **Megan Faraimo**, a 2022 World Games Gold Medalist for Team USA and Women's College World Series (WCWS) Champion at UCLA (No. 3 pick by Talons General Manager **Lisa Fernandez**) and **Rachel Garcia**, a 2020 Olympic Silver Medalist for Team USA (No. 4 pick by Volts General Manager **Cat Osterman**) rounding out the top four selections.

In all, each team selected the first 12 players for their 16-player rosters during this evening's draft (full list below). The four remaining roster spots for each team will be filled with the incoming class of the top NCAA talent who will finish their eligibility in May, as well as one free agent pick for each club.

The 48 players selected include Olympians, Team USA veterans, national champions and All-Americans. Of the 48 players drafted, 14 are pitchers, along with four catchers, 16 infielders, 11 outfielders and three utility players.

In addition to the opportunity to compete in the new league, all players selected in the draft will receive benefits unprecedented in the history of the sport, including year-round health insurance, mental health services, paid leave for pregnancy or adoption and in-season childcare.



Launching this spring, the AUSL will be a touring property in its first season, with the Bandits, Blaze, Talons and Volts playing games in six to eight different cities. The teams will each be assigned to a single city when the league becomes city-based in 2026. ESPN has signed on as a founding broadcast partner of the AUSL, and will carry at least 30 games exclusively across platforms in 2025. Further details including touring locations, schedule and additional broadcast partners will be announced at a later date.

About Athletes Unlimited Softball League:

Launching in 2025, the AUSL will feature four teams playing a 24-game season (48 total games) in a traditional format. It will also be complemented and followed by the AUSL All-Star Cup (formerly known as the AU Pro Softball Championship Season), creating a new opportunity for the world's best players to compete. In addition to the Player Executive Committee (Aubrey Leach, Megan Faraimo, Sierra Romero, Morgan Zerkle and Sharlize Palacois), softball legends Jennie Finch, Jessica Mendoza, Cat Osterman and Natasha Watley are advisors to the AUSL, consulting with AU leadership and current athletes on the strategic direction of the new league. Kim Ng, a trailblazing executive who most recently became the first woman to serve as General Manager of a major American men's professional sports team, joined the organization earlier this year as a Senior Advisor, overseeing the development of the AUSL in preparation of its 2025 launch. The AUSL will become a city-based league beginning in 2026, while the inaugural season in 2025 will be a touring property featuring games in six to eight different cities. For more information follow [@theausofficial](https://twitter.com/theausofficial) and visit theausl.com.

About Athletes Unlimited:

Named one of *Fast Company's* Most Innovative Companies, Athletes Unlimited owns and operates professional women's softball, volleyball, and basketball leagues featuring world-class competition and fan experience, and stands out as an organization driven by the athletes that play in the leagues, with athlete representation on the company's board of directors, each league led by a Player Executive Committee, and players sharing in long-term profits of the company, all while being proactive in shaping policies supporting the women that play in the league. Athletes Unlimited is the first professional sports league to be organized as a Public Benefit Corporation. For more information, visit AUProSports.com.

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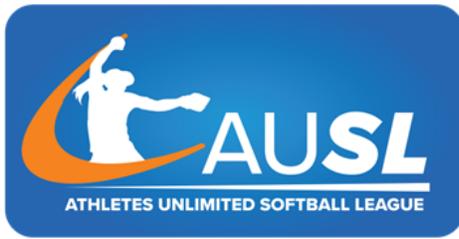


AUSL INAUGURAL DRAFT RESULTS

Pick	Team	Player	Position	College
1	Bandits	Lexi Kilfoyl	Pitcher	Oklahoma State
2	Blaze	Carley Hoover	Pitcher	LSU
3	Talons	Megan Faraimo	Pitcher	UCLA
4	Volts	Rachel Garcia	Pitcher	UCLA
5	Blaze	Aleshia Ocasio	Pitcher	Florida
6	Talons	Georgina Corrick	Pitcher	South Florida
7	Volts	Amanda Lorenz	Outfielder	Florida
8	Bandits	Taylor McQuillin	Pitcher	Arizona
9	Talons	Sharlize Palacios	Catcher	UCLA
10	Volts	Dejah Mulipola	Catcher	Arizona
11	Bandits	Skylar Wallace	Infielder	Florida
12	Blaze	Aubrey Leach	Infielder	Tennessee
13	Volts	Jessi Warren	Infielder	Florida State
14	Bandits	Bubba Nickles	Outfielder	UCLA
15	Blaze	Aliyah Andrews	Outfielder	LSU
16	Talons	Hannah Flippen	Infielder	Utah
17	Bandits	Mia Davidson	Catcher	Mississippi State
18	Blaze	Anissa Urtez	Infielder	Utah
19	Talons	Maya Brady	Utility	UCLA
20	Volts	Tiare Jennings	Infielder	Oklahoma
21	Blaze	Keilani Ricketts	Pitcher	Oklahoma



22	Talons	Sahvanna Jaquish	Utility	LSU
23	Volts	Payton Gottshall	Pitcher	Tennessee
24	Bandits	Erin Coffel	Infielder	Kentucky
25	Talons	Ali Aguilar	Infielder	Washington
26	Volts	Sis Bates	Infielder	Washington
27	Bandits	Morgan Zerkle	Outfielder	Marshall
28	Blaze	Kayla Kowalik	Utility	Kentucky
29	Volts	Erika Piancastelli	Outfielder	McNeese
30	Bandits	Delanie Wisz	Infielder	UCLA
31	Blaze	Baylee Klingler	Infielder	Washington
32	Talons	Tori Vidales	Infielder	Texas A&M
33	Bandits	Sydney McKinney	Infielder	Wichita State
34	Blaze	Alana Vawter	Pitcher	South Carolina
35	Talons	Montana Fouts	Pitcher	Alabama
36	Volts	Kelsey Stewart-Hunter	Infielder	Florida
37	Blaze	Ciara Briggs	Outfielder	LSU
38	Talons	Caroline Jacobsen	Outfielder	Clemson
39	Volts	Mariah Mazon	Pitcher	Oregon State
40	Bandits	Odicci Alexander	Pitcher	JMU
41	Talons	Sydney Romero	Infielder	Oklahoma
42	Volts	McKenzie Clark	Outfielder	Clemson
43	Bandits	Sarah Willis	Pitcher	UCF
44	Blaze	Taylor Edwards	Catcher	Nebraska
45	Volts	Sierra Romero	Infielder	Michigan



46	Bandits	Bella Dayton	Outfielder	Texas
47	Blaze	Kalei Harding	Outfielder	Florida State
48	Talons	Victoria Hayward	Outfielder	Washington

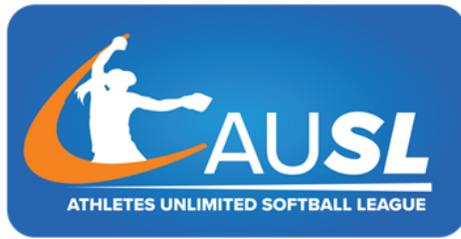
AUSL ROSTERS BY TEAM

BANDITS

- Lexi Kilfoyl (P)
- Taylor McQuillin (P)
- Skylar Wallace (IF)
- Bubba Nickles (OF)
- Mia Davidson (C)
- Erin Coffel (IF)
- Morgan Zerkle (OF)
- Delanie Wisz (IF)
- Sydney McKinney (IF)
- Odicci Alexander (P)
- Sarah Willis (P)
- Bella Dayton (OF)

BLAZE

- Carley Hoover (P)
- Aleshia Ocasio (P)
- Aubrey Leach (IF)
- Aliyah Andrews (OF)
- Anissa Urtez (IF)
- Keilani Ricketts (P)
- Kayla Kowalik (UTIL)
- Baylee Klingler (IF)
- Alana Vawter (P)
- Ciara Briggs (OF)
- Taylor Edwards (C)
- Kalei Harding (OF)



TALONS

- Megan Faraimo (P)
- Georgina Corrick (P)
- Sharlize Palacios (C)
- Hannah Flippen (IF)
- Maya Brady (UTIL)
- Savannah Jaquish (UTIL)
- Ali Aguilar (IF)
- Tori Vidales (IF)
- Montana Fouts (P)
- Caroline Jacobsen (OF)
- Sydney Romero (IF)
- Victoria Hayward (OF)

VOLTS

- Rachel Garcia (P)
- Amanda Lorenz (OF)
- Dejah Mulipola (C)
- Jessi Warren (IF)
- Tiare Jennings (IF)
- Payton Gottshall (P)
- Sis Bates (IF)
- Erika Piancastelli (OF)
- Kelsey Stewart-Hunter (IF)
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