



AUSL TEAMS FILL OUT ROSTERS WITH WORLD'S BEST PRO SOFTBALL PLAYERS IN 2026 AUSL DRAFT

- Oklahoma City Spark select Maya Brady with First Pick in Expansion Draft –*
- Kelly Maxwell selected by Cascade with First Pick in Allocation Draft –*
- 43 Players Drafted in All, Including Olympians, Team USA Veterans, National Champions and All-Americans –*

December 1, 2025, Nashville, Tenn. – Former Oklahoma pitching sensation and three-time NFCA All-America choice **Kelly Maxwell** was selected with the first overall pick in the AUSL Allocation Draft by Cascade General Manager **Jami Lobpries**, as the Bandits, Blaze, Cascade, Spark, Talons and Volts began assembling their rosters for the 2026 AUSL season on Monday night.

Earlier in the evening, the Oklahoma City Spark led off the Expansion Draft by taking utility player and former UCLA standout **Maya Brady**, who helped the Talons win the inaugural AUSL Championship this past summer. The Cascade followed by claiming pitcher **Sam Landry** from the Volts with their first pick.

A total of 43 players were drafted between the Expansion Draft and the Allocation Draft, bringing the combined number of players on the six AUSL team rosters to 78 players. The six team rosters include Olympians, Team USA veterans (including 17-of-18 players on the 2025 World Games squad which won the Gold medal), NCAA champions and All-Americans.

The group of selections from tonight's Expansion Draft and Allocation Draft included 13 pitchers, three catchers, 14 infielders, nine outfielders and four utility players (see full list below).

Tonight's **AUSL Draft**, a two-part event which aired live on ESPNU, was designed to support competitive balance and provide opportunity across the league. The first half of the event was the **Expansion Draft**, which allowed the Spark and the Cascade to build a competitive foundation by selecting from unprotected players who are currently rostered with the original four AUSL teams. The Blaze, Volts, Talons and Bandits each protected five players from their 2025 rosters ahead of the Expansion Draft, and then were each able to protect an additional two players following the first five rounds (indicated on roster lists below).



The **Allocation Draft** completed the evening's activities, providing opportunities for all six teams to select players who opted in for AUSL consideration, including athletes from the 2025 Reserve Athlete Pool and professional players from other independent teams and leagues around the world (including players who previously played for the Spark). More details on the AUSL Draft structure can be found [HERE](#).

In the spring, the remaining roster spots for each team will be filled by draft-eligible NCAA athletes who have been selected in the AUSL College Draft. Golden Tickets will be delivered to these chosen players.

Additional information about the upcoming AUSL season, including home cities for the Bandits, Blaze, Cascade, Talons and Volts as well as the game schedule and other details, will be announced in the coming months. For more information, follow [@theauslofficial](#) and visit [theausl.com](#).

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AUSL EXPANSION DRAFT RESULTS

Pick	Team	Player	Position	College
1	Spark	Maya Brady	Utility	UCLA
2	Cascade	Sam Landry	Pitcher	Oklahoma
3	Cascade	Carley Hoover	Pitcher	LSU
4	Spark	Sydney McKinney	Infielder	Wichita State
5	Spark	Sydney Romero	Infielder	Oklahoma
6	Cascade	Sierra Sacco	Outfielder	Mississippi State
7	Cascade	Payton Gottshall	Pitcher	Tennessee
8	Spark	Jessi Warren	Infielder	Florida State
9	Spark	Alana Vawter	Pitcher	Stanford
10	Cascade	Korbe Otis	Outfielder	Florida
11	Cascade	Tori Vidales	Infielder	Texas A&M
12	Spark	Bubba Nickles-Camarena	Outfielder	UCLA
13	Spark	Delanie Wisz	Infielder	UCLA

AUSL ALLOCATION DRAFT RESULTS

*(Note: Beginning in the fifth round, teams did not make a selection
if they elected to pass or reached 14 total players on their roster)*

Pick	Team	Player	Position	College
1	Cascade	Kelly Maxwell	Pitcher	Oklahoma
2	Spark	Kinzie Hansen	Catcher	Oklahoma
3	Talons	Jayda Coleman	Outfielder	Oklahoma
4	Bandits	Kat Sandercock	Pitcher	Florida State



5	Blaze	Alyssa Brito	Utility	Oklahoma
6	Volts	Ally Carda	Pitcher	UCLA
7	Spark	Maddie Penta	Pitcher	Auburn
8	Cascade	Mia Davidson	Catcher	Mississippi State
9	Talons	Jadelyn Allchin	Outfielder	Washington/UCLA
10	Bandits	Jocelyn Alo	Infielder	Oklahoma
11	Blaze	Jenna Laird	Infielder	Missouri
12	Volts	Alyssa Denham	Pitcher	Arizona
13	Cascade	Sis Bates	Infielder	Washington
14	Spark	Jaylin Ford	Pitcher	James Madison
15	Talons	Rachel Becker	Infielder	Oklahoma State
16	Bandits	Jessica Clements	Outfielder	UCLA
17	Blaze	Jala Wright	Pitcher	Duke
18	Volts	Rylie Boone	Outfielder	Oklahoma
19	Spark	Billie Andrews	Infielder	Nebraska
20	Cascade	Paige Sinicki	Infielder	Oregon
21	Talons	Maddie Moore	Infielder	Clemson
22	Bandits	Sami Williams	Infielder	Iowa State
23	Blaze	Valerie Cagle	Utility	Clemson
24	Volts	Aliyah Binford	Pitcher	Ole Miss
25	Cascade	Ali Newland	Utility	LSU
26	Spark	Sydney Sherrill	Infielder	Florida State
27	Talons	Aliyah Andrews	Outfielder	LSU
28	Bandits	Emiley Kennedy	Pitcher	Texas A&M



29	Blaze	No Selection	N/A	N/A
30	Volts	No Selection	N/A	N/A
31	Spark	Haley Lee	Catcher	Oklahoma
32	Cascade	Kendra Falby	Outfielder	Florida

AUSL ROSTERS BY TEAM

(Team rosters are in alphabetical order)

(denotes players protected by original four AUSL teams)*

BANDITS

- Odicci Alexander-Bennett (Pitcher)
- Jocelyn Alo (Infield)
- Jessica Clements (Outfield)
- Erin Coffel (Infield)*
- Bella Dayton (Outfield)*
- Mary Iakopo (Catcher)*
- Emiley Kennedy (Pitcher)
- Lexi Kilfoyl (Pitcher)*
- Taylor McQuillin (Pitcher)*
- Kat Sandercock (Pitcher)
- Skylar Wallace (Infield)*
- Sami Williams (Infield)
- Morgan Zerkle (Outfield)*

BLAZE

- Alyssa Brito (Utility)
- Valerie Cagle (Utility)
- McKenzie Clark (Outfield)
- Ana Gold (Infield)*
- Baylee Klingler (Infield)*
- Kayla Kowalik (Utility)*
- Jenna Laird (Infield)
- Aubrey Leach (Infield)*
- Emma Lemley (Pitcher)
- Devyn Netz (Utility)*
- Aleshia Ocasio (Pitcher)*
- Keilani Ricketts (Pitcher)*



- Jala Wright (Pitcher)

CASCADE

- Sis Bates (Infield)
- Mia Davidson (Catcher)
- Kendra Falby (Outfield)
- Payton Gottshall (Pitcher)
- Carley Hoover (Pitcher)
- Sam Landry (Pitcher)
- Kelly Maxwell (Pitcher)
- Ali Newland (Utility)
- Korbe Otis (Outfield)
- Sierra Sacco (Outfield)
- Paige Sinicki (Infield)
- Tori Vidales (Infield)

OKLAHOMA CITY SPARK

- Billie Andrews (Infield)
- Maya Brady (Utility)
- Jailyn Ford (Pitcher)
- Kinzie Hansen (Catcher)
- Haley Lee (Catcher)
- Sydney McKinney (Infield)
- Bubba Nickles-Camarena (Outfield)
- Maddie Penta (Pitcher)
- Sydney Romero (Infield)
- Sydney Sherrill (Infield)
- Alana Vawter (Pitcher)
- Jessi Warren (Infield)
- Delanie Wisz (Utility)

TALONS

- Jadelyn Allchin (Outfield)
- Aliyah Andrews (Outfield)
- Rachel Becker (Infield)
- Jayda Coleman (Outfield)
- Georgina Corrick (Pitcher)*
- Bri Ellis (Infield)
- Megan Faraimo (Pitcher)*



- Hannah Flippen (Infield)*
- Montana Fouts (Pitcher)*
- Caroline Jacobsen (Outfield)*
- Sahvanna Jaquish (Utility)*
- Maddie Moore (Infield)
- Sharlize Palacios (Catcher)*

VOLTS

- Aliyah Binford (Pitcher)
- Rylie Boone (Outfield)
- Ciara Briggs (Outfield)*
- Ally Carda (Pitcher)
- Danieca Coffey (Utility)
- Alyssa Denham (Pitcher)
- Michaela Edenfield (Catcher)
- Rachel Garcia (Pitcher)*
- Tiare Jennings (Infield)*
- Amanda Lorenz (Outfield)*
- Dejah Mulipola (Catcher)*
- Sierra Romero (Infield)*
- Mia Scott (Infield)*
- Kelsey Stewart-Hunter (Infield)