2025 AUSL Championship presented by Sephora: Game #2 Tuscaloosa, Alabama (Rhoads Stadium)

Sunday, July 27, 2025 2 p.m. ET/1 p.m. CT

SCORE BY INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		R	Н	E	LOB
Talons (2-0)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1	3	1	4
Bandits (0-2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	5	0	6

Winning Pitcher: Montana Fouts (1-0) | Losing Pitcher: Lexi Kilfoyl (0-1) | Save: n/a | Time of Game: 1:53

HOME RUNS	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	ROB	OUT	COUNT	LOCATION
Sydney Romero	1	Lexi Kilfoyl	6	0	1	1-1	LF

The Quick Story: Infielder Sydney Romero belted a solo home run in the sixth inning and pitcher Montana Fouts threw a complete game shutout as the Talons (2-0) secured the 2025 Athletes Unlimited Softball League championship with a 1-0 victory over the Bandits (0-1) at Rhoads Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Key Moment: Romero broke the scoreless deadlock with one out in the top of the sixth inning when she sent a 1-1 pitch over the left field fence for her first home run of the series. Fouts followed by allowing just two hits over the final 2.0 innings to secure the title.

Rain, Rain Go Away: The game was delayed for 1 hour, 25 minutes before the top of the fifth inning due to inclement weather.

One is the Loneliest Number: The Talons and the Bandits played the first 1-0 game in AUSL history, including regular season play.

TALONS NOTES



- The Talons plated the game's only run in the top of the sixth inning on infielder Sydney Romero's solo home run ... The Talons were
 14-2 when scoring first during the regular season.
- The Talons' leadoff hitters reached base in 2-of-7 opportunities ... However, the team was just 1-for-9 in advancement opportunities.
- Three different players registered a hit in the victory for the Talons ... Infielder Ali Aguilar, who is retiring after the AUSL
 Championship, and catcher Sharlize Palacios each contributed singles for the Talons, who were limited to three hits in each of their
 two postseason games.
- Palacios paced the Talons in the AUSL Championship by going 2-for-4 with two walks in two games ... Five other players tallied a hit.
- Fouts authored the first complete game shutout in AUSL Championship history after scattering five hits ... Her seven strikeouts were the most in any of her performances, including the regular season.
- Fouts, AUSL Pitcher of the Year Georgina Corrick and Megan Faraimo combined to fashion a 0.64 earned run average with 11 strikeouts over 14.0 innings.

BANDITS NOTES



- The Bandits requested a coach's challenge in the bottom of the sixth inning when infielder **Skylar Wallace** was called out on a ground ball to third base ... The challenge was successful after the call was reversed, giving Wallace an infield single.
- The Bandits outhit the Talons in both AUSL Championship games after owning a 5-3 advantage in Game Two ... Two of the Bandits' hits in Game Two came with two outs.
- The Bandits were 5-for-10 in advancement opportunities, but just 2-for-9 with runners on base and 1-for-5 with runners in scoring position ... In addition, Bandits' leadoff hitters reached base in 3-of-7 innings.
- The Bandits were shut out for the first time in 26 total games this season ... They had scored three or more runs in all 24 regular season games before being limited to one run in the two AUSL Championship games.
- Outfielder Bubba Nickles-Camarena paced the Bandits with two hits in Game Two while three other players contributed a hit.
- Nickles-Camarena, AUSL Hitter of the Year and Most Valuable Player Erin Coffel and outfielder Morgan Zerkle each paced the Bandits' offense with three hits apiece in the two games.
- Pitcher Lexi Kilfoyl took the loss after giving up one run on two hits over 3.0 innings with four strikeouts.
- Pitcher **Taylor McQuillin** did not factor in the decision after throwing 4.0 scoreless innings ... McQuillin allowed just one hit and posted four strikeouts against one walk.



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Bandits 0 (0-2)



Talons 1 (2-0)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	S0	ро	а	lob	avg
M Brady cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	.000
Sy Romero 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	.200
C Jacobsen rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.167
T Vidales 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	.250
H Flippen ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	.000
Sh Palacios c	2	0	1	0	1	1	8	0	0	.500
V Hayward pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
A Aguilar 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	.200
B Ellis dp	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	.000
S Sacco If	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	.000
M Fouts p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Totals	24	1	3	1	2	8	21	4	4	

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	S0	ро	a	lob	avg
M Zerkle If	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	.429
E Coffel ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	.600
S Wallace dp	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	.200
C McMillan pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
D Gibson Who 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	.000
S McKinney 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	.143
D Wisz 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	.167
B Nickles-Ca cf	3	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	.500
M lakopo c	2	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	.000
B Dayton rf	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	.200
T McQuillin p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
L Kilfoyl p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Totals	24	0	5	0	2	7	21	5	6	

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	Н	<u>E</u>
Talons	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1
Bandits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

E - Sh Palacios(1). DP - Talons 1. LOB - Talons 4; Bandits 6. HR - Sy Romero(1). SH - M lakopo(1).

Talons	ip	h	r	er	bb	S0	ab	bf	np	era
M Fouts	7.0	5	0	0	2	7	24	27	119	0.00

Bandits	ip	h	r	er	bb	S0	ab	bf	np	era	
T McQuillin	4.0	1	0	0	1	4	13	14	59	0.00	
L Kilfoyl	3.0	2	1	1	1	4	11	12	55	2.57	

Win - M Fouts (1-0). Loss - L Kilfoyl (0-1). Save - None.

WP - L Kilfoyl(1). Inherited runners/scored: None. Pitches/strikes: M Fouts 119/86; T McQuillin 59/36; L Kilfoyl 55/32.

Umpires - HP: Don Brown 1B: Alex Leap 3B: Scott Mair

Start: 1:04 pm Time: 1:53 Attendance: Weather: Mostly sunny, 90 degrees

Game notes:

2025 AUSL Championship presented by Sephora - Game #2 Game delayed due to weather in top of 5th inning (1:25)

Talons win 2025 AUSL Championship



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Talons	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	1
Bandits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0

Talons starters: 7/cf M Brady; 2/3b Sy Romero; 51/rf C Jacobsen; 29/1b T Vidales; 19/ss H Flippen; 13/c Sh Palacios; 3/2b A Aguilar; 77/dp B Ellis; 21/lf S Sacco; 14/p M Fouts;

Bandits starters: 18/lf M Zerkle; 21/ss E Coffel; 17/dp S Wallace; 14/1b D Gibson Who; 26/2b S McKinney; 97/3b D Wisz; 48/cf B Nickles-Ca; 92/c M lakopo; 6/rf B Dayton; 82/p T McQuillin;

Talons 1st - M Brady struck out swinging (1-2 KBKS). Sy Romero grounded out to 2b (1-0 B). C Jacobsen struck out swinging (0-2 KKS). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Bandits 1st - M Zerkle lined out to ss (1-2 FBKF). E Coffel fouled out to c (2-2 KKBBF). S Wallace struck out swinging (2-2 KBBFS). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Talons 2nd - T Vidales flied out to cf (2-0 BB). H Flippen flied out to rf (2-1 KBB). Sh Palacios struck out looking (1-2 BKSK). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Bandits 2nd - D Gibson Who grounded out to 3b (0-1 F). S McKinney struck out swinging (2-2 KFBBS). D Wisz struck out swinging (0-2 SKS). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Talons 3rd - A Aguilar singled through the right side (3-2 BBBKKF). B Ellis popped up to 1b (1-0 B). S Sacco walked (3-2 KBBKBFFFB); A Aguilar advanced to second. M Brady fouled out to If down the If line (2-2 SSBB). Sy Romero flied out to cf to left center (1-1 FB). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Bandits 3rd - B Nickles-Ca singled to left field (3-2 BFBBF). M lakopo out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-0); B Nickles-Ca advanced to second. B Dayton singled to pitcher, bunt (0-1 K); B Nickles-Ca advanced to third. M Zerkle grounded out to ss (0-1 K); B Dayton advanced to second. Dropped foul ball, E2. E Coffel walked (3-2 KFBBFFFBB). S Wallace reached on a fielder's choice to shortstop (2-2 BKBFF); E Coffel out at second ss to 2b. 0 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.

Talons 4th - C Jacobsen grounded out to 3b (2-2 FBFB). T Vidales struck out looking (2-2 BBFKK). H Flippen grounded out to p (1-1 BK). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Bandits 4th - D Gibson Who struck out swinging (1-2 SSBS). S McKinney flied out to If down the If line (1-2 BSF). D Wisz popped up to 2b (0-2 KK). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Talons 5th - L Kilfoyl to p for T McQuillin. Game entered weather delay at 2:05 p.m. CT. Game resumed at 3:30 p.m. CT (1:25 delay). Sh Palacios walked (3-2 FBFBBB). Sh Palacios advanced to second on a wild pitch. A Aguilar grounded out to ss (3-1 FBBB). B Ellis struck out swinging (3-2 BSBKBFS). S Sacco flied out to cf (1-1 BF). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Bandits 5th - B Nickles-Ca fouled out to 2b (0-1 K). M lakopo struck out swinging (1-2 BKSS). B Dayton walked (3-2 BKBSBFFB). M Zerkle singled up the middle (2-2 FBSB); B Dayton advanced to second. E Coffel flied out to cf to right center (2-2 KBFB). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Talons 6th - M Brady struck out looking (3-2 BFKBBK). Sy Romero

homered to left field, RBI (1-1 KB). C Jacobsen grounded out to p (1-2 KBKF). T Vidales flied out to lf (0-0). 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Bandits 6th - S Wallace singled to third base (0-2 KS). Out at first was challenged, overturned to safe. C McMillan pinch ran for S Wallace. D Gibson Who flied out to If (2-2 FBFBFFF). S McKinney fouled out to If (0-1 F); C McMillan advanced to second. D Wisz struck out swinging (1-2 KBFS). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Talons 7th - H Flippen flied out to cf (0-0). Sh Palacios singled down the If line (1-0 B). V Hayward pinch ran for Sh Palacios. A Aguilar struck out looking (3-2 KBBSBFK). B Ellis struck out swinging (3-2 BBSSBFFFS). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Bandits 7th - Sh Palacios to c for V Hayward. B Nickles-Ca singled to left center (0-1 K). M lakopo lined into double play 1b unassisted (0-2 FF); B Nickles-Ca out on the play. B Dayton struck out looking (3-2 KBKBFBFFK). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.



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Talons 1 (2-0)

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C Jacobsen rf	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-2	0-		0-0)	0-0		0-0		0-1			0-0	0-0)	0	0	0	2	0
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E Coffel ss	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-	2	0-1		0-1		0-1		0-1		0	0-0	0-0		0	2	0	0	2
S Wallace dp	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-3		0-1		0-1		0-1		0-2			0-1	0-0		0	3	0	1	0
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B Dayton rf	3	2		1	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-:		1-1		1-1		1-1		0-1			0-0	0-0		0	0	0	0	0
T McQuillin p	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-	0	0-0		0-0		0-0		0-0			0-0	0-0)	0	0	0	0	0
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