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ALEC MARSH NAMED TO 2022 SIRIUSXM ALL-STAR FUTURES GAME

The Naturals' starting pitcher will be Kansas City's representative this weekend as All-Star Weekend kicks off in Los Angeles.

SPRINGDALE, AR – For the second straight season, an active Northwest Arkansas Naturals player will participate in the Futures Game, as Naturals starting pitcher **Alec Marsh** has been named to the American League's roster for the 2022 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game this weekend at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

Marsh, currently ranked by MLB Pipeline as the No. 10 prospect in the Kansas City Royals organization, replaces 2021 Natural **Nick Pratto** on the roster, as Pratto joins the Royals in Toronto for their upcoming series against the Blue Jays.

The 24-year-old was drafted 70th overall by Kansas City in the 2019 MLB Draft out of Arizona State University in the Competitive Balance B Round. Across 35 starts over parts of three professional seasons, Marsh has struck out 185 batters in 130.0 innings.

In his second year with the Naturals, Marsh has made a team-best 16 starts this year, with 105 strikeouts in 71.1 innings (13.25 K/9). He ranks second in the Texas League with his 105 strikeouts and third among all Double-A pitchers in 2022.

The right-hander has struck out eight or more batters in six starts this season, including all five of his outings in May. On May 19 at Arkansas, he set a franchise record by striking out eight consecutive Travelers hitters between the second and fourth innings, the first Naturals pitcher to ever strike out more than six straight batters in one game and just the second to strike out eight in a row at any point in a season.

Marsh has thrown at least 5.0 innings in seven of his 16 starts this year, all coming in his last 10 starts.

Last season, Naturals infielder Pratto and **Bobby Witt Jr.** represented Kansas City and started for the American League at the 2021 All-Star Futures Game, while in 2019 right-handed pitcher **Brady Singer** was the Royals' representative, having joined the Naturals just over a month earlier in the season.

Naturals fans can tune in to watch Marsh pitch in the 2022 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. CT on Peacock.

The Northwest Arkansas Naturals are the Double-A Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals. They play at state-of-the-art Arvest Ballpark in Springdale, Ark. For more information, including ticket options, promotions, groups, visit NWANaturals.com, and follow us on Twitter [@NWANaturals](https://twitter.com/NWANaturals) and Facebook.com/Naturals.

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