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Sacramento's Sweet Swinging Son

Chase Davis Wows Springfield with Beautiful Swing

On any given night at Hammons Field, you're likely watching a future St. Louis Cardinals star. In 2025, one of those dons the number five and roams the outfield grass: Chase Davis.

The first-round pick out of the University of Arizona in 2023 is used to being in the spotlight. Every scouting report, video breakdown and prospect write-up (including this one) will compare his left-handed swing to former Major League All-Star Carlos González. The resemblance is uncanny: a slightly open stance from the left side, a looping inverted-parabola bat path and a one-handed finish prime for gorgeous bat drops on moonshot home runs.

"It gets annoying sometimes, I'm not going to lie," Davis laughed while praising González and those comparisons during a video podcast interview on the Springfield Cardinals YouTube Channel. "It's a cool [comparison]. What a player to be [compared] to."

Davis said he's had the same swing mechanics since the age of twelve, growing up in Elk Grove, CA, a suburb of the state capital Sacramento. He explained that he did initially mimic his swing after the long-time Colorado Rockies star and his favorite player growing up. That smooth swing came into play nearly immediately when Davis made his Springfield debut on September 7, 2024 at Hammons Field. The now tenthranked prospect homered on the second pitch he ever saw in Double-A, a no-doubter to right. He even dropped the bat in style, just like his childhood hero.

It isn't only the swing that has fans and scouts alike raving. Davis' outfield play has produced several dazzling highlights in less than a year with Springfield. In that same Double-A debut game in 2024, Davis made a leaping grab at the left field fence, robbing extra bases while crashing into the bullpen wall. In the first road trip of 2025 to Amarillo, TX, he made five different incredible diving plays in a six-game stretch. His play on the field has been impressing everyone for years, well before he became a top prospect in the Cardinals system.

Davis was slated to be a high draft pick out of Franklin High School in Northern California. When COVID-19 cancelled his senior season and Major League Baseball shortened the draft to five rounds, the then-18-year-old pivoted and made good on his commitment to the University of Arizona.

"It was an outlook on my future that I felt like would be more beneficial. I think taking three years at school would have solidified a better chance at me going into the draft and pro ball," he explained. Davis's "gamble" paid off in a big way. He had a monster career for the Wildcats, becoming a Golden Spikes Award and Dick Howser Trophy Semifinalist, and was a career .319 hitter in three NCAA seasons. His stock rose thanks to his collegiate career en route to a 21st overall selection and \$3.6 MM signing bonus. The announcement of his name on draft day brought a sense of relief and validation to years of hard work from him and his family.

Chase Davis may not be a household name to St. Louis Cardinals fans just yet in 2025. But as that sweet swing continues to impress fans around the Ozarks and the Texas League, his name recognition grows. With each arched swing, he inches closer and closer to the shadow of The Arch.

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Rajcic and Mautz Each Win Pitcher of the Week/Awards

The Springfield Cardinals starting rotation is off to a roaring start in 2025. Twice in the first month of the season Springfield has had the Texas League Pitcher of the Week on their staff. RHP Max Rajcic was given the honor for the week of March 31 - April 6. LHP Brycen Mautz was given the same award April 14 - 20. It's the first time in franchise history that two pitchers have won this award in April.

This is the second time in Rajcic's career that he has won a Pitcher of the Week award, last occurring in the Florida State League on June 4, 2023. Rajcic made his 2025 season debut against the Wichita Wind Surge on Sunday, April 6 in game one of a doubleheader. Springfield's number 23-ranked prospect according to MLB Pipeline fired five scoreless innings, allowing just one hit and one walk while striking out four. The righty earned his first win of the season as Springfield blanked Wichita 5-0. In addition to nailing down the series win, Rajcic's performance led the Cardinals to their 700th all-time victory at their home ballpark Hammons Field.

Rajcic is now in his second full season with Springfield after pitching in just one postseason game for the club in 2023. In 2024 he led the team with 131.0 IP (47.1 more than the next pitcher Alex Cornwell), 131 strikeouts and ten wins. Rajcic is a five-pitch starter who recently added a sinker to his repertoire (four-

seam fastball, curveball, slider, changeup). 2025 marks his third season in the Minor Leagues, all with St. Louis. He was named the 2023 St. Louis Cardinals Minor League Pitcher of the Year in his first season after being drafted in the sixth round out of UCLA.

Minor League Baseball named Mautz the Pitcher of the Week on April 21. It was the third Pitcher of the Week award he had received in his career, with the previous two coming in the Florida State League in 2023.

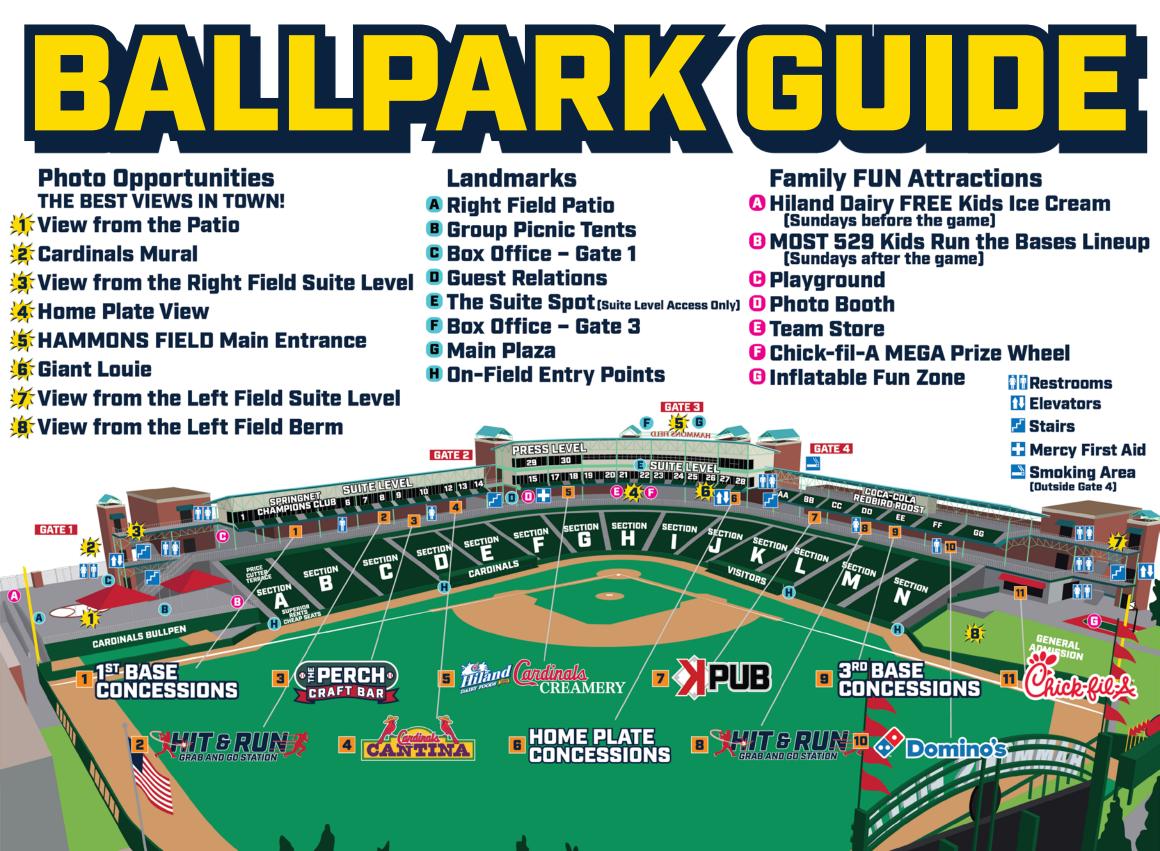


On Tuesday, April 15, Mautz made his Hammons Field debut against the Arkansas Travelers. The southpaw went five innings of one-hit, shutout baseball with one walk and eight strikeouts. The former University of San Diego Torero also struck out the first five batters he faced to begin the game. Through two starts this season, Mautz has a 3.38 ERA across eight innings of work.

Mautz is in his third season in the St. Louis system after being drafted 59th overall in the 2022 MLB Draft (second round). The San Diego, CA native made 23 starts in his first season (2023) with the Palm Beach Cardinals (A-) to the tune of a 3.98 ERA. In 2024 with Peoria (A+), he ranked fourth among all High-A pitchers in strikeouts with 128. He entered the 2025 season as the number 29-ranked prospect in the Cardinals system according to Baseball America. Mautz features a four-seam fastball, sinker, slider, curveball and changeup.

Both Rajcic and Mautz are off to great starts in 2025. They look to continue to lead a star-studded Cardinals rotation which also features Tekoah Roby (#12 prospect), Pete Hansen and Ixan Henderson this season.





Ballpark Eats

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- 🏁 Nachos <mark>1 2 6 8 9</mark>
- 🐇 Lil' Slugger Kids Meal 1 6 9
- 🎯 Nacho Supreme <mark>4</mark>
- 🀲 Burrito Bowl 4
- 🎷 Chicken Tenders
- 📾 1/4 Lb. Cheeseburger <mark>6</mark>
- 😑 Pulled Pork Sandwich 1 🤋
- 🎤 Bacon Wrapped Pork Skewer 3

Snacks

- Peanuts 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 10
- 🗑 Popcorn 1 2 6 8 9
- **Potato Chips 1 2 6 8 9**
- Pretzel 1 2 6 8 9
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Sweets

Helmet Ice Cream 5
Funnel Cake 5
Ice Cream Novelties 2 8
Frozen Lemonade 2 8

Drinks

Bottled Dasani ALL STANDS Bottled Coca-Cola 2 4 9 11 Fountain Coca-Cola 1 6 9 10

Adult Beverages [Age 21+]

Domestic Bottle Beer 1 2 4 6 8 9 10 Specialty Bottle Beer 1 2 4 6 9 10 Domestic Draft Beer 7 Specialty Draft Beer 3 7 Mixed Drinks 3 7

Quesadilla 4
Chili Cheese Nachos 4
Chili Cheese Fries 6
Churros 4
Domino's Special Menu 10 MMA
Chick-fil-A Special Menu 11 MMA



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Can you find the 5 differences between the photos?







FRIDAY, MAY 2 HALFWAY TO HALLOWEEN & FANS-ON-FIELD SPOODOOKY FIREWORKS



FRIDAY, MAY 16 CLASSIC COUNTRY FIREWORKS PRESENTED BY 105.1 THE BULL



FRIDAY, MAY 16 TEACHER NIGHT BELT BAG THEME TICKET



FRIDAY, MAY 16 SCOUT NIGHT BASEBALL CAP THEME TICKET





SATURDAY, MAY 17 INFUZE CREDIT UNION & FORT LEONARD WOOD MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT & FIREWORKS





FRIDAY, MAY 30 A MINECRAFT MOVIE BASEBALL CAP THEME TICKET



SUNDAY, JUNE 1 CENTRAL BANK OF THE OZARKS PERFORMANCE PERFORATED CAP GIVEAWAY (2,000)



FRIDAY, JUNE 13 FANS-ON-FIELD TOP 40 DANCE PARTY FIREWORKS



SATURDAY, JUNE 21 COCA-COLA SUPER SOFT SHIRT GIVEAWAY (2,000)



FRIDAY, JUNE 13 NURSE NIGHT SCRUBS COOLER BAG THEME TICKET

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 MARGARITAVILLE TROPICAL BUTTON DOWN SHIRT THEME TICKET

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Patrick Anderson - Manager

After three seasons as manager of the Peoria Chiefs (A+), Anderson will now become the eighth-ever manager in Springfield Cardinals history. Anderson, who calls nearby Columbia, MO home, previously spent seven years in the Nationals organization [2013-19] as manager with the Single-A Hagerstown Suns (2014-19) and Gulf Coast League Nationals (2013). Across ten Minor League managerial seasons, he holds a 661-619 record and a 2013 Gulf Coast League Championship.

Anderson played collegiately at Mars Hill (NC) University and played three years of Independent League Baseball. He brings a wealth of experience to Springfield, as he began coaching in 1996 as an assistant with Gannon (PA) University. He also spent time at Hofstra University as an assistant coach (1999-2001) and head coach (2009-11). Inbetween his college coaching were coaching positions in the Royals organization in the GCL (2001), Midwest League (2002-06), Pioneer League (2007) and Appalachian League (2008).



Eric Peterson-Pitching Coach

Eric Peterson returns for his third season as Springfield's Pitching Coach after guiding a staff last year that featured the Minor League Pitcher of the Year Quinn Mathews and Texas League Pitcher of the Year Tink Hence in 2024. Under his leadership, the 2024 Springfield pitching staff set a franchise record 1,279 strikeouts. The Bear, DE native played college baseball at Temple University for two seasons before transferring to North Carolina State University. He was drafted in the 37th round of the 2014 MLB Draft by the Houston Astros and suited up for the Corpus Christi Hooks in the Texas League during the 2016 and 2017 campaigns.



Casey Chenoweth-Hitting Coach

Casey Chenoweth enters his third season in the Cardinals organization after spending the 2024 season in Springfield and the 2023 campaign with High-A Peoria, both as hitting coach. The 2025 season will mark his second with Springfield. The Tollhouse, CA native previously spent three years from 2020-22 as the assistant hitting coordinator for the Arizona Diamondbacks and two seasons from 2018-19 as a minor league hitting coach in the San Francisco Giants system. An infielder at East Central University in Ada, OK, Chenoweth played one season of professional baseball in 2017 for the East Side **Diamond Hoppers of the United Shore League.**



Danny Black-Coach

Danny Black is a newcomer to the Springfield Cardinals. A former utility player with six seasons of experience in the Florida/Miami system. He spent the 2023 and 2024 seasons as a Defensive coach with Double-A Pensacola. He began his coaching career in 2018 and has served in various coaching roles since in the Marlins system.



Alex Wolfinger-Athletic Trainer

Alex Wolfinger joined the St. Louis Cardinals organization in 2018, spanning five different levels including Double-A. The 2025 season marks his fourth consecutive with Springfield. He was named the Texas League Athletic Trainer of the Year in 2023 while with Springfield. Wolfinger earned his Bachelor's degree at Neumann University and his Masters at the University of Memphis.



Ryan Duffy-Strength and Conditioning Coach Ryan Duffy joined Springfield in 2024 after spending two seasons with the Peoria Chiefs (High-A) of the Midwest League (2022, 2023). This is his fourth year in professional sports and his second with the Springfield Cardinals.



Hunter Broadbent-Appliate Fellow

The 2025 season marks Hunter Broadbent's first in the St. Louis Cardinals organization and his second in affiliated baseball. He spent the 2024 season working for the New York Mets in a similar role with the Double-A Binghamton Rumble Ponies. **Broadbent is a 2023 graduate of the University of Connecticut** where he worked with the university's baseball program as a **Director of Baseball Development and Analytics.**

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