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TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR THE "*DESERT INVITATIONAL*" AND "*ANDRE DAWSON CLASSIC*," MLB-HOSTED COLLEGIATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

Annual Round-Robin Style Tournaments Each Will Host Eight Division-I Teams in Arizona and Florida in February

**MLB Network to Air Five LIVE Matchups Across Both Tournaments;
All Games Will Stream on MLB.com**

Major League Baseball today announced the teams who will compete in the 2025 ***MLB Desert Invitational*** and the ***Andre Dawson Classic***. Each collegiate baseball tournament will feature eight Division-I universities and will be held in February to celebrate the start of the nationwide start of the college baseball season.

The ***MLB Desert Invitational*** is MLB's annual Arizona-based tournament will be hosted February 14th-16th throughout the greater Phoenix area across three locations – (1) Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, (2) Sloan Park, and (3) Grand Canyon University.

The ***Andre Dawson Classic***, which serves as MLB's annual collegiate baseball tournament highlighting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and their baseball programs, will be hosted the following weekend, February 21st – 23rd at the Jackie Robinson Training Complex in Vero Beach, Florida.

Both tournaments will take place in a round-robin format and all games will air live on MLB.com, while MLB Network will exclusively air three matchups from the Desert Invitational and two from the Andre Dawson Classic.

The Desert Invitational and Andre Dawson Classic will feature some of the most outstanding baseball programs in the nation. The participating teams and game schedules include the following:

Desert Invitational:

- **Austin Peay State University** (Clarksville, TN) – 1st appearance
- **University of Nebraska** (Lincoln, NE) – 1st appearance
- **University of New Mexico** (Albuquerque, NM) – 1st appearance
- **Grand Canyon University** (Phoenix, AZ) – 3rd appearance
- **San Diego State University** (San Diego, CA) – 2nd appearance
- **Seton Hall University** (South Orange, NJ) – 1st appearance
- **University of California, Irvine** (Irvine, CA) – 1st appearance
- **Vanderbilt University** (Nashville, TN) – 3rd appearance

The full schedule (*all times MST*) for the **2025 Desert Invitational** tournament is as follows (*dates, times and matchups are subject to change*):

Date	Time	Teams	Location
Feb. 14	5:30 p.m.*	Austin Peay vs. New Mexico	Sloan Park
Feb. 14	1 p.m.*	Nebraska vs. UC Irvine	SRF at Talking Stick
Feb. 14	6 p.m.*	Seton Hall vs. San Diego State	SRF at Talking Stick
Feb. 14	6 p.m.*	Grand Canyon vs. Vanderbilt	Grand Canyon University
Date	Time	Teams	Location
Feb. 15	12:30 p.m.*	New Mexico vs. UC Irvine	Sloan Park
Feb. 15	5:30 p.m.*	San Diego State vs. Grand Canyon	Sloan Park
Feb. 15	1 p.m.*	Seton Hall vs. Austin Peay	SRF at Talking Stick
Feb. 15	6 p.m.*	Vanderbilt vs. Nebraska	SRF at Talking Stick
Date	Time	Teams	Location
Feb. 16	12 p.m.*	UC Irvine vs. Vanderbilt	Sloan Park
Feb. 16	5 p.m.*	Nebraska vs. San Diego State	Sloan Park
Feb. 16	12:30 p.m.*	New Mexico vs. Seton Hall	SRF at Talking Stick
Feb. 16	5:30 p.m.*	Austin Peay vs. Grand Canyon	SRF at Talking Stick

Highlighted games to be aired live on MLB Network

*** Indicates match-up will stream LIVE on MLB.com**

Andre Dawson Classic:

- **Alabama A&M University** (Huntsville, AL) – 2nd appearance
- **Alabama State University** (Montgomery, AL) – 9th appearance
- **Florida A&M University** (Tallahassee, FL) – 5th appearance
- **Grambling State University** (Grambling, LA) – 13th appearance
- **Jackson State University** (Jackson, MS) – 3rd appearance
- **Prairie View A&M University** (Prairie View, TX) – 10th appearance
- **Southern University** (Baton Rouge, LA) – 17th appearance
- **University of Missouri** (Columbia, MO) – 1st appearance

The full schedule (*all times EST*) for **the 2025 Andre Dawson Classic** tournament is as follows (*dates, times and matchups are subject to change*):

Date	Time	Teams	Location
Feb. 21	9 a.m.*	Alabama A&M vs. Prairie View A&M	JRTC
Feb. 21	12 p.m.*	Jackson State vs. Southern	JRTC
Feb. 21	4 p.m.*	Alabama State vs. Grambling	JRTC
Feb. 21	8 p.m.*	University of Missouri vs. Florida A&M	JRTC
Date	Time	Teams	Location
Feb. 22	9 a.m.*	Grambling vs. Alabama A&M	JRTC
Feb. 22	12p.m.*	Jackson State vs. Prairie View A&M	JRTC
Feb. 22	3 p.m.*	Alabama State vs. University of Missouri	JRTC
Feb. 22	7 p.m.*	Florida A&M vs. Southern	JRTC
Date	Time	Teams	Location
Feb. 23	9 a.m.*	University of Missouri vs. Southern	JRTC
Feb. 23	10 a.m.*	Prairie View A&M vs. Grambling	JRTC
Feb. 23	12 p.m.*	Alabama State vs. Jackson State	JRTC
Feb. 23	3 p.m.*	Alabama A&M vs. Florida A&M	JRTC

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Historically, the MLB Desert Invitational has featured 2024 National Champion University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, University of Michigan, Texas Christian University, California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo), University of Connecticut, University of Virginia, California State University (Fullerton), Michigan State University, and the University of Arizona, among others. Tickets for the 2025 Desert invitational are currently available at <https://brushfire.com/mlbdesertinvitational>. Children 10 and under are free.

For the first time ever, the Andre Dawson Classic will feature a Southeastern Conference (SEC) school in the University of Missouri, a team which is coached by former Southern University Head Coach Kerrick Jackson. The annual tournament, now in its 17th year, relocated to the Jackie Robinson Training Complex in 2024, the former Spring Training Home of the Los Angeles/Brooklyn Dodgers, and currently the central hub for all MLB-led baseball & softball development programming. Single-day and Tournament ticket packages for the Andre Dawson Classic will go on sale beginning Thursday, January 9th at www.mlb.com/robinson-training-complex.

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