# 2026 World Baseball Classic
# Team Italy

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## ITALY (3-0) at MEXICO (2-1)
### RHP Aaron Nola (5-10, 6.01 in 2025) vs. RHP Javier Assad (4-1, 3.65 ERA in 2025)

Tuesday, March 11 • Daikin Park • 7:00 p.m. ET / 6:00 p.m. CT • FS1

**VS. MEXICO:** Tonight marks the third WBC contest between the two nations, with the Azzurri winning both games. Team Italy defeated Team Mexico, 6-5, on 3/7/13 in Phoenix, Ariz. and 10-9 on 3/9/17 in Jalisco, Mexico.

**YESTERDAY'S NEWS:** The Azzurri defeated the United States, 8-6, in their third game of pool play on Tuesday at Daikin Park. **RHP Michael Lorenzen** (4.2IP, 2H, 0R/ER, 1BB, 2K, 2WP, 67P/39S) started and recorded the win. **RF Jac Caglianone** (2-for-2, 3R, 1HR, 2RBI, 1BB, 1HP) reached base four times and hit a two-run HR in the fourth inning. **SS Sam Antonacci** (1-for-3, 2R, 1HR, 2RBI, 1HP) hit a two-run HR in the second inning. **C Kyle Teel** (2-for-2, 2R, 1 double, 1HR, 1RBI, 1BB) hit a go-ahead solo HR in the third inning. **RHP Greg Weissert** (0.2IP, 1H, 0R, 2K, 12P/9S) recorded his second save of the WBC.

**A FIRST FOR EUROPE:** With three consecutive wins to open the 2026 World Baseball Classic, **Team Italy has become the first European nation to win three straight games in WBC play *(confirmed by Elias).***

**DOWN THE LINEUP:** The Azzurri's Nos. 6-8 batters went 6-for-8 with 8R, 1 double, 3HR, 5RBI, 2BB and 2HP in Tuesday night's victory against the U.S.

**WIN AND IN:** *With a win tonight,* Team Italy would clinch it's third-ever spot in the WBC Quarterfinals (also 2013 and '23) and first overall Pool victory.

**TAKING THE BUMP: RHP Aaron Nola** will make his WBC debut tonight against Mexico. In 2025, Nola went 5-10 with a 6.01 ERA (94.1IP/63ER) and 97K in 17 starts with Philadelphia.
- Since 2018, ranks second among all Major League pitchers with 1,359.0IP and 1,503 strikeouts and is sixth with 85 wins.
- In 2022, struck out a career-best 235 batters and issued just 29BB, joining Jim Whitney (270K, 27BB for the 1884 Boston Beaneaters) as the only pitchers in MLB history with over 220K and fewer than 30BB in a season.
- Is 109-89 with a 3.83 ERA (1,715.2IP, 730ER) and 1,876K in 285 career starts.
- Was originally selected by Philadelphia in 1st round (7th overall) of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft and has spent his entire 11-year career with the Phillies.

**AZZURRI ARMS:** Team Italy starters are 1-0 with a 1.38 ERA (13.0IP, 5H, 2R/ER, 4BB, 15K, 0HR) in 3G. They have held opponents to a .122/.200/.171 (5-for-41) slash line and posted a 0.69 WHIP.
- **On Saturday vs. Brazil, LHP Sam Aldegheri (4.2IP, 1H, 0R/ER, 2BB, 8K) RHP, Gordon Graceffo (1.0IP, 1H, 1BB, 3K) and RHP Claudio Scotti (2.0IP, 2H, 1K) combined with Aldegheri for an Azzurro WBC single-game record 15K.**

**ROME RUNS:** The Azzurri are batting .294/.397/.627 (30-for-102) with 23R, 8 dobules, 1 triple, 8HR, 20RBI, 16BB and 2SB in 3G. Team Italy ranks second in SLG and OPS (1.024), fourth in OBP and fifth in BA.

**NASTY NORI: OF Dante Nori** is batting .500 (5-for-10) with 2R, 1 double, 2HR, 4RBI, 2BB and 1SF in 3G for Team Italy. He recorded a multi-homer game Saturday against Brazil, **at just 21 years and 151 days old, he became the second-youngest player in WBC history with a multi-homer game**, trailing only Team Brazil's Lucas Ramirez (2HR, 20 years, 49 days on 3/7/26 vs. USA). **It also marked the first multi-home run game in Italy WBC history** and moved Nori into a tie for fourth place on Italy's all-time WBC home run list. **Nori leads all Team Italy batters in WBC tournament history in BA (min. 10AB).**

**JAC ATTACK: OF Jac Caglianone** is batting .500/.625/1.167 (3-for-6) with 3R, 1 double, 1HR, 3RBI,1BB and 1HP in 2G for Team Italy.

**GOIN' BACK TO BACK: 3B Andrew Fischer** and **C J.J. D'Ozario** hit back-to-back solo home runs in the third inning on Sunday vs. Great Britain. **This marks the first occurrence for Team Italy in WBC play and only 12th time for any team in the WBC [credit: *Elias*].**

**WIDE MARGINS:** Italy's 8-0 victory vs. Brazil **marked its second-largest margin of victory in WBC history**, trailing only two 10-run wins (10-0 against Australia on 3/7/06 and 14-4 against Canada on 3/8/13). **The victory also marked Italy's first WBC shutout.**

**NEWS AND NOTES:** On Thursday, the Azzurro added **INF Renzo Martini** to the active roster from the taxi squad, replacing **INF Giaconino Lasaracina.**
- Martini was honored with the "Best Batter Award" on Italy's Silver Medal team in the 2025 European Champions after slashing .480/.552/.640 (12-for-25) with 9R, 2 doubles, 1 triple and 5RBI in seven games. The right-handed batter has spent six seasons (2019, 21-25) in Italy's Serie A and is signed with San Marino for the 2026 campaign. He spent five seasons in the Yankees organization (2011-15).
- **RHP Kyle Nicolas** was acquired by the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for INF/OF Tyler Callihan from the Pittsburgh Pirates on 3/4/26. Nicolas has gone 3-4 with a 4.68 ERA (98.0IP/51ER) in 86 relief appearances over three seasons with Pittsburgh (2023-25).
- Prior to playing its exhibition games in Arizona, the Azurro hosted a training camp in Port Charlotte, Fla. The team played two "friendly" games against minor league players from the New York Yankees at the BayCare Player Development Center & Scouting Complex in Tampa.
- Following Team Italy's time in Florida, Lasaracina was signed to a minor league contract with the Toronto Blue Jays on 2/28/26. It is his first contract in Minor League Baseball.

**DESERT HEAT:** The Azzurro split two exhibition games last week in preparation for the World Baseball Classic.
- Team Italy defeated the Chicago Cubs, 9-4, in its first exhibition game on 3/3 at Sloan Park, in Mesa, Ariz. The Italian squad was led by **C Kyle Teel** (1-for-3, 1R, 1HR, 2RBI) and **SS Thomas Saggese** (2-for-3, 1R, 1HR, 1RBI). **RHP Dylan DeLucia** (1.2IP, 1H, 1R/ER, 2BB, 2K, 1HR) started and **RHP Ron Marinaccio** (1.0IP, 2H, 2K) recorded the win after tossing a scoreless eighth inning.
- Team Italy fell in its second exhibition game, 4-3, against the Los Angeles Angels on 3/4 at Tempe Diablo Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. **2B Jon Berti** (1-for-4, 1R, 1HR, 2RBI) hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning. **CF Dante Nori** (2-for-4, 2R, 1 double, 1SB) and **CF Jakob Marsee** (2-for-3, 1 double) each had multiple hits. **RHP Gabriele Quattrini** started for the Azzuro, tossing 3.0 scoreless IP (1H, 1BB, 1K, 1HP).

**FIRST TIME IN AZZURO:** Compared to the roster that took part in the 2023 World Baseball Classic, only five players return to wear the Italian jersey: Captain **OF Vinnie Pasquantino**, **UTL Miles Mastrobuoni**, **RHP Claudio Scotti**, **RHP Matt Festa**, and **LHP Joe La Sorsa**.
- For the other 25 players, the 2026 WBC will mark their first appearance in the tournament.
- **RHP Gabriele Quattrini, INF Giaconino Lasaracina,** Scotti and **C J.J. D'Orazio** have previously represented Italy in other international play, including the European Baseball Championship.

**THE FRANCISCO CERVELLI ERA:** Appointed Manager of the Italian National Team by newly elected FIBS President Marco Mazzieri in November 2024, Francisco Cervelli has returned to wear the National Team jersey after previously representing Italy at the 2009 and 2017 World Baseball Classics.
- Cervelli was signed as an undrafted free agent by the New York Yankees in 2003 and made his Major League debut with the Club in 2008. Over parts of 13 Major League Seasons with New York-AL (2008-14), Pittsburgh (2015-19), Atlanta (2019) and Miami (2020), he batted .268/.358/.382 (605-for-2,256) with 281R, 102 doubles, 16 triples, 41HR, 275RBI, 270BB and 17SB. Defensively, Cervelli appeared primarily at Catcher (688G/636GS).
- Cervelli has brought renewed enthusiasm to the program thanks to his strategic vision, meticulous nationwide scouting work, and his ability to instill a strong sense of identity and belonging within the team.
- In September of 2024, the Francisco Cervelli Baseball Academy and the Italian American Baseball Foundation combined their efforts to enhance their baseball facility and focus on youth baseball development throughout Italy.

**PAINT IT SILVER:** Cervelli led the Azzurri to a silver medal at the 2025 European Baseball Championship in September, improving on the disappointing ninth-place finish in the 2023 tournament.
- After winning the preliminary round in Novara (Piedmont), Italy defeated France, Germany, and the Czech Republic in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The standing ovation from the home crowd in Rotterdam — despite the 6-5 loss to the Netherlands in the final — symbolized Italy's return to top-level European baseball.

**2023 WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC:** The Azzuro went 2-2 in Pool Play during the 2023 WBC, securing victories over Cuba and The Netherlands.
- Italy advanced the WBC Quarterfinals, falling 9-3 to Japan at the Tokyo Dome.
- The Azzuro were the third team all-time to advance from the first round of the World Baseball Classic without hitting a home run, joining 2013 Japan and 2009 Netherlands [credit: *Elias*].

### ALL-TIME ITALY WBC LEADERS
#### HITTING

| Rank | Player | GP |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | Alex Liddi | 11 |
| T2nd | Mario Chiarini, Chris Colabello | 9 |
| T4th | D. Butera, M. Costanzo, C. Denorfia, N. Punto, **V. Pasquantino** | 8 |

| Rank | Player | BA (min. 10 AB) |
|---|---|---|
| **1st** | **Dante Nori** | **.500 (5-for-10)** |
| 2nd | Nicky Lopez | .474 (9-for-19) |
| 3rd | Anthony Granato | .429 (6-for-14) |
| 4th | Chris Denorfia | .387 (12-for-31) |
| 5th | Giuseppe Mazzanti | .385 (5-for-13) |

| Rank | Player | H |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | Chris Denorfia | 12 |
| 2nd | Alex Liddi | 11 |
| T3rd | Nicky Lopez, Nick Punto | 9 |
| 5th | Chris Colabello | 8 |

| Rank | Player | HR |
|---|---|---|
| T1st | Chris Colabello, Drew Butera, John Andreoli | 3 |
| T4th | Alex Liddi, **Dante Nori** | 2 |

| Rank | Player | RBI |
|---|---|---|
| T1st | Chris Colabelo, Alex Liddi | 9 |
| T3rd | John Andreoli, Nicky Lopez | 7 |
| T5th | Drew Butera, Anthony Rizzo | 6 |

#### PITCHING

| Rank | Player | G |
|---|---|---|
| T1st | Alex Maestri, Pat Venditte | 7 |
| 3rd | Tiago Da Silva | 6 |
| **T4th** | **Matt Festa, Joseph La Sorsa** | **5** |

| Rank | Player | ERA (min 5.0IP) |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | Matt Harvey | 1.29 (7.0IP, 1ER) |
| 2nd | Alex Maestri | 1.93 (14.0IP/3ER) |
| 3rd | Chris Cooper | 2.08 (8.2IP, 2ER) |
| 4th | Jason Grilli | 2.89 (9.1IP/3ER) |
| **5th** | **Matt Festa** | **3.18 (5.2IP, 2ER)** |

| Rank | Player | IP |
|---|---|---|
| 1st | Alex Maestri | 14.0 |
| 2nd | Jason Grilli | 9.1 |
| 3rd | Chris Cooper | 8.2 |
| 4th | Sam Gaviglio | 7.2 |
| 5th | A.J. Morris | 7.1 |

| Rank | Player | SO |
|---|---|---|
| T1st | Alex Maestri, Jason Grilli | 9 |
| T3rd | **Sam Aldegheri, Matt Festa**, Tiago Da Silva | 8 |

**BOLD** = Currently on Team

### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (14)**
1954, '75, '77, '79, '83, '89, '91, '97, 2010, '12, '19, '21, '23, '25

| OLYMPICS | YEAR |
|---|---|
| Los Angeles, United States of America - 1984 | Fifth Place (1-2) |
| Barcelona, Spain - 1992 | Seventh Place (1-6) |
| Atlanta, United States of America- 1996 | Sixth Place (2-5) |
| Melbourne, Australia - 2000 | Sixth Place (3-4) |
| Athens, Greece - 2004 | Eighth Place (1-6) |
| Beijing, China - 2008 | Did Not Qualify |
| Tokyo, Japan - 2020 | Did Not Qualify |

### Did You Know
### Perché Il Nome Azzuri?

The national color of Italian sports teams is "azzurro" (blue) due to a historic tradition. Before the birth of the Italian Republic, the Royal House of Savoy featured the color blue in its flag. That color was later adopted by the Italian National Soccer Team as a tribute to the royal tradition. In 1934, wearing "azzurro," Italy won its first of two consecutive FIFA World Cup titles (the second coming in 1938), and the tradition was born.



### WBC All-Time Results (10-13)

**2006 (1-2) Lake Buena Vista, Fla.**
Mar. 7 - **Italy 10**, Australia 0 (7 inn.)
**WP:** Grilli (1-0) **LP:** Stephens (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** ITA - Saccomanno (1), Sinisi (1); AUS: None.
Mar. 8 - Venezuela 6, **Italy 0**
**WP:** Garcia (1-0) **LP:** DiNardo (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** VEN - Cabrera (1); ITA: None.
Mar. 9 - Dominican Republic 8, **Italy 3**
**WP:** O. Perez (1-0) **LP:** Fiore (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** DR - Pujols (1), Beltre (1), Alou (1); ITA: None.

**2009 (1-2) Toronto, Canada**
Mar. 7 - Venezuela 7, **Italy 0**
**WP:** F. Hernandez (0-1) **LP:** Grilli (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** VEV - Guillen (1), Mora (1); ITA: None.
Mar. 9 - **Italy 6**, Canada 2
**WP:** Serafini (1-0) **LP:** Perkins (0-1)
**SV:** Grilli (1)
**HR:** ITA - None; CAN: None.
Mar. 10 - Venezuela 10, **Italy 1**
**WP:** Gonzalez (1-0) **LP:** Da Silva (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** VEN - Abreu (1), Cabrera (1), Hernadez (1), Lopez (1); ITA - None

**2013 (2-1) Phoenix, Ariz.**
Mar. 7 - **Italy 6**, Mexico 5
**WP:** Pugliese (1-0) **LP:** Romo (0-1)
**SV:** Grilli (1)
**HR:** ITA - Butera (1); MEX: None.
Mar. 8 - **Italy 14**, Canada 4 (8 inn.)
**WP:** Maestri (1-0) **LP:** Hill (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** ITA - Colabello (1); CAN: None.
Mar. 9 - U.S. 6, **Italy 2**
**WP**: Vogelsong (1-0) **LP:** Grifintini (0-1)
**SV:** Detwiler (1)
**HR:** ITA - None; U.S.: Wright (1).

**2013 QF (0-2) Miami, Fla.**
Mar. 12 - Dominican Republic 5, **Italy 4**
**WP:** Strop (2-0) **LP:** Venditte (0-1)
**SV:** Rodney (3)
**HR:** ITA - Colabello (2); D.R: Cano (2), Reyes (1).
Mar. 13 - Puerto Rico 4, **Italy 3**
**WP:** Burgos (1-0) **LP:** Sweeney (0-1)
**SV:** Cabrera (1)
**HR:** ITA - None; P.R.: None.

**2017 (1-3) Jalisco, Mexico**
Mar. 9 - **Italy 10,** Mexico 9
**WP:** Romano (1-0) **LP:** Osuna (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** ITA - Andreoli (1), Segedin (1), Colabello (1), Butera (1); MEX: Quiroz (1), Amador (1).
Mar. 11 - Venezuela 11, **Italy 10** (10 inn.)
**WP:** Rodriguez (1-0) **LP:** Nielsen (0-1)
**SV:** Castillo (1)
**HR:** ITA - Liddi (1), Nimmo (1); VEN: Perez (1).
Mar. 12 - Puerto Rico 9, **Italy 3**
**WP:** Berrios (1-0) **LP:** Lugo (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** ITA - Andreoli (2), Butera (2); P.R.: Correa (1).
Mar. 13 - Venezuela 4, **Italy 3**
**WP:** Alvarado (1-0) **LP:** DeMark (0-1)
**SV:** Rodriguez (1)
**HR:** ITA - Andreoli (3), Liddi (2); VEN: Cabrera (1).

**2023 (2-2) Taichung, Taiwan**
Mar. 9 - **Italy 6**, Cuba 3 (10 inn.)
**WP:** Festa (1-0) **LP:** R. Martinez (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** ITA - None; Cuba: None.
Mar. 10 - Chinese Taipei 11, **Italy 7**
**WP:** Lu (1-0) **LP:** Woods Jr. (0-1)
**SV:** Sung (1)
**HR:** ITA - None; TPE: Lin (1), Chang (1), Giljegiljaw (1).
Mar. 11 - Panama 2, **Italy 0**
**WP:** Arauz (1-0) **LP:** Vassalotti (0-1)
**SV:** Guerra (1)
**HR:** ITA - None; PAN: Ramos (1).
Mar. 12 - **Italy 7**, Netherlands 1
**WP:** Harvey (1-0) **LP:** Bolsenbroek (0-1)
**HR:** ITA - None; NED: Tromp (1).

**2023 (0-1) QF Tokyo , Japan**
Mar. 16 - **Italy 3**, Japan, 9
**WP:** Ohtani (2-0) **LP:** La Sorsa (0-1)
**HR:** ITA - Fletcher (1); Japan: Okamoto (1), Yoshida (1).

**2026 (3-0) Houston, Tex.**
Mar. 7 - Brazil 0, **Italy 8**
**WP:** Jacob (1-0) **LP:** Villarroel (0-1)
**SV:** None
**HR:** ITA - Nori (2), Canzone (1); Brazil: None
Mar. 8 - Great Britain 4, **Italy 7**
**WP:** Quattrini (1-0) **LP:** Wells (0-1)
**SV:** Weissert (1)
**HR:** ITA - Fisher (1), D'Ozario (1); Brazil: None
Mar. 10 - **Italy 8**, U.S. 6
**WP:** Lorenzen (1-0) **LP:** McLean (0-1)
**SV:** Weissert (2)
**HR:** ITA - Antonacci (1), Caglianone (1), Teel (1); U.S. - Crow-Armstrong (2), Henderson (1)

# ITALY — ROSTER INFORMATION

**#12 SAM ALDEGHERI—LHP (L/L), HT: 6-1, WT: 210** **Last Club:** Los Angeles-AL (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…became the first pitcher born and raised in Italy to make a Major League appearance…made his Major League debut with Los Angeles (AL) on 8/30/24 vs. Seattle, allowing 6H and 2ER in 5.0IP…spent majority of 2025 at Double-A Rocket City (8–8, 3.72 ERA) while also appearing in 4G/2GS with Los Angeles-AL.

**2026 WBC:** 1GS, ND, 4.2IP, 1H, 0R/ER, 8K, 2BB (63P/42S) **Pronunciation:** sam **ahl-deh-GEH-ree**

**#53 DAN ALTAVILLA—RHP (R/R), HT: 5-11, WT: 235** **Last Club:** Minnesota (St. Paul/AAA)

Making his first WBC appearance…in 2025 with Chicago-AL, went 0-1 with a 2.48 ERA and 2 saves in 28 relief appearances (29.0IP, 21K)…in parts of eight Major League seasons, has gone 8-9 with a 4.00 ERA in 152 appearances with Seattle, San Diego, Kansas City and Chicago-AL.

**2026 WBC:** 1G, 1.0IP, 1H, 1R/ER, 2K, 1HR (19P/11S) **Pronunciation:** dan **ahl-tah-VEE-lah**

**#22 DYLAN DELUCIA—RHP (R/R), HT: 5-11, WT: 220** **Last Club:** Cleveland (Columbus-AAA)

Making his first WBC appearance…in 2025, set career-highs in starts (22), IP (108.1IP) and strikeouts (106) while playing for Single-A Lake County and Double-A Akron, going 7-7 with a 3.57 ERA in 24G/22GS… in 13 starts for Akron, he boasted a 3.19 ERA (22ER/62.0IP), leading the rotation in ERA while he was with the club…missed the entire 2023 season after undergoing "Tommy John surgery"…made his professional debut on 6/21/24 during a rehab assignment.

**2026 WBC:** 1GS, ND, 3.2IP, 2H, 2R/ER, 5K, 1BB, 2WP (69P/38S) **Pronunciation:** DILL-un **deh-LOO-chuh**

**#52 MATT FESTA—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-1, WT: 195** **Last Club:** Cleveland (MLB)

Making his second WBC appearance, going 1-0 with a 2.25 ERA in three appearances with Team Italy in the 2023 World Baseball Classic…in 2025, set career-highs in games (63) and innings pitched (54.2) with Cleveland…was T1st in the AL (with Toronto's Brendon Little) and T3rd in MLB with 63 appearances from 5/1-end of season (63)…was acquired by Cleveland (from Texas) on 4/20/25.

**2026 WBC:** 2G, 1.2IP, 4H 1R/ER, 3K (34P/23S)

**#44 GORDON GRACEFFO—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-4, WT: 220** **Last Club:** St. Louis (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…currently in the St. Louis Cardinals organization…in 2025 for St. Louis, went 3-1 with a 6.28 ERA and 1SV in 26 relief appearances…earned his first career Major League win on 4/30 at Cincinnati and first save on 5/6 vs. Pittsburgh…also spent time with Triple-A Memphis, going 2-4 with a 3.77 ERA (45.1IP/19ER)and 2SV in 24 appearances (2GS).

**2026 WBC:** 1G, 1.0IP, 1H, 0R/ER, 3K, 1BB (25P/13S) **Pronunciation:** GOR-dun **grah-CHEH-foh**

**#37 ALEK JACOB—RHP (L/R), HT: 6-3, WT: 190** **Last Club:** San Diego (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…made his first career Opening Day roster in 2025, splitting his season between San Diego (29G) and Triple-A El Paso (26G)…picked up his first Major League win on 4/20/25 at Houston...from 2023-25, was asked to go 2.0+ IP in 11 of his 39 Major League appearances, posting a 1.80 ERA, .170 opponents' BA and a 0.84 WHIP…was selected by San Diego in the 16th-Round of the 2021 First-Year Player Draft.

**2026 WBC:** 2G, 1W, 1.2IP, 2H, 2R/ER, 3K, 1HR (29P/18S)

**#75 JOSEPH LA SORSA—LHP (L/L), HT: 6-5, WT: 232** **Last Club:** Pittsburgh (Indianapolis/AAA)

Making his second appearance with Team Italy after the World Baseball Classic in 2023, making three relief appearances…has spent parts of three Major League seasons with Tampa Bay, Washington and Cincinnati, combining to go 1-1 with a 5.21 ERA (57.0IP, 33ER)...signed by Pittsburgh to a minor league contract on 12/23/25.

**2026 WBC:** 2G, 2.0IP, 1H, 1R/ER, 0BB, 3K (32P/20S) **Pronunciation:** JOH-sif **lah-SOR-suh**

**#24 MICHAEL LORENZEN—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-3, WT: 217** **Last Club:** Colorado (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…his 26 starts in 2025 with Kansas City were a career high…269 of his 295 appearances from 2015-21 were as a reliever…93 of 100 appearances from 2022-25 were as a starter…from 2016-21, his 336.2 innings in relief ranked fourth in the National League…named an American League All-Star in 2023 with Detroit…threw the 14th no-hitter in Phillies history on 8/9/23 vs. Washington in his second start with the club.

**2026 WBC:** 1GS, 1W, 4.2IP, 2H, 0R/ER, 1BB, 2K, 2WP (67P/39S) **Pronunciation:** MY-kul **LUH-ren-zen**

**#97 RON MARINACCIO—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-2, WT: 205** **Last Club:** San Diego (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…allowed just 1ER in 10.2IP with San Diego in seven appearances in 2025…made 101 appearances out of the Yankees' bullpen from 2022-24, owning a 3.22 ERA, .188 opponents' BA, 2 saves, 14 holds and 137K across 114.1IP…did not allow a hit to 56 consecutive batters faced in June/July 2022, marking the third-longest streak in the Major Leagues since 1974, trailing only NYY's Dwight Gooden (57BF in 1996) and Cleveland's Dennis Eckersley (71BF in 1977).

**2026 WBC:** 2G, 1.1IP, 1H, 1R/ER, 2K, 1HR, 2WP (27P/17S) **Pronunciation:** ron **mah-ree-NAH-chee-oh**

**#19 KYLE NICOLAS—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-3, WT: 225** **Last Club:** Cincinnati (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…did not allow an earned run in 14 of his final 15 appearances with Pittsburgh in 2025…made his Major-League debut on 9/19/23 at Chicago-NL…was originally selected 61st overall by Miami with the 2020 Competitive Balance B Round Pick…was acquired by the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for INF/OF Tyler Callihan from Pittsburgh on 3/4/26.

**2026 WBC:** 1G, 0.1IP, 2H, 2R/ER, 1BB, 1WP (15P/7S) **Pronunciation:** kyl **NIK-uh-lus**

**#27 AARON NOLA—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-2, WT: 200** **Last Club:** Philadelphia (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…ranks second in Philadelphia-NL team history with 1,876 career strikeouts…since 2018, ranks second among all Major League pitchers with 1,359.0IP and 1,503 strikeouts and is sixth with 85 wins…made five consecutive Opening Day starts for the Phillies (2018–2022)…in 2022, struck out a career-best 235 batters and issued just 29BB, joining Jim Whitney (270K, 27BB for the 1884 Boston Beaneaters) as the only pitchers ever with over 220K and fewer than 30BB in a season…was originally selected by Philadelphia in 1st round (7th overall) of 2014 First-Year Player Draft and has spent his entire 11-year career with the Phillies.

**2026 WBC:** N/A **Pronunciation:** AIR-un **NOH-luh**

**#0 ADAM OTTAVINO—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-5, WT: 246** **Last Club:** N/A

Making his second WBC appearance (also Team Italy, 2009)…appeared in at least 60 games in seven consecutive 162-game seasons (2017-19, 2021-24)…ranking tied for second in the Majors with 496 appearances during that span…posted a 4.34 ERA with 70 strikeouts in 60 appearances for New York-NL in 2024…made three scoreless appearances with New York-AL in 2025.

**2026 WBC:** N/A **Pronunciation:** AD-um **ah-tuh-VEE-noh**

**#0 GABRIELE QUATTRINI—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-4, WT: 253** **Last Club:** Macerata (ITA)

Making his first WBC appearance… was born in Potenza Picena, in the Marche Region of Italy…made his senior debut with the Italian National Team in 2022, earning a prestigious win as a starting pitcher against Cuba at Haarlem Week…competed in the European Championship in 2023 and 2025, helping Team Italy capture a prestigious silver medal…is one of the standout players for Macerata Baseball in Serie A Baseball.

**2026 WBC:** 1G, 1W, 1.1IP, 1H, 0R/ER, 1K, 1BB (17P/11S) **Pronunciation:** gah-bree-EL-ay **kwah-TREE-nee**

**#98 CLAUDIO SCOTTI—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-3, WT: 242** **Last Club:** N/A

Making his second WBC appearance, pitched in 1G against Chinese Taipei for Team Italy in the 2023 World Baseball Classic (2.0IP, 0H, 0R, 1BB)…was born in Rome in 1998…played professionally with Pittsburgh (2016-17) and New York-NL (2022-23) across four minor league seasons…won Italian Titles with Bologna (2019-20) and Parma (2024), where he is still playing…with Parma in 2025, went 5-1 with 3 saves in 49.1IP (56K)…is a key member of the Italian National Team.

**2026 WBC:** 1G, 2.0IP, 2H, 0R/ER, 1K (36P/22S) **Pronunciation:** klaw-DEE-oh **SCOTT-ee**

**#57 GREG WEISSERT—RHP (R/R), HT: 6-2, WT: 235** **Last Club:** Boston (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…since the start of 2024, ranks eighth in the AL in games pitched (134)…in 2025 with Boston, established a career-best 2.82 ERA (67.0IP, 21ER) in 2025 and career-highs in wins (6), IP (67.0), and appearances (72)…in 2022, was tabbed International League Pitcher of the Year and named a Post-Season All-Star for Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre…made first career Major League appearance at Oakland (with New York-AL) on 8/25/22…was acquired by the Boston along with RHPs Richard Fitts and Nicholas Judice in exchange for OF Alex Verdugo on 12/5/23.

**2026 WBC:** 2G, 2SV 1.2IP, 2H, 0R/ER, 3K, 2BB/1IBB (29P/18S) **Pronunciation:** greg **WHY-zert**

**#28 J.J D'ORAZIO—C (R/R), HT: 6-1, WT: 170** **Last Club:** Los Angeles-AL (Rocket City/AAA)

Making his first WBC appearance…played for Team Italy in 2023 at the European Championship…signed by Los Angeles (AL) to a Minor League contract on 12/15/25…in parts of six Minor League seasons in the Toronto (2019-21) and Arizona (2022-25) organizations, has hit .248 (348-for-1,405) with 20HR and 148 RBI in 400 games.

**2026 WBC:** 2G/1GS, 3-for-5, 3R, 1HR, 1RBI **Pronunciation:** JAY JAY **duh-RAH-zee-oh**

**#3 KYLE TEEL—C (L/R), HT: 6-0, WT: 210** **Last Club:** Chicago-AL (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…made his Major League debut in 2025, hitting .273 (69-for-253) with 8HR and 35RBI in 78G (61G/57GS at C)…his .404 (23-for-57) BA with RISP was the highest in the Majors among players with at least 50PA…had his contract selected from Triple-A Charlotte on 6/6 and made his debut that night vs. Kansas City…was selected by the Boston Red Sox in the first round (No. 14 overall) of the 2023 First-Year Player Draft.

**2026 WBC:** 2GS, 4-for-6, 2R, 1 double, 1HR, 1RBI, 1BB **Pronunciation:** kyl **TEEL**

**#10 SAM ANTONACCI—IF (L/R), HT: 6-0, WT: 193** **Last Club:** Chicago-AL (Birmingham-AA)

Making his first WBC appearance…combined to hit .291/.433/.409 (118-for-406) with 78R, 21 doubles, 5HR, 57RBI and 48SB in 116G over three Minor League levels in 2025, finishing the season with Double-A Birmingham in the White Sox organization...was named a 2025 South Atlantic League postseason All-Star and ranked among White Sox farmhands in runs (1st), OBP (1st), SB (2nd), triples (2nd), BA (3rd), BB (3rd), OPS (4th, .842), doubles (T7th) and total bases (T8th, 166).

**2026 WBC:** 3G/2GS, 2-for-7, 3R, 1 triple, 1HR, 3RBI **Pronunciation:** sam **ahn-toh-NAH-chee**

**#1 JON BERTI—IF (R/R), HT: 5-10, WT: 190** **Last Club:** N/A

Making his first WBC appearance…the versatile defender has played first base (1G in postseason), second base (129G), third base (195G), shortstop (110G), left field (49G), centerfield (37G) and right field (11G) during his eight-year Major League career with Toronto, Miami, New York-AL and Chicago-NL…led the Major Leagues with 41SB in 2022 with Miami…was selected by Toronto in the 18th round of the 2011 First Year Player Draft out of Bowling Green State University (Ohio)…made his Major League debut with Toronto on 9/26/18 vs. Houston.

**2026 WBC:** 2GS, 3-for-9, 2R, 2 doubles, 1BB, 1SB **Pronunciation:** jon **BUR-tee**

**#4 ZACH DEZENZO—IF/OF (R/R), HT: 6-5, WT: 220** **Last Club:** Houston (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…hit .245 (24-for-98) with 2HR and 10RBI over 34G with Houston in 2025…has made Major League starts at first base (13), left field (14) and right field (11)...made Major League debut on 8/6/24 vs. the Texas Rangers…collected his first Major League hit on 8/7/24 against the Rangers… was named an MiLB.com Organizational All-Star as a third baseman in 2023, topping out at Double-A Corpus Christi, hitting 18HR in 63G for the Hooks…was selected by Houston in the 12th round of the 2022 MLB First-Year Player Draft.

**2026 WBC:** 3GS, 2-for-10, 2R, 1 double, 1RBI, 2BB **Pronunciation:** zak **deh-ZEHN-zoh**

**#11 ANDREW FISCHER—3B (L/R), HT: 6-1, WT: 210** **Last Club:** Milwaukee (Wisconsin/High-A)

Making his first WBC appearance…was selected by Milwaukee in the First Round (20th overall) of the 2025 First Year Player Draft…made his professional debut for Single-A Wisconsin, hitting .311 (23-for-74) in 19G…was named 2025 First Team All-American by Baseball America for the University of Tennessee…his maternal great-great grandfather, Angelo Mazzeo, was born in Italy.

**2026 WBC:** 1GS, 2-for-4, 2R, 1HR, 2RBI

**#41 RENZO MARTINI—INF (R/R), HT: 6-1, WT: 190** **Last Club:** San Marino (ITA)

Making his first WBC appearance…in six seasons in Italy's Serie A with Redipuglia (2019), Bologna (2021–22) and BBC Grosseto (2023–25), has hit .368 (266-for-722) with 19HR and 167RBI in 201G…in 2025, started 33G with BBC Grosseto, batting .338 (44-for-130) with 10 doubles, 3HR and 21RBI…slashed .480/.552/.640 (12-for-25) with 9R, 2 doubles, 1 triple and 5RBI in seven games on Italy's Silver Medal team in the 2025 European Championships…was honored with the "Best Batter Award" for the tournament…began his professional career with New York-AL in 2011 and spent five seasons in the Yankees organization (2011–15)…is signed with San Marino for the 2026 season.

**2026 WBC:** N/A **Pronunciation:** rehn-ZOH **maar-TEE-nee**

**#2 MILES MASTROBUONI—UTL (L/R), HT: 5-10, WT: 185** **Last Club:** Seattle (MLB)

Making his second WBC appearance (also Team Italy, 2023)…appeared at six different positions in 2025 for Seattle, including 1B (1G), 2B (15G), 3B (27G), LF (10G), RF (15G), and pitcher (1G)…hit .250 (38-for-152) with a .324 OBP in 76G…was added to Seattle's ALCS Roster…also appeared in 31G for Triple-A Tacoma, hitting .296 (34-for-115)…played in the Majors for both Tampa Bay (2022) and Chicago-NL (2023-24) before being traded to Seattle on 1/14/25…was selected by Tampa Bay in the 14th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft.

**2026 WBC:** 2G/1GS, 2-for-3, 1 double, 1RBI, 1BB **Pronunciation:** mylz **mah-stroh-BOH-nee**

**#9 VINNIE PASQUANTINO—1B (L/L), HT: 6-3, WT: 245** **Last Club:** Kansas City (MLB)

Making his second WBC appearance, played for Team Italy in the 2023 World Baseball Classic, going 4-for-20 in 5GS…ranks third in the American League since 2024 with 210 RBI, trailing only Aaron Judge (258) and Cal Raleigh (225)…established career highs in 2025 in games played (160), hits (164), doubles (33), home runs (32), RBI (113), walks (49) and runs scored (72)…also led the Majors with 32 go-ahead RBI…became one of eight players in Royals history to record at least 30HR and 30 doubles in a single season, joining George Brett in 1985 (38 2B, 30 HR) and John Mayberry in 1975 (38 doubles, 34 HR) as the only left-handers to accomplish the feat…made his MLB debut on 6/28/22 vs. Texas…was selected by Kansas City in the 11th round of the 2018 MLB Draft…played baseball for three seasons at Old Dominion University.

**2026 WBC:** 3GS, 0-for-12, 1R, 3BB **Pronunciation:** VIN-ee **pass-quin-TEE-no**

**#6 THOMAS SAGGESE—2B (R/R), HT: 5-11, WT: 185** **Last Club:** St. Louis (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…in 2025, played in 82G with St. Louis, hitting .258 with 2HR and 25RBI while appearing defensively at 2B (35G), shortstop (33G) and 3B (18G) for St. Louis…made his Major League debut on 9/10/24 vs. Cincinnati with his father in attendance and recorded his first Major League hit, RBI and HR in the next 3G…ranks third among St. Louis minor leaguers with 36HR since his arrival in the Cardinals organization on 7/30/23…was acquired by St. Louis on 7/30/23 from Texas in a five player trade…originally selected by the Texas Rangers in the fifth round of the 2020 MLB Draft…writes "MORE" on the tape of his left wrist before each game to honor his late mother, Wendi, who passed away from breast cancer in 2020, while he was a senior in high school…stems from her replying "I love you more" when they would converse.

**2026 WBC:** 2G/1GS, 0-for-5 **Pronunciation:** TAH-mas **sah-JAY-zay**

**#14 JAC CAGLIANONE—OF (L/L), HT: 6-5, WT: 250** **Last Club:** Kansas City (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…was selected by Kansas City in the first round (6th overall) of the 2024 MLB Draft…made his Major League debut less than a year later (on 6/3/25 at St. Louis) after beginning the 2025 season at Double-A Northwest Arkansas…in 95 career Minor League games, has slashed .308/.377/.547 with 23 doubles, 22 HR and 86 RBI…on 6/19 at Texas, became the fourth player in club history to hit his first two career home runs in the same game (and first since Mark Quinn in 1999)…is a Tampa, FL native and attended the University of Florida from 2022-24, where he slashed .355/.447/.760 (225-for-634) while also logging a 12-6 record with a 4.55 ERA (75 ER in 148.1 IP) and 170K.

**2026 WBC:** 2GS, 3-for-6, 1 double, 1HR, 3RBI, 1BB, 1HP **Pronunciation:** jac **cag-LEE-ohn**

**#8 DOMINIC CANZONE—OF (L/R), HT: 6-0, WT: 190** **Last Club:** Seattle (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…with Seattle in 2025, slashed .300/.358/.481 (73-for-243) with 11 doubles, 11HR and 32RBI in 82G (63GS-RF/5GS-DH)…was acquired by Seattle along with INF Josh Rojas, INF Ryan Bliss in a trade with Arizona for RHP Paul Sewald on 7/31/23…made Major League debut (with Arizona) on 7/8/23 vs. Pittsburgh…was selected by Arizona in the 8th round of 2019 MLB Draft…spent three seasons at Ohio State University (2016-2019) and was named captain in 2019.

**2026 WBC:** 3GS, 2-for-13, 2R, 1HR, 4RBI, 2BB **Pronunciation:** DAH-muh-nik **can-ZOHN**

**#5 JAKOB MARSEE—OF (L/L), HT: 6-0, WT: 180** **Last Club:** Miami (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…saw his first Major League action with Miami in 2025, slashing .292/.363/.478 (61-for-209) with 5HR, 33 RBI and 14SB in 55G while making starts at all three outfield positions…was named Baseball America Major League All-Rookie Team…from 8/1 through end of the season, led NL Rookies in hits (61), doubles (18), XBH (26) and SB (14), tied for the NL rookie-lead in walks (22), was second in AVG (.292), RBI (33), OBP (.363), total bases (100), and third in SLG (.478), OPS (.841), and runs (28)…was acquired by Miami as part of a five-player trade from San Diego on 5/4/24…was selected by San Diego in the 6th round of the 2022 MLB Draft.

**2026 WBC:** 3GS, 2-for-12, 1R, 1 double, 3BB, 1SB **Pronunciation:** JAY-kob **mar-SEE**

**#7 NICK MORABITO—OF (R/R), HT: 5-10, WT: 185** **Last Club:** New York (NL) (MLB)

Making his first WBC appearance…stole 49 bases in 2025, third-most by any Double-A player, while hitting .273 (119-for-436) with 6HR and 59RBI in 118G with Double-A Binghamton...was named to the 2025 Arizona Fall League Rising Stars team after slashing .362/.450/.464 with 16SB for Scottsdale in 17G...in 2024, ranked eighth among all Minor Leaguers with 59SB...was selected by New York-NL in the 2nd round of the 2022 MLB First Year Player Draft…his great grandparents were from Sicily.

**2026 WBC:** 1G, 0-for-0 **Pronunciation:** nik **mor-ah-BEE-toh**

**#16 DANTE NORI—OF (L/L), HT: 5-9, WT: 190** **Last Club:** Philadelphia (Reading/AA)

Making his first WBC appearance…in his first full professional season in 2025, led all Phillies farmhands in AB (487), PA (577) and triples (12) between Clearwater (Single-A), Jersey Shore (High-A) and Reading (Double-A)…also slashed .308/.386/.436 (.822 OPS) in 12G for Surprise in the Arizona Fall League…was selected by Philadelphia in the 1st round (27th overall) of the 2024 MLB Draft…father, Micah, is an assistant coach with the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves.

**2026 WBC:** 3GS, 5-for-10, 2R, 1 double, 2HR, 4RBI, 2BB, 1SF **Pronunciation:** DAHN-tay **NOH-ree**