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Keith Law: Top 100 prospects of 2012

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Welcome to the 2012 ESPN Insider ranking of the top 100 prospects in baseball.

This is the fifth year I have done these rankings for ESPN, and for the first time I have the same player at No. 1 for the second straight year. Last year's Rule 4 draft was one of the deepest in recent memory, so there are plenty of new faces.

A more detailed explanation of the process in determining these rankings is found at the top of each of the four player capsule pages.

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RANK	POSITION	PLAYER	TEAM	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	AGE
1	CF	Mike Trout	L.A. Angels	6-1	217	20
2	RF	Bryce Harper	Washington	6-2	245	19
3	LHP	Matt Moore	Tampa Bay	6-2	205	22
4	SS	Manny Machado	Baltimore	6-3	185	19
5	RHP	Shelby Miller	St. Louis	6-3	195	21
6	C	Travis d'Arnaud	Toronto	6-2	195	22
7	SS	Jurickson Profar	Texas	5-11	165	18
8	C	Devin Mesoraco	Cincinnati	6-1	220	23
9	DH/C	Jesus Montero	Seattle	6-3	235	22
10	RHP	Gerrit Cole	Pittsburgh	6-4	220	21
11	RHP	Dylan Bundy	Baltimore	6-1	200	19
12	SS	Hak-Ju Lee	Tampa Bay	6-2	170	21
13	OF	Wil Myers	Kansas City	6-3	205	21
14	RHP	Arodys Vizcaino	Atlanta	6-0	190	21
15	OF	Bubba Starling	Kansas City	6-4	180	19
16	RHP	Jameson Taillon	Pittsburgh	6-6	225	20
17	3B	Anthony Rendon	Washington	6-0	190	21
18	RHP	Julio Teheran	Atlanta	6-2	175	21
19	RHP	Archie Bradley	Arizona	6-4	225	19
20	LHP	Martin Perez	Texas	6-0	180	20
21	RHP	Trevor Bauer	Arizona	6-1	175	21
22	RHP	Carlos Martinez	St. Louis	6-0	165	20
23	LHP	Manny Banuelos	N.Y. Yankees	5-11	155	20
24	RHP	Taijuan Walker	Seattle	6-4	195	19

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25	LHP	Tyler Skaggs	Arizona	6-4	195	20
26	3B	Nolan Arenado	Colorado	6-1	205	20
27	RHP	Zack Wheeler	N.Y. Mets	6-4	185	21
28	3B	Miguel Sano	Minnesota	6-3	195	18
29	RHP	Jacob Turner	Detroit	6-5	210	20
30	LHP	Danny Hultzen	Seattle	6-3	200	22
31	RHP	Jarrod Parker	Oakland	6-1	195	23
32	RHP	Casey Kelly	San Diego	6-3	195	22
33	RHP	A.J. Cole	Oakland	6-4	180	20
34	OF	Mason Williams	N.Y. Yankees	6-0	150	20
35	SS	Francisco Lindor	Cleveland	5-11	175	18
36	1B	Anthony Rizzo	Chicago Cubs	6-3	220	22
37	3B	Nick Castellanos	Detroit	6-4	195	19
38	RHP	Matt Harvey	N.Y. Mets	6-4	210	22
39	RHP	Wily Peralta	Milwaukee	6-4	240	22
40	OF	Rymer Liriano	San Diego	6-0	211	20
41	RHP	Zach Lee	L.A. Dodgers	6-4	190	20
42	RHP	Drew Hutchison	Toronto	6-2	165	21
43	3B	Cheslor Cuthbert	Kansas City	6-1	190	19
44	SS	Jean Segura	L.A. Angels	5-11	160	21
45	LHP	Drew Pomeranz	Colorado	6-5	230	23
46	1B/LF	Jonathan Singleton	Houston	6-2	215	20
47	OF	Jake Marisnick	Toronto	6-4	200	20
48	OF	Christian Yelich	Miami	6-4	189	20
49	RHP	Joe Ross	San Diego	6-3	185	18
50	OF	Eddie Rosario	Minnesota	6-0	170	20
51	LHP	James Paxton	Seattle	6-4	220	23
52	LHP	Mike Montgomery	Kansas City	6-4	185	22
53	OF	Oscar Taveras	St. Louis	6-2	180	19
54	RHP	Daniel Corcino	Cincinnati	5-11	165	21
55	C	Gary Sanchez	N.Y. Yankees	6-2	220	19
56	3B	Jonathan Schoop	Baltimore	6-1	187	20
57	SS	Nick Franklin	Seattle	6-1	175	20
58	RHP	Taylor Jungmann	Milwaukee	6-6	220	22
59	OF	Anthony Gose	Toronto	6-1	190	21
60	OF	George Springer	Houston	6-3	205	22
61	RHP	Allen Webster	L.A. Dodgers	6-3	185	22
62	SS	Xander Bogaerts	Boston	6-3	185	19
63	RHP	Chris Archer	Tampa Bay	6-3	185	23
64	SS	Billy Hamilton	Cincinnati	6-1	160	21
65	C	Yasmani Grandal	San Diego	6-2	205	23

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66	3B	Zack Cox	St. Louis	6-0	215	22
67	OF	Josh Bell	Pittsburgh	6-4	195	19
68	CF	Gary Brown	San Francisco	6-1	190	23
69	1B	Yonder Alonso	San Diego	6-2	240	24
70	RHP	Garrett Richards	L.A. Angels	6-3	215	23
71	RHP	Jake Odorizzi	Kansas City	6-2	175	21
72	OF	Starling Marte	Pittsburgh	6-1	170	23
73	RHP	Sonny Gray	Oakland	5-11	200	22
74	RHP	Tyrell Jenkins	St. Louis	6-4	180	19
75	3B	Mike Olt	Texas	6-2	210	23
76	RHP	Trevor May	Philadelphia	6-5	215	22
77	OF	Michael Choice	Oakland	6-0	215	22
78	RHP	Jarred Cosart	Houston	6-3	180	21
79	RHP	Nate Eovaldi	L.A. Dodgers	6-3	195	21
80	OF	Aaron Hicks	Minnesota	6-2	185	22
81	RHP	John Hellweg	L.A. Angels	6-9	210	23
82	3B	Matt Davidson	Arizona	6-3	225	20
83	RHP	Dellin Betances	N.Y. Yankees	6-8	260	23
84	LHP	Enny Romero	Tampa Bay	6-3	165	21
85	OF	Oswaldo Arcia	Minnesota	6-0	210	20
86	OF	Robbie Grossman	Pittsburgh	6-1	190	22
87	OF	Mikie Mahtook	Tampa Bay	6-1	200	22
88	RHP	Taylor Guerrieri	Tampa Bay	6-3	195	19
89	CF	Brett Jackson	Chicago Cubs	6-2	210	23
90	3B	Jedd Gyorko	San Diego	5-10	195	23
91	RHP	Chad Bettis	Colorado	6-1	195	22
92	RHP	Jordan Swagerty	St. Louis	6-2	175	22
93	C	Derek Norris	Oakland	6-0	210	22
94	C	Christian Bethancourt	Atlanta	6-2	190	20
95	SS	Javier Baez	Chicago Cubs	6-0	180	19
96	RHP	Aaron Sanchez	Toronto	6-4	190	19
97	RHP	Addison Reed	Chicago White Sox	6-4	215	23
98	RHP	Randall Delgado	Atlanta	6-3	200	22
99	RHP	Neil Ramirez	Texas	6-3	185	22
100	C	Blake Swihart	Boston	6-1	175	19

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