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Facts

- Over 1,700 former Fall Leaguers have reached the major leagues
- 141 MLB All-Stars including 38 in 2009
- 6 MLB MVPs
 - Jason Giambi
 - Ryan Howard
 - Justin Morneau
 - Dustin Pedroia
 - Albert Pujols
 - Jimmy Rollins
- 3 Cy Young Award winners
 - Chris Carpenter
 - Roy Halladay
 - Brandon Webb
- 18 MLB Rookies-of-the-Year
- 3 World Series MVPs
- 6 All-Star Game MVPs
- 40 MLB Silver Sluggers
- 33 MLB Gold Glove Awards
- 8 MLB batting champions
- 12 MLB season hits leaders
- 5 MLB season RBI leaders
- 2 MLB season homer leaders
- 9 MLB season stolen-base leaders
- 24 MLB managers
- 31 MLB umpires
- 76 administrators serving the baseball industry

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Nationally-Televised Rising Stars Game & Rosters

Phoenix — The Arizona Fall League stages its fourth annual Rising Stars Game at 8:15 p.m. ET (6:15 p.m. AZ) on Saturday, November 7 at Surprise Stadium. The contest will be nationally televised for the first time by MLB Network and online via MLB.com.

Scouting and minor-league directors of every major-league organization, in consultation with Fall League Director **Steve Cobb** and his baseball personnel staff, selected the players for the showcase. Each major-league organization is represented by at least one player.

“The nation will have the opportunity to see a sampling of the array of talent that is on display in the Arizona Fall League six days a week for six weeks,” Cobb offers. “We are proud to showcase some of the top prospects in baseball to a national viewing audience for the first time in the Rising Stars Game on Saturday night.”

Friday’s contest pits standouts from the Fall League’s East and West divisions. The East Division will field players from the Mesa Solar Sox (Angels, Cubs, Marlins, Red Sox, Twins), Phoenix Desert Dogs (Athletics, Blue Jays, Nationals, Orioles, Rays), and Scottsdale Scorpions (Giants, Diamondbacks, Phillies, Pirates, Rockies). The West Division roster will be stocked from the Peoria Javelinas (Brewers, Dodgers, Mariners, Tigers, White Sox), Peoria Saguaros (Astros, Braves, Indians, Padres, Reds), and Surprise Rafters (Cardinals, Mets, Rangers, Royals, Yankees).

Two 2009 first-round draft choices — Desert Dogs right-hander **Stephen Strasburg** (WSH) and Peoria Saguaros left-hander **Mike Minor** (ATL) — are the scheduled starting pitchers. Strasburg was the first overall selection in the draft, Minor the seventh.

The coaching staffs of the two division-leading teams through play of Saturday, October 31 earned the right to skipper Saturday’s contest. Desert Dogs’ manager **Gary Cathcart** and his staff — **R.C. Lichtenstein** (Rays), **Paul Menhart** (Nationals), **Brian McArn** (Athletics) and **Moe Hill** (Orioles) — will manage the East Division club. Javelinas’ manager **Kevin Bradshaw** (Tigers) and his staff — **Fred Dabney** (Brewers), **Gary Ward** (White Sox) — will guide the West Division.

Diamondbacks television play-by-play voice **Daron Sutton** and former Diamondbacks, Mets, Padres, Red Sox, Tigers, and Yankees first baseman **Tony Clark** will describe the action to the viewing audience.

Several major-league standouts appeared in the first three Rising Stars Games, including **Gordon Beckham** (White Sox), **Ryan Braun** (Brewers), **Jacoby Ellsbury** (Red Sox), **Yunel Escobar** (Braves), **Tommy Hanson** (Braves), **Phil Hughes** (Yankees), **Kevin Kouzmanoff** (Padres), **Jed Lowrie** (Red Sox), **Daniel Murphy** (Mets), **Hunter Pence** (Astros) and **Matt Weiters** (Orioles).

Following Saturday’s “Rising Stars Game,” the six-team Arizona Fall League resumes play on Monday, November 9 and continues with games Monday-Saturday through Thursday, November 19. The league championship game will be held two days later on Saturday, November 21 at 2:35 p.m. ET (12:35 p.m. AZ) at Scottsdale Stadium. It also will be televised by MLB Network and online via MLB.com.

Complete Rising Stars Game rosters follow.

For current Arizona Fall League information, including pitch-by-pitch gamecasts by Baseball Advanced Media, consult www.mlbfallball.com. Also follow the Fall League via Twitter (MLBazFallLeague) and Facebook.

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East Division Rising Stars

**Angels, Athletics, Blue Jays, Cubs, Diamondbacks, Giants, Marlins,
Nationals, Orioles, Phillies, Pirates, Rays, Red Sox, Rockies, and Twins**

Manager: Gary Cathcart (Blue Jays)

As of November 2, 2009

Pitching Coach: R.C. Lichtenstein (Rays)

Hitting Coaches: Brian McArn (Athletics)

Moe Hill (Orioles)

No.	Pitchers	Team	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	Organization
41	Andrew Cashner*	RHP	R	R	6-6	210	09/11/86	Conroe, TX	Chicago Cubs
24	Brandon Erbe	PDD	R	R	6-4	180	12/25/87	Baltimore, MD	Baltimore Orioles
19	Reidier Gonzalez	PDD	R	R	5-9	215	11/01/85	Villa Clara, Cuba	Toronto Blue Jays
33	Matt Gorgen	PDD	R	R	6-0	210	01/27/87	Palo Alto, CA	Tampa Bay Rays
54	Andrew Johnston	SCO	R	R	6-5	205	04/20/84	St. Louis, MO	Colorado Rockies
41	Danny Moskos	SCO	R	L	6-1	210	04/28/86	Greenville, SC	Pittsburgh Pirates
46	Toru Murata	SCO	L	R	6-0	175	05/20/85	Osaka, Japan	Yomiuri Giants (NPB)
30	Blake Parker	CHC	R	R	6-3	225	06/19/05	Fayetteville, AR	Chicago Cubs
65	Matt Reynolds	SCO	L	L	6-5	240	10/02/84	Knoxville, TN	Colorado Rockies
58	Dustin Richardson	MSS	L	L	6-6	220	01/09/84	Newton, KS	Boston Red Sox
17	Drew Storen	PDD	R	R	6-2	180	08/11/87	Indianapolis, IN	Washington Nationals
37	Stephen Strasburg	PDD	R	R	6-4	220	07/20/88	San Diego, CA	Washington Nationals

No.	Catchers	Team	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	Organization
65	Hank Conger	MSS	S	R	6-1	220	01/29/88	Federal Way, WA	L. A. Angels of Anaheim
10	Buster Posey	SCO	R	R	6-1	205	03/27/87	Leesburg, GA	San Francisco Giants

No.	Infielders	Team	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	Organization
25	Brandon Allen	SCO	L	R	6-2	235	02/12/86	Conroe, TX	Arizona Diamondbacks
13	Starlin Castro	MSS	R	R	6-1	160	03/24/90	Monte Cristi, DR	Chicago Cubs
3	Chase d'Arnaud	SCO	R	R	6-1	175	01/21/87	Torrance, CA	Pittsburgh Pirates
15	Matt Dominguez	MSS	R	R	6-1	210	08/28/89	Chatsworth, CA	Florida Marlins
14	Brandon Snyder	PDD	R	R	6-2	215	11/23/86	Las Vegas, NV	Baltimore Orioles
4	Josh Vitters	MSS	R	R	6-3	200	08/27/89	Anaheim, CA	Chicago Cubs
6	Jemile Weeks	PDD	S	R	5-10	175	01/26/87	Miami, FL	Oakland Athletics

No.	Outfielders	Team	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	Organization
8	Domonic Brown	SCO	L	L	6-5	204	09/03/87	Zephyrhills, FL	Philadelphia Phillies
21	Grant Desme	PDD	R	R	6-2	205	04/04/86	Bakersfield, CA	Oakland Athletics
2	Bryan Petersen	MSS	L	R	6-0	200	04/09/86	Irvine, CA	Florida Marlins
24	Jose Tabata	SCO	R	R	5-11	215	08/12/88	Anzoategui, Venezuela	Pittsburgh Pirates
11	Rene Tosoni	MSS	L	R	6-0	195	07/02/86	Toronto, ON	Minnesota Twins

*Unavailable to participate

West Division Rising Stars

**Astros, Braves, Cardinals, Dodgers, Indians, Mariners, Mets,
Padres, Rangers, Reds, Royals, Tigers, White Sox, Yankees**

Manager: Kevin Bradshaw (Tigers)
Pitching Coach: Fred Dabney (Brewers)
Hitting Coach: Gary Ward (White Sox)

As of November 2, 2009

No.	Pitchers	Team	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	Organization
33	Phillippe Aumont	PEJ	R	R	6-7	220	01/07/89	Hull, QC, Canada	Seattle Mariners
29	Michael Dunn	SUR	L	L	6-1	195	05/23/82	Farmington, NM	New York Yankees
25	Josh Fields	PEJ	R	R	6-0	185	08/19/85	Athens, GA	Seattle Mariners
32	Javy Guerra	PEJ	R	R	6-1	195	10/31/85	Denton, TX	Los Angeles Dodgers
33	Danny Gutierrez	SUR	R	R	6-1	180	03/08/87	Los Angeles, CA	Texas Rangers
29	Craig Kimbrel	PES	R	R	5-11	205	05/28/88	Huntsville, AL	Atlanta Braves
15	Mike Leake	PES	R	R	6-0	180	11/12/87	San Diego, CA	Cincinnati Reds
32	Mike Minor	PES	R	L	6-3	200	12/26/87	Chapel Hill, TN	Atlanta Braves
38	Andrew Oliver	PEJ	L	L	6-3	209	12/03/87	Vermilion, OH	Detroit Tigers
53	Mark Rogers	PEJ	R	R	6-2	225	01/30/86	Brunswick, ME	Milwaukee Brewers
46	Tanner Scheppers	SUR	R	R	6-4	200	01/17/87	Mission Viejo, CA	Texas Rangers

No.	Catchers	Team	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	Organization
30	Jason Castro	PES	L	R	6-3	210	06/18/87	Castro Valley, CA	Houston Astros
17	Lucas May	PEJ	R	R	6-1	215	10/24/84	Las Vegas, NV	Los Angeles Dodgers

No.	Infielders	Team	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	Organization
28	Yonder Alonso	PES	L	R	6-2	215	04/08/87	Havana, Cuba	Cincinnati Reds
2	Zack Cozart	PES	R	R	6-1	185	08/12/85	Memphis, TN	Cincinnati Reds
16	Ike Davis	SUR	L	L	6-5	195	03/22/87	Edna, MN	New York Mets
13	Daniel Descalso	SUR	L	R	5-10	190	10/19/86	San Carlos, CA	St. Louis Cardinals
11	Carlos Rivero	PES	R	R	6-0	185	12/18/84	Houston, TX	Cleveland Indians
21	Mike Moustakas	SUR	L	R	6-0	195	09/11/88	Los Angeles, CA	Kansas City Royals
36	Lance Zawadzki	PES	S	R	5-11	185	05/26/85	Framingham, MA	San Diego Padres

No.	Outfielders	Team	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	Organization
5	Dustin Ackley	PEJ	L	R	6-1	185	02/26/88	Winston-Salem, NC	Seattle Mariners
20	Jordan Danks	PEJ	L	R	6-4	210	08/07/86	Austin, TX	Chicago White Sox
27	Chris Heisey	PES	R	R	6-0	200	12/14/84	Lancaster, PA	Cincinnati Reds
4	Daryl Jones	SUR	L	L	5-11	180	06/25/87	Royal Oak, MI	St. Louis Cardinals
15	Casper Wells	PEJ	R	R	6-2	210	11/23/84	Grand Rapids, MI	Detroit Tigers