



## Facts

- More than 2,100 of over 3,500 (60%) Fall Leaguers have reached the major leagues
- 184 MLB All-Stars
- 10 MLB MVPs
  - Ryan Braun
  - Jason Giambi
  - Josh Hamilton
  - Ryan Howard
  - Joe Mauer
  - Justin Morneau
  - Dustin Pedroia
  - Albert Pujols (3)
  - Jimmy Rollins
  - Joey Votto
- 3 Cy Young Award winners
  - Chris Carpenter
  - Roy Halladay (2)
  - Brandon Webb
- 3 World Series MVPs
  - Jermaine Dye
  - David Eckstein
  - Derek Jeter
- 22 MLB Rookies-of-the-Year
- 8 All-Star Game MVPs
- 55 MLB Silver Sluggers
- 58 MLB Gold Glove Awards
- 9 MLB batting champions
- 12 MLB season hits leaders
- 8 MLB season RBI leaders
- 7 MLB season homer leaders
- 11 MLB season stolen-base leaders
- 28 MLB managers
- 38 MLB umpires
- Over 80 administrators serving the baseball industry

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# National TV & Radio For Rising Stars Game Saturday Night At Talking Stick

**Phoenix, Arizona** — The Arizona Fall League, known throughout professional baseball as a finishing school for Major League Baseball's elite prospects, stages its seventh annual Rising Stars Game at 8 p.m. ET (5 p.m. AZ) on Saturday, November 3 at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick to help celebrate the league's 20th anniversary season.

Scouting and farm directors from every major-league organization, in consultation with Fall League Director Steve Cobb and his baseball personnel staff, selected the players for the annual showcase that pits elite prospects from the Fall League's East Division and West Division clubs.

Each major-league organization is offered the opportunity to be represented by at least one player.

The East Division roster fields players from the Mesa Solar Sox (Astros, Cubs, Dodgers, Orioles, Tigers), defending-champion Salt River Rafters (Blue Jays, D-backs, Nationals, Rockies, White Sox) and Scottsdale Scorpions (Angels, Giants, Indians, Pirates, Yankees).

The West Division roster is stocked by the Peoria Javelinas (Mariners, Padres, Phillies, Reds, Twins), Phoenix Desert Dogs (Athletics, Braves, Brewers, Marlins, Rays) and Surprise Saguaros (Cardinals, Mets, Rangers, Red Sox, Royals).

Managers Matt Williams of Salt River (East Division) and Dusty Wathan of Peoria (West Division) and their coaching staffs earned the right to manage Saturday's contest by having their clubs in first place in their respective divisions through the end of play last Saturday.

**Rosters** — Nineteen of this year's Rising Stars are ranked among MLB.com's current Top 100 — 8 outfielders, 6 infielders, 2 pitchers and 1 catcher. The rosters also are dotted with 12 first-round draft choices and 11 players participated in the 2012 Futures Game during the All-Star Game weekend.

West Division shortstop Nick Franklin (Peoria/Mariners) was MVP of the 2011 Rising Stars Game.

Complete Rising Stars Game rosters follow.

**TV & Radio** — The contest will be nationally televised by MLB Network and online via MLB.com. Paul Severino (play-by-play) and Tom Verducci (game analyst) will call the game.

Sirius/XM will offer the action to a national radio audience. Mike Ferrin (play-by-play) and Cliff Floyd (game analyst) form the broadcast team.

**First Six Rising Stars Games** — The first six Rising Stars Games showcased some of baseball's current standouts, including Ryan Braun, Jacoby Ellsbury and Hunter Pence in 2006, Brett Gardner and Andrew McCutchen in 2007, Gordon Beckham, Tommy Hanson and Drew Stubbs in 2008, Starlin Castro, Ike Davis, Buster Posey, Drew Storen and Stephen Strasburg in 2009, Dustin Ackley, Brandon Belt, Eric Hosmer, Jason Kipnis, and Ben Revere in 2010, and Bryce Harper, Mike Olt, Derek Norris, and Mike Trout last year.

**Remaining Games** — Two weeks remain in the Fall League's 20th anniversary season, highlighted by two remaining televised games.

The Friday, November 3 Military Appreciation Game (Scottsdale Scorpions at Surprise Saguaros) at 8 p.m. ET (6 p.m. AZ) at Surprise Stadium and the Saturday, November 17 AFL Championship Game at 3 p.m. ET (1 p.m. AZ) at Scottsdale Stadium also will be aired by MLB Network and available online via MLB.com.

For current Arizona Fall League information, including pitch-by-pitch gamecasts by Baseball Advanced Media, visit [www.mlbfallball.com](http://www.mlbfallball.com). Also follow the Fall League via social media — Twitter/[mlbazfallleague](https://twitter.com/mlbazfallleague) and Facebook/[mlbfallleague](https://www.facebook.com/mlbfallleague).

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# 2012 East Division Rising Stars

Angels • Astros • Blue Jays • Cubs • D-backs • Dodgers • Giants • Indians  
Nationals • Orioles • Pirates • Rockies • Tigers • Yankees • White Sox

**Manager:** 9 Matt Williams (ARI)  
**Pitching Coach:** 44 Mark Grater (WAS)  
**Hitting Coach:** 22 Jon Nunnally (TOR)  
 37 Bobby Magallanes (CWS)  
 7 Ever Magallanes (CWS)  
**Trainers:** Cory Barton (CWS)  
 Chris Dovey (COL)

As of October 31, 2012

No.	Pitchers	AFL	Org.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	2012 Club
34	Chase Anderson	SRR	ARI	R	R	6-1	175	11/30/87	Wichita Falls, TX	Mobile (AA)
35	Aaron Barrett	SRR	WAS	R	R	6-4	215	01/02/88	Evansville, IN	Potomac (A+)
57	Mike Belfiore	MSS	BAL	R	L	6-2	220	10/03/88	Commack, NJ	Bowie (AA)
34	Victor Black	SCO	PIT	R	R	6-3	185	05/23/88	Amarillo, TX	Altoona (AA)
24	Jarred Cosart	MSS	HOU	R	R	6-3	180	05/25/90	League City, TX	Oklahoma City (AAA)
32	Trey Haley	SCO	CLE	R	R	6-3	180	06/21/90	Nacogdoches, TX	Akron (AA)
59	Heath Hembree	SCO	SF	R	R	6-4	210	01/13/89	Picayune, MS	Fresno (AAA)
43	Mark Montgomery	SCO	NYY	R	R	5-11	205	08/30/90	Williamsburg, VA	Trenton (AA)
43	Santos Rodriguez	SRR	CWS	L	L	6-5	180	01/02/88	Sanchez, DOM	Birmingham (AA)
40	Coty Woods	SRR	COL	R	R	6-2	190	03/14/88	Christiana, TN	Colorado Springs (AAA)
45	Tony Zych	MSS	CHC	R	R	6-3	190	08/07/90	Monee, IL	Tennessee (A+)

No.	Catchers	AFL	Org.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	2012 Club
9	Alex Monsalve	SCO	CLE	R	R	6-2	225	04/22/92	Boqueron, VEN	Carolina (A+)
24	Austin Romine	SCO	NYY	R	R	6-0	220	11/22/88	Lake Forest, CA	Scranton/W-Barre (AAA)

No.	Infielders	AFL	Org.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	2012 Club
18	David Adams	SCO	NYY	R	R	6-1	205	05/15/87	Margate, FL	Trenton (AA)
6	Kaleb Cowart	SCO	LAA	S	R	6-3	195	06/02/92	Adel, GA	Inland Empire (A+)
46	Ricky Oropesa	SCO	SF	L	R	6-3	225	12/15/89	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	San Jose (A+)
2	Chris Owings	SRR	ARI	R	R	5-10	180	08/12/91	Charleston, SC	Mobile (AA)
17	Anthony Rendon	SRR	WAS	R	R	6-0	195	06/06/90	Richmond, TX	Harrisburg (AA)
19	Jonathan Schoop	MSS	BAL	R	R	6-1	195	10/16/91	Willemstad, CUR	Bowie (AA)
43	Jonathan Singleton	MSS	HOU	L	L	6-2	235	09/18/91	Harbor City, CA	Corpus Christi (AA)

No.	Outfielders	AFL	Org.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	2012 Club
10	Gary Brown	SCO	SF	R	R	6-1	190	09/28/88	Diamond Bar, CA	Richmond (AA)
15	Nick Castellanos	MSS	DET	R	R	6-4	210	03/04/92	Davie, FL	Erie (AA)
8	Corey Dickerson	SRR	COL	L	R	6-2	210	05/22/89	McComb, MS	Tulsa (AA)
19	Brian Goodwin	SRR	WAS	R	L	6-1	195	11/02/90	Rocky Mount, NC	Harrisburg (AA)
10	Joc Pederson	MSS	LAD	L	L	6-1	185	04/21/92	Palo Alto, CA	Rancho Cucamonga (A+)
17	George Springer	MSS	HOU	R	R	6-3	200	09/19/89	New Britain, CT	Corpus Christi (AA)

## Selected But Unable To Participate

29	Shawn Armstrong	SCO	CLE	R	R	6-2	210	09/11/90	Bridgeton, NC	Akron (AA)
6	Javier Baez	MSS	CHC	R	R	6-1	205	12/01/92	Toa Baja, PUR	Daytona (A+)
15	Matt Davidson	SRR	ARI	R	R	6-2	225	03/26/91	Redlands, CA	Mobile (AA)
37	Sam Dyson	SRR	TOR	R	R	6-1	175	05/07/88	Tampa, FL	New Hampshire (AA)

# 2012 West Division Rising Stars

Athletics • Braves • Brewers • Cardinals • Mariners • Marlins • Mets  
Rays • Red Sox • Reds • Royals • Twins • Phillies • Padres • Rangers

**Manager:** 63 Dusty Wathan (PHI)  
**Pitching Coach:** 31 Lance Painter (SEA)  
**Hitting Coach:** 16 Alex Pelaez (CIN)  
**BP Pitcher/Asst.:** 58 Brent Johnson (SEA)  
**Trainers:** JoJo Tarantino (SD) (SD)  
 Alan Rail (MIN)

As of October 31, 2012

No.	Pitchers	AFL	Org.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	2012 Club
22	Michael Brady	PDD	MIA	R	R	6-0	200	03/21/87	Laguna Beach, CA	Jupiter (A+)
30	Grant Dayton	PDD	MIA	L	L	6-2	200	11/25/87	Madison, AL	Jacksonville (AA)
38	Kyle Gibson	PEO	MIN	R	R	6-6	210	10/23/87	Greenfield, IN	Fort Myers (A+)
47	Johnny Hellweg	PDD	MIL	R	R	6-9	210	10/29/88	Ann Arbor, MI	Huntsville (AA)
30	Chase Huchingson	SUR	NYM	L	L	6-5	197	04/14/89	Fayetteville, AR	St. Lucie (A+)
35	Curtis Partch	PEO	CIN	R	R	6-5	227	02/13/87	Merced, CA	Pensacola (AA)
45	James Paxton	PEO	SEA	L	L	6-4	220	11/06/88	Richmond, CB, CAN	Jackson (AA)
59	Kevin Quackenbush	PEO	SD	R	R	6-3	207	11/28/88	Tampa, FL	Lake Elsinore (A+)
46	C.J. Riefenhauser	PDD	TB	L	L	6-0	180	01/30/90	Mahopac, NY	Montgomery (AA)
15	James Simmons	PDD	OAK	R	R	6-3	220	09/29/86	Yorba Linda, CA	Sacramento (AAA)
62	Michael Tonkin	PEO	MIN	R	R	6-7	220	11/19/89	Palmdale, CA	Fort Myers (A+)

No.	Catchers	AFL	Org.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	2012 Club
13	Tommy Joseph	PEO	PHI	R	R	6-1	215	07/16/91	Phoenix, AZ	Reading (AA)
36	Mike Zunino	PEO	SEA	R	R	6-2	220	03/25/91	Coral Gables, FL	Jackson (AA)

No.	Infielders	AFL	Org.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	2012 Club
12	Nick Ahmed	PDD	ATL	R	R	6-3	205	03/15/90	East Longmeadow, MA	Lynchburg (A+)
11	Michael Almanzar	SUR	BOS	R	R	6-3	190	12/02/90	Santo Moningo, DOM	Sales (A)
24	Cody Asche	PEO	PHI	L	R	6-1	180	06/30/90	O'Fallon, MO	Reading (AA)
6	Nick Franklin	PEO	SEA	S	R	6-1	180	03/02/91	Sanford, FL	Tacoma (AAA)
5	Hak-Ju Lee	PDD	TB	L	R	6-2	170	11/04/90	Keonju, KOR	Montgomery (AA)
21	Chris McGuinness	SUR	TEX	L	L	6-1	210	04/11/88	Charleston, SC	Frisco (AA)
9	Hunter Morris	PDD	MIL	L	R	6-2	200	10/07/88	Huntsville, AL	Huntsville (AA)
27	Kolten Wong	SUR	STL	L	R	5-9	190	10/10/90	Hilo, HI	Springfield (AA)

No.	Outfielders	AFL	Org.	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	DOB	Birthplace	2012 Club
25	Bryce Brentz	SUR	BOS	R	R	6-0	190	12/30/88	Knoxville, TN	Portland (AA)
19	Brian Fletcher	SUR	KC	R	R	6-0	190	10/26/88	Fayetteville, GA	Northwest Arkansas (AA)
77	Billy Hamilton	PEO	CIN	S	R	6-1	160	09/09/90	Taylorsville, MS	Pensacola (AA)
12	Rymer Liriano	PEO	SD	R	R	6-0	210	06/20/91	Santo Domingo, DOM	San Antonio (AA)
24	Christian Yelich	PDD	MIA	L	R	6-4	189	12/05/91	Thousand Oaks, CA	Jupiter (A+)

**Selected but unable to participate:**

51	Sam Freeman	SUR	STL	R	L	5-11	170	06/24/87	Houston, TX	Memphis (AAA)
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