



2009 Rising Stars Notes

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Eastern Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Div.	Streak	Last 10
Phoenix Desert Dogs	13	9	.591	-	5-7	8-2	6-2	L1	5-5
Mesa Solar Sox	9	12	.429	3.5	4-6	5-6	3-4	W3	5-5
Scottsdale Scorpions	9	12	.429	3.5	4-7	5-5	2-5	W3	3-7

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Div.	Streak	Last 10
Peoria Javelinas	14	8	.636	-	6-4	8-4	4-3	W1	7-3
Peoria Saguaros	10	12	.455	4.0	5-6	5-6	3-4	L26	6-4
Surprise Rafter	10	12	.455	4.0	4-7	6-5	4-4	L2	3-7

International Flavor at the Rising Stars Game

A record nine foreign-born players representing five countries will be participating in tonight's Rising Stars Game.

Canada (2) – RHP Phillippe Aumont (PEJ/SEA), OF Rene Tosoni (MSS/MIN)

Cuba (2) – IF Yonder Alonso (PES/CIN), RHP Reidier Gonzalez (PDD/TOR)

Dominican Republic (2) – IF Carlos Triunfel (PEJ/SEA), IF Starlin Castro (MSS/CHC)

Venezuela (2) – IF Carlos Rivero (PES/CLE), OF Jose Tabata (SCO/PIT)

Japan – RHP Toru Murata (SCO/NPB)

First-Round Draft Picks

Tonight's game features 18 first-round draft picks including five from 2009.

Mark Rogers – 5th – 2004 – Milwaukee

Brandon Snyder – 13th – 2005 – Baltimore

Hank Conger – 25th – 2006 – LA Angels

Danny Moskos – 4th – 2007 – Pittsburgh

Phillippe Aumont – 11th – 2007 – Seattle

Mike Moustakas – 2nd – 2007 – Kansas City

Jemile Weeks – 12th – 2008 – Oakland

Yonder Alonso – 7th – 2008 – Cincinnati

Jason Castro – 10th – 2008 – Houston

Buster Posey – 5th – 2008 – San Francisco

Josh Fields – 20th – 2008 – Seattle

Ike Davis – 18th – 2008 – NY Mets

Andrew Cashner – 19th – 2008 – Chicago Cubs

Drew Storen – 10th – 2009 – Washington

Mike Leake – 8th – 2009 – Cincinnati

Mike Minor – 7th – 2009 – Atlanta

Dustin Ackley – 2nd – 2009 – Seattle

Tanner Scheppers – 44th – 2009 – Texas

Rising Stars Game Starting Pitchers

Eastern Division

32 Tommy Mendoza – RHP – Mesa Solar Sox – L.A. Angels of Anaheim – 5th Round in 2005 by LAA

FALL LEAGUE: 1-1, 5.40 ERA (9 ER/15.0 IP), 20 H, 0 BB, and 10 SO in four starts ... leads the league in fewest walks per 9 innings (0.00) ... in his win at Scottsdale on 10/21, allowed one run on three hits with three strikeouts in four innings.

2009 SEASON: Pitched the majority of the season with Double-A Arkansas before a mid-August promotion to Triple-A Salt Lake ... 7-7 with a 3.36 ERA (48 ER/128.2 IP) in 20 starts with the Travelers ... sixth in the Texas League in ERA ... 2-1 with a 2.91 ERA (7 ER/21.2 IP) at Salt Lake ... won his final two starts of the season on the road and did not allow a run in 12.2 innings over the span.

NUGGETS: Attended Monsignor Pace HS in Hialeah, Florida with current Fall Leaguer and Washington Nationals 1B Chris Marrero.

Western Division

32 Mike Minor – LHP – Peoria Saguaros – Atlanta Braves – 1st Round (7th overall) in 2009 by ATL

FALL LEAGUE: 1-0 with a 2.31 (3 ER/11.2 IP) ERA, 12 H, 5 BB, and 9 SO in four starts ... tossed three scoreless innings allowing 3 hits, 2 walks, and 1 strikeout to earn only win on 10/24 at Javelinas.

2009 SEASON: 0-1 with a 0.64 (1 ER/14.0 IP), 10 H, 0 BB, and 17 SO in four starts with Class-A Rome ... held opposition to a .208 batting average ... 0.83 GO/AO ratio ... during final season at Vanderbilt ... 6-6 with a 3.90 (48 ER/110.2 IP), 109 H, 37 BB, and 114 SO in 17 games (16 starts).

NUGGETS: Earned the victory over Cuba's Olympic team in the championship game of the Haarlem Baseball Week tournament in 2008, becoming the first time that a US Collegiate National Team defeated Cuba's Olympic Team in a tournament title game ... named to the S.E.C. All-Freshman team and S.E.C. Freshman-of-the-Year.

Eastern Division Coaching Staff

Manager – Gary Cathcart

The 2009 season marked Cathcart's second as manager of Double-A New Hampshire, fourth affiliated with the Fisher Cats and seventh with the Blue Jays organization ... began his coaching career with Toronto's organization in 2003 as a coach for High-A Dunedin and went on to manage rookie-level Pulaski in 2004.

Pitching Coach – R.C. Lichtenstein – Tampa Bay Rays

Completed his first season with Class-A Bowling Green, his fifth with the Rays organization and his 15th coaching in professional baseball ... spent the 2007-08 seasons with High-A Vero Beach and 2005-06 seasons with Class-A Southwest Michigan ... worked with the Brewers organization from 1998-2002 ... Player/pitching coach for the Merrillville Muddogs of the independent Mid-American League.

Pitching Coach – Paul Menhart – Washington Nationals

Completed his first season as pitching coach for High-A Potomac after serving Class-A Hagerstown in the same capacity during the 2007-08 seasons ... began his tenure with the Nationals as pitching coach for Class-A Savannah ... coached his alma mater, Western Carolina, from 2003-05.

Hitting Coach – Brian McArn – Oakland Athletics

The 2009 season marked McArn's fifth as hitting coach with Triple-A Sacramento after serving in the same capacity with Double-A Midland in 2004 ... hitting coach for High-A Modesto from 1997-2003 and began his professional coaching with short-season Vermont with the Expos organization in 1996.

Hitting Coach – Moe Hill – Baltimore Orioles

Finished his fourth season with Double-A Bowie as their field coach and seventh within the Orioles organization ... started Baltimore tenure as coach for High-A Frederick from 2003-05 ... coached three years in the Rangers system, three in the Royals system, two in the Mariners system and three in the Cubs system.

Trainers – Atsushi Toriida (Washington Nationals) and Pat Wesley (Baltimore Orioles).

Western Division Coaching Staff

Manager – Kevin Bradshaw – Detroit Tigers

For the last two seasons Bradshaw has been the infield coordinator for the Tigers ... spent the previous 14 seasons as a manager in Detroit's minor-league system ... following the 2007 season with High-A Lakeland, guided the North Shore Honu to the 2007 Hawaiian Winter Baseball Championship ... spent 2006 and two prior seasons (2002-03) managing Double-A Erie ... recipient of the 2000 Dwight Lowry Award as the Tigers' Player Development Man-of-the-Year ... began managerial career with rookie-level Bristol in 1994.

Pitching Coach – Fred Dabney – Milwaukee Brewers

Completed his fifth season as pitching coach for High-A Brevard County and ninth in his coaching career ... pitching coach for the 2004 Southern League All-Star Game as a member of the Double-A Huntsville coaching staff ... began his coaching career with the Rangers organization at High-A Port Charlotte for two seasons (2001-02).

Hitting Coach – Gary Ward – Chicago White Sox

Completed first season and second stint as the hitting coach for Triple-A Charlotte after serving in the same capacity from 1999-2001... three-year major-league hitting coach for the Chicago White Sox (2001-03).

Trainers – Yosuke "Possum" Nakajima (Los Angeles Dodgers) and Matt Toth (Seattle Mariners).

Rising Stars Game Umpires

HP – Cory Blaser

1B – David Rackley

2B – Mark Ripperger

3B – Lance Barrett

Eastern Division Rising Stars

Arizona Diamondbacks, Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Colorado Rockies, Florida Marlins, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Minnesota Twins, Oakland Athletics, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Francisco Giants, Tampa Bay Rays, Toronto Blue Jays, and Washington Nationals

Catchers

65 CONGER, Hank – C – Mesa Solar Sox – L.A. Angels of Anaheim -- 1st Round (25th overall) by LAA

FALL LEAGUE: .226 (12-53), 3 2B, 2 HR, 8 RBI, 9 R, 7 BB (13 games) ... RBI in five straight, 10/24-11/2.

2009 SEASON: Batted .295 (135-458) with 20 doubles, 11 home runs, 68 RBI, 55 walks and 61 runs in 123 games with Double-A Arkansas ... seventh in the Texas League in hitting ... named to Texas League mid-season and post-season All-Star.

NUGGETS: 2007 Midwest League mid-season All-Star ... Gatorade's 2006 California Player of the Year ... nicknamed 'Hank' by his grandfather in honor of Hank Aaron ... 2006 Louisville Slugger Pre-Season High School All-American first team honors, 2006 and 2005 Cal Hi Player of the Year, and 2005 AFLAC All-America first team honors.

10 POSEY, Buster – C – Scottsdale Scorpions – San Francisco Giants – 1st Round (5th overall) in 2008 by SF

FALL LEAGUE: .218 (12-55), 2 2B, 2 HR, 8 RBI, 11 R, 8 BB (14 games).

2009 SEASON: Played at three levels in the organization, including his major-league debut with the Giants ... began the season with High-A San Jose before his promotion to Triple-A Fresno at the All-Star break ... combined to hit .325 (137-422) with 31 doubles, 18 home runs, 80 RBI and 84 runs scored in 115 games in the minors ... major-league debut on 9/11 vs. the Dodgers ... 2-for-17 with San Francisco.

NUGGETS: Selected to the 2009 California League All-Star Game ... entered the 2009 season as San Francisco's no. 2 prospect and "Best Hitter for Average" by *Baseball America* ... third Giants player to garner the Golden Spikes honor, joining Tim Lincecum (2006) and Will Clark (1985) ... won every major collegiate Player of the Year award in 2008, winning the Dick Howser Trophy, Brooks Wallace Award, Johnny Bench Award and Player of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball*, *Baseball America*, and *Rivals.com* in his final season at Florida State ... full name is Gerald Demp Posey III.

Infielders

25 ALLEN, Brandon – 1B – Scottsdale Scorpions – Arizona Diamondbacks – 5th Round in 2004 by CWS

FALL LEAGUE: .162 (12-74), 3 2B, 1 HR, 10 RBI, 6 R, 19 BB (20 games) ... leads league in walks ... second in games played.

2009 SEASON: Started the season in the White Sox organization before being traded to the Diamondbacks on July 7 for reliever Tony Pena ... spent time at Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte in the Chicago system and Triple-A Reno and Arizona after the trade ... major-league debut at Houston on 8/22, going 1-for-4 ... 31 doubles, 24 home runs and 89 RBI over the course of the season.

NUGGETS: 2009 Southern League Mid-Season All-Star ... spent the final months of the season with the Diamondbacks ... acquired by Arizona from the White Sox for pitcher Tony Pena on 7/7/09 ... began the 2009 season as the White Sox no. 6 prospect and "Best Power Hitter" by *Baseball America* ... in Double-A debut on 7/17/08, hit two home runs and collected seven RBI off of Tampa Bay's David Price.

4 BELL, Josh – 3B – Phoenix Desert Dogs – Baltimore Orioles – 4th Round in 2005 by LAD

FALL LEAGUE: .309 (17-55), 4 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 10 RBI, 12 R, 7 BB (14 games) ... hit .786 (11-14) with 3 doubles, 1 triple, 1 home run, 7 RBI and 6 runs scored over three-game stretch, 10/16-21.

2009 SEASON: Began the season with Double-A Chattanooga in the Dodgers organization before being traded to the Orioles, where he finished with Double-A Bowie ... combined to hit .295 with 35 doubles, 20 home runs, 76 RBI and 65 runs scored in 127 games ... 2009 Southern League All-Star Game MVP.

NUGGETS: Acquired by the Orioles from Los Angeles for left-hander George Sherrill right before the trade deadline ... graduated from Santaluces (FL) Community High School, the alma mater of NFL defensive tackle Vince Wilfork.

Infielders cont.

13 CASTRO, Starlin – INF – Mesa Solar Sox – Chicago Cubs – Non-Drafted Free Agent on 10/25/06 by CHC

FALL LEAGUE: .424 (28-66), 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 9 RBI, 13 R, 3 BB, 5 SB (18 games) ... leading league in average ... T-2nd in hits ... fourth in on-base percentage (.451) ... five straight two-hit games (10/31-current).

2009 SEASON: Split the season between High-A Daytona and Double-A Tennessee ... combined to hit .299 (140-469) with 23 doubles, 3 home runs, 49 RBI and 28 stolen bases ... finished third in the Florida State League batting race.

NUGGETS: Named the 2009 Florida State League All-Star Game Top Star after he went 4-for-4 with an inside-the-park home run ... named to FSL Post-Season All-Star team ... born in Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic.

3 D'ARNAUD, Chase – INF – Scottsdale Scorpions – Pittsburgh Pirates – 4th Round in 2008 by PIT

FALL LEAGUE: .261 (12-46), 4 2B, 1 3B, 3 RBI, 5 R, 6 BB, 4 SB (12 games) ... stole three bases on 11/3.

2009 SEASON: Split the season between Class-A West Virginia and High-A Lynchburg ... hit .293 with 33 doubles, 7 triples, 7 home runs, 57 RBI and 31 stolen bases between the two levels ... named to the 2009 South Atlantic League Mid-Season All-Star team.

NUGGETS: Two-time First-Team West Coast Conference selection and Freshman All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* at Pepperdine University ... younger brother, Travis, is a top catching prospect in the Phillies system.

22 IGLESIAS, Jose – SS – Mesa Solar Sox – Boston Red Sox – Non-Drafted Free Agent on 09/08/09 by BOS

FALL LEAGUE: .222 (10-45), 1 2B, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 7 R, 3 BB, 2 SB (12 games).

2009 SEASON: Did not play

NUGGETS: Made his professional debut in the Fall League after defecting from the Cuban Junior National team during the 2008 Junior World Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

14 SNYDER, Brandon – 1B – Phoenix Desert Dogs – Baltimore Orioles – 1st Round (13th overall) in 2005 by BAL

FALL LEAGUE: .355 (22-62), 4 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 18 RBI, 16 R, 12 BB, 1 SB (16 games) ... second in on-base percentage (.453) ... fifth in runs ... tied for fifth in RBI ... 4-for-5 with 1 double, 2 home runs, 7 RBI, 3 runs and 1 stolen base on 10/21.

2009 SEASON: Split time between the Orioles' Double-A Bowie and Triple-A Norfolk affiliates ... hit .343 with 19 doubles, 10 home runs and 45 RBI in 58 games with Bowie ... hit .248 with 18 doubles, 2 home runs and 43 RBI in 73 games at Norfolk.

NUGGETS: Played for Surprise during the 2008 Arizona Fall League season ... son of major league pitcher, Brian Snyder.

6 WEEKS, Jemile – INF – Phoenix Desert Dogs – Oakland Athletics – 1st Round (12th overall) in 2008 by OAK

FALL LEAGUE: .300 (18-60), 6 2B, 3 3B, 7 RBI, 14 R, 6 BB, 5 SB (14 games) ... tied for third in doubles ... tied for second in triples366 (15-41) during current 10-game hit streak ... week three player-of-the-week after hitting .533 (8-15) with 3 doubles, 2 triples, 3 RBI and 4 runs in five games.

2009 SEASON: Split the season between High-A Stockton and Double-A Midland ... began the season with a 22-game hitting streak with Stockton ... combined to hit .278 with 14 doubles, 9 home runs, 44 RBI and 39 runs scored in 80 games.

NUGGETS: Attended the University of Miami (FL) with fellow 2009 AFL members: Scottsdale's Scott Maine and Saguaros' Yonder Alonso ... graduated from Lake Brantley (FL) High School, alma mater of Boston's Jason Varitek and Milwaukee's Felipe Lopez ... brother of Milwaukee infielder Rickie Weeks.

Outfielders

8 BROWN, Domico – OF – Scottsdale Scorpions – Philadelphia Phillies – 20th Round in 2006 by PHI

FALL LEAGUE: .256 (21-82), 8 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 15 RBI, 9 R, 9 BB (21 games) ... leads league in doubles and games played ... tied for fourth in extra-base hits

2009 SEASON: Split the season between High-A Clearwater and Double-A Reading294 with 21 doubles, 7 triples, 14 home runs, 64 RBI and 23 stolen bases in 103 games.

NUGGETS: Represented High-A Clearwater in the 2009 Florida State League All-Star Game ... named Phillies' no. 1 prospect, "Best Hitter for Average" and "Best Outfield Arm" by *Baseball America* entering the 2009 season ... 2008 Hawaiian League post-season All-Star.

30 DESME, Grant – OF – Phoenix Desert Dogs – Oakland Athletics – 2nd Round in 2007 by OAK

FALL LEAGUE: .354 (28-79), 4 2B, 10 HR, 23 RBI, 23 R, 10 BB, 2 SB (19 games) ... leads league in home runs, slugging percentage (.785), extra-base hits, runs scored and total bases ... tied for league lead in RBI ... tied for second in hits ... hit .511 (23-45) with 3 doubles, 10 home runs, 22 RBI and 19 runs scored during 11-game hit streak, 10/14-28 ... 1 HR per 7.90 AB ... four home runs shy of league record of 14, set by Brandon Wood (LAA) in 2005 ... homered in eight of 10 games, 10/15-28 (10 HR in span) ... seven straight games with RBI (10/20-28).

2009 SEASON: Split the season between Class-A Kane County and High-A Stockton ... minor league's only 30/40 player, crushing 31 home runs and stealing 40 bases ... also batted .288 and had 31 doubles, 89 RBI, 98 runs scored as well ... hit 11 home runs in his first month at the Double-A level.

NUGGETS: was the only 30/40 member of the 2009 minor league season when he hit 31 home runs and stole 40 bases between Class-A Kane County and High-A Stockton ... played collegiately at San Diego State and Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

2 PETERSEN, Bryan – OF – Mesa Solar Sox – Florida Marlins – 4th Round in 2007 by FLA

FALL LEAGUE: .388 (26-67), 5 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 15 R, 2 BB, 2 SB (14 games) ... third in average ... fourth in hits ... hit safely in first 12 games ... tied for sixth in runs scored444 (12-27) when leading off inning.

2009 SEASON: Played 121 games for Double-A Jacksonville297 with 15 doubles, 7 home runs, 49 RBI, 64 runs and 13 stolen bases ... seventh in the league in hitting.

NUGGETS: Played at UC-Irvine with Javelinas RHP Justin Cassel ... pitched in college in addition to playing outfield.

24 TABATA, Jose – OF – Scottsdale Scorpions – Pittsburgh Pirates – Non-Drafted Free Agent on 08/12/04 by NYY

FALL LEAGUE: .366 (30-82), 4 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 16 RBI, 14 R, 6 BB, 2 SB (19 games) ... leads league in hits ... fifth in average ... two triples on 10/20 are league's single-game high this season ... 3-for-6 with 1 double, 1 home run and 6 RBI on 10/27 ... batting .422 (19-45) during current 10-game hitting streak.

2009 SEASON: Split the season between Double-A Altoona and Triple-A Indianapolis, batting .293 with 22 doubles, 5 home runs, 35 RBI, 52 runs scored and 11 stolen bases.

NUGGETS: Entered the 2009 season as the Pirates' No. 3 prospect by *Baseball America* ... was the youngest player on an Opening Day roster in the Eastern League in 2009 ... played in the 2006 Futures Game in Pittsburgh ... was signed on his 16th birthday.

11 TOSONI, Rene – OF – Mesa Solar Sox – Minnesota Twins – 36th Round in 2004 by MIN

FALL LEAGUE: .254 (15-59), 1 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 8 RBI, 11 R, 8 BB (15 games) ... eight-game hitting streak (10/16-30).

2009 SEASON: Played 122 games with Double-A New Britain271 with 25 doubles, 15 home runs, 71 RBI and 64 runs scored ... led the Rock Cats in RBI ... led the Eastern League with 16 hit by pitches ... named to the 2009 Eastern League mid-season All-Star team

NUGGETS: 2009 Futures Game Most Valuable Player in St. Louis as member of the World team ... 2004 graduate of Terry Fox Secondary School in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia where he also played hockey and volleyball ... attended Chipola College ... member of Canada's Junior National Team in 2003 and 2004.

Pitching Staff

91 GONZALEZ, Reidier – RHP – Phoenix Desert Dogs – Toronto Blue Jays – 19th Round in 2005 by TOR

FALL LEAGUE: 1-0, 2.92 ERA (4 ER/12.1 IP), 16 H, 4 BB, 7 K (5 games) ... holding left-handed hitters to .125 average (3-24).

2009 SEASON: Posted a 4-6 record, 2.90 ERA (30 ER/93.0 IP) and 67 strikeouts in 17 starts with Double-A New Hampshire ... pitched 8.2 scoreless innings with five hits and no walks in a no-decision on 4/14 ... tossed eight shutout innings in a win at Harrisburg on 6/1.

NUGGETS: League's shortest player at 5-9 ... attended St. Petersburg Junior College with Red Sox C Luis Exposito.

33 GORGEN, Matt – RHP – Phoenix Desert Dogs – Tampa Bay Rays – 16th Round in 2008 by TB

FALL LEAGUE: 0-1, 1 save, 12.71 ERA (8 ER/5.2 IP), 12 H, 4 BB, 9 K (7 games) ... third among relievers in K/9 IP at 14.29.

2009 SEASON: Split the season between High-A Charlotte and Double-A Montgomery ... 4-0 with 15 saves, a 0.57 ERA (3 ER/47.2 IP) and 59 strikeouts in 28 appearances with Charlotte before his mid-July promotion ... 3-1 with 4 saves, a 2.38 ERA (6 ER/22.2 IP) and 18 strikeouts in 16 games at Montgomery.

NUGGETS: Named to the Florida State League mid and post-season All-Star teams with High-A Charlotte ... graduate of Clayton Valley (CA) with fellow AFL pitcher and twin brother Scott Gorgen (STL).

54 JOHNSTON, Andrew – RHP – Scottsdale Scorpions – Colorado Rockies – 9th Round in 2005 by COL

FALL LEAGUE: 0-0, 9.82 ERA (8 ER/7.1 IP), 14 H, 4 BB, 3 K (7 games)

2009 SEASON: Spent the entire season with Double-A Tulsa, going 2-4 with 31 saves and a 3.69 ERA (22 ER/53.2 IP) ... led the Texas League and was fifth among all minor leaguers in saves.

NUGGETS: Named to the Texas League's 2009 mid- and post-season All-Star teams.

41 MOSKOS, Danny – LHP – Scottsdale Scorpions – Pittsburgh Pirates – 1st Round (4th overall) in 2007 by PIT

FALL LEAGUE: 0-1, 6.10 ERA (7 ER/10.1 IP), 15 H, 7 BB, 10 K (8 games).

2009 SEASON: Spent the entire campaign with Double-A Altoona ... 11-10 with a 3.74 ERA (62 ER/149.0 IP) in 27 games (25 starts) ... tied for third in the Eastern League in wins and seventh in ERA ... tied for third among all Pirates farmhands in wins

NUGGETS: had the "Best Slider" in Pittsburgh's 2009 minor league system according to *Baseball America* ... member of the 2006 USA National Team that won a gold medal in China.

46 MURATA, Toru – RHP – Scottsdale Scorpions – Yomiuri Giants (NPB)

FALL LEAGUE: 0-2, 7.27 ERA (7 ER/8.2 IP), 9 H, 3 BB, 8 K (6 games).

2009 SEASON: Pitched 26 games with the Yomiuri Giants, going 2-4 with a 3.98 ERA (24 ER/54.1 IP).

46 PARKER, Blake – RHP – Mesa Solar Sox – Chicago Cubs

FALL LEAGUE: 1-1, 2 saves, 4.00 ERA (4 ER/9.0 IP), 9 H, 5 BB, 6 K (8 games) ... recorded two saves and a win over a three-game stretch, 10/17-24.

2009 SEASON: Pitched the first month of the season with Double-A Tennessee before his promotion to Triple-A Iowa ... combined to go 2-3 with 25 saves and a 2.70 ERA (19 ER/63.1 IP) and 77 strikeouts ... finished fifth in the Pacific Coast League with 22 saves.

NUGGETS: Graduate of Fayetteville (AR) High School, where fellow alum Nupur Lala, who was the 1999 Scripps-Howard Spelling Bee champion.

65 REYNOLDS, Matt – LHP – Scottsdale Scorpions – Colorado Rockies – 20th Round in 2007 by COL

FALL LEAGUE: 0-0, 1 save, 2.00 ERA (2 ER/9.0 IP), 5 H, 3 BB, 9 K (6 games) ... second in the league with .152 opponents batting average ... fifth in WHIP at 0.89.

2009 SEASON: Pitched the first half of the season with High-A Modesto, going 5-3 with three saves, a 1.29 ERA (7 ER/49.0) and 58 strikeouts in 39 games ... promoted to Double-A Tulsa on 7/10 ... 1-2 with a 4.21 ERA (12 ER/25.2 IP) and 29 strikeouts in 21 games at Tulsa.

NUGGETS: 10-3 for Ohio Valley Conference champion Austin Peay in 2007 ... teammates at APSU with Mariners pitcher Shawn Kelley.

Pitching Staff cont.

58 RICHARDSON, Dustin – LHP – Mesa Solar Sox – Boston Red Sox – 5th Round in 2006 by BOS

FALL LEAGUE: 0-1, 5.19 ERA (5 ER/8.2 IP), 9 H, 7 BB, 13 K (8 games) ... four of his runs allowed came on a game-ending grand slam on 10/26.

2009 SEASON: Pitched the majority of the season with Double-A Portland before a late-season promotion to Triple-A Pawtucket and a September call-up to the Red Sox ... combined 2-2 with four saves, a 2.55 ERA (21 ER/74.0 IP) and 96 strikeouts at two minor league levels ... made his major league debut on Sept. 28 vs. Toronto ... pitched 3.1 scoreless innings in three appearances with Boston

NUGGETS: Finalist on the ESPN reality show "Knight School" with legendary basketball coach Bob Knight.

17 STOREN, Drew – RHP – Phoenix Desert Dogs – Washington Nationals – 1st Round (10th overall) in 2009 by WSH

FALL LEAGUE: 2-0, 2 saves, 0.93 ERA (1 ER/9.2 IP), 11 H, 1 BB, 9 K (9 games) ... tied for league lead in appearances ... tied for fourth in ERA ... tied for second in saves ... fourth among relievers in fewest walks per 9 innings (0.93).

2009 SEASON: Pitched at three levels in the Nationals organization after being selected with the no. 10 pick in the 2009 draft ... 0-1 with 3.68 ERA (6 ER/14.2 IP) in 11 games at Hagerstown ... 1-0 with two saves and 1.80 ERA (2 ER/10.0 IP) in seven games at High-A Potomac ... finished the season with Double-A Harrisburg, where he went 1-0 with 9 saves, a 0.00 ERA (0 ER/12.1 IP) in 10 games ... struck out 12 and allowed just three hits at Harrisburg.

NUGGETS: Attended Stanford University where he played with Astros and Saguaros catcher Jason Castro ... has an extensive collection of hats and bobble-heads and is a gifted artist ... twice named outstanding student in art at Brownsburg (IN) High School.

29 WILKIE, Josh – RHP – Phoenix Desert Dogs – Washington Nationals – 1st Round (19th overall) in 2008 by CHC

FALL LEAGUE: 0-0, 1.00 ERA (1 ER/9.0 IP), 10 H, 2 BB, 10 K (6 games) ... recorded at least one strikeout in every appearance ... sixth in ERA.

2009 SEASON: Split the season between Double-A Harrisburg and Triple-A Syracuse ... 5-2 with three saves, 2.37 ERA (13 ER/49.1 IP) and 40 strikeouts in 34 games with Harrisburg ... 2-3 with two saves, 3.22 ERA (8 ER/22.1 IP) and 25 strikeouts in 17 games at Syracuse.

NUGGETS: Played collegiately at George Washington University.

West Division Rising Stars

Atlanta Braves, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, New York Mets, New York Yankees, San Diego Padres, Seattle Mariners, St. Louis Cardinals, Texas Rangers

Catchers

30 CASTRO, Jason – C – Peoria Saguaros – Houston Astros – 1st Round (10th overall) in 2008 by HOU

FALL LEAGUE: .143 (6-42) with 4 runs, 1 home run, and 4 RBI in 11 games ... OBP (.260), SLG (.214), and OPS (.474).

2009 SEASON: .300 (134-446) with 65 runs, 31 doubles, 2 triples, 10 home runs, and 73 RBI ... between High-A Lancaster and Double-A Corpus Christi ... OBP (.380), SLG (.446), and OPS (.826).

NUGGETS: Hit a three-run home run in the 2009 Futures Game for Team USA in the Futures Game in St. Louis ... entered the 2009 season as Houston's No. 1 prospect, "Best Hitter for Average" and "Best Defensive Catcher" according to *Baseball America* ... selected to 2008 Hawaiian Winter Baseball post-season all-star as a member of the North Shore Honu named to the All-College World Series team in his final season at Stanford.

17 McBRIDE, Matt – C – Peoria Saguaros – Cleveland Indians – 2nd Round in 2006 by CLE

FALL LEAGUE: Second in the league with a .413 (19-46) batting average ... 12 runs, 2 doubles, 1 triple, 3 home runs, and 12 RBI ... leads AFL with .557 on-base percentage ... second with 14 walks ... fourth in slugging percentage (.696) ... boasts active 14-game on-base streak that began on 10/14.

2009 SEASON: .287 (140-487) with 72 runs, 44 doubles, 18 home runs, and 99 RBI in 129 combined games between High-A Kinston and Double-A Akron ... OBP (.340), SLG (.489), and OPS (.829) ... named Carolina League Player-of-the-Week (05/04/09).

NUGGETS: 2007 South Atlantic League mid-season All-Star selection ... 2006 New York Penn League mid-season all-star selection ... in junior season at Lehigh (PA) University hit .417 with 12 homers and 61 RBI, while stealing 22 bases in 27 attempts ... led the Patriot League in all three Triple Crown categories and was a finalist for the Johnny Bench Award ... majored in political science...graduated from Liberty High School (Bethlehem, Pa.) in 2003.

Infielders

27 ALONSO, Yonder – 1B – Peoria Saguaros – Cincinnati Reds – 1st Round (7th overall) in 2008 by CIN

FALL LEAGUE: .259 (14-54) with 9 runs, 1 triple, 2 home runs, and 13 RBI in 14 games ... OBP (.295), SLG (.407), and OPS (.702) ... leads league in sacrifice flies (3) ... fifth lowest TPA/SO ratio (12.20).

CAREER: .292 (86-295) with 33 runs, 24 doubles, 9 home runs, and 52 RBI in 84 combined games between rookie-level GCL Reds, High-A Sarasota, and Double-A Carolina ... Southern League Player-of-the-Week (09/08/09) ... Florida State League mid-season all-star selection ... OBP (.374), SLG (.464), and OPS (.838).

NUGGETS: Entered the 2009 season as the Reds' no. 1 prospect, "Best Strike-Zone Discipline," and "Best Power" by *Baseball America* ... Hawaiian Winter Baseball's post-season all-star selection ... attended University of Miami (FL) ... was second freshman in the program's history to lead the team in home runs and RBI (Ryan Braun, 2004) ... graduate of Coral Gables (FL) High School ... born in Havana, Cuba but immigrated to the United States at the age of 10 with his family ... father, Luis, was a player and coach for the revered Industriales Club in Cuba.

16 DAVIS, Ike – 1B – Surprise Rafters – New York Mets – 1st Round (18th overall) in 2008 by NYM

FALL LEAGUE: .328 (19-58) with 9 runs, 6 doubles, 3 home runs, 10 RBI in 14 games ... OBP (.355), SLG (.586), and OPS (.941) ... went 4-for-6 with 2 runs, 2 doubles, 1 grand slam and 6 RBI on Opening Day (10/13 at Javelinas).

2009 SEASON: .298 (128-429) with 58 runs, 31 doubles, 3 triples, 20 home runs, and 71 RBI in 114 combined games between High-A St. Lucie and Double-A Binghamton ... OBP (.381), SLG (.524), and OPS (.906) ... named Florida State League's best defensive first baseman by *Baseball America*.

NUGGETS: Key cog in Team USA's gold medal winning performance in the 2009 IBAF World Cup in Italy 5... named Pac-10 Freshman of the Year and three-time Pac-10 Conference All-Star ... graduate of Chaparral (AZ) High School ... batboy for the former Triple-A Phoenix Firebirds... is the son of former major leaguer Ron Davis.

Infielders cont.

9 HICKS, Brandon – INF – Peoria Saguaros – Atlanta Braves – 3rd Round in 2007 by ATL

FALL LEAGUE: .293 (17-58) with 7 runs, 1 double, 1 triple, 6 RBI, and 5 stolen bases in 15 games ... OBP (.388), SLG (.345), and OPS (.733).

2009 SEASON: .237 (110-464) with 63 runs, 25 doubles, 4 triples, 10 home runs, and 48 RBI in 128 games with Double-A Mississippi ... OBP (.319), SLG (.373), and OPS (.692)

NUGGETS: Entered the 2009 season possessing Atlanta's "Best Infield Arm" according to *Baseball America* ... 2008 Carolina League mid and post-season all-star selection with High-A Myrtle Beach ... CAR Player-of-the-Week (04/28/08) ... attended Texas A&M.

21 MOUSTAKAS, Mike – 3B – Surprise Rafters – Kansas City Royals – 1st Round (2nd overall) in 2008 by KC

FALL LEAGUE: .268 (15-56) with 10 runs, 4 doubles, 4 home runs, and 12 RBI in 14 games ... OBP (.554), SLG (.554), and OPS (.854) ... went 3-for-5 with 1 run, 2 doubles, and 7 RBI on 10/15 vs. Mesa.

2009 SEASON: .250 (123-492) with 66 runs, 32 doubles, 2 triples, and 16 home runs, in 129 games with High-A Wilmington ... third in Carolina League in RBI (86) ... OBP (.297), SLG (.421), and OPS (.718).

NUGGETS: graduated from Chatsworth (CA) High School ... member of 2004 National Champion squad by *USA Today* and *Baseball America* ... earned 2008 national player-of-the-year honors from *Collegiate Baseball*, the National High School Coaches Association and EA Sports after he hit .577 with 24 home runs as a senior ... holds the state record with 54 career home runs ... Moustakas and Matt Dominguez, drafted No. 12 overall by Florida, became just the sixth set of high school teammates to be selected in the first round of the same draft.

11 RIVERO, Carlos – INF – Peoria Saguaros – Cleveland Indians – Non-Drafted Free Agent on 05/30/05 by CLE

FALL LEAGUE: .315 (17-54) with 5 runs, 5 doubles, and 6 RBI in 14 games ... OBP (.393), SLG (.407), and OPS (.801).

2009 SEASON: Won an Eastern League championship with Double-A Akron242 (116-480) with 50 runs, 24 doubles, 2 triples, 7 home runs, and 58 RBI in 132 games with the Aeros ... OBP (.309), SLG (.344), and OPS (.652).

NUGGETS: Entered 2009 boasting Cleveland's no. 11 prospect and "Best Infield Arm" according to *Baseball America* ... Carolina League Player-of-the-Week (09/01/08) ... 2007 South Atlantic League mid-season all-star selection.

36 TRUINFEL, Carlos – INF – Peoria Javelinas– Seattle Mariners – Non-Drafted Free Agent on 09/23/06 by SEA

FALL LEAGUE: .111 (2-18) with 2 runs in five games ... OBP (.200), SLG (.111), and OPS (.311).

2009 SEASON: Lost majority of the season due to a broken leg ... hit .238 (10-42) with 2 runs, 2 doubles, and 8 RBI in 11 games between rookie-level AZL Mariners and Double-A West Tennessee.

NUGGETS: 2008 AFL Rising Stars selection ... California League Player-of-the-Week (07/28/08) ... hit .287 (125-436) with 75 runs, 20 doubles, 4 triples, 8 home runs, 49 RBI, and 30 stolen bases in 108 games with High-A High Desert in 2008 ... OBP (.336), SLG (.406), and OPS (.742) ... Midwest League Mid-Season All-Star selection (06/19/07).

36 ZAWADZKI, Lance – INF – Peoria Saguaros – San Diego Padres – 15th Round in 2007 by SD

FALL LEAGUE: .254 (16-63) with 12 runs, 3 doubles, 1 triple, 1 home run, 8 RBI, and 3 stolen bases ... OBP (.338), SLG (.381), and OPS (.719).

2009 SEASON: .285 (140-491) with 78 runs, 25 doubles, 7 triples, 77 RBI, and 17 SB in 128 combined games between High-A Lake Elsinore and Double-A San Antonio ... OBP (.369), SLG (.456), and OPS (.825) ... Texas League Player-of-the-Week (06/22/09).

NUGGETS: began collegiate career at LSU and transferred to San Diego State before concluding his amateur status with an NAIA World Series berth in 2006 with Lee (TN) University ... teammate of Boston's Daniel Bard and Cleveland's Justin Masterson with the Cape Cod Baseball League's Wareham Gatemen in 2005.

Outfielders

5 ACKLEY, Dustin – OF – Peoria Javelinas – Seattle Mariners – 1st Round (2nd overall) in 2009 by SEA

FALL LEAGUE: .295 (13-44) with 7 runs, 4 doubles, and 4 RBI in 12 games ... OBP (.380), SLG (.386), and OPS (.766).

2009 SEASON: .417 (111-266) with 75 runs, 18 doubles, 4 triples, 22 home runs, 73 RBI, and 13 stolen bases in 66 games with the University of North Carolina ... OBP (.517), SLG (.763), and OPS (1.280) ... boasts most hits in NCAA College World Series history ... finalist for 2009 Golden Spikes Award.

NUGGETS: Three-time all-America selection ... three-time S.H. Basnight Award for Carolina's most valuable position player ... freshman-of-the-year by *Baseball America*, Collegiate Baseball and Rivals.com ... nicknamed "Roy Hobbs" by his collegiate teammates after he broke an aluminum bat ... father, John, played in the Boston Red Sox organization.

20 DANKS, Jordan – OF – Peoria Javelinas – Chicago White Sox – 7th Round in 2008 by CWS

FALL LEAGUE: .343 (24-70) with 5 doubles, 2 home runs, 15 RBI, and 3 stolen bases ... second in the Fall League with 14 walks, 21 runs, and OBP (.452) ... SLG (.500) and OPS (.952) ... hit .329 (24-73) with an OBP of .462 during a two-year, 21-game on-base streak (11/14/08-11/04/09) ... hit .462 during 11-game hitting streak (10/14-28).

2009 SEASON: .266 (107-402) with 75 runs, 23 doubles, 3 triples, 9 home runs, 41 RBI and 12 stolen bases in 103 games ... selected to the Southern League All-Star Game.

NUGGETS: Entered the 2009 season as the no. 7 Top Prospect, "Best Athlete" and "Best Defensive Outfielder" in the White Sox organization according to *Baseball America* ... won a silver medal with Team USA while playing in the 2007 Pan American Games ... attended the University of Texas with Cincinnati outfielder and AFL alum Drew Stubbs ... graduated from Round Rock (TX) High School with Dodgers pitcher Travis Schlichting ... brother of White Sox pitcher John Danks.

27 HEISEY, Chris – OF – Peoria Saguaros – Cincinnati Reds – 17th Round in 2007 by CIN

FALL LEAGUE: Top 10 batting average (.358) ... second in home runs (5), SLG (.746), extra-base hits (13), and triples (3) ... 5 doubles, 14 RBI, and 4 stolen bases in 18 games ... fifth in the Fall League by averaging one home run every 13.40 at bats.

2009 SEASON: .314 (162-516) with 91 runs, 35 doubles, 3 triples, 22 home runs, 77 RBI and 21 stolen bases in 134 games between Double-A Carolina and Triple-A Louisville ... OBP (.379), SLG (.521), and OPS (.900) ... International League Player-of-the-Week (07/13) ... Southern League mid-season all-star selection ... Futures Game participant ... SOU Player-of-the-Week (06/01).

NUGGETS: 2008 Florida State League mid and post-season all-star ... played collegiately at Messiah (PA) College.

4 JONES, Daryl – OF – Surprise Rafters – St. Louis Cardinals – 3rd Round in 2005 by STL

FALL LEAGUE: .210 (13-62) with 13 runs, 4 doubles, 1 triple, 2 home runs, and 5 RBI in 17 games ... leads league in hit by pitches (4) ... tied for third with six stolen bases ... OBP (.355), SLG (.403), and OPS (.758).

2009 SEASON: .279 (82-294) with 50 runs, 14 doubles, 3 triples, 3 home runs, and 29 RBI in 80 games with Double-A Springfield ... OBP (.360), SLG (.378), and OPS (.738) ... Texas League mid-season all-star selection ... Futures Game participant.

NUGGETS: Entered 2009 as St. Louis' no. 7 prospect, "Best Athlete," and "Fastest Base runner" by *Baseball America* ... 2008 St. Louis Cardinals Minor League Player-of-the-Year ... TEX Player-of-the-Week (08/25/08) ... 2008 Florida State League Mid-Season All-Star selection.

15 WELLS, Casper – OF – Peoria Javelinas – Detroit Tigers – 14th Round in 2005 by DET

FALL LEAGUE: Top 10 batting average (.358) ... third in slugging (.736) ... fourth in RBI (20) ... fifth in on-base percentage (.444) ... hitting .336 (41-122) with an OBP of .438 during a 34-game on-base streak that began 10/09/08405 (30-74) with 20 runs, 19 extra-base hits (8 doubles, 2 triples, 9 home runs), and 30 RBI during a two-year, 18-game hitting streak from 10/25/08-10/23/09.

2009 SEASON: .260 (81-311) with 52 runs, 18 doubles, 4 triples, 15 home runs, and 41 RBI in 86 games with Double-A Erie ... OBP (.369), SLG (.489), and OPS (.858).

NUGGETS: 2008 AFL all-prospect team selection, Player-of-the-Week selection (11/17/08), Rising Star selection (10/23/08) ... Eastern League Player-of-the-Week selection (08/11/08) ... Midwest League mid-season all-star

selection (06/17/08) ... New York-Penn League mid-season all-star selection (08/14/07) ... played collegiately at Towson University.

Pitching Staff

33 AUMONT, Phillippe – RHP – Peoria Javelinas – Seattle Mariners – 1st Round (11th overall) in 2006 by SEA

FALL LEAGUE: 1-0 with a 14.14 (11 ER/7.0 IP), 4 BB, and 59 SO in six games ... allowed 12 hits and possesses a 1.00 GO/AO ratio.

2009 SEASON: 2-6 with 16 saves, 3.88 (22 ER/51.0 IP) ERA, 23 BB, and 59 SO in 44 games between High-A High Desert and Double-A West Tennessee ... allowed 45 hits and held opposition to a .231 batting average ... 1.37 GO/AO.

NUGGETS: Pitched for Team Canada in the 2009 World Baseball Classic ... entered the 2009 as Seattle's No. 3 Top Prospect and "Best Fastball" according to *Baseball America* ... selected to the 2008 Futures Game New York ... selected to 2008 Midwest League All-Star Game ... was the first Quebec native to be drafted in the first round in MLB history ... born in Hull, Quebec, Canada ... nicknamed "The Impaler."

29 DUNN, Michael – LHP – Surprise Rafters – New York Yankees – 33rd Round in 2004 by NYN

FALL LEAGUE: 0-2 with a 2.35 (2 ER/7.2 IP), 6 BB, and 13 SO ... highest SO/9.0 IP ratio among relievers (15.26) ... allowed six hits and held the opposition to a .200 batting average ... 0.75 GO/AO.

2009 SEASON: 4-3 with 2 saves, 3.31 (27 ER/73.1 IP) ERA, 46 BB, and 99 SO in 38 appearances between Double-A Trenton and Triple-A ... allowed 58 hits and held opposition to a .216 batting average ... 1.00 GO/AO ... made major-league debut with NEW YORK ... 0-0 with 6.75 (3 ER/4.0 IP), 5 BB, and 5 SO ... allowed three hits and held opposition to a .200 batting average ... 0.75 GO/AO.

NUGGETS: Selected to 2009 Eastern League All-Star Game ... played collegiately at Austin Peay (TN) State University as an outfielder ... Yankees converted Dunn to a pitcher in 2006.

25 FIELDS, Josh – RHP – Peoria Javelinas – Seattle Mariners – 1st Round (20th overall) in 2008 by SEA

FALL LEAGUE: 0-0 with a 2.57 (2 ER/7.0 IP), 4 BB, and 6 SO in seven games ... allowed four hits ... third among relievers holding the opposition to a .154 batting average ... 1.00 GO/AO.

2009 SEASON: 2-2 with 1 save, 6.48 (24 ER/33.1 IP) ERA, 22 BB, and 36 SO in 31 appearances in his first professional season at Double-A West Tennessee ... allowed 33 hits and held the opposition to a .254 batting average ... 1.07 GO/AO.

NUGGETS: Key cog in the 2008 College World Series runner-up University of Georgia squad with White Sox infielder and AFL alum, Gordon Beckham ... 2008 Stopper-of-the-Year by National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association ... 2008 SEC Pitcher-of-the-Year and first-team all-SEC ... own Bulldogs career saves record (41) and games pitched (114).

32 GUERRA, Javy – RHP – Peoria Javelinas – Los Angeles Dodgers – 4th Round in 2004 by LAD

FALL LEAGUE: 0-0 with a 0.00 (0 ER/7.0 IP), 5 BB, and 7 SO ... allowed six hits and held the opposition to a .222 batting average ... 1.00 GO/AO.

2009 SEASON: 6-2 with 16 saves, 2.60 (20 ER/69.1 IP) ERA, 31 BB, and 84 SO in 51 relief appearances between Class-A Great Lakes and Double-A Chattanooga ... allowed 55 hits and held the opposition to a .222 batting average ... 0.97 GO/AO.

NUGGETS: Regular blogger for the MLblogs Network during the 2009 season where he was a Midwest League Mid-Season All-Star selection for Class-A Great Lakes.

33 GUTIERREZ, Danny – RHP – Surprise Rafters – Texas Rangers – 33rd Round in 2005 by KC

FALL LEAGUE: 2-0 with a 3.86 (5 ER/11.2 IP), 6 BB, and 8 SO in four games (two starts) ... allowed nine hits and held the opposition to a .205 batting average ... 1.45 GO/AO ... selected co-pitcher-of-the-week (10/26/09).

2009 SEASON: 1-0 with a 1.95 (7 ER/32.1 IP), 7 BB, and 28 SO between Kansas City's Class-A Wilmington and Texas' Double-A Frisco ... allowed 20 hits and held the opposition to a .171 batting average ... 1.23 GO/AO.

NUGGETS: Selected Midwest League Pitcher-of-the-Week on 04/14/08 ... graduate of Rubidoux (CA) High School..

Pitching Staff cont.

29 KIMBREL, Craig – RHP – Peoria Saguaros – Atlanta Braves – 3rd Round in 2008 by ATL

FALL LEAGUE: 0-0 with a 3.86 (3 ER/7.0 IP) ERA, 7 BB, and 9 SO in seven games ... allowed four hits and held the opposition to the fourth lowest batting average among relievers (.160) ... 5.00 GO/AO.

2009 SEASON: 2-3 with 18 saves, 2.85 (19 ER/60.0 IP) ERA, 45 BB, and 103 strikeouts between Class-A Rome, High-A Myrtle Beach, Double-A Mississippi, and Triple-A Gwinnett ... allowed 30 hits and held the opposition to a .150 batting average .. 1.50 GO/AO.

NUGGETS: Entered 2009 as the Braves' no. 10 prospect and possessing the organizations "Best Fastball" according to *Baseball America*.

15 LEAKE, Mike – RHP – Peoria Saguaros – Cincinnati Reds – 1st Round (8th overall) in 2009 by CIN

FALL LEAGUE: 0-2 with a 2.31 (3 ER/11.2 IP), 2 BB, and 9 strikeouts in four appearances (three starts) ... allowed 17 hits and held opposition to a .340 batting average ... 0.92 GO/AO ... made professional debut on 10/15 vs. Javelinas ... no-decision (2.0 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, and 2 SO).

2009 SEASON: 16-1 with a 1.71 (27 ER/142.0 IP), 95 H, 24 BB, and 162 SO at Arizona State ... first-team all-Pac-10-Conference selection ... Academic All-American-of-the-Year ... Golden Spikes finalist ... won ABCA National Player-of-the-Year ... first Sun Devil to be named National Player-of-the-Year since Paul Lo Duca in 1993.

NUGGETS: During his final season at Arizona State University, named national player-of-the-year by the American Baseball Coaches Association, academic all-America, and the first back-to-back Pac-10-Conference pitcher-of-the-year.

38 OLIVER, Andrew – LHP – Peoria Javelinas – Detroit Tigers – 2nd Round 2009 by DET

FALL LEAGUE: 1-1 with a 3.75 (5 ER/12.0 IP) ERA, 8 BB, and 13 SO ... allowed 11 hits and held opposition to a .234 batting average ... 0.77 GO/AO ... made professional debut on 10/13 vs. Surprise ... received the loss after he was charged with four earned runs on two hits and two walks while striking out one in 1.0 inning pitched ... allowed only one run in 11.0 IP since debut.

2009 SEASON: 5-6 with a 5.30 (52 ER/88.1 IP), 92 H, 34 BB, and 97 SO in 17 games (16 starts) with Oklahoma State ... boasts a 9.9 SO/9.0 IP ... 1.43 WHIP.

NUGGETS: 2008 first-team all-Big 12 selection ... part of Team USA club that went 24-0 and earned a gold medal at the 2008 FISU World Championships.

53 ROGERS, Mark – RHP – Peoria Javelinas – Milwaukee Brewers – 1st Round (5th overall) in 2004 by MIL

FALL LEAGUE: 0-0 with a 17.61 (15 ER/7.2 IP), 9 BB, and 5 SO in seven games (one start) ... 3.50 GO/AO.

2009 SEASON: 1-3 with a 1.67 (12 ER/64.2 IP) ERA, 22 BB, and 67 SO at High-A Brevard County ... allowed 46 hits and held the opposition to a .201 batting average ... 1.55 GO/AO.

NUGGETS: Returned after losing 2007 and 2008 due to shoulder surgeries ... reached as high as High-A Brevard County before injuries ... graduate of Mt. Ararat (ME) High School.

46 SCHEPPERS, Tanner – RHP – Texas Rangers – 1st Round (44th overall) in 2009 by TEX

FALL LEAGUE: 0-0 with a 3.00 (3 ER/9.0 IP), 2 BB, and 9 SO in five games ... allowed five hits and held the opposition to the second lowest batting average (.167) ... second fewest base runners per 9.0 IP among relievers (7.00) ... third in WHIP (0.78) ... 1.43 GO/AO.

2009 SEASON: Prior to being drafted by Texas played for the independent St. Paul Saints ... 1-1 with a 3.32 (7 ER/19.0 IP) ERA, 11 BB, and 20 SO in four starts ... allowed 17 hits and held the opposition to a .243 batting average.

NUGGETS: Served as Trabuco Hills (CA) junior varsity pitching coach in 2009 ... suffered stress fracture in his throwing shoulder a week before the 2008 draft ... key cog in Fresno State's 2008 national championship team ... 2008 WAC pitcher-of-the-year ... two-time WAC all-star selection.

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BATTING TOP 10 (minimum 2.0 PA/team game)

BATTER	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Castro, Starlin	MSS	.424	18	66	13	28	1	9
McBride, Matt	PES	.413	14	46	12	19	3	12
Petersen, Bryan	MSS	.388	14	67	15	26	2	7
Ashley, Nevin	PDD	.381	11	42	9	16	2	11
Tabata, Jose	SCO	.366	19	82	14	30	1	16
Lambo, Andrew	PEJ	.361	14	61	9	22	2	11
Vitters, Josh	MSS	.360	12	50	4	18	0	3
Curtis, Colin	SUR	.358	13	53	11	19	2	8
Wells, Casper	PEJ	.358	14	53	13	19	4	20
Heisey, Chris	PES	.358	18	67	16	24	5	14

PITCHING TOP 10 (minimum 0.4 IP/team game)

PITCHER	CLUB	W-L	ERA	IP	H	BB	SO
Veal, Donald	SCO	3-0	0.54	16.2	10	2	17
Lentz, Richard	MSS	1-0	0.77	11.2	7	2	13
Judy, Josh	PES	1-1	0.84	10.2	8	8	13
Braddock, Zach	PEJ	0-0	0.93	9.2	6	3	7
Storen, Drew	PDD	2-0	0.93	9.2	11	1	9
Wilkie, Josh	PDD	0-0	1.00	9.0	10	2	10
Lopez, Wilton	PES	2-0	1.38	13.0	12	2	8
Moviel, Scott	SUR	1-0	1.69	10.2	9	7	7
Russell, James	MSS	0-1	1.80	10.0	8	2	9
Layne, Tom	SCO	0-0	1.93	9.1	7	4	10

HOME RUNS

Desme, Grant	PDD	10
Brown, Corey	PDD	5
Heisey, Chris	PES	5
Laird, Brandon	SUR	5
Mitchell, Russ	PEJ	5

RBI

Desme, Grant	PDD	23
Mitchell, Russ	PEJ	23
Laird, Brandon	SUR	20
Wells, Casper	PEJ	20
2 others tied at 18.		

STOLEN BASES

Neal, Thomas	SCO	8
Cain, Lorenzo	PEJ	7
Angle, Matt	PDD	6
Jones, Daryl	SUR	6
Vallejo, Jose	PES	6

WINS

Butler, Josh	PEJ	3
Strasburg, Stephen	PDD	3
Veal, Donald	SCO	3
13 others tied at 2.		

SAVES

Braddock, Zach	PEJ	3
Duff, Grant	SUR	2
Parker, Blake	MSS	2
Storen, Drew	PDD	2
15 others tied at 1.		

STRIKEOUTS

Kennedy, Ian	SUR	19
Weinhardt, Robbie	PEJ	19
Ray, Robert	PDD	18
3 others tied at 17.		

TEAM BATTING	AVG	AB	R	H	HR	BB	SO	SB	CS
Phoenix	.308	783	161	241	29	95	192	23	5
Mesa	.293	784	124	230	20	76	164	27	14
Peo Javelinas	.289	768	148	222	25	97	176	26	9
Surprise	.285	786	127	224	26	70	161	16	6
Peo Sagueros	.273	759	118	207	19	95	166	34	8
Scottsdale	.269	788	118	212	16	96	167	28	11

TEAM PITCHING	W-L	ERA	H	CG	SHO	SV	HR	BB	SO
Phoenix	13-9	4.68	239	0	0	5	20	65	158
Scottsdale	9-12	4.82	212	0	1	2	19	90	172
Peo Sagueros	10-12	5.02	219	0	3	3	26	88	176
Mesa	9-12	5.42	212	0	0	4	26	89	173
Peo Javelinas	14-8	5.74	235	0	0	6	25	99	185
Surprise	10-12	6.13	219	0	1	4	19	98	162

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ADDITIONAL BATTING LEADERS

HITS

Tabata, Jose	SCO	30
Castro, Starlin	MSS	28
Desme, Grant	PDD	28
Petersen, Bryan	MSS	26
2 others tied at 24.		

DOUBLES

Brown, Domico	SCO	8
Mitchell, Russ	PEJ	7
Davis, Ike	SUR	6
May, Lucas	PEJ	6
Weeks, Jemile	PDD	6

TRIPLES

Gaston, Jonathan	PES	4
Heisey, Chris	PES	3
Weeks, Jemile	PDD	3
9 others tied at 2.		

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

McBride, Matt	PES	.557
Snyder, Brandon	PDD	.453
Danks, Jordan	PEJ	.452
Castro, Starlin	MSS	.451
Wells, Casper	PEJ	.444

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Desme, Grant	PDD	.785
Heisey, Chris	PES	.746
Wells, Casper	PEJ	.736
McBride, Matt	PES	.696
Laird, Brandon	SUR	.662

EXTRA BASE HITS

Desme, Grant	PDD	14
Heisey, Chris	PES	13
Mitchell, Russ	PEJ	12
Brown, Corey	PDD	11
Brown, Domico	SCO	11

RUNS SCORED

Desme, Grant	PDD	23
Danks, Jordan	PEJ	21
Espinosa, Danny	PDD	17
Heisey, Chris	PES	16
Snyder, Brandon	PDD	16

ADDITIONAL PITCHING LEADERS

GAMES

Edlefsen, Steve	SCO	9
Hyde, Lee	PES	9
Storen, Drew	PDD	9
28 others tied at 8.		

COMPLETE GAMES

128 others tied at 0.

INNINGS PITCHED

Kennedy, Ian	SUR	20.1
Parisi, Mike	SUR	18.0
Bierd, Randor	MSS	17.2
Ray, Robert	PDD	17.1
Simmons, James	PDD	17.0

LOSSES

Augenstein, Bryan	SCO	3
Mejia, Jenrry	SUR	3
8 others tied at 2.		

WALKS

Graham, Connor	PES	12
Steedley, Spencer	MSS	12
Bierd, Randor	MSS	9
Mejia, Jenrry	SUR	9
Rogers, Mark	PEJ	9

HOME RUNS ALLOWED

Hill, Nick	PEJ	4
Ondrusek, Logan	PES	4
12 others tied at 3.		

SHUTOUTS

128 others tied at 0.

2009 Arizona Fall League Tidbits

- The Arizona Fall League Rising Stars Game on 11/07 at Surprise Stadium will have an adjusted batting practice and infield times due to the 6:15 p.m. first pitch. *Home Infield – 3:30 p.m. Home BP – 3:45 p.m. Visiting BP – 4:30 p.m. Visiting Infield – 5:15 p.m.*
- Tonight's game will have the "Robinson Rule" in affect; therefore the Rising Stars Game will not exceed 11 innings.
- Additional rule changes for the Rising Stars Game include: re-entry for the catcher in case of an injury and the designated hitter will be treated like a position meaning the manager can flip the DH with a position player without losing the DH.
- Long-time Minnesota Twins front-office executive and member of the Arizona Fall League oversight committee member, Terry Ryan, was honored as the 2009 recipient of the Roland Hemond Award in a pre-game ceremony prior to the start of the November 3 game at Scottsdale Stadium.
- The Arizona Fall League teamed with the Joe Niekro Foundation last week to raise \$11,088 for awareness of brain aneurysms. Every strikeout by pitchers of the seven teams (Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Minnesota Twins, New York Yankees, and San Diego Padres) that Joe Niekro played for during his 22-year career was tallied and for 77 punch-outs, four committed sponsors contributed \$36 dollars to the Joe Niekro Foundation. The Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros also made donations to the foundation on behalf of their former player.
- The Arizona Fall League will have two games -- the Rising Stars Game on November 7 and the AFL Championship on November 21 – televised nationally on the MLB Network and online at MLB.TV.
- Twitter and Facebook have infiltrated the Arizona Fall League; check out the latest informative tweets @MLBazFallLeague and the Arizona Fall League on Facebook.

AFL Player and Pitcher-of-the-Week

	Player-of-the-Week	Pitcher-of-the-Week
Week One	SUR IF Brandon Laird (NYY) PEJ IF Russ Mitchell (LAD)	N/A
Week Two	PDD OF Grant Desme (OAK)	SUR RHP Danny Gutierrez (TEX) PES RHP Chia-Jen Lo (HOU)
Week Three	PDD IF Jemile Weeks (OAK)	SCO LHP Donald Veal (PIT)

Arizona Fall League Totals

Offensive

AVG: .286	H: 1336	RBI: 746	BB: 529	CS: 53
G: 132	TB: 2094	SAC: 10	IBB: 5	GDP: 110
TPA: 5318	2B: 245	SF: 55	SO: 1026	SLG: .449
AB: 4668	3B: 54	HBP: 54	SB: 154	OBP: .362
R: 796	HR: 135			

Pitching

W: 65	GS: 132	IP: 1174.2	ER: 692	BB: 529
L: 65	CG: 0	H: 1336	HR: 135	IBB: 5
PCT: .500	SHO 5	AB: 4668	SH: 10	SO: 1026
ERA 5.30	GF: 132	TBF: 5318	SF: 55	WP: 71
G: 132	SV: 24	R: 796	HB: 54	BK: 8

1st Round Picks in the AFL

Thirty-seven former first-round draft picks will play in the 2009 Arizona Fall League. The 15 top 10 selections are listed below.

OF Adam Loewen (4th in 2002, Baltimore)
LHP Andrew Miller (6th in 2006, Detroit)
IF Josh Vitters (3rd in 2007, Chicago Cubs)
C Buster Posey (5th in 2008, San Francisco)
RHP Aaron Crow (9th in 2008, Washington)*
RHP Stephen Strasburg (1st in 2009, Washington)
LHP Mike Minor (7th in 2009, Atlanta)
RHP Drew Storen (10th in 2009, Washington)

RHP Mark Rogers (5th in 2004, Milwaukee)
IF Mike Moustakas (2nd in 2007, Kansas City)
LHP Danny Moskos (4th in 2007, Pittsburgh)
IF Yonder Alonso (7th in 2008, Cincinnati)
C Jason Castro (10th in 2008, Houston)
OF Dustin Ackley (2nd in 2009, Seattle)
RHP Mike Leake (8th in 2009, Cincinnati)

* did not sign

Single-Game Highs

Offensive

Runs: 4 – Multiple
Hits: 5 – Laird (SUR/NYY)
2B: 2 – Multiple
3B: 2 – Tabata (SCO/PIT)
HR: 2 – Multiple
RBI: 7 – Multiple
SB: 3 – Multiple

Pitching

IP: 5.0 – Multiple
Hits: 8 – Mendoza (MSS/LAA)
R: 8 – Multiple
ER: 8 – Hill (PEJ/SEA)
SO: 6 – Strasburg (PDD/WSH)
BB: 6 – Graham (PES/CLE)
HR: 3 – Strasburg (PDD/WSH)