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2006 ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE ALL-PROSPECTS TEAM

Phoenix, Arizona — The Arizona Fall League announces its All-Prospects Team for the 2006 season that was capped last Saturday when the Phoenix Desert Dogs defeated the Grand Canyon Rafters 6-2 at Scottsdale Stadium to claim the league's 15th anniversary championship. The Desert Dogs' title was their third in succession and fourth overall.

The All-Prospects Team, selected by Fall League managers, coaches, and administrators, identifies the players who distinguished themselves throughout the league's six-week schedule of games against other top prospects from every organization in Major League Baseball.

2006 Arizona Fall League All-Prospects Team

Outfielders

Trevor Crowe (Peoria Javelinas/Cleveland Indians)

Former University of Arizona standout stood out in the Fall League, too ... fourth in on-base percentage (.449) and eighth in batting (.329).

Mitch Maier (Grand Canyon Rafters/Kansas City Royals)

Finished fifth in batting (.35) and stolen bases (9).

Fernando Martinez (Mesa Solar Sox/New York Mets)

Youngest player in the history of the Fall League who turned 18 on Opening Day, October 10 ... hit .253 with two home runs.

Kory Casto (Peoria Saguaros/Washington Nationals)

Hit .302 with 17 walks.

Hunter Pence (Mesa Solar Sox/Houston Astros)

Batted .339 with three home runs ... league-best 11-game hitting streak equaled by Peoria Javelina center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury (Boston).

Jerry Owens (Scottsdale Scorpions/Chicago White Sox)

Speedy lead-off man hit .310 following injury-slowed start to Fall League ... ranked fourth in stolen bases with 10 despite missing 17 games.

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Third Base

Ryan Braun (Scottsdale Scorpions/Milwaukee Brewers)

League leader with 16 extra-base hits ... ranked second in slugging percentage (.641) ... tied for second in home runs (6) ... tied for third in runs batted in (25).

Yunel Escobar (Peoria Javelinas/Atlanta Braves)

Fall League batting champion and the loop's only .400 hitter at .407 for the campaign ... overtook Scottsdale's Kevin Frandsen for the league batting title on the last day of play ... also ranked fourth in on-base percentage (.463) ... week four player-of-the-week ... versatile performer played shortstop, second base, and third base ... Havana, Cuba native.

Shortstop

Troy Tulowitzki (Grand Canyon Rafters/Colorado Rockies)

Hit .329 with 10 runs batted in over 22 games.

Ben Zobrist (Phoenix Desert Dogs/Tampa Bay Devil Rays)

Posted the most intriguing statistic of the Fall League season by reaching base safely in his 28 games played, including the championship game ... league leader with 29 runs scored ... also ranked third in hitting (.366) and on-base percentage (.469).

Second Base

Kevin Frandsen (Scottsdale Scorpions/San Francisco Giants)

Led league in on-base percentage (.480) ... finished second in league batting (.388) after leading the circuit in hitting most of the season and relinquishing the batting crown to Yunel Escobar on the season's final day ... third in slugging percentage (.588) ... eight-game hitting streak ... hit safely in 18 of 23 games ... posted three hits or more five times, including four-for-four (October 21) and five-for-five (November 6) efforts ... 2006 Dernel Stenson Sportsmanship Award recipient ... week five player-of-the-week.

Eric Patterson (Mesa Solar Sox/Chicago Cubs)

League leader in stolen bases (15) ... ranked seventh in hitting (.345).

First Base

Chip Cannon (Phoenix Desert Dogs/Toronto Blue Jays)

Threatened the Fall League home-run record of 14 (Brandon Wood, 2005) with a mid-season barrage of round-trippers before settling for 11 league-leading long flies ... also led the league in runs batted in (29) and slugging percentage (.714) ... ranked fourth in batting (.352) ... homered in six of eight games during one stretch with seven homers during that span ... two multiple-homer efforts ... week three player-of-the-week.

Eric Duncan (Peoria Saguaros/New York Yankees)

The 2005 Fall League most valuable player returned to hit .257 with 18 runs batted in.

Catcher

Jason Jaramillo (Peoria Saguaros/Philadelphia Phillies)

Led league catchers with .379 batting average ... also 17 runs batted in.

Bobby Wilson (Scottsdale Scorpions/Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim)

Hit .286.

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Designated Hitter

Kevin Kouzmanoff (Peoria Javelinas/San Diego Padres)

The highly-regarded power hitter who hit a grand slam homer for the Cleveland Indians in 2006 on the first pitch he saw in the major leagues, was traded to San Diego during the Fall League season ... hit .382 in 15 games.

Mark Reynolds (Scottsdale Scorpions/Arizona Diamondbacks)

Versatile performer played left field, right field, third base, shortstop, second base, and first base in addition to designated hitter ... top 10 finisher in most Fall League offensive categories ... runs batted in (second with 26), extra-base hits (tied for third with 13), home runs (tied for fourth with five), on-base percentage (fifth at .564), and hitting (10th at .327).

Starting Pitcher

Kyle Yates (Phoenix Desert Dogs/Toronto Blue Jays)

Anchored Desert Dogs' pitching staff ... 2-0 with 1.13 earned-run average in 24 innings ... league strikeout leader with 25 ... opposing hitters batted only .224 against him ... week four pitcher-of-the-week.

Matt Albers (Mesa Solar Sox/Houston Astros)

Posted 0-1 record with 3.94 earned-run average.

Relief Pitcher

Billy Sadler (Scottsdale Scorpions/San Francisco Giants)

Finished 2-0 with three saves and 1.29 earned-run average in 14 innings ... 22 strikeouts ... opposing batters hit .184 against him ... week two pitcher-of-the-week.

Jesse Chavez (Grand Canyon Rafters/Pittsburgh Pirates)

Posted 3-0 record with four saves ... allowed only one earned run and six hits in 14 innings for a glittering 0.64 earned-run average ... 11 strikeouts.