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2011 ALL-STAR GAME STARTERS ANNOUNCED

Record 32.5 Million Ballots Cast Overall as Toronto's Jose Bautista Sets Single-Year Mark for Votes; Alex Avila, Prince Fielder, Matt Kemp and Jose Reyes Claim Starting Jobs in Final Week of Voting

Toronto Blue Jays All-Star **Jose Bautista**, the leading vote-getter in Major League Baseball, and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder **Ryan Braun**, who earned the top spot in the National League, will be among the starters in the 82nd All-Star Game, to be played on Tuesday, July 12th at Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona. MLB's All-Star Balloting Program is the largest of its kind in professional sports, and this year fans cast a record 32.5 million ballots, eclipsing the previous record of 23.5 million set in 2009. The 2011 American League and National League All-Star Teams were unveiled by TBS on the 2011 MLB All-Star Game Selection Show Presented by Taco Bell.

The versatile Bautista, elected as an outfielder, received a record 7,454,753 votes, surpassing the previous mark of 6,069,688 for Ken Griffey, Jr. of the Seattle Mariners in 1994. Bautista, who leads the Major Leagues with 26 home runs, earns his second consecutive All-Star appearance and his first fan-elected start. The 30-year old Dominican native, who has recorded the most home runs (91) in the Majors since the 2009 All-Star break, is the first Blue Jay ever to finish as the top overall vote-getter in the Majors. In addition, Bautista is the first Jay to be elected to start by the fans since first baseman Carlos Delgado in 2003, the first Toronto outfielder elected by the fans since Joe Carter in 1994 and the first outfielder to be the leading vote-getter in the Majors since Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki in 2003. Braun, now a four-time All-Star, set a new N.L. record with 5,928,004 votes, surpassing the previous record (5,397,734) set by Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals in 2009. This is Braun's fourth consecutive fan-elected start in the Midsummer Classic, becoming the first N.L. outfielder to accomplish the feat since Barry Bonds was elected to start five straight from 2000-2004.

Braun will be joined on the N.L. squad by a pair of Milwaukee teammates – first baseman **Prince Fielder** and second baseman **Rickie Weeks**, both of whom overcame deficits in the final two weeks of voting to claim a starting job. Fielder surged in the closing week to draw 4,864,523 votes, holding off two peers who have won the last three N.L. Most Valuable Player Awards, Joey Votto (4,254,305) of the Cincinnati Reds and Pujols (4,171,094), who had started the last two All-Star Games. Fielder, who leads the N.L. with 69 RBI, gains his third All-Star selection and second start. Weeks, who passed Cincinnati's Brandon Phillips for the top spot last week, earns his first career All-Star selection with 4,460,395 votes, ahead of his N.L. Central rival, who totaled 4,273,079.

On the left side of the infield, New York Mets shortstop **Jose Reyes** tallied 4,707,976 votes to come from behind and beat out Troy Tulowitzki (3,932,000) of the Colorado Rockies, who had been leading at the position from the outset. Reyes, who leads the Majors with a .354 batting average, claims his fourth All-Star nod and third fan-elected start to end the reign of Florida Marlins shortstop Hanley Ramirez, who started each of the previous three Midsummer Classics. Philadelphia Phillies third baseman **Placido Polanco** rounds out the infield after receiving 4,410,701 votes to top his N.L. East rival Chipper Jones of the Atlanta Braves. With the election, Polanco gains his second All-Star appearance and second starting assignment after starting at second base for the A.L. in 2007. In addition, he joins Scott Rolen (2002) as the only Phillies third baseman other than Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt to draw a fan-elected start at the hot corner.

Joining Braun in the N.L. outfield will be Cardinals switch-hitting slugger **Lance Berkman**, who makes his sixth All-Star appearance and second fan-elected start. Berkman, who collected 4,345,766 votes, is just the fifth Cardinals outfielder to earn a fan-elected start, joining Lou Brock (1975), Vince Coleman (1988), Pujols (2003) and Jim Edmonds (2005). Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder **Matt Kemp** (4,293,626) surpassed Berkman's St. Louis teammate Matt Holliday (3,948,268) in the final week of voting following a sizzling month of June (.375, 9 HR, 23 RBI, 6 2B, 2 3B, 18 R, .795 SLG). The All-Star selection is the first of Kemp's career, and he joins teammate Andre Ethier (2010) and Darryl Strawberry (1991) as the only fan-elected Dodger outfielders in the last 30 years.

Atlanta Braves catcher **Brian McCann** (4,698,838), the 2010 All-Star Game MVP, will make his first fan-elected start among his six career All-Star appearances after finishing ahead of Cardinals backstop Yadier Molina (2,972,786), who started each of the last two All-Star Games behind the plate for the N.L. McCann, who leads all Major League catchers with 14 home runs this season, joins Javy Lopez (2003) as the only Braves catchers to be elected to start a Midsummer Classic.

In the American League, starting behind the plate will be **Alex Avila** of the Detroit Tigers, who displaced Russell Martin (3,646,033) of the New York Yankees in the final week of voting. Avila, who leads all A.L. catchers with a .299 batting average, 16 doubles, 46 RBI and a .531 slugging percentage, earned 4,144,384 votes on his way to his first All-Star selection, ending the three-year starting streak of Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer.

Boston Red Sox designated hitter **David Ortiz** collected his fifth career fan-election and his seventh berth overall after tallying 6,324,793 votes, good for fourth-most in the Majors. Ortiz, who finished ahead of Michael Young (3,072,467) of the Texas Rangers, became the fifth Red Sox player ever to hit 300 home runs with the club earlier this season, joining the Hall of Fame trio of Jim Rice, Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski along with Dwight Evans.

Ortiz's Red Sox teammate **Adrian Gonzalez** will make his first A.L. All-Star appearance and first Midsummer Classic start following three career N.L. All-Star nods. Gonzalez becomes the fourth fan-elected Boston first baseman in the last six years, joining Ortiz (2006-07) and Kevin Youkilis (2008). Gonzalez, who leads the Majors with 74 RBI and the A.L. with a .353 batting average, gained 6,034,533 votes to beat out Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira (4,174,690). Teixeira's teammates, including second baseman **Robinson Cano**, shortstop **Derek Jeter** and third baseman **Alex Rodriguez**, make up the remainder of the A.L. infield. It is the first time that one team is represented in the infield by at least three players since the Yankees had Jason Giambi, Jeter and Rodriguez accomplish the feat in 2004 in Houston. Cano finished ahead of Boston's Dustin Pedroia (4,391,835) and was third in the Majors with 6,679,976 votes to claim his third All-Star selection and second consecutive fan-elected start.

Jeter (4,536,386), who is currently six hits shy of becoming the 28th player in Major League history to 3,000 hits, beat out Asdrubal Cabrera (4,073,992) of the Cleveland Indians to earn his 12th career trip to the Midsummer Classic and his seventh fan-elected start, including his sixth straight. With the sixth consecutive fan election, Jeter joins Cal Ripken, Jr. (A.L., eight straight, 1989-96) and Ozzie Smith (N.L., 10 straight, 1983-92) as the only shortstops named to start six straight All-Star Games. Rodriguez (5,277,823) finished in front of Adrian Beltre (4,036,191) of the Rangers to produce his 13th career All-Star selection and 12th fan-elected start. Rodriguez, who now has six fan-elected starts at shortstop and six at third base, joins Ripken, Jr. (17), Rod Carew (15), Griffey, Jr. (13), Bonds (12), Ivan Rodriguez (12) and Smith (12) as the only players in history to earn at least 12 fan elections.

Rounding out the A.L. starting squad in the outfield with Bautista are **Curtis Granderson** of the Yankees and **Josh Hamilton** of the Rangers. Granderson, who will make his second All-Star appearance and first fan-elected start, claimed 6,683,877 votes to finish with the second-highest vote total of all-time behind Bautista. Hamilton collected 4,646,394 votes to edge out Boston's Jacoby Ellsbury (4,609,667) for his fourth consecutive starting assignment, joining Ivan Rodriguez (nine fan elections) as the only other Ranger ever to win at least four fan elections.

More than 20 million Firestone All-Star ballots were distributed at the 30 Major League ballparks, each of which had 23 home dates for balloting, and in approximately 100 Minor League ballparks. Every Major League Club began its in-stadium balloting no later than Tuesday, May 10th.

Firestone, the official tire of MLB, was once again the exclusive sponsor of the 2011 In-Stadium All-Star Balloting Program. The ballot featured an All-Star sweepstakes, in which a winner will win a trip for two to MLB All-Star Week, including hotel, airfare, tickets to the All-Star Game and other MLB All-Star Week events, and a set of four Firestone tires.

Scotts, the official lawn care company of MLB, was once again the sponsor of the retail All-Star Balloting Program, which began on May 10th at more than 1,700 Lowes stores across the country. The Scotts ballot featured an All-Star sweepstakes, where a winner and one guest will win a trip to the MLB All-Star Week including hotel, airfare, tickets to the All-Star Game, and a \$500 MasterCard gift card.

Banco BHD sponsored All-Star balloting in the Dominican Republic, making Spanish-language ballots available online at lasmayores.com, the official Spanish-language Web site of Major League Baseball, and at All-Star balloting terminals across more than 80 branches, through June 30th.

The American League All-Star Team has nine elected starters via the fan balloting program, while the National League All-Star Team has eight fan-elected starters. The pitchers and reserves for both squads – totaling 25 for the N.L. and 24 for the A.L. – were determined through a combination of “Player Ballot” choices and selections made by the two All-Star managers – National League manager Bruce Bochy of the San Francisco Giants and American League skipper Ron Washington of the Rangers – in conjunction with Major League Baseball.

Fans can now begin voting to select the final player for each League’s 34-man roster via the 2011 All-Star Game MLB.com Final Vote Sponsored by Sprint, casting their votes exclusively online at MLB.com from a list of five players from each League over a four-day period. The winners will be announced after the voting concludes on Thursday, July 7th. Now in its seventh year, fans again will be able to make their Final Vote selections on their mobile phones, courtesy of Sprint.

The 82nd Major League Baseball All-Star Game will be televised nationally by FOX Sports, in Canada by Rogers Sportsnet and Sportsnet HD and Le Réseau des Sports, and around the world by Major League Baseball International, with pregame ceremonies beginning at 8:00 p.m. (EDT)/5:00 p.m. (local). ESPN Radio and ESPN Radio Deportes will provide exclusive national radio coverage. MLB Network, MLB.com and Sirius XM also will provide comprehensive All-Star Game coverage. For more information, please visit allstargame.com or dbacks.com/asg.

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FINAL 2011 AMERICAN LEAGUE ALL-STAR BALLOTING RESULTS

Sunday, July 3rd



FIRST BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Adrian Gonzalez	Red Sox	6,034,533
2.	Mark Teixeira	Yankees	4,174,690
3.	Miguel Cabrera	Tigers	3,473,849
4.	Mitch Moreland	Rangers	1,680,462
5.	Paul Konerko	White Sox	1,323,853
6.	Adam Lind	Blue Jays	860,203
7.	Justin Morneau	Twins	781,717
8.	Matt LaPorta	Indians	750,953

SHORTSTOPS

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Derek Jeter	Yankees	4,536,386
2.	Asdrubal Cabrera	Indians	4,073,992
3.	Elvis Andrus	Rangers	2,698,902
4.	Jhonny Peralta	Tigers	2,301,524
5.	Marco Scutaro	Red Sox	1,642,606
6.	Yunel Escobar	Blue Jays	1,104,761
7.	J.J. Hardy	Orioles	956,073
8.	Alexei Ramirez	White Sox	946,442

SECOND BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Robinson Cano	Yankees	6,679,976
2.	Dustin Pedroia	Red Sox	4,391,835
3.	Ian Kinsler	Rangers	2,729,450
4.	Orlando Cabrera	Indians	1,538,135
5.	Ben Zobrist	Rays	1,245,709
6.	Howie Kendrick	Angels	1,079,227
7.	Will Rhymes	Tigers	671,674
8.	Aaron Hill	Blue Jays	587,179

CATCHERS

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Alex Avila	Tigers	4,144,384
2.	Russell Martin	Yankees	3,646,033
3.	Joe Mauer	Twins	2,308,436
4.	Jarrod Saltalamacchia	Red Sox	2,183,113
5.	Yorvit Torrealba	Rangers	1,810,755
6.	Carlos Santana	Indians	1,501,053
7.	J.P. Arencibia	Blue Jays	1,024,020
8.	A.J. Pierzynski	White Sox	963,463

THIRD BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Alex Rodriguez	Yankees	5,277,823
2.	Adrian Beltre	Rangers	4,036,191
3.	Kevin Youkilis	Red Sox	4,018,641
4.	Evan Longoria	Rays	2,804,004
5.	Brandon Inge	Tigers	1,113,787
6.	Maicer Izturis	Angels	666,828
7.	Mike Aviles	Royals	602,091
8.	Edwin Encarnación	Blue Jays	505,015

DESIGNATED HITTERS

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	David Ortiz	Red Sox	6,324,793
2.	Michael Young	Rangers	3,072,467
3.	Victor Martinez	Tigers	2,302,988
4.	Jorge Posada	Yankees	1,998,551
5.	Johnny Damon	Rays	1,303,471
6.	Travis Hafner	Indians	1,206,971
7.	Vladimir Guerrero	Orioles	1,136,364
8.	Billy Butler	Royals	891,940

OUTFIELDERS			
#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Jose Bautista	Blue Jays	7,454,753
2.	Curtis Granderson	Yankees	6,683,877
3.	Josh Hamilton	Rangers	4,646,394
4.	Jacoby Ellsbury	Red Sox	4,609,667
5.	Carl Crawford	Red Sox	3,213,581
6.	Nelson Cruz	Rangers	2,704,249
7.	Ichiro Suzuki	Mariners	2,528,532
8.	Nick Swisher	Yankees	2,277,856
9.	Brett Gardner	Yankees	2,064,372
10.	J.D. Drew	Red Sox	2,009,877
11.	Matt Joyce	Rays	1,597,334
12.	Jeff Francoeur	Royals	1,505,399
13.	David Murphy	Rangers	1,458,420
14.	Grady Sizemore	Indians	1,283,993
15.	Austin Jackson	Tigers	1,254,267
16.	Carlos Quentin	White Sox	1,218,968
17.	Melky Cabrera	Royals	1,201,982
18.	Shin-Soo Choo	Indians	1,158,749
19.	Alex Gordon	Royals	1,120,683
20.	B.J. Upton	Rays	1,081,270
21.	Magglio Ordoñez	Tigers	1,008,145
22.	Torii Hunter	Angels	927,271
23.	Sam Fuld	Rays	916,219
24.	Michael Brantley	Indians	878,556

A.L. PLAYER	CLUB	VOTES	ALL-STAR	
			SELECTIONS	ELECTIONS
C Alex Avila	DET	4,144,384	1 st	1 st
1B Adrian Gonzalez	BOS	6,034,533	4 th	1 st
2B Robinson Cano	NYY	6,679,976	3 rd	2 nd
SS Derek Jeter	NYY	4,536,386	12 th	7 ^{th*}
3B Alex Rodriguez	NYY	5,277,823	13 th	12 ^{th**}
OF Jose Bautista	TOR	7,454,753	2 nd	1 st
OF Curtis Granderson	NYY	6,683,877	2 nd	1 st
OF Josh Hamilton	TEX	4,646,394	4 th	4 th
DH David Ortiz	BOS	6,324,793	7 th	5 ^{th^}

* - Jeter started the 2000 All-Star Game in Atlanta due to injury to SEA's Alex Rodriguez; thus, including his seventh election this year, the 2011 All-Star Game will mark his eighth All-Star Game start.

** - Rodriguez was elected to start the 2000 All-Star Game in Atlanta but was replaced in the starting lineup due to injury; thus, including his 12th election this year, the 2011 All-Star Game will mark his 11th All-Star Game start.

^ - Ortiz was elected to start the 2008 All-Star Game in New York but was replaced in the starting lineup due to injury; thus, including his fifth election this year, the 2011 All-Star Game will mark his fourth All-Star Game start.



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FIRST BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Prince Fielder	Brewers	4,864,523
2.	Joey Votto	Reds	4,254,305
3.	Albert Pujols	Cardinals	4,171,094
4.	Ryan Howard	Phillies	2,563,736
5.	Freddie Freeman	Braves	957,816
6.	Brandon Belt	Giants	917,044
7.	Ike Davis	Mets	824,681
8.	Todd Helton	Rockies	761,928

SHORTSTOPS

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Jose Reyes	Mets	4,707,976
2.	Troy Tulowitzki	Rockies	3,932,000
3.	Jimmy Rollins	Phillies	2,311,689
4.	Yuniesky Betancourt	Brewers	1,695,431
5.	Stephen Drew	D-backs	1,523,919
6.	Alex Gonzalez	Braves	1,476,368
7.	Miguel Tejada	Giants	1,265,544
8.	Paul Janish	Reds	1,168,551

SECOND BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Rickie Weeks	Brewers	4,460,395
2.	Brandon Phillips	Reds	4,273,079
3.	Chase Utley	Phillies	3,345,845
4.	Freddy Sanchez	Giants	1,627,733
5.	Dan Uggla	Braves	1,583,903
6.	Neil Walker	Pirates	993,369
7.	Kelly Johnson	D-backs	862,204
8.	Skip Schumaker	Cardinals	856,658

CATCHERS

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Brian McCann	Braves	4,698,838
2.	Yadier Molina	Cardinals	2,972,786
3.	Buster Posey	Giants	2,418,923
4.	Jonathan Lucroy	Brewers	2,271,498
5.	Ramon Hernandez	Reds	2,056,263
6.	Carlos Ruiz	Phillies	1,864,675
7.	Ivan Rodriguez	Nationals	1,225,342
8.	Miguel Montero	D-backs	1,149,461

THIRD BASEMEN

#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Placido Polanco	Phillies	4,410,701
2.	Chipper Jones	Braves	2,849,578
3.	Scott Rolen	Reds	2,251,425
4.	Pablo Sandoval	Giants	2,213,057
5.	David Wright	Mets	2,106,800
6.	Casey McGehee	Brewers	1,877,744
7.	Aramis Ramirez	Cubs	1,192,220
8.	Ryan Zimmerman	Nationals	1,137,696

OUTFIELDERS			
#	Player	Club	Votes
1.	Ryan Braun	Brewers	5,928,004
2.	Lance Berkman	Cardinals	4,345,766
3.	Matt Kemp	Dodgers	4,293,626
4.	Matt Holliday	Cardinals	3,948,268
5.	Jay Bruce	Reds	3,218,003
6.	Andre Ethier	Dodgers	3,013,030
7.	Carlos Beltran	Mets	2,631,991
8.	Shane Victorino	Phillies	2,370,351
9.	Corey Hart	Brewers	1,875,897
10.	Justin Upton	D-backs	1,845,385
11.	Carlos Gonzalez	Rockies	1,733,281
12.	Jason Heyward	Braves	1,715,925
13.	Raul Ibañez	Phillies	1,641,389
14.	Drew Stubbs	Reds	1,572,673
15.	Carlos Gomez	Brewers	1,508,939
16.	Andrew McCutchen	Pirates	1,343,144
17.	Hunter Pence	Astros	1,315,276
18.	Jonny Gomes	Reds	1,310,142
19.	Martin Prado	Braves	1,296,763
20.	Alfonso Soriano	Cubs	1,282,608
21.	Aubrey Huff	Giants	1,240,980
22.	Chris Young	D-backs	1,151,443
23.	Ben Francisco	Phillies	1,124,361
24.	Jason Bay	Mets	1,114,574

N.L. PLAYER	CLUB	VOTES	ALL-STAR	
			SELECTIONS	ELECTIONS
C Brian McCann	ATL	4,698,838	6 th	1 st
1B Prince Fielder	MIL	4,864,523	3 rd	2 nd
2B Rickie Weeks	MIL	4,460,395	1 st	1 st
SS Jose Reyes	NYM	4,707,976	4 th	3 ^{rd*}
3B Placido Polanco	PHI	4,410,701	2 nd	2 nd
OF Ryan Braun	MIL	5,928,004	4 th	4 th
OF Lance Berkman	STL	4,345,766	6 th	2 nd [^]
OF Matt Kemp	LAD	4,293,626	1 st	1 st

* - Reyes was elected to start the 2006 All-Star Game in Pittsburgh but was replaced in the starting lineup due to injury; thus, including his third election this year, the 2011 All-Star Game will mark his second All-Star Game start.

[^] - Berkman started the 2004 All-Star Game in Houston due to injury to CIN's Ken Griffey, Jr.; thus, including his second election this year, the 2011 All-Star Game will mark his third All-Star Game start.