



## **2011 Coachella Valley Snowbirds - Player Bio Information**

### **6 RHP MAYA, JOSHUA**

Age: 24

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 150

B/T: R/R

College: USC (played on club team)

Additional Information: Played baseball four years in high school at Santiago High in Corona, CA...attended USC for undergraduate work and played club baseball...played in 2010 with the Norwalk Dodgers of the LA Parks and Rec league...trained with USC's Tom House prior to the CWL season.

### **5 RHP MORITA, MASAHISA**

Age: 21

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 167

B/T: R/R

College: Toin-Yokohama University

Additional Information: Played for Yokohama on the 2009 team that went to the Japanese College World Series.

### **24 LHP NELSON, ROBBIE**

Age: 24

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 210

B/T: L/L

College: Menlo College

Additional Information: Spent 13 games with Edinburg Roadrunners(United League)...Pitched and played OF from 2006-2009 at Menlo College(DIII)...throws 87-91mph...Threw 16 innings in Hawaiian Summer Collegiate league in 2009...

### **21 RHP KASHIGOE, TAKINORI**

Age: 24

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 165

B/T: R/R

College:

Additional Information: Played in in the Golden Baseball League during the winter of 2009 and the summer of 2010.



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### **11 RHP KOZONO, TUKASA**

Age: 28

Height: 5'11

Weight: 182

B/T: R/R

College:

Additional Information: Has spent time with the Toyama Thunder Birds, Kobe 9 Cruise and the Osaka Gold Villcanes, all Japanese independent league teams...2x Pitcher of the Month...2<sup>nd</sup> Half MVP of the Kansai Dokuritsu League...Strikeout leader for the Japan Future Baseball League.

### **18 LHP KANO, SHOTA**

Age: 18

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 180

B/T: L/L

College: *Yokohama High School*

Additional Information: Member of the Yokohama High School baseball team from 2007 to 2009. This is considered one of the best high schools in Japan and is where Boston Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka attended.

### **112 RHP MACHIDA, YOSHINORI**

Age: 23

Height: 5'11

Weight: 195

B/T: R/R

College:

Additional Information: Member of the Eau Claire Cavaliers(Wisconsin State League) since 2008...2009 tossed 46.1 innings on his way to a 4-1 record with 40 K's, 20 BB and a 3.69ERA...Improved to a 2.70 ERA

### **19 C JOHNSTON, JONATHAN**

Age: 27

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 205

B/T: L/R

College: US Naval Academy

Additional Information: Drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the 42<sup>nd</sup> round of the 2007 MLB June Draft...played for the A's single-A Kane County Cougars in 2008... in 36 games collected 26 hits in 114 AB with 1 HR, 4 DB, 11 RBI, 11SB, 21BB...4 year starter at Navy with a .317 avg, 51 runs and 35 stolen bases as a senior.



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### **1 C ROBLES, ANGEL**

Age: 23

Height: 5'7"

Weight: 172

B/T: R/R

College: SUNY Purchase College

Additional Information: In 1 season at Purchase hit .429(had to leave due to family issues)...Picked up playing in the NABA as a catcher for the Florida Rangers...Rangers reached a top three ranking in the nation during his tenure on the team...started at catcher for high school squads as well as RBI baseball in Boston...Won 2 MVP awards and a Best Hitter Award from RBI Boston.

### **1 C MCGOWAN, WALTER-JOHN**

Age: 22

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 185

B/T: R/R

College: Morehouse College

Additional Information: A three time All SIAC Academic Team at Morehouse College...lettered all four years ...led the team in on base percentage in 2008...Voted 2010 best All-Around player...Named to 2006 Tennessee Sportswriters All-State high school baseball team...previously played in the Coastal Baseball League(TX)

### **210 C WHITEMAN, BROCK**

Age: 22

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 200

B/T: R/R

College: Muskingum University

Additional Information: Hit at least .340 in all four seasons at Muskingum including a career high .450 in 2008 as a sophomore...tallied a career high 51 RBI in 08 as well with 42 and 46 in his final two collegiate seasons...Played for the Peekskill Robins of the Atlantic Collegiate League in 2008 where he posted a .368 average with 2 HR and 24 RBI...Playing in the Coastal Plain League in 2009 for Fayetteville he hit .209 with 2 HR and 15 RBI.. Named to the DIII ABCA/Rawlings All-Mid East Region First Team in 2009..Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League All-Star in 2008.

### **20 1B NEECE, STEFAN**

Age: 23

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 235

B/T: L/R

College: Greenville College (IL)

Additional Information: Started four years (2006-10) at 1B for Greenville...missed 2009 after Tommy John surgery in December 2008...hit a career high .487 with 19 HR and 67 RBI in 42 games as a senior in 2010...SLIAC Newcomer of the Year in 2006...First Team All Conference (SLIAC) 2006-10...SLIAC Player of



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the Year 2008 and 2010...ABCA/Rawlings NCAA D-III First Team All-American(2010)...Set Career records at Greenville for HR, RBI, BB, Hits and Runs...Illinois State High School Career leader in RBI...

### **22 1B LEFFRIG, TYLER**

Age: 23

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 225

B/T: R/R

College: University of Mary

Additional Information: Compiled a .321 avg with 39 HR, 44 Doubles, 141 RBI while at University of Mary(DII)...Named 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-NSIC 2007 and 2009...Played four years of American Legion baseball in Williston, ND...Hit .418, with 61HR and 140 RBI during his legion career...is not currently with a major league organization.

### **12 SS VIRES, JEFF**

Age: 22

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 185

B/T: R/R

College: San Diego State (Fresh), Grossmont College (Soph), Southern Nazarene University (Jr/Sr)

Additional Information: Draft and follow by Brewers out of high school ('06)...After stops at San Diego City College and Gossmont College transferred to Southern Nazarene for 2 years...1<sup>st</sup> team NAIA All American shortstop as senior...hit .442, 21HR, 72RBI, .879SLG...Struck out just 16 times over 300+ at bats at Southern Nazarene...Played for St. George Roadrunners (GBL) for three weeks before team folded in 2010.

### **8 OF KAWADA, TAKERU**

Age: 19

Height: 5'7"

Weight: 140

B/T: R/R

College:

Additional Information: Attended Chuogakuin High School...spent 2010 with the YBC Phenys Baseball Club.

### **13 2B NAKAMURA, AYUMMI**

Age: 18

Height: 5'7"

Weight: 160

B/T: S/

College: *High School*

Additional Information: Member of the Eau Claire Cavaliers during their 2010 summer season...Over 24 games hit .283 with 11 RBI and a .397 on base percentage.



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### **1B NEREI, YUJI**

Age: 37

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 223

B/T: L/L

College:

Additional Information: Played as high as AAA in the Expos organization...2000 only year in MiLB...Hit .255 across all levels with 5 HR, 25 RBI and a .384OBP...In 55 games at AAA Ottawa hit .247 with 16 RBI and a .352 OBP...In 2004 hit .351 in 69 games for the Elmira Pioneers of the Northeast League...also posted 6 HR and 44 RBI..Most recently played with the Nagasaki Saints.

### **25 UTIL AOKI, TAKASHI**

Age: 26

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 205

B/T: R/R

College:

Additional Information: In 2009 played for the Wellness-Sai Baseball Club...noted as having a good arm with decent speed.

### **4 OF BOYD, DREW**

Age: 24

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 210

B/T: R/R

College: Hillsborough Community College (Tampa, FL)

Additional Information: Hit .333 over 20 games for the Desert Valley Mountain Lions of the Continental Baseball League...Named CBL All Star...Member of San Diego Surf Dawgs in winter of 2010 and summer of 2009...2009 World of Baseball participant...attended the American Baseball Institute in 2008...

### **26 OF SUETSUGU, TAKAAKI**

Age: 27

Height: 6'2

Weight: 213

B/T: L/R

College:

Additional Information: A Japanese Big League prospect since 2008, currently plays for the Ehime Mandarin Pirates...In 2009 he led the Shikoku Island League in HR with 16 over 80 games...

### **14 OF IKEGAMI, KATSUYUKI**

Age: 31

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 176

B/T: R/R

College:



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Additional Information: Played for the Ibaraki Golden Golds, a Japanese club team, during the 2009 and 2010 seasons...In 2010 went 21 for 54 for a .450 average.

### **15 OF SHIMADA, NAOKI**

Age: 22

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 160

B/T: S/R

College:

Additional Information: During the summer of 2010 played for Nekketsu Making, a Japanese Club team.

### **10 UTIL STANTON, ZACK**

Age: 23

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 190

B/T: R/R

College: Georgia Southwest State University

Additional Information: Hit .324 as a senior at GSSU with 6 HR and 50 RBI...in his junior season at GSSU he drove in 34 while posting a .294 average...Played one season of independent ball with the Evansville Otters...hit .200 with 1 HR and 6 RBI.

### **17 UTIL BREault, TYLER**

Age: 22

Height: 5'11"

Weight: 185

B/T: R/R

College: Grand Rapids Community College (MI)

Additional Information: Signed to play with the Lake Erie Crushers of the Frontier League in 2011...Hit .301 with 29 RBI and 29 runs scored in his final season at Grand Rapids(2010)...

### **7 UTIL LANGLEY, MICHAEL**

Age: 22

Height: 6'0"

Weight: 175

B/T: R/R

College: Mercer University

Additional Information: 4-year starter at Mercer University...07-10 Atlantic Sun All-Conference Team...Finalist for A-Sun athlete of the year in 2010...first player in Mercer history with 100 hits in a season...also tied school record with 25 doubles in a season... Finished his Mercer career in 2010 with a .392 average, 6 HR, 49 RBI, and a .420 OBP



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### **9 UTIL ONO, SHINGO**

Age: 26

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 170

B/T: L/R

College:

Additional Information: Played last in the summer of 2010 for the Ehime Mandarin Pirates of the Shikoku Island League(Japanese Independent)...In 2010 hit .226 with 12 RBI...Has also spent time with the Ishikawa Million Stars and the Niigata Albirex of the Baseball Challenge League(Japanese Independent) and also with the Kobe 9 Cruise of the Kansai Dokuetsu League(Japanese Independent).

### **UTIL INABA, HIROKI**

Age: 26

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 160

B/T: L/R

College:

Additional Information: Has played for the Niigata Albirex of the Baseball Challenge League(Japanese Independent) for the last four years. In 2010 he compiled a .295 average with 2 HR and 22 RBI while compiling 16 walks.

### **23 UTL MARTINEZ, ADRIAN**

Age: 22

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 230

B/T: R/R

College: Pasadena City College, Missouri Baptist

Additional Information: Hit .379 as a senior at Missouri Baptist with 13 HR, 14 doubles and 72 RBI...made only 3 errors all his junior season at 3B and was named conference third baseman of the year both as a junior and senior...Earned all conference honors in one season at Pasadena City College...hit .300 with 8 HR and 34 RBI...Lettered and was all-league for three years at Don Bosco Tech High School.