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## Major League Pitcher Liriano Joins Club

### *Texas Natives Join Roster*

**Sugar Land, TEXAS** – The Sugar Land Skeeters announced today the signing of major league pitcher Peddro Liriano and the appeal of playing in front of a home crowd is becoming more apparent as the Skeeters have also signed three Texas natives to the 2012 Skeeters roster, outfielder Bubba Bell, pitcher Eric Krebs and pitcher Trey Rackel.

“It is a very exciting time for the organization,” said Gary Gaetti, Manager of the Sugar Land Skeeters. “As the first pieces of the club are starting to form, you can see the level of talent we are bringing to Sugar Land. The fact that many of them hang their boots in Texas is just an added bonus for the fans.”

Liriano, a Dominican born right handed pitcher, is the second veteran major leaguer to join the Skeeters lineup. He was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Anaheim Angels in 1998. In 2004, he made his MLB debut as a reliever in 11 games for the Milwaukee Brewers. The following year he was picked up off of waivers by the Philadelphia Phillies and pitched in five games. In the minors he have career stats of 184 career games (141 starts), a 42-67 record with a 4.27 ERA, 6 saves, and 656 strikeouts over the course of 822 innings pitched.

Bell, who was born in Houston, Texas, returns to the area to play baseball. Drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 2005 draft, he played last season with New York Mets Triple-A affiliate, the Buffalo Bisons with fellow Skeeters outfielder, Jason Botts. The switch-hitting outfielder has minor league career stats of .287 batting average, 374 runs scored, 664 hits, 130 doubles, 61 home runs and 341 RBIs in 642 games played from 2005 through 2011.

Krebs, a right handed pitcher from Tomball, Texas, makes his way to Sugar Land for his sixth season of professional baseball. After playing collegiate baseball down State Highway 6 at nearby Alvin Community College, he was drafted in the 2005 amateur draft by the Pittsburg Pirates. In 147 career games (23 starts), the 26-year-old owns an 11-17 record with a 4.29 ERA, 10 saves, and 293 strikeouts over the course of 277 innings pitched.

Rackel, a right handed pitcher from Houston, makes his way back home to throw for the Skeeters. The local boy went to college at Angelina College until being signed as an undrafted free agent in 2009 by the New York Mets.

**About the Sugar Land Skeeters:** The Sugar Land Skeeters minor league baseball team, led by Manager and former Major League All-Star Gary Gaetti, will play in the \$35 million Constellation Field, which is being constructed by the City of Sugar Land and the Skeeters at the intersection of State Highway 6 and U.S. Highway 90A. The Sugar Land Skeeters will play 70 regular season home games annually, starting with the 2012 season, presented by ABC Home & Commercial Services, beginning on April 26. Constellation Field will play host to a multitude of other sporting events, including football, soccer, lacrosse, cheerleading and band competitions, as well as concerts, group outings and scout sleepovers. Fixed-seat stadium capacity is approximately 6,200 for baseball, plus additional lawn and standing-room-only tickets. Constellation Field has a capacity of 10,000-plus in concert configuration.

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The Sugar Land Skeeters offices are presently located at 16160 City Walk in Sugar Land Town Square, Sugar Land, TX 77479 where additional information, tickets and Inaugural Season merchandise are available. The Skeeters may be reached at [www.SugarLandSkeeters.com](http://www.SugarLandSkeeters.com) or by calling 281.240.HITS (4487), and on Facebook ([facebook.com/SugarLandSkeeters](https://facebook.com/SugarLandSkeeters)) and Twitter ([@SL\\_Skeeters](https://twitter.com/SL_Skeeters)).

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