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## Skeeters Sign Six

### *Four Pitchers Join the Roster*

**Sugar Land, TEXAS** – The Sugar Land Skeeters announced today the signing of four pitchers as Tyler Lumsden, Colton Pitkin, Duniesky Flores and expansion draft pick Ryan McKeller as well as draft picks Iggy Suarez (SS) and Octavio Martinez (C) join the inaugural roster.

Left handed pitcher Lumsden was drafted out of Virginia in the fifth round of the 2001 draft, but opted instead to play college ball at Clemson University. After three seasons with the tigers, Lumsden was drafted as the 34th overall pick in the 2004 draft by the Chicago White Sox. In 154 career games (100 starts), the 28-year-old owns a 33-42 record with a 4.81 ERA and 330 strikeouts over the course of 682 innings pitched.

Pitkin, a left handed pitcher from Baytown, Texas, returns to the Houston area after spending the 2011 season with Astros affiliate Lancaster Jethawks of the California League. The relief pitcher was drafted in 2007 by the Astros. In 113 career appearances, the 22-year-old owns a 10-14 record with a 4.82 ERA and 183 strikeouts over the course of 244 innings pitched.

Flores, a 6'7" right handed pitcher from Cuba, is the number two pitcher for the Cuban national team behind Aroldis Chapman of the Cincinnati Reds. Cuba has been the dominant team in international competition since the 1940s. They have won 26 of the first 28 Baseball World Cups they have played in, 12 of 15 Pan American Games (including 8 in a row from 1971-2007) and 3 of 5 Olympics.

Austin native McKeller was drafted in 2002 by the Houston Astros and spent 7 seasons pitching in the organization. He finished the 2009 season with his hometown Round Rock Express before joining the Atlantic League Camden Riversharks in 2010. In 302 career appearances, McKeller owns a 39-41 record with a 4.88 ERA, 14 saves and 580 strikeouts over the course of 651 innings pitched.

Veteran of 13 seasons, catcher Martinez comes to Texas after spending last season with the York Revolution. Martinez was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the 1999 Amateur Draft. He spent last season with the two-time defending Atlantic League Champion York Revolution. He comes to the Skeeters with career stats of .271 batting average, 660 runs scored, 660 hits, 107 doubles and 311 RBIs in 2654 games played from 1999 through 2011.

Suarez played college baseball at Texas State University before being drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 2003 draft. He comes to the Skeeters with career stats of 428 runs scored, 766 hits, 150 doubles and 315 RBIs in 3566 games played from 2003 through 2011.

**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,

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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 6,000 for baseball, plus additional lawn and standing-room-only tickets. Constellation Field has a capacity of 10,000-plus in concert configuration.

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).

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