

## **Fort Myers Miracle will host the 2016 FSL All-Star Game**

### **All-Star Weekend in Fort Myers set for June 17-19**

**FORT MYERS, Fla. (June 25, 2015)** - The Fort Myers Miracle are pleased to announce that the 2016 Florida State League All-Star Game will be hosted at the newly renovated Hammond Stadium at the CenturyLink Sports Complex.

The 55th All-Star Game in league history will be played for a sixth time in Fort Myers since 1985 and will be put on by the Miracle for a fifth time. A three-day All-Star break will commence on Friday, June 17 and end on Sunday, June 19. The game will be played on Saturday, June 18 at 7:05 p.m.

“We are thrilled to show off this state-of-the art facility after the renovations and upgrades that have improved the fan experience the last two seasons,” said Miracle Chief Operating Officer Steve Gliner. “This event will be a great opportunity not just for local fans, but also for guests from around Florida and the United States to come and experience Fort Myers, Hammond Stadium and the beautiful Southwest Florida region.”

Hammond Stadium and the CenturyLink Sports Complex underwent a two-phase, \$48.5 million dollar renovation that began during the fall of 2013 and was completed prior to Minnesota Twins Spring Training in the spring of 2015. Phase I included a brand new outfield boardwalk to provide 360-degree viewing, four different types of seating options, two full service bars and new concession stands in center field.

Phase II revitalized the inner-bowl with all chair seating, open air concession stands with top of the line cooking equipment, new third level terrace views, the addition of the fourth floor SkyDeck, a brand new team merchandise store, the addition of a Grand Entry at the top of the steps, a new ticket office and wider concourses.

The All-Star Game will feature two teams comprised of players from the South and North Divisions. The South Division is made up of the Bradenton Marauders, Charlotte Stone Crabs, Fort Myers Miracle, Jupiter Hammerheads and Palm Beach Cardinals. The North Division includes the Brevard County Manatees, Clearwater Threshers, Daytona Tortugas, Dunedin Blue Jays, Lakeland Flying Tigers and Tampa Yankees.

A Home Run Derby will precede the All-Star Game on Saturday, June 18 and a fireworks show will follow the final out. A special All-Star Weekend event will be scheduled for the evening on Friday, June 17. More details about the All-Star Game and festivities will be released in the coming months.

The Miracle last hosted the All-Star Game in 2009. Then Twins prospect Chris Parmelee won the Home Run Derby and Ben Revere played in the game representing Fort Myers. Current Chicago Cub Starlin Castro picked up four hits and was named the MVP of the game. Giancarlo Stanton was also named to

the 2009 South Division team.

In 2003, current Major League stars that played in the game included David Wright, Ryan Howard, Robinson Cano, Curtis Granderson and Joe Mauer. The 2001 All-Star Game at Hammond Stadium featured Chase Utley.

The first FSL All-Star Game hosted in Fort Myers was held in 1985 at Terry Park by the Fort Myers Royals.

Updates and news on the 2016 FSL All-Star Game can be found periodically by visiting [www.miraclebaseball.com](http://www.miraclebaseball.com).