

AZ Insider: Rubbing Elbows With Celebs for Baseball

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Which movie, TV stars and singers turned out for MLB?

Famous singers, movie and television and sports celebs were in Phoenix to play some ball and party for the MLB All- Star game. Of course, there were our home town all-time FAVORITES- Diamondbacks **Luis Gonzalez**, Arizona Cardinal **Larry Fitzgerald** and American Idol **Jordin Sparks**.



And joining these adored Phoenix celebrities off and on the field for events were stars such as movie star **Mandy Moore**, actor **Chord Overstreet** who starred in the TV show "Glee", actor **Chris Pratt** of the hit TV show "Parks and Recreation," Sports Illustrated swimsuit model **Kate Upton** and singer **Nick Jonas**.



Sports celebs included baseball greats **Rickey Henderson**, **Ozzie Smith**, **Mike Piazza**; and University of Arizona softball player and Olympic gold medalist **Jennie Finch**.



We know Jordin Sparks can sing- but is she more than just a fan of baseball? You bet. And she can play, too. The Glendale, Arizona native actually played softball at a young age in the Phoenix area - from four years old until eighth grade!

"I love coming back to Phoenix," says the Glendale girl who was recently profiled on the cover of People Magazine. Jordin grew up around

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sports. Her dad is former New York Giants cornerback Phillippi Sparks.



The celebs playfully teased each other about their baseball skills. But Chord Overstreet of Glee, “caught” less flack because he surprised everyone when he caught a fly ball in the celebrity softball game. Larry Fitzgerald- being the determined athlete that he is even took batting practice last month with the D-backs so he could be sharp on the field for the All Star celebrity game. Larry, he loved watching the Minnesota Twins when he grew up in Minnesota.

And who won MVP of the celebrity All -Star softball game? Luis Gonzalez.



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