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**MAJORS PLAYER RYAN LAPENSEE SIGNS WITH DIAMONDBACKS**

[Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – London, ON] London Majors center fielder Ryan LaPensee signed with the Arizona Diamondbacks and will be reporting to spring training in 2011.

He was signed by Quinton McCracken of the Diamondbacks and will be reporting to Salt River Fields in Arizona on March 1<sup>st</sup>. "London was a great place to play because the competition was against a lot of the guys that had already had the opportunity that I have been given now," says LaPensee. "I made a lot of great friends that are really supportive. Roop (Chanderdat) was great for me and the Majors because he constantly pushed us and kept the clubhouse atmosphere professional, preparing us for what the future may hold," he adds.

LaPensee is the club's tenth player to be signed since new ownership in 2006, behind Zack Breault, who was picked up by the Toronto Blue Jays back in September. "I'm excited to join Dave Naradowski, a former Major at spring training and hopefully will get to play together somewhere in the near future," Ryan says.

"Ryan has the necessary tools to have success at the next level," says Roop Chanderdat, Co-owner, General Manager and Field Manager. "Lapensee is very competitive, wants to learn and is very coachable," says Chanderdat. "It was a pleasure having him in our organization."

Ryan just completed his rookie year with the Majors. He was an all-star center fielder with a batting average of .352, the speedy 22 year old also had 20 stolen bases. LaPensee was selected to play in the inaugural New Era All-Star Classic, an event which featured the top players from the IBL and the La Ligue de Baseball Senior Elite du Quebec (LBSEQ) in Ottawa.

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