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**Professional baseball returns to Tucson with opening
of M1 Baseball games March 13 at Kino Sports Complex**

Four professional Mexican baseball teams will begin play at Kino Sports Complex March 13, opening a series of 12 spring training games that includes two games with Triple A affiliates of Major League Baseball teams.

The Pima County Stadium District and M1 Baseball, LLC, finalized a deal in mid-January to bring professional baseball to Kino Sports Complex this year. The teams are the Toros de Tijuana (Tijuana, Baja California), Tigres de Quintana Roo (Cancun, Quintana Roo), the Piratas de Campeche (Campeche, Campeche Mexico), and the Rojos de Aguila de Veracruz (Veracruz, Veracruz, Mexico).

On March 14, Rojos del Aguila de Veracruz will take on the Texas Rangers' Triple A team in the second game of a doubleheader. Game 1 begins at 2 p.m. On March 21, Toros de Tijuana will play the Chicago Cubs' Triple A affiliate. That game is also the second game of a doubleheader, with Game 1 beginning at 2 p.m.

Game-day promotions will include Mexican food, beer specials, live music, team mascots and activities for the kids. All training and games will be televised throughout Mexico and in the southern United States via a baseball television program owned and operated by the Aguila de Veracruz team.

Each team's rosters has former MLB players and staff. Jerry Royster is the manager of the Tigres de Quintana Roo, Greg Vaughn is the hitting coach. Some MLB players include Tigres: Jorge Cantú, Karim Garcia, Delwyn Young, Alfredo Amézaga, Justin Christian, Jesus Castillo (Tucson HS); Toros: Jose Contreras, Dennys Reyes, Russell Branyon, Ramon Ortiz, Miguel Olivo; Rojos: Dave Sappelt, Randy Ruiz; Piratas: Geronimo Gil, and Evan MacLane a former Sidewinder.

Exhibition Game Schedule

Friday, March 13 @ 7 p.m.

Toros de Tijuana vs Tigres de Quintana Roo

Saturday, March 14 Doubleheader @ 2 p.m.

Game 1 - Piratas de Campeche vs Toros de Tijuana

Game 2 - Rojos del Aguila de Veracruz vs Texas Rangers AAA

Sunday, March 15 @ 2 p.m.

Tigres de Quintana Roo vs Piratas de Campeche

Friday, March 20 @ 7 p.m.

Piratas de Campeche vs Rojos del Aguila de Veracruz

Saturday, March 21 2 p.m. Doubleheader

Game 1 - Piratas de Campeche vs Tigres de Quintana Roo

Game 2 - Toros de Tijuana vs Chicago Cubs AAA

Sunday, March 22 @ 2 p.m.

Tigres de Quintana Roo vs Rojos del Aguila de Veracruz

Friday, March 27 @ 7 p.m.

Toros de Tijuana vs Piratas de Campeche

Saturday, March 28 @ 2 p.m. Doubleheader

Game 1 - Rojos del Aguila de Veracruz vs Toros de Tijuana

Game 2 - Tigres de Quintana Roo vs Piratas de Campeche

Sunday, March 29 @ 2 p.m.

Rojos del Aguila de Veracruz vs Piratas de Campeche

Gates open one hour prior to event. Tickets will be sold at the Kino Stadium Ticket office, online at <http://www.mexicanbeisbolspringtraining.com/> or by calling 520-222-1004.

Ticket prices are \$12 for reserved seats; \$9 for General Admission; \$6 for children 6 and up, for seniors 55 and older, for military personnel (with ID), and for students (with ID). Children 6 and under are free.

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Kino Sports Complex is the largest venue in Pima County for youth, amateur and professional sports, concerts, and community events. The fields of this 162-acre natural grass complex can be adjusted for various sports and uses including baseball, soccer, football, and lacrosse. The south baseball complex includes the 11,000-seat Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium, seven full-size fields, three clubhouses and parking. The north soccer complex includes the 2,900-seat North Stadium, which is home to the FC Tucson soccer club, a 1,000-seat North Grandstand field, four additional fields, and a clubhouse with parking. To learn more or schedule an event, go to www.kinosportscomplex.com or call (520) 546-5466.