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**FIRST INDIAN-BORN ATHLETES TO HOLD SHOWCASE
FOR MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SCOUTS IN ARIZONA TODAY**

TEMPE, AZ - November 6, 2008 – Today at Physiotherapy in Tempe, AZ, Rinku Singh and Dinesh Patel will become the first Indian-born athletes to try out for Major League Baseball scouts in the United States. Over 30 scouts from various Major League teams were in attendance. Last year, over 30,000 contestants tried their hand at pitching through an innovative talent search in the form of a reality TV show in India called *The Million Dollar Arm*. It was in this talent search where it was discovered that these two 19 year old boys had the best ability.

Over the last few months, Rinku and Dinesh have been training with former Major League Baseball pitcher and current University of Southern California Pitching Coach, Tom House, at the RDRBI on the USC campus in Los Angeles. In addition, they have learned how to throw a curveball and change-up, as well as the rules of the game...they have even learned how to speak English.

“Where we come from in India, it is such a small village that things are very different here than what we are used to,” said Rinku. “Winning the Million Dollar Arm contest has changed our lives in so many ways. We had never traveled to a big city, much less left our country. We have transformed our bodies through the amazing training advances here. Dinesh and I want to be pro baseball pitchers very much. We have been working 6 – 10 hours a day for quite some time and we hope that we did not disappoint our coaches and sponsors.”

“This is a proud moment for the RDRBI and for me. It’s like I am sending my kids off to college,” said USC Pitching Coach, Tom House. “When they came to me, they were a coach’s dream...just raw talent and had to learn everything from the ground up. I am proud of how far they’ve come and look forward to following their futures.”

The boys conducted a 30 - 45 minute workout followed by a 30-40 pitch bullpen session, all under the guidance of Coach Tom House.

Rinku and Dinesh are being represented by baseball agency, Beverly Hills Sports Council, in an exclusive deal with contest organizers Seven Figures Management.

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JB Bernstein, Managing Director of Seven Figures Management said, “Rinku and Dinesh are lucky to have an agency like BHSC to rep these kids. We are making history here and there is no better group to help lead the charge of opening up this new market for Professional Baseball. I know everyone at Seven Figures Management are very proud of what these fine young men have already accomplished, and look forward optimistically to the next step in their quest to be India’s first pro baseball players”

“Given its huge population, it is hard to imagine there hasn’t been anyone to play professionally from India,” said Jeff Borris, agent from the Beverly Hills Sports Council. “Rinku and Dinesh, while still extremely raw, both possess the skills and natural ability to play professional baseball and I look forward to seeing the response within the community.”

On November 24, 2008, the Pittsburgh Pirates organization signed both Rinku and Dinesh to minor league contracts. They became the first ever Indian born athletes signed to a professional sports contract in the USA. The boys will report to the Pirates’ Spring Training facility, Pirate City, in Bradenton, Florida on February 5, 2009.

The Million Dollar Arm – A contest/reality TV show in India to find a man with the raw talent to be a MLB pitching prospect. The contest ran from November 2007 through April 2008. Over 30,000 contestants tried their hand at pitching in the specially designed Mojo pitching cages. The contest aired on Zee Sports and Ten Sports in India in 11 half hour episodes. For more information on the contest go to www.TheMillionDollarArm.com.

Seven Figures Management, LLC – An international athlete management and sponsorship agency that own and oversees the The Million Dollar Arm contest. The company also handles marketing rights for Barry Sanders, Barry Bonds, and others. For more information on 7FM go to www.sevenfiguresmanagement.com

RDRBI + Tom House – Legendary pitching coach Tom House has been the pitching guru for some of the game’s greatest pitchers. Tom and the RDRBI team are currently putting the finishing touches on their state-of-the-art research and training facility, where they will be researching and implementing new breakthroughs in sports performance and injury prevention.

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