

## **Chipper targets return to All-Star Game Slugger named to Midsummer Classic five times**

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Chipper Jones likely cost himself a few All-Star selections when he unselfishly moved to the outfield before the 2002 season. Back at third base this year, the Braves' veteran should at least receive some more attention from All-Star voters who will have their first chance to vote online beginning Wednesday.

There was a time when Jones was always a popular pick when it came time for fans to cast their ballots. He was elected the National League's starting third baseman in 1998, 1999 and 2001. This year, he'll have plenty of competition in the form of fellow third basemen, Mike Lowell, Scott Rolen, Aramis Ramirez and Troy Glaus.

Jones played in five All-Star Games from 1996-2001. Ironically, the only year he wasn't selected during that span came in 1999, when he ended up winning the National League MVP Award.

Fans can cast their votes for starters up to 25 times with the Amerquest 2005 All-Star Online Ballot at [MLB.com](http://MLB.com) and all 30 club sites. Online balloting ends at 11:59 p.m. ET on June 30. Balloting at Turner Field will be held May 1-June 24.

The 2005 American League and National League All-Star Teams will be unveiled on the Major League Baseball All-Star Game Selection Show presented by Chevrolet, which will air live on ESPN at 7 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 3. This special program will feature the announcement of the 17 elected starters, as determined by the fan balloting program, and 45 pitchers and reserves, as determined by the player ballot and the two All-Star Team managers -- Terry Francona of the Boston Red Sox and Tony La Russa of the St. Louis Cardinals -- and Major League Baseball.

Immediately following the Major League Baseball All-Star Game Selection Show, fans will have the opportunity to select the final position player for each league's 32-man roster at MLB.com. The Amerquest 2005 All-Star Final Vote will provide fans the opportunity to cast their votes from a list of five players from each league over a three-day period. Both winners of the Amerquest All-Star Final Vote will be announced after the voting has concluded on Wednesday, July 6.

Concluding the All-Star balloting process, fans once again will have the opportunity to participate in the official voting for the Ted Williams Most Valuable Player presented by Chevrolet at the 76th All-Star Game via the Ameriquest 2005 All-Star Game MVP Vote on MLB.com. The All-Star Game will be televised nationally by FOX and televised around the world by Major League Baseball International. ESPN Radio will provide exclusive, national radio coverage, while MLB.com will provide extensive online coverage and MLB.com Radio will provide exclusive play-by-play coverage of the game on the Internet.

Catcher Johnny Estrada, who was the Braves' only All-Star representative last year, is once again on the ballot. Marcus Giles, who despite being hurt throughout much of May and all of June, received plenty of attention from the balloters who voted him the NL's starting second baseman in 2003.

Other Braves on the ballot this year include Adam LaRoche (first base), Rafael Furcal (shortstop) and outfielders Andruw Jones, Raul Mondesi and Brian Jordan.

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