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Duchscherer to Undergo Hip Surgery; Expected to Miss Rest of the Season

OAKLAND, **Calif.** – The Oakland Athletics announced today that right-handed pitcher Justin Duchscherer will undergo left hip surgery and is expected to miss the rest of the season. Dr. Thomas Byrd of Nashville, Tenn. will perform the surgery to correct Femoral Acetabular Impingement at a date still to be determined.

Duchscherer, 32, had posted a 2-1 record and 2.89 ERA in five starts prior to being placed on the 15-day disabled list May 7, retroactive to April 30, due to left hip inflammation. The two-time All-Star was reinstated from the DL May 15 but reinjured his hip during pre-game preparations for his scheduled start in Anaheim that afternoon. He subsequently returned to the 15-day disabled list the following day, May 16, marking the seventh time he has been placed on the DL during his career.

Prior to going on the disabled list, Duchscherer had his streak of 21.0 consecutive innings without an earned run snapped in his last start (3.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 3 so, 2 hr), a 6-3 loss at Toronto April 29. The 6-3, 199-pound Aberdeen, S.D. native had allowed no earned runs in three of his five starts this season prior to the injury.

Today's announcement comes on the heels of Duchscherer missing the entire 2009 season due to elbow surgery and a subsequent diagnosis of clinical depression in August of that year. He also missed the last month and a half of 2008 and the final four months of 2007 with right hip problems that led to surgeries both times.

Duchscherer, who registered a 10-8 record and 2.54 ERA in 22 starts as an American League All-Star in 2008, owns a 33-25 mark and 3.13 ERA (158 er, 454.2 ip) in 224 career games, 32 starts.

The complete 2010 and career statistics for Duchscherer follow:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO
OAKLAND	2	1	2.80	5	5	0	0	0	28.0	26	11	9	12	18
MLB CAREER	33	25	3.13	224	32	1	1	14	454.2	396	172	158	121	347

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