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### Ron Romanick Named A's Pitching Coach

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics announced today that Ron Romanick, the team's bullpen coach the past three seasons, has been named the A's new pitching coach. Curt Young, who had served as Oakland's pitching coach since 2004, recently chose to leave the organization to pursue another opportunity within Major League Baseball.

Romanick, 49, previously held minor league coaching positions with the A's and Seattle Mariners for 16 seasons. The Burley, Idaho native served as pitching coordinator in Seattle's farm system from 1992-98 before joining Oakland in 1999 as minor league roving pitching instructor, a role he filled for nine years (1999-2007).

He was named bullpen coach on Manager Bob Geren's major league staff Oct. 16, 2007 and assisted Young in developing one of the best young pitching staffs in baseball over the past three seasons. During that three-year period, the A's have posted the best earned run average (3.95) and fewest home runs (444) in the American League, and ranked second in the AL in both shutouts (34) and lowest opponents' batting average (.254).

In 2010, Oakland pitchers led the American League in ERA (3.56), shutouts (17) and lowest opponents' slugging percentage (.379), while ranking second in lowest opponents' batting average (.245). In addition, the A's starting rotation chiseled out a 3.47 ERA this past season, which ranked first in the majors and was the lowest ERA by an American League team in 20 years (Boston, 3.32 in 1990). Even more remarkable, the A's accomplished this with a starting rotation that averaged 23 years of age for most of the season.

Romanick, who grew up in Bellevue, Wash., is a former major league pitcher with the California Angels. He was selected by the Angels in the first round of the Secondary Phase of the 1981 Draft out of Arizona State and compiled a career record of 31-29 and 4.24 ERA in 82 appearances—all starts—in three major league seasons (1984-86) in Anaheim. Romanick made 33 starts for the Angels as a rookie in 1984, posting a 12-12 record and 3.76 ERA, and then followed that season with a 14-9 showing in 1985. After going 5-8 in 1986, he was traded to the New York Yankees, spending the 1987 season with Triple-A Columbus. He retired in 1988 after spending one year in the Milwaukee farm system.

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