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A's Trade Mortensen to Colorado for Minor League RHP Ethan Hollingsworth **A's Also Agree to Terms with 3B Andy LaRoche on Minor League Contract**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's traded right-handed pitcher Clayton Mortensen to the Colorado Rockies for minor league right-handed pitcher Ethan Hollingsworth, the club announced today. The A's also agreed to terms with third baseman Andy LaRoche on a minor league contract and have invited him to spring training.

Mortensen was designated for assignment last Tuesday when the A's signed right-handed pitcher Grant Balfour. He made one start with Oakland in 2010 and had a no decision while posting a 4.50 ERA. Mortensen spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Sacramento, where he was 13-6 with a 4.25 ERA in 26 starts.

Hollingsworth spent most of the season at Single-A Modesto where he was 12-8 with a 3.31 ERA in 25 games, all starts. He tied for the California League lead in wins, ranked second in ERA, third in strikeouts (153) and innings pitched (160.1) and fourth in opponents batting average (.260). The 23-year old right-hander also went 0-0 with a 9.58 ERA in two starts with Double-A Tulsa. Hollingsworth was originally selected by Colorado in the 4th round of the 2008 draft. He will report to the A's minor league camp this spring.

La Roche batted .206 with four home runs and 16 RBI in 102 games with Pittsburgh last year. He started 52 games at third base, four at second base and two at first base. The 27-year old right-handed hitter made his Major League debut with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2007 and is a .224 career hitter with 22 home runs and 108 in 363 games over four seasons.

The complete 2010 and career statistics for the players in today's transactions follow:

MORTENSEN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento (AAA)	13	6	4.25	26	26	0	0	0	165.1	161	91	78	53	112
OAKLAND	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	6.0	6	4	3	2	7
MLB CAREER	2	4	7.12	8	7	0	0	0	36.2	48	38	29	15	20

HOLLINGSWORTH	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Modesto (A)	12	8	3.31	25	25	0	0	0	160.1	161	79	59	34	153
Tulsa (AA)	0	0	9.58	2	2	0	0	0	10.1	15	13	11	4	9
MILB CAREER	24	24	4.33	68	65	2	1	0	376.0	420	223	181	88	349

LaROCHE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
PITTSBURGH	.206	102	247	26	51	8	0	4	16	19	43	1	1	.287	.268
MLB CAREER	.224	363	1087	123	244	47	5	22	108	113	188	8	3	.338	.304

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