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A's Announce Coaching Staff Changes for 2012

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics today announced that first base coach Tye Waller and third base coach Mike Gallego will be asked to return and be part of manager Bob Melvin's coaching staff for the 2012 season. The A's also announced that the contracts of bench coach Joel Skinner, pitching coach Ron Romanick and hitting coach Gerald Perry will not be renewed. The team also said that bullpen coach Rick Rodriguez will be considered a candidate for his same position next year.

The remaining coaching positions will be filled in the coming weeks, the club said.

Waller has spent the past five seasons on the A's coaching staff, serving as first base coach in 2007 and 2011, splitting his duties between first and third base coach in 2008, and handling bench coach duties in 2009 and 2010.

Gallego, the former Oakland infielder (1985-91, 1995) and member of the 1989 World Series championship team, completed his third straight season as the A's third base coach in 2011. This marked his 15th year in Oakland's organization, including 12 seasons as a player.

In other news, the A's also announced today that they have received 22-year-old outfielder Eliezer Mesa as the player to be named later in the Mark Ellis trade with Colorado June 30. Mesa, a 5-11, 180-pound native of Azua, Dominican Republic, hit .256 (42-for-164) with seven doubles, one triple, 13 RBI and 11 stolen bases in 53 games for the Rockies' Single-A affiliate Modesto of the California League this past season. In 2010, Mesa batted .302 with 33 doubles, nine triples, two homers, 42 RBI and 29 stolen bases for Single-A Asheville of the South Atlantic League.

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