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A'S TO CELEBRATE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF 1974 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DURING THE WEEKEND OF MAY 30-31

OAKLAND, Calif. -- The Oakland Athletics will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the club's 1974 World Series title—their third straight World Championship, **a feat unmatched by any Bay Area sports franchise**—Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31, against the Los Angeles Angels.

The two-day celebration will feature appearances by players from the 1974 team, including '74 World Series Most Valuable Player and Hall of Famer **Rollie Fingers**, Hall of Famer **Reggie Jackson** (May 31 only), former Cy Young Award winner and American League MVP **Vida Blue**, All-Stars **Sal Bando**, **Bert Campaneris**, **Ray Fosse**, **Darold Knowles**, **John "Blue Moon" Odom**, **Joe Rudi** and **Gene Tenace**, as well as **Dick Green**, **Dave Hamilton**, **Larry Haney**, **Jim Holt**, **Ted Kubiak**, **Billy North** and **Herb Washington**.

On Friday, May 30, there will be special '74 autograph sessions in the Bar & Grille (formerly called the Westside Club) with various members of the team, with proceeds benefitting the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation. A limited number of tickets priced at \$20 will go on sale at 4:30 p.m. at Section 216, with the first of four autograph sessions beginning at 6:15 p.m. Fans will receive a ticket for one of the four sessions, with the players' names to be released when the stadium gates open that afternoon.

On Saturday, May 31, there will be an exclusive Hall of Fame autograph session with Rollie Fingers and Reggie Jackson beginning at 7:45 p.m. Autograph tickets are \$40 per session with each session lasting 30 minutes and featuring one player. A limited number of tickets will go on sale at Section 216 at 4:30 p.m., with proceeds benefitting the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation. In addition, a limited number of fans who made a donation to the foundation will take part in a special sold-out meet-and-greet with members of '74 team before Saturday's game.

The celebration continues with a pre-game on-field reunion honoring the members of the '74 squad beginning Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Fifteen thousand fans in attendance will receive a Jim "Catfish" Hunter bobblehead, presented by State Farm, and Gene Tenace, Reggie Jackson and Rollie Fingers—MVPs of the 1972-74 World Series, respectively—will throw out the ceremonial first pitches of the game.

The Oakland Athletics captured their third straight World Championship in 1974, defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers in the first ever all-California World Series. That season, the A's won their fourth-straight West Division title with a regular season record of 92-70 and then bested the Baltimore Orioles in the American League Championship Series for the second-straight year. They then captured the World Series title,

defeating the Dodgers in five games, with Rollie Fingers earning MVP honors by notching the win in Game 1 and saves in Games 4 and 5. **The 1972-74 A's remain just one of two franchises in Major League history to win three-straight World Series.**

The 1974 A's squad was led by staff ace Jim "Catfish" Hunter, who would win 25 games and capture the American League Cy Young Award. Anchoring the bullpen was Fingers, who won nine games and saved another 18 while appearing in an Oakland-record 76 games. Four A's hitters blasted at least 20 home runs en route to the world title—Jackson (29), Tenace (26), Rudi (22) and Bando (22). Speedsters North (54 steals) and Campaneris (34 steals) combined to swipe 88 bases, setting the table for the middle of the lineup throughout the season.

Tickets for A's home games can be purchased at all usual ticket outlets, including the O.co Coliseum Box Office, online at www.athletics.com/tickets, or over the phone by calling 877-493-BALL (2255). Season, group (including all fundraising options) and suite tickets can be purchased by calling 510-638-GoA's (4627).

More information about the 1974 World Series Reunion can be found online at www.athletics.com/1974.

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