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A's Select Carson from Triple-A Sacramento; Place Mazzaro on 60-day DL

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected outfielder Matt Carson from Triple-A Sacramento, the club announced today. To clear a spot for him on the 40-man roster, the A's placed right-handed pitcher Vin Mazzaro on the 60-day disabled list retroactive to September 8 with right shoulder tendinitis.

Carson batted .264 in 118 games with Sacramento and led the River Cats with 25 home runs and 77 RBI. He hit .354 with 11 home runs and 29 RBI over his final 28 regular season games and was 7 for 27 (.259) with a home run and three RBI in six playoff games. The 28-year old right-handed hitter appeared in 81 games in center field, 18 in right field and seven in left field and also posted a 10.50 ERA in six outings as a pitcher. Carson was originally drafted by the New York Yankees in the fifth round of the 2002 First-Year Player Draft and spent seven seasons in the Yankees farm system before signing a minor league contract with the A's on November 25, 2008. He has a .256 batting average, 102 home runs and 429 RBI in 838 games over eight seasons in the minors and will be making his Major League debut.

Mazzaro was 4-9 with a 5.32 ERA in 17 starts before he was scratched from a scheduled start on September 3 with the shoulder injury. He last pitched on August 29 at Los Angeles, a no decision in a 4-3 A's win. The 22-year old went 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA over the first two starts of his career, 0-8 with a 7.22 ERA over his next 10 starts and was 2-1 with a 4.26 ERA over his last five starts

The complete 2009 statistics for Carson follow:

| | AVG | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | BB | SO | SB | CS | SLG | OBP |
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| Sacramento | .264 | 118 | 440 | 68 | 116 | 29 | 3 | 25 | 77 | 38 | 94 | 15 | 4 | .514 | .327 |
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