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### **A's Offer Arbitration to Duchscherer**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's have offered arbitration to right-handed pitcher Justin Duchscherer, the club announced today.

Duchscherer missed the entire 2009 season after undergoing surgery on his right elbow during the spring and later being diagnosed with depression. He made three rehab starts following the March 31 elbow surgery and did not allow a run in 11.0 innings. On August 21, it was announced that he would not pitch the rest of the season after being diagnosed with clinical depression. The 32-year old right-hander went 10-8 with a 2.54 ERA in 22 starts in 2008 and is 31-24 with a 3.14 ERA in 219 career appearances, including 27 starts. Duchscherer is a Type B free agent and by offering him arbitration, the A's will receive a compensation pick following the first round of the 2010 draft should he sign with another team.

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