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Carter and Figueroa Named A's Organizational Player and Pitcher of the Year

OAKLAND, Calif. – First baseman Chris Carter and left-handed pitcher Pedro Figueroa have been named the Oakland A's Organizational Player and Pitcher of the Year respectively, the club announced today.

Carter received the honor for the second consecutive season after batting .329 with 28 home runs and 115 RBI in 138 games with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento. He led all of Minor League Baseball with 179 hits, tied for the lead in total bases (310), ranked second in RBI, tied for second in extra base hits (73) and third in runs scored (115). The 22-year old right-handed hitter topped the A's farm system in runs, hits, doubles (43), RBI, walks (85), slugging percentage (.570) and extra base hits.

Carter spent most of the season with Midland and was named Texas League MVP after batting .337 with 24 home runs and 101 RBI in 125 games. He was promoted to Sacramento August 26 and hit .259 with four home runs and 14 RBI in 13 games with the River Cats. Carter is a .290 career hitter in five professional seasons with 118 home runs and 413 RBI in 548 games. He was added to the A's 40-man roster November 20.

Figueroa posted a 13-6 record and a 3.38 ERA in 27 starts for Single-A Kane County and Single-A Stockton. The 24-year old left-hander ranked second in the A's farm system in wins, third in strikeouts (145), tied for third in innings pitched (152.0) and fourth in ERA.

Figueroa began the season at Kane County and went 10-2 with a 3.23 ERA in 16 starts. He was promoted to Stockton July 10 and was 3-4 with a 3.56 ERA in 11 starts with the Ports. The Dominican Republic native was signed by the A's as a non-drafted free agent November 20, 2003 and is 24-21 with a 3.72 ERA in 101 career appearances, 63 starts. He has 350 career strikeouts in 399.0 innings and was also added to the A's 40-man roster November 20.

Previous Oakland A's Organizational Player and Pitcher of the Year

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| 1995 | Steve Cox, Derek Manning | 2002 | Graham Koonce, Rich Harden |
| 1996 | D.T. Cromer, Willie Adams | 2003 | Graham Koonce, Rich Harden |
| 1997 | Ben Grieve, Brad Rigby | 2004 | Dan Johnson, Jairo Garcia |
| 1998 | Eric Chavez, Jay Witasick | 2005 | Andre Ethier, Dallas Braden |
| 1999 | Adam Piatt, Tim Hudson | 2006 | Jeff Baisley, Jason Windsor |
| 2000 | Jose Ortiz, Barry Zito | 2007 | Daric Barton, Trevor Cahill |
| 2001 | Esteban German, Mario Ramos | 2008 | Chris Carter, Trevor Cahill |

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