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A's Announce Minor League Staff Assignments

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's named Steve Scarsone manager of Single-A Stockton and Aaron Nieckula manager of Single-A Kane County, the club announced today. The A's also named Nathan Brooks trainer for Stockton and Brian Thorson trainer for Kane County. All other minor league coaching and staff assignments remain the same.

Scarsone returns for his second season as a manager in the A's farm system after guiding Kane County to a 76-64 record and playoff appearance last year. He also spent two seasons managing in the Arizona organization and has a 209-207 record in three seasons overall. Don Schulze returns for his second consecutive season as pitching coach at Stockton and Tim Garland is in his fourth season as hitting coach.

Nieckula returns to Kane County after spending the 2009 season at Stockton, where he managed the Ports to a 61-79 mark. He began his coaching career as hitting coach for the Cougars from 2004-05 and managed at Kane County from 2006-08. Nieckula has a 275-281 record in four seasons as a manager, including playoff appearances in 2006 and 2007. Jimmy Escalante is in his second season as pitching coach with the Cougars and Haas Pratt returns for his third season as hitting coach.

The A's 2010 Minor League staff assignments follow:

Affiliate	Manager	Pitching Coach	Hitting Coach	Trainer
Sacramento (Triple-A)	Tony DeFrancesco	Rick Rodriguez	Brian McArn	Brad LaRosa
Midland (Double-A)	Darren Bush	Scott Emerson	Webster Garrison	Justin Whitehouse
Stockton (Single-A)	Steve Scarsone	Donald Schulze	Tim Garland	Nathan Brooks
Kane County (Single-A)	Aaron Nieckula	Jimmy Escalante	Haas Pratt	Brian Thorson
Vancouver (Short-A)	Rick Magnante	Craig Lefferts	Casey Myers	Travis Tims
Arizona A's (Rookie)	Marcus Jensen	Ariel Prieto	Juan Dilone	Chris Lessner

Roving Instructors: Greg Sparks (Hitting), Gil Patterson (Pitching), Juan Navarrete (Infield), Ron Plaza.

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