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Chris Townsend to Host A's Radio Post-Game Show in 2010

Will Anchor One Hour Program on XTRA Sports 860 AM's Expanded Signal

OAKLAND, CALIF. – Chris Townsend, a nationally-syndicated radio broadcaster with deep roots in Northern California, has been named in-studio host for the Oakland A's post-game radio show on XTRA Sports 860 AM for the upcoming 2010 season, it was announced jointly by A's Vice President of Broadcasting and Communications Ken Pries and XTRA Sports 860 AM Program Director Kevin Barrett.

A's Talk with Chris Townsend will make its debut tomorrow immediately following the team's Cactus League opener against the Chicago Cubs (12:05 p.m. PST). Ken Korach, Ray Fosse and Vince Cotroneo will handle tomorrow's game broadcast, with the pre-game show starting at 11:30 a.m. PST.

Townsend, who has spent the last 13 years compiling a diverse array of credits in the local sports landscape, currently hosts *Sports Overnight America with Chris Townsend*, a nationally-syndicated radio show on the Sports Byline Network that can be heard on nearly 100 stations including XTRA Sports 860. The show is also broadcast on Armed Forces Radio Network, which is carried on more than 500 stations in 177 countries. Townsend also hosts *The Chris Townsend Show* on Sports 1140 KHTK Radio in Sacramento.

While Townsend will anchor the one-hour show at the XTRA Sports 860 AM studios, long-time A's announcer Robert Buan will continue to contribute to the club's post-game show by providing on-site insights and interviews. XTRA Sports 860 AM is a 50,000-watts station based in San Francisco. Since last season, it has added a daytime transmitter in Hayward, which now will provide quality day game coverage for A's fans in all local counties, with a signal comparable to any station in the Bay Area.

In addition to his radio shows, Townsend anchored a weekly San Francisco 49ers television show, *49ers Insider*, on Comcast SportsNet for three seasons. He also hosted *SaberCats Weekly* on Comcast SportsNet Bay Area during past AFL seasons, as well as live pre- and post-game shows and sideline reporter duty for the SaberCats during their back-to-back Arena Bowl appearances in New Orleans.

Townsend, captain of the San Jose State baseball team in the early 1990's, first arrived on the Bay Area broadcast scene as an on-air talent for KNBR Radio (680 AM). He was the morning show's resident sports authority, and hosted pre- and post-game shows for the San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants and Golden State Warriors.

In addition to anchoring coverage from the *AT&T Pebble Beach Pro AM* for 13 years, Chris has also covered the *1998 US Open at the Olympic Club*, *2000 US Open at Pebble Beach*, *Super Bowl XXXVII*, *2003 Final Four*, and the *2002 World Series*, and was a regular contributor on FSN Bay Area's *49ers All Access* in 2003.

It's no surprise Chris enjoyed success on the diamond and considers baseball his first love. His grandfather, seven time all-star Bob Elliott of the Boston Braves, was named the National League MVP in 1947, becoming the first third baseman in baseball history to win the award.

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