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A's Recall OF Matt Carson and Select OF Matt Watson from Sacramento **OF Conor Jackson placed on 15-day DL; RHP Clayton Mortensen Optioned to Sacramento**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's today recalled outfielder Matt Carson and selected outfielder Matt Watson from Triple-A Sacramento, the club announced today. The A's also placed outfielder Conor Jackson on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 1 with a strained right hamstring and optioned right-handed pitcher Clayton Mortensen to Sacramento. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster for Watson, the A's transferred outfielder Travis Buck to the 60-day disabled list.

Carson joins the A's for the third time this year and is 1 for 9 (.111) with a home run and RBI in four games overall with Oakland. He was previously with the club from April 22 to 29 and June 8 to 14. The 29-year old right-handed hitter was batting .301 with nine home runs and 29 RBI in 51 games with Sacramento, including .314 with three home runs and 10 RBI in 18 games following his option on June 15. Carson appeared in 49 games in center field, four in left field and one in right field with the River Cats.

Watson was signed by the A's as a free agent to a minor league contract on May 28 and was hitting .313 with nine doubles, eight home runs and 23 RBI in 28 games with Sacramento. He was batting .372 (29 for 78) with seven of his eight home runs against right-handed pitching compared to .189 (7 for 37) against left-handers and also had a .387 average with runners in scoring position. The 31-year old left-handed hitter appeared in 16 games in left field, four in right and nine at designated hitter. Carson last played in the majors in 2005 when he hit .188 with five RBI in 19 games with Oakland. He also batted .174 in 15 games with the Mets in 2003 and is a .183 (13 for 71) career hitter with no home runs and seven RBI in 34 games.

Jackson was acquired by the A's from the Arizona Diamondbacks June 15 with cash considerations for minor league pitcher Sam Demel and was batting .267 with four RBI in 14 games with the A's. He also hit .238 with a home run and 11 RBI in 42 games with Arizona, which included a stint on the disabled list from April 19 to May 6 with a strained right hamstring. This is his fourth stint on the DL over the last three seasons and the A's have now used the disabled list 17 times this year and 81 times since the start of the 2007 season.

Mortensen was recalled from Sacramento July 3 to start for the injured Dallas Braden and had a no decision in the A's 5-4, 10-inning loss at Cleveland that night. He allowed four runs, three earned, on six hits and two walks while striking out seven in 6.0 innings.

The complete statistics for Carson and Watson follow:

CARSON	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.301	51	193	39	58	14	2	9	29	20	44	10	4	.534	.376
OAKLAND	.111	4	9	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	.444	.111
WATSON	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.313	28	115	19	36	9	0	8	23	8	17	0	0	.600	.358

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