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A's Announce Curt Young Leaving Team as Pitching Coach

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics announced today that Curt Young has decided not to accept the A's contract offer to return as pitching coach next season. Young, who served as Oakland's pitching coach the past seven years, has chosen to pursue another opportunity within Major League Baseball.

"Curt has a long history within our organization and we appreciate all of his contributions to the A's—as a player, as a minor league coach, and ultimately as the pitching coach here in Oakland," said David Forst, A's assistant general manager. "We are disappointed that he has chosen not to accept our offer to return in 2011 but we wish him well as he explores other opportunities within the game."

Young, originally selected by the A's in the fourth round of the 1982 Draft, has spent 27 years in the Oakland organization, including 12 years as a player and eight years as a minor league coach. The Saginaw, Mich. native began his coaching career in the A's minor league system in 1996, eventually rising to Double-A Midland as pitching coach in 2000 before being promoted to Triple-A Sacramento in 2003. He joined the A's Major League staff in 2004.

A member of an Oakland starting rotation which won three consecutive American League pennants from 1988-90, Young compiled a 69-53 record and 4.31 ERA in 251 games in an 11-year Major League career that included stints with Oakland (1983-91, 1993), Kansas City (1992) and the New York Yankees (1992.)

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