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Rick Rodriguez Named A's Bullpen Coach

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's named Rick Rodriguez bullpen coach, the club announced today.

The 2011 season will mark Rodriguez' 27th in the Athletics organization, which includes seven years as a player and 19 years as a minor league coach. He has spent 10 of the last 11 seasons (2000-02, 03-10) as the pitching coach at Triple-A Sacramento. The one exception was in 2003 when he managed the A's Single-A affiliate at Modesto to a 74-66 record and postseason appearance. Rodriguez' first coaching assignment came in 1992 with the A's affiliate at Scottsdale in the Arizona Rookie League. He spent the next two seasons with Southern Oregon of the Northwest League and also coached five seasons at Modesto from 1995-99.

Rodriguez was originally selected by Oakland in the second round of the 1981 June draft and spent seven seasons with the A's organization, including two in the majors with Oakland. He went 1-2 with a 6.61 ERA in three starts in 1986 and 1-0 with a 2.96 ERA in 15 relief appearances in 1987. Rodriguez also pitched for Cleveland (1988) and San Francisco (1990) in his big league career and compiled a 3-4 record and 5.73 ERA in 31 games, including eight starts. His playing career concluded in 1991 when he made three appearances for Triple-A Phoenix in the Giants farm system.

An East Bay native, Rodriguez was born in Oakland and graduated from Castro Valley High School in 1978. He attended Chabot Junior College in Hayward and the University of California, Riverside.

The addition of Rodriguez completes manager Bob Geren's coaching staff for the 2011 season. Rodriguez joins third base coach Mike Gallego, hitting coach Gerald Perry, pitching coach Ron Romanick, bench coach Joel Skinner and first base coach Tye Waller.

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