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### A's Announce Six Pitching Moves

*Place RHP Starters McCarthy & Ross on 15-Day DL, Option Magnuson to Triple-A;  
Recall Relievers Devine, Blevins & De Los Santos from Sacramento*

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's announced six pitching moves today, including the placement of right-handed starting pitchers Brandon McCarthy (stress reaction in his right scapula, retroactive to May 19) and Tyson Ross (left oblique strain) on the 15-day disabled list. The team also optioned right-handed reliever Trystan Magnuson to Sacramento and added three pitchers to their bullpen by recalling right-handers Joey Devine and Fautino De Los Santos and left-hander Jerry Blevins from their Triple-A club.

McCarthy, who owns a 1-4 record and 3.39 ERA (24 er, 62.2 ip) in nine starts this season, earned a no-decision in his last start Wednesday night at the Coliseum, a 4-3, 10-inning loss to Minnesota. The 27-year-old right-hander allowed three runs (all earned) and nine hits in 7.0 innings against the Twins, striking out one and walking none. He has pitched six innings or more in eight of his nine starts in 2011 and ranks among the American League leaders in fewest home runs per nine innings (1st, major league-leading 0.14), complete games (1st-T, 2), fewest walks per nine innings (1st, 1.41), grounded into double plays (3rd-T, 9) and strikeout to walk ratio (7th, 3.70).

A free agent signing by the A's last December, McCarthy entered this season with a 20-24 record and 4.56 ERA in 110 career games, including 56 starts, in parts of five major league campaigns with the Chicago White Sox and Texas Rangers. He posted a 4-2 mark and 3.36 ERA in 11 games, nine starts, for the Rangers' Triple-A affiliate in Oklahoma City in 2010 in a season shortened by shoulder problems.

Ross, 24, was removed from yesterday's start against Minnesota after making only seven pitches in the first inning before complaining of a sore oblique muscle. He entered the game with a 2-0 record and 1.69 ERA over his last four starts. Overall, the former Cal standout has registered a 3-3 mark and 2.75 ERA (11 er, 36.0 ip) in nine games, six starts, this season, striking out 24 and walking 13 while allowing only one home run in 36 innings. The Berkeley, Calif. native opened the year in Sacramento but was recalled by the A's April 6 when Michael Wuertz was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a strained left hamstring. After three relief appearances, Ross moved into Oakland's starting rotation April 22 when Dallas Braden (shoulder strain) was placed on the 15-day DL.

Last year, Ross made the A's Opening Day roster as a non-roster invitee and spent half of the season with Oakland. He went 1-4 with a save and 5.49 ERA in 26 games, before he was optioned to Sacramento July 7. He posted a 2-1 mark and 3.55 ERA in six games, all starts, with the River Cats before he was shut down Aug. 10 with a strained right elbow that sidelined him for the rest of the season.

Magnuson, acquired from Toronto in the Rajai Davis trade during the offseason, was tagged for six runs (all earned) and five hits in two innings of relief work yesterday in only the second appearance of his major league career. He made his big league debut Tuesday against the Angels, yielding one hit and striking out one batter in pitching the final inning of the A's 14-0 win. He returns to Sacramento, where he has registered a 0-1 record and 1.56 ERA (3 er, 17.1 ip) with three saves in 12 relief appearances for the River Cats. The 6-7, 210-pounder has allowed only eight hits over 17.1 innings with Sacramento, striking out 19 batters and walking nine while limiting opponents to a .138 batting average in the early season.

Devine, who missed the entire 2009 and 2010 seasons after undergoing "Tommy John" surgery, was originally acquired by the A's in the Mark Kotsay trade with Atlanta prior to 2008. He was brilliant with Oakland in the 2008 campaign, reeling off a 6-1 record and 0.59 ERA (3 er, 45.2 ip) in 42 relief appearances. Since the earned run became an official statistic, his ERA was the lowest in major league history among pitchers with 25 or more innings pitched. The 27-year-old reliever posted a 1-0 mark and 6.23 ERA (3 er, 4.1 ip) with eight walks in five games during Spring Training this year, but has been near perfect in 11 relief appearances with Sacramento thus far. He has not allowed an earned run in 12.1 innings, recording a 3-0 ledger with three saves and a 0.00 ERA while striking out 17 hitters and walking only one.

De Los Santos, converted to a reliever in 2010 after going 15-11 with a 2.89 ERA in 48 games (including 41 starts), has posted a combined 0-0 record with three saves and a 1.76 ERA with 21 strikeouts in only 15.1 innings with Triple-A Sacramento and Double-A Midland. He was 0-0 with a 0.00 ERA in five relief appearances with Sacramento, allowing three hits and four walks in 6.0 inning while fanning six hitters. The 25-year-old Dominican started the season at Midland, where he went 0-0 with three saves and a 2.89 ERA in eight games, striking out 15 and walking four in 9.1 innings. De Los Santos was acquired by the A's in January 2008 trade with the Chicago White Sox, along with pitcher Gio Gonzalez and outfielder Ryan Sweeney, in exchange for Nick Swisher.

Blevins, who entered 2011 with a 3.97 ERA in 125 games over four seasons with the A's, recorded a 0-0 mark and team-

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high 4.61 ERA (7 er, 13.2 ip) in 14 relief appearances with Oakland this year before being optioned to Sacramento May 11.

He has walked 12 batters in 13.2 innings with the A's, while striking out 13. The 27-year-old southpaw had appeared in three games with Triple-A Sacramento, having been buffeted for seven runs (all earned) on seven hits in 4.0 innings for a 0-0 record and 15.75 ERA. He surrendered four runs, two hits and a walk in 0.2 innings at Nashville in his last game Tuesday.

The 2011 and Major League career statistics for the six pitchers follow:

<b>McCARTHY</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
OAKLAND	1	4	3.39	9	9	2	0	0	63.2	68	30	24	10	37
<b>ML CAREER</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.39</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>436.1</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>ROSS</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
OAKLAND	3	3	2.75	9	6	0	0	0	36.0	33	12	11	13	24
<b>ML CAREER</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4.18</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75.1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>MAGNUSON</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Sacramento	0	1	1.56	12	0	0	0	3	17.1	8	3	3	9	19
OAKLAND	0	0	18.00	2	0	0	0	0	3.0	6	6	6	1	3
<b>ML CAREER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>DEVINE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Sacramento	3	0	0.00	11	0	0	0	3	12.1	4	1	0	1	17
<b>ML CAREER</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.48</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>DE LOS SANTOS</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Sacramento	0	0	0.00	5	0	0	0	0	6.0	3	0	0	4	6
Midland	0	0	2.89	8	0	0	0	3	9.1	8	3	3	4	15
<b>ML CAREER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>BLEVINS</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
OAKLAND	0	0	4.61	14	0	0	0	0	13.2	12	11	7	12	13
Sacramento	0	0	15.75	3	0	0	0	0	4.0	7	7	7	1	5
<b>ML CAREER</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.04</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>127.0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>120</b>

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