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A's Select RHP Godfrey from Sacramento; Option LHP Cramer to Sacramento **3B Kouzmanoff Outrighted to Sacramento**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected right-handed pitcher Graham Godfrey from Triple-A Sacramento and optioned left-handed pitcher Bobby Cramer to Sacramento, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's outrighted Kevin Kouzmanoff to Sacramento.

Godfrey combined for a 7-1 record and a 2.32 ERA in 10 games, all starts, with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento. After making one start with the Rockhounds, he joined the River Cats and went 7-1 with a 2.50 ERA in nine starts. The 26-year old right-hander is leading the Pacific Coast League in ERA and winning percentage (.875), is tied for the lead in wins and has the lowest opponents batting average (.222). He allowed just two home runs in 54.1 minor league innings.

Godfrey was originally drafted by Toronto in the 34th round of the 2006 First-Year Player Draft and was traded to the A's with pitcher Kristian Bell for infielder Marco Scutaro, Nov. 18, 2007. He was 33-32 with a 4.20 ERA in 119 career minor league appearances, including 103 starts, over five seasons.

Cramer was recalled from Sacramento Tuesday for this third stint with the A's this year and did not allow a run in two outings. He tossed a scoreless inning of relief Tuesday at Baltimore and then pitched 3.2 innings last night in Chicago in relief of Trevor Cahill without allowing a run. Cramer is 0-1 with a 1.08 ERA in five relief appearances overall with Oakland. He is also 0-0 with a 4.03 ERA in six starts with the River Cats.

Kouzmanoff was hitting .221 with four home runs and 17 RBI in 46 games with Oakland before he was optioned to Sacramento Monday. He was the A's Opening Night starter at third base but got off to a slow start, hitting .208 in April. Kouzmanoff also made nine errors, which was second most among American League third basemen at the time of his option.

The complete 2011 statistics for Godfrey follow:

GODFREY	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland (AA)	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	4.0	3	2	0	1	6
Sacramento (AAA)	7	1	2.50	9	9	0	0	0	50.1	42	17	14	14	45
2011 TOTALS	7	1	2.32	10	10	0	0	0	54.1	45	19	14	15	51

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