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A's Reinstate Balfour and Willingham from the Disabled List **Moscoso and Godfrey Optioned to Triple-A Sacramento**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's reinstated right-handed pitcher Grant Balfour and outfielder Josh Willingham from the 15-day disabled list and optioned right-handed pitchers Guillermo Moscoso and Graham Godfrey to Triple-A Sacramento, the club announced today.

Balfour was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 28 retroactive to June 22 with a strained right oblique. He was 4-1 with two saves and a 2.48 ERA in 33 appearances at the time of the injury. Balfour has held the opposition to a .198 batting average, including .161 against left-handed hitters and .136 with runners in scoring position. He made one rehab appearance with Sacramento Tuesday at Fresno and allowed one run on two hits and one walk in one inning. His stint on the DL was the sixth of his career.

Willingham was placed on the disabled list June 23 retroactive to June 18 with a strained left achilles. He was batting .231 in 64 games and was leading the A's in home runs (10), RBI (42) and strikeouts (76) at the time of the injury. Willingham had a two-game rehab assignment with Sacramento last Thursday and Friday and went 1 for 5 (.200) with a home run, two RBI and two walks in two starts at designated hitter. His stint on the DL was the fifth of his career.

Moscoso was 3-4 with a 2.16 ERA in 10 games, eight starts. He snapped a four-game losing streak by tossing 7.0 shutout innings yesterday against Seattle and is now 1-4 despite a 1.96 ERA over his last seven games, including six starts. Moscoso has held the opposition to a .186 batting average since being recalled from Sacramento May 24. He went 3-2 with a 4.02 ERA and .231 opponents batting average in eight games, seven starts, with the River Cats.

Godfrey was selected from Triple-A Sacramento June 10 and made his Major League debut that night at Chicago (AL), allowing five runs on nine hits in 4.1 innings in a no decision. He went 1-1 with a 4.24 ERA in three starts before being moved to the bullpen July 1 when Rich Harden was reinstated from the disabled list. Godfrey has not pitched in any of the past 12 games. He compiled for a 7-1 record and a 2.31 ERA in 10 starts with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento.

The complete 2011 statistics for Balfour and Willingham follow:

BALFOUR	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
OAKLAND	4	1	2.48	33	0	0	0	2	32.2	23	9	9	15	35
Sacramento (AAA)	0	0	9.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	2	1	1	1	0

WILLINGHAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
OAKLAND	.231	64	229	27	53	11	0	10	42	22	76	4	1	.410	.307
Sacramento (AAA)	.200	2	5	1	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	.800	.429

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