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**** MEDIA AVAILABILITY FOR A's FANFEST 2012 ****

- WHAT:** Oakland A's FanFest 2012, presented by Comcast SportsNet California
- WHEN:** Sunday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
9:30 a.m. – **Players and coaches** will be available to the media beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the event
11:15 a.m. – **Manager Bob Melvin**
12:15 p.m. – **Owner/Managing Partner Lew Wolff**
- WHERE:** **Oracle Arena, Sam Skinner Room**
All interviews will take place in the Sam Skinner room located around the corner from the Courtside Club of Oracle Arena. Media should request player(s) through a member of the A's public relations staff and that player will be brought into the Sam Skinner room for the interview. There is also a media work area with Wi-Fi access in the Sam Skinner room.
- PARTICIPANTS:** Close to 30 A's players and coaches are expected to be in attendance including **Manager Bob Melvin** and his **coaching staff, Coco Crisp, Dallas Braden, Jemile Weeks, Kurt Suzuki, Brett Anderson, Brandon McCarthy, Brandon Allen, Daric Barton, Jerry Blevins, Chris Carter, Joey Devine, Jonny Gomes, Tommy Milone, Jermaine Mitchell, Jarrod Parker, Brad Peacock, Cliff Pennington, Anthony Recker, Josh Reddick, Adam Rosales, Tyson Ross, Scott Sizemore, Seth Smith, Eric Sogard, Michael Taylor and Neil Wagner** among others.

In addition, World Series MVP **Gene Tenace**, former MVP and Cy Young Award winner **Vida Blue**, and legendary left-fielder **Joe Rudi** from the 1972 champs, and 20-game winning streak hero **Scott Hatteberg** and teammate **David Justice**, who were recently portrayed in the acclaimed motion picture *Moneyball*, from the 2002 club, will be present.
- CREDENTIALS:** Media will be permitted access to FanFest with their 2011 A's full season credential or BBWAA credential. Those who do not have a 2011 full season credential are required to make a credential request prior to the event by contacting Debbie Gallas at 510-563-2207 or dgallas@oaklandathletics.com. FanFest credentials will be available for pickup beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the F Lot entrance to Oracle Arena.
- MEDIA ENTRANCE:** Media should park and enter through the F Lot entrance to Oracle Arena. A credential will need to be shown to the guard at the F Lot gate for entry, or if a daily credential is requested through Debbie Gallas, there will be a list with the guard. Parking is free for the event.

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