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Athletics to Pay Tribute to 1972 World Championship Team Two-Night Celebration Scheduled for April 20-21 Against Cleveland

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the club's 1972 World Series title—the first world championship won by any major professional sports team in Bay Area history—Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 vs. Cleveland.

The two-night celebration will feature appearances by players from the '72 team, including Hall of Famer **Rollie Fingers**, former Cy Young Award winner and American League MVP **Vida Blue**, World Series MVP **Gene Tenace**, and All-Stars **Bert Campaneris**, **Joe Rudi** and **Ken Holtzman**, plus **Tim Cullen**, **Dave Duncan**, **Dick Green**, **Dave Hamilton**, **Mike Hegan**, **Joe Horlen**, **Darold Knowles**, **Ted Kubiak** and **Bob Locker**, among others.

On Friday, April 20, members of the '72 team will sign autographs for fans in the Eastside Club, with proceeds benefitting the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation. Autograph tickets are \$20 per station during each session (four sessions scheduled, two stations per session). Tickets for all sessions will go on sale outside the Eastside Club North doors, near Section 234, at 5:35 p.m. Autograph sessions will begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

The celebration continues Saturday, April 21, with a special pre-game on-field reunion honoring the members of this historical 1972 team. Ten thousand fans in attendance will receive a **Rollie Fingers bobblehead**, sponsored by Comcast SportsNet California, and Fingers will throw out the ceremonial first pitch of the game (set for 5:55 p.m.). In addition, a limited number of fans who made a donation to the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation will take part in a special meet-and-greet with members of '72 team before the game.

The 1972 A's captured the Bay Area's first ever world championship in only its fifth season in Oakland, defeating the heavily-favored Cincinnati Reds in a memorable, seven-game World Series. The A's won their second straight West Division title with a regular season record of 93-62 and then disposed of the Detroit Tigers in the American League Championship Series to set up the showdown with the Reds. It was the first of three straight World Championships for Oakland, a feat no other Bay Area professional team can claim to this day.

Tickets for A's home games can be purchased at all usual ticket outlets, including the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Box Office, online at www.oaklandathletics.com/tickets, or over the phone by calling 877-493-BALL (2255). Season, group (including all fundraising options) and suite tickets can be purchased by calling 510-638-GoA's (4627).

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MEDIA NOTE: Members of the 1972 World Series team listed above will be available to the media from 5:15-6:00 p.m. Friday, April 20 in the lobby of the Eastside Club.