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### **A's Announce 2013 Minor League Staff**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's today announced their minor league staff assignments for the 2013 season.

**Scott Emerson** was named minor league roving pitching instructor after serving 10 seasons as a pitching coach in the A's farm system. **Marcus Jensen**, who will manage the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League for the fifth consecutive season, will also serve as the A's minor league roving catching instructor. **Nate Brooks** will fill the newly created role of minor league rehab coordinator after eight seasons as an athletic trainer.

**Steve Scarson** takes over as manager at Triple-A Sacramento after spending the previous two years at Midland. He has a 410-424 record in six seasons as a minor league manager, which also includes stints with Stockton in 2010 and Kane County in 2009. **Greg Sparks** returns to Sacramento for the second consecutive season as hitting coach and **Rick Rodriguez**, who was the bullpen coach on the A's major league staff in 2012, will serve as pitching coach. **Brad LaRosa** returns as the athletic trainer and **Jared Elliot** was named strength and conditioning coach.

**Aaron Nieckula** was promoted to manager at Double-A Midland after seven seasons as a manager with A's Single-A affiliates. He has spent the last two seasons at Burlington and has a 489-482 record as manager, which also includes stints with Kane County (2006-08, 10) and Stockton (2009). **Don Schulze** returns for his third consecutive season as pitching coach with the RockHounds while **Brian McArn** takes over as hitting coach after spending the last two seasons in the same capacity with Stockton. **Justin Whitehouse** returns as the athletic trainer.

**Webster Garrison** will return to manage at Single-A Stockton for the third consecutive year. He has a 465-451 record in seven seasons, including stops at Vancouver (2001), Visalia (2002), Kane County (2003) and Midland (2004, 08). **Jimmy Escalante** begins his seventh season as pitching coach in the A's farm system, his first with the Ports, and **Haas Pratt** was named hitting coach after three seasons at Kane County (2008-10) and two with Burlington (2011-12). **Travis Tims** takes over as athletic trainer and **Sean Doran** was named strength and conditioning coach.

**Ryan Christenson** was named manager for the A's new Single-A affiliate at Beloit, his first minor league managing assignment. Christenson played for the A's from 1998-2001 and was a .222 career hitter in 452 games with Oakland, Arizona (2001), Milwaukee (2002) and Texas (2003). **John Wasdin** was named pitching coach after spending the last two seasons at Vermont (2011) and Burlington (2012). **Casey Myers** will serve as hitting coach after filling that capacity at Vermont (2011-12) and Vancouver (2009-10). **Brian Thorson** returns for his 30<sup>th</sup> season as athletic trainer in the A's farm system, his first at Beloit.

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