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A's Name Ron Washington Third Base Coach

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have named Ron Washington third base coach for the remainder of the season, the team announced today. Mike Gallego has been relieved of his duties.

Washington returned to the A's May 21 of this year as a Major League coach after managing the Texas Rangers for nearly eight seasons from 2007-14. He compiled a 664-611 record and guided the Rangers to back-to-back World Series appearances in 2010 and 2011. The Rangers posted four consecutive 90-win seasons from 2010-13 but were 53-87 when he resigned Sept. 5, 2014. The 63-year-old Washington has more wins than any other manager in Texas/Washington franchise history.

Washington spent 11 seasons as a coach with the A's from 1996-2006. After serving as the A's first base coach in 1996, he moved across the diamond to third base in 1997. In addition, Washington also worked with the A's infielders. Oakland led the league in fielding in 2004 and 2005 and finished second in 2006. Washington was also instrumental in the development of third baseman Eric Chavez, who won six consecutive Gold Gloves from 2001-06.

Gallego was in his seventh season as the A's third base coach in 2015. It was his 19th season in the Oakland organization, which includes 12 years as a player. Gallego's professional career began when the A's drafted him in the second round of the 1981 June draft out of UCLA. He made his Major League debut with Oakland in 1985, spending 13 seasons in the majors with Oakland (1985-91, 95), the New York Yankees (1992-94) and St. Louis Cardinals (1996-97). A valuable utility infielder, he played in three straight postseasons with Oakland from 1988-90 and was a member of the 1989 World Champion A's.

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