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### **A's Extend Player Development Contract with Stockton through 2020**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's extended their player development contract with the Stockton Ports of the California League through the 2020 season, the club announced today.

The 2016 season marks the Ports 12<sup>th</sup> season as the A's top Single-A affiliate. The relationship began in 2005 and has produced seven postseason appearances, including a California League Championship in 2008.

The A's currently have two players on their roster that played for Stockton on their journey to the majors. Sean Doolittle was with the Ports in 2008 when he hit .305 with 18 home runs and 61 RBI in 86 games. He returned in 2012 and began his meteoric rise as a pitcher, logging a 0.87 ERA in six relief appearances. Most recently, Ryan Dull went 1-3 with six saves and 1.59 ERA in 15 games with Stockton in 2013.

The Ports begin the 2016 season tonight when they host Modesto at Banner Island Ballpark. The roster includes three of the A's top five picks from the 2014 draft, including right-handed pitchers Daniel Gossett, Brett Graves and Heath Fillmyer.

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