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A's Announce 19 Non-Roster Invitees

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's announced 19 non-roster invitees to Major League camp this spring. The list includes six free agents who agreed to terms on minor league contracts: pitchers Cedrick Bowers, Fernando Hernandez, Marcus McBeth and Matt Wright and infielders Dallas McPherson and Matt Whitney. The other 13 players come from within the organization, including right-handed pitchers Sam Demel and Tyson Ross; catchers Josh Donaldson, Joel Galarraga, Anthony Recker and Max Stassi; infielders Adrian Cardenas, Grant Green, Brett Wallace and Jemile Weeks; and outfielders Matt Carson, Grant Desme and Corey Wimberly.

Bowers was 4-3 with a 1.93 ERA and five saves in 48 relief appearances at Triple-A Lehigh Valley of the Philadelphia Phillies organization last year. He struck out 67 in 60.2 innings and held the opposition to a .209 batting average. The 31-year old left-hander made his Major League debut with Colorado in 2008 and posted a 13.50 ERA in five relief appearances.

Hernandez combined for a 3-4 record, 20 saves and a 1.68 ERA in 57 relief appearances with Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte in the Chicago White Sox farm system in 2009. All 20 of his saves came at Birmingham, which ranked third best in the Southern League. The 25-year old right-hander was a Rule 5 selection by the A's prior to the 2008 season and had a win and an 18.00 ERA in three relief appearances with Oakland before he was returned to the White Sox.

McBeth was 2-3 with a 2.69 ERA and three saves in 44 games, one start, with the Triple-A Pawtucket Red Sox last year. He allowed a .189 opponents batting average and fanned 66 batters in 67.0 innings. The 29-year old right-hander was originally drafted by the A's in the fourth round of the 2001 draft but was dealt to Cincinnati in the Chris Denorfia trade in 2007. He was 3-2 with a 5.95 ERA in 23 relief appearances with the Reds in 2007.

McPherson missed the entire 2009 season with back problems but hit .275 with a minor league leading 42 home runs with Triple-A Albuquerque in 2008. He made his Major League debut with the Angels in 2004 and is a .245 career hitter with 18 home runs and 45 RBI in 128 games over four seasons in the majors with Los Angeles (2004-06) and Florida (2008). The 29-year old left-handed hitter was the Angels' second round draft pick in 2001 and was named Minor League Player of the Year in 2004.

Whitney batted a combined .268 with eight home runs and 37 RBI in 107 games with Double-A Harrisburg and Triple-A Syracuse in the Washington Nationals farm system. The 25-year old right-handed hitter was originally drafted by Cleveland as a supplemental pick following the first round of the 2002 draft and is a .261 career hitter in 640 minor league games.

Wright compiled a 1-5 record and a 6.75 ERA in nine games, eight starts, for Triple-A Omaha in the Kansas City organization last year before he was released July 6. The 27-year old right-hander was originally a 27th round pick of Atlanta in 2000 and has a career record of 61-67 with a 4.09 ERA in 212 games, including 179 starts, in 10 seasons in the minors.

The 2009 statistics for the five free agents who played last year follow:

| BOWERS | W | L | ERA | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | |
|---------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Lehigh Valley (AAA) | 4 | 3 | 1.93 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 60.2 | 38 | 15 | 13 | 45 | 67 | |
| HERNANDEZ | W | L | ERA | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | |
| Birmingham (AA) | 2 | 3 | 1.71 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 52.2 | 34 | 12 | 10 | 18 | 53 | |
| Charlotte (AAA) | 1 | 1 | 1.59 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17.0 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 17 | |
| McBETH | W | L | ERA | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | |
| Pawtucket (AAA) | 2 | 3 | 2.69 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 67.0 | 43 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 66 | |
| WRIGHT | W | L | ERA | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | |
| Omaha (AAA) | 1 | 5 | 6.75 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40.0 | 47 | 30 | 30 | 15 | 29 | |
| WHITNEY | AVG | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | BB | SO | SB | CS | SLG | OBP |
| Harrisburg (AA) | .268 | 101 | 261 | 43 | 70 | 18 | 1 | 7 | 36 | 40 | 61 | 2 | 1 | .425 | .369 |
| Syracuse (AAA) | .263 | 6 | 19 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .421 | .391 |

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