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Skeeters Trade for Two Veteran Hurlers

Starting Pitchers Matt Wright and Derrick Gordon Strengthen Staff

Sugar Land, TEXAS – The Sugar Land Skeeters announced Thursday the completion of two separate trade deals bringing Atlantic League veteran starting pitchers Derrick Gordon (Somerset) and Matt Wright (Lancaster) to the team.

The hard throwing right-hander Matt Wright bolsters a stacked starting rotation for the 2012 season. A native and resident of Waco, Texas, Wright adds 11 years of minor league experience to the Skeeters reaching as high as the Triple-A level. He was drafted in the 21st round of the 2000 Major League Baseball Draft by the Atlanta Braves, but also made appearances on the mound for the Kansas City Royals and Oakland A's organizations. A career 4.03 ERA pitcher, Wright holds a lifetime 68-70 record in 277 games pitched with just over 1000 strikeouts to just 452 walks. He joins the Skeeters after spending a year with the Lancaster Barnstormers compiling a 7-10 record while working 129 innings over 21 starts. Wright, 30, was traded to Sugar Land for cash and negotiating rights to MLB veteran Logan Kensing.

Gordon, a native of Beaumont, arrives to the Skeeters with five years of minor league baseball under his belt reaching as high as the Triple-A level. Originally selected in the 26th round of the 2006 MLB Draft by the Oakland Athletics, the lefty has worked over 300 innings compiling a 16-18 record while striking out 304 batters against 158 walks in the process. Gordon, 28, joins the Skeeters after recently spending 2011 with the Somerset Patriots going 7-4 with a miniscule 2.63 ERA in 11 games. He was acquired for cash and future considerations.

About the Sugar Land Skeeters: The Sugar Land Skeeters minor league baseball team, led by Manager and former Major League All-Star Gary Gaetti, will play in the \$35 million Constellation Field, which is being constructed by the City of Sugar Land and the Skeeters at the intersection of State Highway 6 and U.S. Highway 90A. The Sugar Land Skeeters will play 70 regular season home games annually, starting with the 2012 season, presented by ABC Home & Commercial Services, beginning on April 26. Constellation Field will play host to a multitude of other sporting events, including football, soccer, lacrosse, cheerleading and band competitions, as well as concerts, group outings and scout sleepovers. Fixed-seat stadium capacity is approximately 6,000 for baseball, plus additional lawn and standing-room-only tickets. Constellation Field has a capacity of 10,000-plus in concert configuration.

The Sugar Land Skeeters offices are presently located at 16160 City Walk in Sugar Land Town Square, Sugar Land, TX 77479 where additional information and tickets are available. The Skeeters may be reached at www.SugarLandSkeeters.com or by calling 281.240.HITS (4487), and on Facebook (facebook.com/SugarLandSkeeters) and Twitter (@SL_Skeeters).

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