

Mariners announce two staff moves

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Seattle Mariners Executive Vice President & General Manager of Baseball Operations Bill Bavasi announced today that Mariners bench coach Ron Hassey and Mariners administrative coach Dan Rohn are no longer members of the Major League coaching staff.

Hassey was informed prior to last night's game that the club would not be offering him a contract for the 2007 season. After discussions with Manager Mike Hargrove and Bavasi, Hassey determined it would be in the club's best interest to make the move immediately.

"I have tremendous respect for Ron and am sorry he will not finish out the season with us," Hargrove said. "It was a very difficult decision for him, but Ron believes the team is best served by having an opportunity to make a change immediately, rather than waiting until the offseason to announce this move.

"I very much appreciate all of Ron's hard work over the past two seasons. He is a good man and a good friend, and I wish him all the best in the future."

Hassey was in his second season as the Mariners bench coach and his sixth season overall as a Major League coach. Rohn was informed after today's game that his contract would not be renewed for the 2007 season and that he was relieved of his duties, effective immediately. Rohn was in his first season as a Major League coach and his ninth as a coach in the Mariners organization. He spent the previous five seasons as manager of AAA Tacoma.

No announcement has been made on a replacement bench coach. The administrative coach position will not be filled for the remainder of this season.