



P.J. PHILLIPS RETURNS AS VALLEJO ADMIRALS SKIPPER

2017 Pacific Association Co-Manager of the Year Comes Back to Defend Title

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The 2017 Pacific Association Champion Vallejo Admirals announced today that P.J. Phillips will return as Field Manager for the 2018 season. Phillips returns from a 2017 campaign that saw the Admirals produce a 24-15 second-half record, en route to the organization's first championship.

Phillips oversaw a team that hit .276 on the campaign, averaging over six runs a game. Under Phillips' tutelage, outfielder Tillman Pugh garnered league MVP honors, hitting .322 with 18 home runs, 58 RBI and 30 stolen bases. Starting pitcher Demetrius Banks attained a 7-3 record with 86 strikeouts, setting the pace for a championship pitching staff. Reliever Sammy Gervacio bolstered an electric bullpen down the stretch with a league-leading 18 saves, and took home the league's Reliever of the Year award. During the stretch run, the Admirals demonstrated a flair for the dramatic, going 19-7 in August, while notching five one-run wins during the regular season's final month.

The Admirals' leadership is actively preparing for a return to the Wilson Park diamond as Pacific Association Champions. "I am happy to be back," Phillips said, "and excited to get to work to win another championship."

"We're excited to have our 2017 Manager of the Year back for the season," said Admirals owner Kevin Reilly.

The Admirals begin their title defense at Vallejo's Wilson Park on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 6:35 p.m., facing the visiting Pittsburg Diamonds. Season and group ticket information is available at vallejoadmirals.com or by phone at (707) 641-1111.

