

Rick Renteria Named Beavers Manager

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Former Mariners infielder becomes third Portland manager as Padres affiliate

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PORTLAND, Ore. — The San Diego Padres today announced that Rick Renteria has been named manager of the Portland Beavers for the 2007 season. Padres Vice President/Scouting and Player Development Grady Fuson made the announcement.

Renteria, 44, joins the Beavers after managing Class A Lake Elsinore in the Padres system for the past three seasons and will mark his fifth year in the organization in 2007.

"It's great to have this opportunity to manage in Portland," Renteria said. "I've had a lot of these players at the lower level, where they're trying to find out who they are. No matter what level, though, it's still a game, and I'm looking forward to working with the players in Portland."

Renteria joined the Padres organization as the hitting coach at Lake Elsinore in 2003. After taking over as the team's manager for the 2004 season, he compiled a 212-206 (.507) record over three seasons (2004-06) with the Storm. Under Renteria, the Storm claimed the second-half title in the California League's South Division in 2006 and advanced to the division finals.

In seven seasons as a minor league manager, Renteria has compiled a 481-497 (.492) record. He becomes the third manager in the Beavers' seven seasons (including 2007) as the Triple-A affiliate of the Padres, following Rick Sweet, who managed the club from 2001-03, and Craig Colbert, who led the team from 2004-06 before accepting a position as San Diego's major league bench coach recently.

Prior to joining the Padres, Renteria spent four seasons as a manager in the Florida Marlins system. He managed the 2000-01 seasons with Florida's Class AA Portland (Maine) affiliate, guiding the Sea Dogs to a 148-135 (.523) record over the two campaigns. In 1999, he was named the Midwest League Manager of the Year with the Marlins' Class A Kane County affiliate, leading the club to a league-best 78-59 record. He began his managerial career in 1998 with Class A Brevard County, where he became the first former Marlins player to join the organization as a manager.

A first-round selection (20th overall) of the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 1980 draft, Renteria batted .237 with 20 doubles, four home runs and 41 RBIs in 184 career major leagues games played

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with Pittsburgh (1986), Seattle (1987-88) and Florida (1993-94). He also played two seasons for Jalisco of the Mexican League, where he won the league batting title (.442) in 1991 and was named the league's Player of the Year. Renteria also spent time in the Detroit Tigers and Montreal Expos organizations.

Renteria resides in Temecula, Calif., with his wife, Ilene. The couple has three sons and one daughter.

As previously announced, hitting coach Jose Castro, pitching coach Gary Lance and athletic trainer Will Sinon will return to Portland to round out Renteria's 2007 field staff.