

2010 Oakland A's



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A's AT A GLANCE

Season High	9-4 (April 17)
Season Low	0-1/13-14 (April 5/May 3)
April	12-12
May	6-4
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Home Series	5-1-0
Road Series	1-3-0
Series Sweeps	0-1
First Game of Series	5-6
Last Game of Series	6-4
A's Score First	14-5
Opponent Scores First	4-11
Leading After 7 th	15-0
Leading After 8 th	14-0
Tied After 7 th	3-3
Tied After 8 th	2-2
Trailing After 7 th	0-13
Trailing After 8 th	2-14
Commit No Errors	13-6
Commit 1 or More Errors	5-10
More HR Than Opp.	6-3
Fewer HR Than Opp.	4-8
Same Total HR of Opp.	8-5
Starter Pitches 7 or More	5-2
Starter Pitches Less Than 7	13-14
When Scoring 4 or More	17-1
When Scoring Less Than 4	1-15
Last At Bat	4-3
Different Lineups	23

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (18-16) VS. TEXAS RANGERS (19-15)

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010 – RANGERS BALLPARK – 1:05 P.M. CDT

RHP BEN SHEETS (2-3, 6.38) VS. LHP C.J. WILSON (3-1, 1.51)

NO TV – A'S RADIO NETWORK (XTRA SPORTS 860 AM) – ESPAÑOL (KDIA 1640 AM/KDYA 1190 AM)

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Had their three-game winning streak snapped last night...have won five of the last seven games after losing six of the previous seven contests...are in second place in the American League West, one game behind Texas...have 22 days alone in first this year, six days tied for first, eight days in second, one day tied for second and one day in fourth...spent 25 consecutive days with at least a share of first from April 7 to May 1, which was the A's longest streak of consecutive days in first since 2006 when they spent the final 65 days of the season in first...had no days in first from May 13, 2008 through the end of the 2009 season...are two games over .500 and have spent 30 days above .500 this year...spent just one day over .500 last year (2-1, April 8)...have spent just two days under .500 this year: April 5 (the first game of the season) and May 3...are 9-12 (.429) since April 17 when they were a season high five games over .500 (9-4)...went 75-87 last year, their third consecutive season with a losing record...it marks the first time the A's have finished with a losing record in three straight seasons since 1993-98 when they had six straight.

HOME AND AWAY: The A's are 1-1 on this six game road trip against Texas (1-1) and Los Angeles (three games) after going 1-5 on the last road trip to Tampa Bay (0-2) and Toronto (1-3)...have lost eight of the last 10 road games...went 4-2 on the last homestand against Texas (2-1) and Tampa Bay (2-1) and have won seven of their last 10 home games...are 13-7 (.650) at home and 5-9 (.357) on the road...have the fourth best home record in the American League and the fifth worst road record...A's pitchers have allowed 16 runs in the first two games of the trip (16 er in 21.0 ip, 6.86 ERA) after allowing 17 runs in six games on the last homestand (2.67 ERA)...now have a 5.79 ERA (78 er in 121.1 ip) on the road compared to 2.78 at home...have the highest road ERA in the AL and the lowest home ERA...have allowed seven home runs in the first two games of the trip and have now yielded 26 home runs in 15 road games compared to nine home runs in 20 home contests...A's starting pitchers are 9-5 with a 2.78 ERA (37 er in 120.0 ip) at home and 4-6 with a 6.38 ERA (51 er in 72.0 ip) on the road...the A's offense is batting .264 at home compared to .242 (120 for 496) on the road.

NIGHT AND DAY: The A's are 10-3 (.769) in day games, which is the best record in the majors...have an 8-13 (.381) record at night, which is fourth worst in the American League...the pitching staff has a 2.79 ERA (36 er in 116.0 ip) during the day compared to 4.73 (98 er in 186.1 ip) at night...the A's day ERA is the lowest in the AL and second lowest in the majors (St. Louis, 2.22)...the offense is batting .276 (116 for 421) with 61 runs scored (4.7 per game) during the day compared to .242 (176 for 727) with 82 runs scored (3.9 per game) at night.

PITCHING: The A's pitching staff allowed season highs in home runs (5) and hits (17) last night and matched the season high in runs (10)...the five home runs were the A's most allowed in a game since September 8, 2008 when they surrendered five at Detroit...have yielded seven home runs over the last two games after going four consecutive games without a home run...the pitching staff has compiled a 5.52 ERA (76 er in 124.0 ip) over the last 14 games after posting a 2.93 ERA over the first 20 contests...Dallas Braden's perfect game on Sunday was the A's first complete game shutout of the season but it was the fourth for the A's pitching staff, which is tied with Minnesota and Tampa Bay for the most in the American League...have hit the fewest batters in the AL (4).

STARTING PITCHING: A's starting pitchers are 3-2 with a 2.68 ERA (11 er in 37.0 ip) and two home runs over the last six games after going 1-6 with a 10.40 ERA and 11 home runs over the previous eight games...have the third fewest innings pitched (192.0) in the American League and are tied for the fourth fewest home runs...the A's are 9-3 in games started by Justin Duchscherer (4-1) and Dallas Braden (5-2) and 9-13 in all other games.

OFFENSE: The A's are batting .267 (160 for 599) over the last 17 games after hitting .240 over the first 17 contests...have the third fewest home runs (22) and third fewest extra base hits (83) in the American League...the A's are one of two AL teams without a three-homer game (Seattle)...have been successful in 20 of 24 (83.3%) stolen base attempts, which is the second best percentage in the AL...are 17-1 when scoring four runs or more in a game and 1-15 when scoring three runs or fewer.

ONE-RUN GAMES AND OTHER CLOSE CALLS: The A's improved to 6-1 in one-run games with the win Tuesday night, which is the best record in the majors...went 15-23 in one-run games last year, which was the second worst record in the American League...the seven one-run decisions this year are third fewest in the American League...played just their second extra inning game of the season Tuesday night and have won both contests...are one of three AL teams undefeated in extra inning games (LAA 2-0, NYY 1-0)...have three walk-off wins this year after tallying just five in all of 2009...Tuesday night marked just the fourth time in Oakland history the A's trailed entering ninth inning and ended up scoring a run in at least two extra innings...the last time was April 3, 2003 vs. Seattle when they lost 7-6 in 11 innings...the last time they did it and won was April 9, 2002 in a 5-4, 11-inning win here at Texas.

THE DISABLED LIST: The A's used the disabled list for the 11th time this year last Friday when Justin Duchscherer was added with a left hip inflammation...have now used the DL 75 times since the start of the 2007 season (17 in 2009, an Oakland record 25 in 2008 and 22 in 2007)...began the year with six players on the DL and it currently stands at nine (Anderson, Buck, Crisp, Devine, Duchscherer, Ellis, Meloan, Outman, Suzuki)...those are the A's most players on the DL at one time since May 29, 2008 when they also had nine...have had at least five players on the DL all year and have not had fewer than five players on the DL since April 28 of last year when they had four...have not had fewer than three players on the DL since the end of the 2006 season, when they had just one.

MONTH-BY-MONTH: The A's are 6-4 in May after finishing the month of April with a 12-12 record...it marks the third time in the last six years Oakland finished April with exactly a .500 record (12-12 in 2005 and 2006)...stole 15 bases in April, which are the A's most in the first month of the season since swiping 19 bases in April of 1998...the bullpen tallied just three saves, their fewest in a full month of April since 1994 when they had one...the three save opportunities were their fewest in any month of 12 or more games since April of 1981 when they had just one (starters completed 17 of 21 games that year in April).

A's vs. RANGERS

The A's lead the season series 3-2...have split the first two meetings in Texas after taking two of three in Oakland last week to open the season series...won the season series last year 11-8...went 6-4 in Oakland and 5-4 in Texas...it was the A's first season series win since 2005...are 61-59 against the Rangers since 2004...the A's are 280-286 all-time against the Texas Rangers...that breaks down to 149-134 in Oakland and 131-152 in Texas...including 64-64 at Rangers Ballpark...have an all-time record of 377-368 against the Rangers/Senators.

TODAY'S TIDBITS

Rajai Davis has a 14-game hitting streak against the Rangers (19 for 59, .322)...that is one short of the Oakland record of 15 set by Geronimo Berroa from May 7, 1995 to July 12, 1996...he has 13 career RBI against the Rangers, his most against any team.

Eric Patterson had the first pinch hit home run by an Athletic last night since Kurt Suzuki on August 15, 2008 against Chicago...six of his last eight hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, two homers).

Michael Wuertz has not allowed a run over his first three outings (2.2 ip) to extend his scoreless streak to a career high 16.0 innings dating back to last year.

THIS DATE IN A'S HISTORY

In 1981 Matt Keough improves to 6-0 as the A's defeat the Yankees at New York, 5-4...in 1986 Dave Kingman hits a three-run homer in the bottom of the 10th inning after the A's score single runs in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings, in the A's 6-3 win over Toronto...in 2007 the A's score five times in the bottom of the ninth inning to defeat Cleveland, 10-7...Milton Bradley hits a two-run home run to tie the game and Jack Cust hits a three-run homer for the win as he homers in his fourth consecutive game.

PITCHING PROBABLES

Fri., May 14 at LAA	LHP Dallas Braden (4-2, 3.33) vs. LHP Joe Saunders (1-5, 6.91)	7:05 CSNCA
Sat., May 15 at LAA	TBA vs. RHP Ervin Santana (1-3, 4.40)	6:05 CSNCA
Sun., May 16 at LAA	RHP Trevor Cahill (1-1, 4.60) vs. RHP Joel Pineiro (2-4, 4.50)	12:35 CSNCA

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AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS...1902 • 1905 • 1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1914 • 1929 • 1930 • 1931 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1988 • 1989 • 1990

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Ben Sheets (2-3, 6.38 ERA)

SHEETS BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	2	3	6.38	7	36.2	26
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	88	86	3.79	228	1464.2	617
Home	2	1	2.31	4	23.1	6
Road	0	2	13.50	3	13.1	20
Day	1	1	10.24	2	9.2	11
Night	1	2	5.00	5	27.0	15
Pre-ASB	2	3	6.38	7	36.2	26
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
			AVG.	AB	H	
vs. LHH			.256	78	20	
vs. RHH			.377	69	26	

RUN SUPPORT

Runs Scored	Times
0	2
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
Run Support Avg.	3.68

SHEETS vs. TEXAS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	0	0	0.00	1	7.0	0

Sheets' Starts vs. Texas

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
6/9/07	A	--	7.0	5	0	0	2	6

Texas Career Batting vs. Sheets

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Guerrero	.389	18	7	1	1	5
Kinsler	.000	3	0	0	0	0
Young	.333	3	1	0	0	1

SHEETS' CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	2, 4/2/07 vs. LAD
IP:	9.0 (17 times), last: 9/6/08 vs. SD
Fewest IP, GS:	1.0 (3 times), last: 9/18/07 at HOU
H:	13, 8/15/05 at COL
R:	10 (three times), last: 8/15/05 at COL
ER:	10, 8/15/05 at COL
BB:	7, 4/29/08 at CHI (NL)
SO:	18, 5/16/04 vs. ATL
HR:	3 (six times), last: 5/2/10 at TOR
Win Streak:	6 (twice), last: 5/29/07-6/30/07
Loss Streak:	6, 7/4/01-10/2/01
Scoreless Streak:	22.0, 5/29/07-6/14/07
Complete Games:	18, last: 9/6/08 vs. SD
Shutouts:	4, last: 9/6/08 vs. SD

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his eighth start of the season, which ties him for the American League lead...the A's are 2-5 (.286) in his starting assignments and his teams are 111-117 (.487) in his 228 career starts...has tossed fewer than seven innings in each of his seven starts this year and 10 straight dating back to September 11, 2008, which is the longest streak of his career...has allowed two runs or fewer in three of his seven starts and walked two batters or fewer twice.

HOME AND AWAY: Is 0-2 with a 13.50 ERA (20 er in 13.1 ip) and .446 (29 for 65) opponents batting average in three starts on the road and 2-1 with a 2.31 ERA (6 er in 23.1 ip) and .207 (17 for 82) opponents batting average in four starts at home...has yielded five of his six home runs on the road.

EIGHT OR MORE RUNS IN BACK-TO-BACK STARTS: Allowed eight runs on April 27 at Tampa Bay and nine on May 2 at Toronto to become the second pitcher in Oakland history to allow at least eight runs in back-to-back starts...Mark Mulder was the other (September 15-21, 2004) but Sheets was the first with at least eight earned runs...is 2-1 with a 2.76 ERA (9 er in 29.1 ip) in his other five starts...has a 6.38 ERA for the season, which is fifth highest in the American League.

AMONG THE LEADERS: Has allowed 26 extra base hits, which is the most in the majors...that included an Oakland record eight on May 2 at Toronto...broke the previous mark of seven (eight times, last by Mike Oquist on May 4, 1999)...has the highest opponents slugging percentage in the American League (.592), is tied for seventh in earned runs (26) and tied for ninth in runs (27).

OPPONENTS BATTING: Has allowed a .377 (26 for 69) opponents batting average against right-handed hitters and .256 (20 for 78) against left-handers...has yielded four of his six home runs to righties but has issued 15 of his 19 walks to left-handers...opponents are batting .406 (13 for 32) when leading off an inning, which is the second highest mark in the American League...they are 18 for 48 (.375) with runners in scoring position, which is sixth highest.

INNING BY INNING: Has an 8.56 ERA (26 er in 27.1 ip) and .342 (40 for 117) opponents batting average over the first four innings of a game...has not allowed a run after the fourth inning (9.2 ip) while holding the opposition to a .167 (5 for 30) batting average.

MONTH BY MONTH: Went 1-2 with a 5.00 ERA in five starts in the month of April and is now 15-19 with a 4.19 ERA in 42 career starts in the month...is a combined 37-22 with a 3.46 ERA (197 er in 512.0 ip) in 77 starts in May and June and is 36-45 with a 3.92 ERA from July 1 through the end of the season.

ALL STARTS: Has made 228 career appearances and all have been starts...those are the fourth most appearances in major league history among pitchers who have never made a relief appearance.

START-BY-START: He had a no decision in the A's 5-3 loss to Seattle on Opening Night **April 5** in Oakland...it was his first start since September 27, 2008 against the Chicago Cubs when he was the losing pitcher in the Brewers 7-3 loss (2.1 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 1 so, 1 hr)...became the A's fifth different Opening Day starter in the last five years (Braden, Blanton, Haren, Zito)...it was his seventh career Opening Day start and he is 3-0 with a 2.59 ERA (12 er in 41.2 ip) in those seven starts...among active pitchers, only Buehrle (CWS), Halladay (PHI), Hernandez (WASH minors) and Oswalt (HOU), with eight each, have more...allowed one run in each of the first three innings and left trailing 3-0 but the A's scored once in the sixth and twice in the seventh to get him off the hook...had his second consecutive no decision in an A's loss, a 4-3 loss at Los Angeles **April 10**...left after six innings trailing 3-1 but the A's scored single runs in the seventh and eighth to get him off the hook...picked up his first win since September 6, 2008 in the A's 6-2 win over Baltimore **April 15**...tossed 6.0 shutout innings despite allowing five hits and walking three...stranded eight base runners and left runners in scoring position in four of his six innings...was the losing pitcher in the A's 3-1 loss to New York **April 21** in Oakland...Hughes no-hit the A's over the first seven innings before Oakland scored its only run in the eighth...lost his second consecutive start in the A's 8-6 loss at Tampa Bay **April 27**...allowed four runs in the second inning and the A's tied the game with a four-run third inning...he then allowed three-run home run to Burrell in the bottom of the third and a Brignac home run to lead off the fourth...lost his third straight in the A's 9-3 loss at Toronto **May 2**...allowed a career high tying three home runs (sixth time, first since May 15, 2008 vs. Los Angeles-NL)...yielded nine runs, all earned, in 3.1 innings, his most runs in a game since August 15, 2005 at Colorado when he allowed 10 runs, all earned

LAST START: He snapped his three-game losing streak in the A's 4-2 win over Tampa Bay last Saturday in Oakland...struck out a season high eight batters in 6.1 innings after fanning just 16 batters over his first six starts and 30.1 innings...the A's scored twice in the first inning and he allowed two runs in the second on a Jaso RBI single and a Bartlett RBI double...those would be the only runs he would allow in 6.2 innings as he retired 13 of the next 14 hitters after the Bartlett double.

SHEETS vs. TEXAS: Had a no decision in his only career start, a 4-3 Milwaukee loss at Texas on June 9, 2007...tossed 7.0 shutouts innings and left with a 1-0 lead...the Brewers added two runs in the top of the ninth to make the score 3-0 but the Rangers scored four times in the ninth off Francisco Cordero to give Sheets a no decision.

THIS SPRING: Was 1-3 with an 11.20 ERA (13.2 ip, 23 h, 20 r, 17 er, 10 bb, 10 so, 1 hr) in five games, all starts...allowed a .354 (23 for 65) opponents batting average...struck out nine batters in his last two starts (9.1 ip) after fanning just one over his first three (4.1 ip)...did not retire a batter in his third start March 15 at Cincinnati as he faced 10 batters in the first inning with all 10 scoring...allowed six runs in the White Sox seven-run third inning in his second start, March 10...also pitched in a minor league game March 25.

SHEETS' 2010 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 5	SEA	3-5	--	3.60	5.0	4	3	2	4	3	1	94
April 10	at LAA	3-4	--	4.09	6.0	10	3	3	3	1	0	97
April 15	BAL	6-2	W	2.65	6.0	5	0	0	3	4	0	97
April 21	NYN	1-3	L	2.74	6.0	4	2	2	3	4	0	96
April 27	at TB	6-8	L	5.00	4.0	9	8	8	1	2	2	78
April Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				1-2	5.00	27.0	32	16	15	14	14	3
May 2	at TOR	3-9	L	7.12	3.1	10	9	9	2	2	3	75
May 8	TB	4-2	W	6.38	6.1	4	2	2	3	8	0	103

MOST CAREER APPEARANCES, ALL STARTS

682	Tom Glavine (1987-2008)
295	CC Sabathia (2001-)
240	Juan Guzman (1991-2000)
228	Ben Sheets (2001-)
222	Jake Peavy (2002-)

SHEETS' 2010 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Mar. 5	MIL	8-7	-	5.40	1.2	4	2	1	0	1	0
Mar. 10	CWS	5-9	L	12.46	2.2	5	6	5	1	0	0
Mar. 15	at CIN	5-13	L	31.15	0.0	8	10	9	1	0	1
Mar. 20	CHI (NL)	7-4	W	17.28	4.0	3	1	1	3	4	0
Mar. 30	at CWS	0-2	L	11.20	5.1	3	1	1	5	5	0
Totals (5 games, 5 starts)				1-3	11.20	13.2	23	20	17	10	10

TOMORROW'S PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER

LHP Dallas Braden (4-2, 3.33 ERA): Is scheduled to make his eighth start of the season, his first since tossing the 19th perfect game in Major League history last Sunday in Oakland in the A's 4-0 win over Tampa Bay...has retired 27 consecutive batters, which is two short of the Oakland record of 29 set by Catfish Hunter from May 3-8, 1968...the Oakland record for consecutive hitless innings is 13 by John Odom from June 1-7, 1968...has not walked a batter in his last two starts and is averaging 1.37 walks per nine innings, which is third lowest in the American League...the perfect game was his first career complete game, snapping a 52-game streak without a complete game to start his career, an Oakland record...is tied for third in the American League in pickoffs (2) and now has 11 in his career...has not allowed a stolen base since Aug. 20, 2008 against Minnesota (Punto)...is 2-3 with a 4.38 ERA (39.0 ip, 48 h, 21 r, 19 er, 5 bb, 24 so, 4 hr) in 10 career appearances, six starts, against Los Angeles...including a win in his only start this year on April 11 (6.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 2 so).

ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

5-5, 3.75 ERA (110.1 ip, 98 h, 49 r, 46 er, 44 bb, 92 so, 15 hr)

Save/Save Opportunities: 7/10 (70.0%)

The A's bullpen allowed four home runs last night, which are their most in a game since May 25, 2006 when they also allowed four home runs here at Texas...yielded 11 home runs over the first 32 games...has allowed 10 runs in the first two games of the road trip (11.1 ip, 7.94 ERA) after allowing four runs on the last homestand (2.16 ERA)...now has a 5.03 ERA (27 er in 48.1 ip) on the road and a 2.80 ERA (19 er in 61.0 ip) at home...the pen had not blown a save since August 28, 2009 prior to being charged with three Tuesday night, snapping a streak of 66 consecutive games without a blown save...it was the fourth time in Oakland history the A's blew three saves in a game, the first since July 17, 2000 at Colorado in a 10-9, 10-inning loss in the second game of a doubleheader...it was the first time A's came back to win a game after blowing three saves...the A's were the last team in the majors to blow a save this year...are now 7 for 10 (70.0%) in saves...have the second fewest save opportunities in the American League (Cleveland, 8) and are tied for the third fewest saves...the pen has four saves in May, which is one more than their output for the entire month of April...also ranks tied for second in the AL in innings pitched (110.1) and third in strikeouts (92)...first batters faced are 16 for 86 (.186) with nine walks (.263 on-base percentage)...the batting average and on-base percentage are third lowest in the AL.

40 RHP ANDREW BAILEY

Save/Opportunities: 6-7

Last Outing: 5/11 at Texas (BS, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 4/3

First Hitters: 2-11 (2 bb)

- Had his scoreless streak and consecutive saves streak come to an end Tuesday night when he allowed a two-out RBI single to Andrus in the ninth inning.
- His save streak ended at 27, which was second longest in Oakland history to the record of 40 by Dennis Eckersley from September 15, 1991 to August 7, 1992...it was his first blown save since June 16, 2009 at Los Angeles (NL)...now has five career blown saves, three of which have come in Rangers Ballpark.
- His scoreless streak ended at 21.2 innings, which tied for ninth longest in Oakland history by a reliever...it was the first time he allowed a run since September 5, 2009 against Seattle...has not allowed a run in 34 of his 36 outings since July 31, 2009 (3 er in 36.0 ip, 0.75 ERA).
- Now has a 0.71 ERA for the season, which ranks fifth lowest among American League relievers...has the fourth lowest opponents on-base percentage (.213) and the ninth lowest slugging percentage (.222)
- Has two saves and a blown save in three outings against Texas this year (3.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb)...is 1-0 with three saves, three blown saves and a 1.84 ERA (3 er in 14.2 ip) in 13 career outings against the Rangers.
- Made the jump from Double-A to the majors in 2009 and was named American League Rookie of the Year by the BBWAA...set an Oakland rookie record with 26 saves, which tied for the sixth highest save total by a rookie in AL history...ranked third among AL relievers in ERA (1.84).

13 LHP JERRY BLEVINS

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 5/11 at Texas (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 5/2

First Hitters: 3-13 (1 bb)

- Has not allowed a run in his last three outings (1.2 ip, 1 bb, 1 so) after allowing at least one run in four of his first 11 contests (3.86 ERA).
- Has held left-handed hitters to a .136 (3 for 22) batting average and has a .276 (8 for 29) mark against right-handers.
- Has surrendered two home runs, which matches his career high as he also allowed two in 2008 and 2009.
- Has faced the Rangers three times this year (2.1 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb) and has a 1.54 ERA (2 er in 11.2 ip) in 12 career outings against Texas.
- Made the A's Opening Day roster for the first time last year and had three stints with Oakland, compiling a 4.84 ERA in 20 relief appearances...opponents hit .229...also went 5-3 with two saves and a 3.84 ERA in 45 relief appearances at Triple-A Sacramento.

56 LHP CRAIG BRESLOW

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 5/11 at Texas (ND, 0.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 7/3

First Hitters: 2-14 (0 bb)

- Has a 2.25 ERA (4.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 3 so) in four outings in May after posting a 4.70 ERA in 10 appearances in April.
- Has retired each of his last six first batters faced and first batters have a .143 (2 for 14) on-base percentage for the season, which is seventh lowest in the American League.
- Has faced the Rangers twice this year (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so) and has a 1.86 ERA (2 er in 9.2 ip) in nine career outings against Texas.
- Began the 2009 season with Minnesota and had a 6.28 ERA in 17 appearances when he was claimed off waivers by the A's May 20...went 7-5 with a 2.60 ERA in 60 games with Oakland and combined for an 8-7 record and a 3.36 ERA in a career high 77 appearances overall.

33 RHP JOEY DEVINE

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 9/28/08 at Seattle (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 2 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 0/0

First Hitters: 0-0 (0 bb)

- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 3 retroactive to March 26 as he continues to recover from April 2009 "Tommy John" surgery on his right elbow...did not pitch in a game this spring...was transferred to the 60-day DL April 30.
- Missed the entire 2009 season...last pitched in the majors in 2008 when he posted a 0.59 ERA in 42 relief appearances with the A's.

57 RHP CHAD GAUDIN

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 5/12 at Texas (ND, 1.2 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 0 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 6/0

First Hitters: 1-10 (1 bb)

- Allowed a career high tying three home runs last night (also June 14, 2005 in a start vs. St. Louis)...it was the 14th time in Oakland history a reliever yielded at least three home runs in a game...the last was Keith Foulke, who allowed three home runs in 1.0 inning, September 18, 2008 against Anaheim...now has four home runs for the season, which is tied for the most among American League relievers.
- Has allowed at least two runs in five of his 11 outings and has a 7.36 ERA, which is second highest among AL relievers.
- Has stranded all six of his inherited runners and first batters faced are 1 for 10 (.100) with a walk...the batting average is tied for eighth lowest in the American League and his .182 on-base percentage is tied for 10th lowest.
- Has pitched just twice in the A's 10 games in the month of May (2.2 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 1 so).
- Faced the Rangers for the first time this year last night...was 1-0 with a 2.31 ERA (11.2 ip, 8 h, 3 r, 3 er, 5 bb, 1 so) in two games, one start, last year.
- Combined for a 6-10 record and a 4.64 ERA in 31 games, 25 starts, with the New York Yankees and San Diego Padres in 2009...was 5-10 with a 4.76 ERA in his 25 starts and 1-0 with a 3.46 ERA in six relief appearances.

59 RHP EDWAR RAMIREZ

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 5/12 at Texas (ND, 1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 1 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 1/0

First Hitters: 0-4 (3 bb)

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento last Friday for his second stint with Oakland this year and pitched for the first time since his return last night.
- Was on the A's Opening Day roster and posted a 4.50 ERA with eight walks in 10.0 innings over six games before he was optioned to Sacramento April 27.
- Has allowed at least one run in four of his seven outings with the A's and has tossed at least 2.0 innings four times.
- Is 1-0 with a 1.42 ERA (6.1 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 bb, 8 so) in five career outings against Texas.
- Allowed a .313 opponents batting average in his three relief appearances with Sacramento...his complete stats with the River Cats:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento (AAA)	0	0	6.75	3	0	0	0	0	4.0	5	3	3	1	2

- Made 20 relief appearances with the New York Yankees in 2009, posting no decisions and a 5.73 ERA over two stints...opponents batted .281, including .302 (16 for 53) by left-handed hitters and .250 (9 for 36) by right-handers...13 of his 20 appearances were scoreless.

63 RHP HENRY RODRIGUEZ

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 5/12 at Texas (ND, 1.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 0/0

First Hitters: 0-1 (0 bb)

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento May 5 and made his first appearance of the season last night...it was his first outing since May 1 at Fresno when he tossed 1.2 scoreless innings for Sacramento.
- Last night was his second career outing against Texas...made his Major League debut against the Rangers September 21, 2009 (1.0 ip, 1 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 1 so).
- Allowed a .100 (3 for 30) batting average at Sacramento, including .050 (1 for 20) against right-handed hitters...struck out 14 in 9.1 innings and now has 435 career strikeouts in 339.2 minor league innings (11.53 per nine innings)...his complete statistics with Sacramento:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento	0	1	0.00	8	0	0	0	3	9.1	3	2	0	3	14

- Made his Major League debut with Oakland last year and posted a 2.25 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in three games in September...combined for a 2-1 record and a 5.18 ERA in a career-high 40 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton and Triple-A Sacramento.

66 RHP TYSON ROSS Inherited Runners/Scored: 7/3	Save/Opportunities: 1-2	Last Outing: 5/11 at Texas (BS/W, 3.0 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 2 so) First Hitters: 4-10 (1 bb)
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- Was credited with his first Major League win Tuesday night and was also charged with his first blown save.
- Matched his career high by tossing 3.0 innings and has pitched at least two innings in six of his 11 outings...has 19.0 innings pitched for the season, which is tied for fourth among American League relievers.
- Struck out in the 12th inning Tuesday night to become the first A's pitcher to bat in a non-interleague game since Todd Stottlemyre also struck out on August 16, 1985 at Kansas City.
- Has faced the Rangers three times this year (6.0 ip, 7 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 so).
- First batters faced are 4 for their last 5 (.800) with two RBI and a walk after going 0 for their first 5.
- Combined for a 10-10 record and a 4.09 ERA in 27 games, all starts, at Single-A Stockton and Double-A Midland last year...allowed a .233 opponents batting average, including .224 against right-handed hitters and .245 against left-handers...opponents hit .216 with RISP.

48 RHP MICHAEL WUERTZ Inherited Runners/Scored: 3/1	Save/Opportunities: 0-0	Last Outing: 5/11 at Texas (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so) First Hitters: 2-3 (0 bb)
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- Has not allowed a run over his first three outings (2.2 ip) to extend his **scoreless streak to a career high 16.0 innings** dating back to last year...his previous high was 14.0 from June 2 to September 26, 2004.
 - Has faced the Rangers twice this year (2.1 ip, 2 h, 1 so).
 - Was reinstated from the 15-day disabled May 3...was placed on the DL April 3 retroactive to March 26 with right shoulder tendinitis...it was his first career stint on the DL...appeared in just two games during the spring (March 21 and 25) and had a loss and a 4.50 ERA.
 - Did not allow a run in six rehab appearances (7.2 ip)...that includes four games, three starts, with Sacramento and two starts with Stockton...opponents were 7 for 29 (.241)...began his rehab assignment April 16...his complete stats on his rehab assignment:
- | | W | L | ERA | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Sacramento (AAA) | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4.2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Stockton (A) | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
- Went 6-1 with four saves and a 2.63 ERA in a team-leading 74 appearances for the A's last year...the games pitched tied for eighth most in Oakland history...led American League relievers and tied for second in the majors with a career-high 102 strikeouts.

31 RHP BRAD ZIEGLER Inherited Runners/Scored: 5/1	Save/Opportunities: 0-1	Last Outing: 5/11 at Texas (BS, 1.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 0 bb, 0 so) First Hitters: 2-15 (1 bb)
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- Was charged with his first blown save of the season Tuesday night and has allowed three runs in his last four outings (4.1 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 so) after seven consecutive scoreless appearances (7.0 ip, 2 h, 4 bb, 4 so).
- Now has an 8.44 ERA (5 er in 5.1 ip) in six games on the road compared to a 0.87 ERA (1 er in 10.1 ip) in 10 outings at home.
- Is tied for 10th in the American League in games pitched (16).
- Has not allowed a run in seven outings on one day rest or less (6.1 ip) and has a 5.79 ERA (6 er in 9.1 ip) in his other nine outings.
- Has a win and a blown save in three outings against Texas this year (3.1 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 so).
- Was 2-4 with seven saves and a 3.07 ERA in 69 relief appearances last year...allowed two home runs in 73.1 innings for an average of 0.25 per nine innings, the third lowest mark among American League relievers...led AL relievers and ranked second in the majors in GIDP (14).

ATHLETICS BATTING NOTES

10 DARIC BARTON Texas Series: 3-10, r, hr, 2 rbi, bb, 2 so	Career vs. Wilson (.000, 0-2, 0 HR, 2 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 4 games (7 for 18) Last Homestand: 8-22, 6 r, 2b, 3b, 4 rbi, 2 bb, 4 so, sf
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- Is 11 for 28 (.393) with six RBI over his last seven games...three of those RBI have given the A's the lead.
- Is batting .390 (16 for 41) during the day and .246 (19 for 77) at night...has the third best day batting average in the American League.
- Is tied for third in the American League in walks (24), ranks sixth in on-base percentage (.414) and tied for sixth in times on base (60)...is also tied for fourth in sacrifice hits (4) and tied for sixth in three-hit games (4).
- Is 7 for 20 (.350) with five runs and four RBI in five games against Texas this year...is a .310 (13 for 42) career hitter at Rangers Ballpark.
- Homered in the 11th inning Tuesday night and added the game-winning RBI single in the 13th...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, he is the first Athletic to have a RBI hit in two different extra inning at-bats in the same game since Harry Simpson did it for the Kansas City A's on June 12, 1956 in a 9-3, 15-inning win at Washington.
- Committed his seventh error of the season last Friday night, which is tied for the most among all Major League fielders...A's first basemen combined for six errors all last year.
- Is one of two Athletics to start all 34 games this year (Pennington).
- Split the 2009 season between Triple-A Sacramento and Oakland...hit .261 with nine home runs and 48 RBI in 70 games with the River Cats and .269 with three home runs and 24 RBI in 54 games with the A's...batted .302 in 37 games after returning from the DL August 21.

6 TRAVIS BUCK	Current Streak: 2 games (3 for 7)
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- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 22 retroactive to April 21 with a strained right oblique muscle...this is his fifth career stint on the disabled list in four seasons.
- Hit .219 with three home runs and 10 RBI in 36 games over three stints with the A's last year...26 of his 27 starts came against right-handed pitchers...is on his fourth consecutive Opening Day roster but has played in just 156 games over the previous three seasons.

3 ERIC CHAVEZ Texas Series: 2-4, 2 r, hr, 2 rbi, so	Career vs. Wilson (.429, 3-7, 1 HR, 1 BB, 3 SO)	Current Streak: 3 games (5 for 10) Last Homestand: 4-16, rbi, 2 bb, 3 so, sf, gidp
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- Hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning Tuesday night for his first home run since June 17, 2008 at Arizona...it snapped a 42-game homerless streak, which was the second longest of his career...began his career with a 44-game homerless streak (September 8, 1998 to May 14, 1999).
- The home run was his 531st career extra base hit, moving him past Reggie Jackson for fifth most in Athletics history.
- Now has 27 home runs and 90 RBI in 151 career games against Texas...the RBI are his most against any team and the home runs are second only to his 29 against Seattle...16 of his home runs have come at Rangers Ballpark, his most at any road ballpark.
- Is 9 for 27 (.333) over his last eight games after batting .215 over his first 19 contests.
- Has started 24 of the A's 34 games at designated hitter...all 24 of his starts have come against right-handed pitchers...is 1 for 9 (.111) against left-handed pitchers and 22 for 83 (.265) against right-handers.
- Has played in 27 games this year after combining to appear in just 31 games over the previous two seasons.
- Had season-ending surgery for the third consecutive season in 2009, appearing in just eight games before having microdiscectomy surgery on his back June 23...it was his fifth surgery since Sept. 5, 2007...hit .100 in eight games...appeared in 121 games from 2007 to 2009.

OAKLAND A's CAREER LEADERS							
RUNS	HITS	DOUBLES	HOME RUNS	RBI			
1. Henderson 1270	1. Henderson 1768	1. Henderson 289	1. McGwire 363	1. McGwire 941			
2. McGwire 773	2. Campaneris 1355	2. Chavez 281	2. Jackson 268	2. Canseco 793			
3. Jackson 743	3. Lansford 1317	3. Giambi 241	3. Canseco 254	3. Bando 789			
4. Chavez 729	4. Bando 1279	4. Jackson 230	4. Chavez 230	4. Chavez 786			
5. Bando 725	5. Chavez 1273	5. Rudi 214	5. Giambi 198	5. Jackson 770			
GAMES	AT BATS	WALKS	TOTAL BASES	EXTRA BASE HITS			
1. Henderson 1704	1. Henderson 6140	1. Henderson 1227	1. Henderson 2640	1. McGwire 563			
2. Bando 1410	2. Campaneris 5159	2. McGwire 847	2. McGwire 2451	2. Chavez 531			
3. McGwire 1329	3. Bando 4991	3. Bando 775	3. Jackson 2287	3. Jackson 521			
4. Chavez 1314	4. Chavez 4764	4. Murphy 693	4. Chavez 2284	4. Henderson 497			
5. Jackson 1311	5. Lansford 4568	5. Giambi 636	5. Bando 2107	5. Canseco 448			
	Jackson 4568	6. Jackson 623					
		7. Chavez 565					

4 COCO CRISP **Current Streak:** 0 for 0

- Was placed on the disabled list April 3 with a fractured left pinky, an injury suffered in the third inning April 2 at San Francisco in a caught stealing at second base...this is his fourth career stint on the disabled list.
- Batted .228 with 29 walks and 13 stolen bases in 49 games in his first season with Kansas City last year in a season that ended in mid-June due to injuries...was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 14 with a right rotator cuff strain and ended up have surgeries on both of his shoulders.

11 RAJAI DAVIS **Career vs. Wilson (.500, 2-4, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 2 games (2 for 9)
Last Homestand: 3-17, 2 r, 2b, 3 so, sb

- Is batting .189 (18 for 95) over his last 28 games after going 9 for 24 (.375) over his first five contests this year.
- Has hit safely in each of his five games against Texas this year (5 for 19, .263) and now has a 14-game hitting streak against the Rangers...is 19 for 59 (.322) during the streak, which is one short of the Oakland record for longest hitting streak against Texas...has 13 career RBI against the Rangers, his most against any team.
- Has been successful in 12 of 13 (92.3%) attempts and is tied for fourth in the American League in steals.
- Is 4 for 6 (.667) with seven RBI with the bases loaded...is tied for the major league lead in hits with the bases loaded and is tied for fifth in the AL in RBI...is 13 for 21 (.619) with a walk and a hit by pitch in his Oakland career with the bases loaded.
- Batted .305 in 125 games last year, including .324 from June 1 through the end of the season, which was the fourth best mark in the AL...ranked fifth in the AL with a career high 41 stolen bases...those were the most steals by an Athletic since Rickey Henderson had 66 in 1998.

OAKLAND A's LONGEST HITTING STREAKS vs. TEXAS RANGERS	
15	Geronimo Berroa, May 7, 1995-July 12, 1996
14	Rajai Davis, August 5, 2009-present
14	Scott Hatteberg, July 27, 2002-June 18, 2003
14	Miguel Tejada, June 24, 2001-April 4, 2002
13	Mike Davis, June 23, 1984-Sept. 10, 1985

29 JOSH DONALDSON **Career vs. Wilson (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 0 for 16
Last Homestand: 0-5, 3 so

- Was selected for Triple-A Sacramento April 30 and has appeared in seven of the A's 11 games since then, going 1 for 19 with nine strikeouts...started at designated hitter last night after his first four starts came at catcher.
- His only Major League hit is a two-run home run off Dana Eveland, May 1 at Toronto.
- Was acquired by the A's on July 8, 2008 from the Chicago Cubs in the Rich Harden trade and is a .279 career hitter with 81 doubles, five triples, 37 home runs and 207 RBI in 305 games over four seasons in the minors...had not played above Double-A prior to this year.
- Was tied for third in the Pacific Coast League in RBI (19) at the time of his promotion to Oakland last Friday...was 8 for 18 (.444) with runners in scoring position...appeared in 13 games at catcher, one at third base and one at first base...his complete stats with the River Cats:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.269	18	67	11	18	5	0	4	19	6	16	0	0	.522	.320

- Batted .270 with nine home runs and 91 RBI in 124 games for the Texas League Champion Midland RockHounds last year...added 80 walks for a .379 on-base percentage...ranked second in the TL in doubles (37), tied for third in walks and fifth in RBI.

14 MARK ELLIS **Current Streak:** 0 for 2

- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 21 with a strained left hamstring...this is his fifth career stint on the DL...missed seven games with the injury from April 12-18 and returned to the lineup April 20...left the game after five innings with the same injury.
- Batted .263 with 10 HR and 61 RBI in 105 games in 2009...missed 55 games while on the DL but his RBI were the second best total of his career...enters the 2010 season with a .98938 career fielding pct., which is third best in ML history among second basemen (min. 750 games).

50 JAKE FOX **Career vs. Wilson (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 1 game (1 for 4)
Last Homestand: 0-4, r, bb, so

- Made his 14th start of the season last night, his first in left field...has also made eight starts at designated hitter and five at catcher...has also appeared at third base.
- Is 6 for 32 (.188) over his last 14 games.
- Is 4 for 27 (.148) off right-handed pitching and 7 for 29 (.241) against left-handers.
- Was hit by a pitch as a pinch hitter Tuesday night and is 2 for 6 (.333) with a walk, a hit by pitch and a RBI in the pinch this year...is tied for the lead among American League pinch hitters in times on base (4) and is tied for second in pinch hits (2).
- Hit .259 with 11 home runs and 44 RBI in 82 games over two stints with the Cubs last year...also batted .409 with 17 home runs and 53 RBI in 45 games with Triple-A Iowa...led Iowa in home runs despite his final promotion to Chicago June 16.

18 GABE GROSS **Career vs. Wilson (.000, 0-2, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 3 games (3 for 7)
Last Homestand: 2-6, r

- Is 4 for 9 (.444) over his last five games after going 4 for 30 (.133) over his previous 11 contests.
- Has not homered since August 18, 2009 against Baltimore (Berken) for a 47-game homerless streak...that is the second longest homerless drought of his career to a 53-game streak from August 22, 2007-May 2, 2008.
- Grounded out as a pinch hitter last Friday night and is 1 for 4 (.250) in the pinch this year...went 2 for 27 (.074) as a pinch hitter last year and the average was second lowest in the majors (min. 20 at bats).
- Has started 12 games (five in left field, five in center field, two in right field).
- Batted .227 with six home runs and 36 RBI in 115 games with Tampa Bay last year...started 71 games (67 in right field, four at designated hitter)...the A's are his fourth team in seven major league seasons (Toronto, Milwaukee, Tampa Bay).

5 KEVIN KOUZMANOFF **Career vs. Wilson (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 4 games (5 for 19)
Last Homestand: 8-23, 2 r, 2b, hr, 5 rbi, bb, 6 so

- Is 22 for 69 (.319) with 12 RBI over his last 17 games after batting .210 with six RBI over his first 16 contests.
- His fourth inning double last night was the 100th of his career.
- Is 9 for his last 19 (.474) with runners in scoring position after starting the season 0 for 17.
- Has hit safely in all five games against Texas this year and is 7 for 22 (.319) with a home run and four RBI.
- Has committed three errors in his last 11 games and had four errors for the season...made just three errors in 139 games at third base with San Diego last year.
- Hit .255 with 18 doubles and 88 RBI in 141 games in his third and final season with San Diego last year...the RBI were a career high and he matched his best with 31 doubles...set the National League record for fielding percentage by a third baseman (.990), making just three errors.

1 ERIC PATTERSON **Career vs. Wilson (.000, 0-1, 0 HR, 1 BB, 1 SO)** **Current Streak:** 2 games (3 for 4)
Last Homestand: 3-20, 2 r, 2 2b, hr, rbi, 2 bb, 6 so, sb

- Hit his first career pinch hit home run in the eighth inning last night for the A's only run of the game...it was the first pinch hit home run by an Athletic since Kurt Suzuki had a game-ending pinch-hit home run, August 15, 2008 against Chicago.
- Is now 8 for 40 (.200) over his last 12 games but six of those hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, two home runs).
- The home run was his third in 24 games this year...had just two home runs in 89 career games entering the season...has hit three of his five career home runs against Texas.
- Had his second triple of the season Tuesday night, which is tied for fourth in the American League.
- Had started 15 consecutive games prior to last night...has made 18 starts this year (17 in left field, one at second base)...has also pinch ran four times and has two runs and a stolen base when pinch running.
- Spent most of the 2009 season at Triple-A Sacramento and batted .307 with 91 runs, 29 doubles, 11 triples, 12 home runs, 56 RBI, 52 walks and 43 stolen bases in 110 games...also hit .287 with a home run and 11 RBI in 39 games over three stints with Oakland.

2 CLIFF PENNINGTON	Career vs. Wilson (.000, 0-1, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 4
Texas Series: 1-9, r, rbi, bb, 2 so		Last Homestand: 5-20, 4 r, 4 bb, 6 so, 2 sh, cs

- Has batted leadoff in each of the last 15 games and is 17 for 58 (.293) with eight walks, nine runs scored and two stolen bases over that span.
- Is batting .341 (15 for 44) during the day compared to .205 (15 for 73) at night.
- Is one of two Athletics to start all 34 games (Barton).
- Has no errors over his last 20 games after making three errors in his first 14 contests.
- Has not grounded into a double play in 117 at bats...the at bats are fourth most among American Leaguers with no GIDP.
- Hit ninth in 18 of his first 19 starts and has two home runs and 11 RBI when batting ninth...leads Major League nine hitters in RBI and is tied for the lead in home runs.
- Began the 2009 season at Triple-A Sacramento but was promoted to Oakland July 31 following the Orlando Cabrera trade...started 60 of the A's final 61 games at shortstop and hit .279 with seven stolen bases in 60 games...hit .264 with 27 steals in 99 games with the River Cats.

35 LANDON POWELL	Career vs. Wilson (.000, 0-2, 0 HR, 0 BB, 1 SO)	Current Streak: 3 games (5 for 12)
Texas Series: 3-8, r, rbi, 2b, 2 bb, so, sb, gidp		Last Homestand: 2-12, r, 2b, rbi, 3 bb, 3 so

- Is 5 for 12 (.417) over his last three games after going 1 for 17 over his first seven games...has reached base safely in all nine games in which he has batted.
- Stole the first base of his career and second as a professional Tuesday night...the other came on June 11, 2007 for Double-A Midland at Frisco, so his two professional steals have come in the state of Texas.
- Caught the 19th perfect game in Major League history on Sunday and snapped a career long 0 for 14 streak with a second inning RBI single that gave the A's a 1-0 lead...added a double in the eighth and went 2 for 4.
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento April 27 for his second stint with the A's this year and has started nine games at catcher...was brought up for the first time April 21 but was sent back two days later without appearing in a game.
- Has tossed out 3 of 8 (37.5%) attempted base stealers this year and 12 of 28 (42.9%) in his career.
- Was named to the NCAA College World Series Legends Team a week ago today...the team represents the student-athletes who had the best CWS performances in the 60 years the event has been played at Omaha's Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium...he played in three straight CWS with the University of South Carolina (2002-04)...other former Athletics on the team include Sal Bando, Nomar Garciaparra, Mark Kotsay, Huston Street and Jason Windsor.
- Went 1 for 4 with four walks in two games with Sacramento following his option on April 23...overall, has appeared in four games at catcher, two at designated hitter and two at first base with the River Cats...his complete stats with Sacramento this year:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.222	8	27	4	6	2	0	1	2	6	5	0	0	.407	.364

- Spent the entire 2009 season on the A's roster but appeared in just 46 games as the back-up to Kurt Suzuki...hit .229 with seven home runs and 30 RBI in his Major League debut...the RBI were second most in Oakland history by a player with 50 or fewer games played.

7 ADAM ROSALES	Career vs. Wilson (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 4
Texas Series: 2-9, bb, so		Last Homestand: 3-23, 2b, bb, 8 so

- Is hitting .211 (8 for 38) in May after hitting .305 in April.
- Is 2 for 9 (.222) on the trip after going 3 for 23 (.130) with eight strikeouts on the homestand...is now batting .390 (16 for 41) on the road compared to .179 (10 for 56) in Oakland...has the third best road batting average in the American League and the fifth lowest home batting average.
- Has not committed an error in 28 games as a second baseman and is one of two American League qualifiers at second base without an error (Pedroia, BOS).
- Has started 27 of the A's last 28 games (26 at second base, one at third base).
- Batted .213 with four home runs and 19 RBI in 87 games over two stints with Cincinnati last year...appeared in at least four games at all four infield positions...also hit.349 with five home runs and 20 RBI in 30 games with Triple-A Louisville.

8 KURT SUZUKI	Current Streak: 2 games (4 for 7)
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- Began a rehab assignment for Triple-A Sacramento Tuesday night at Oklahoma City and went 2 for 2 with a double, a home run, three RBI, three runs scored and a walk in a start at catcher...did not play last night.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 30, retroactive to April 24, with an intercostal strain...it is his first career stint on the DL and it marks the first time over the last three years he has gone more than two consecutive games without starting at catcher.
- Went 4 for 11 (.364) over his first three games this year, 3 for 26 (.115) over his next eight and was 8 for 22 (.364) with three home runs and seven RBI over his last six contests before the injury.
- Led AL catchers in games started for the second consecutive season last year (132) and had career-highs in runs (74), hits (156), doubles (37), home runs (15), RBI (88), steals (8) and slugging (.421)...became just the second catcher in Athletics history to lead the club in RBI.

21 RYAN SWEENEY	Career vs. Wilson (.667, 2-3, 0 HR, 2 BB, 1 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 3
Texas Series: 2-10, 3 so		Last Homestand: 9-24, 3 r, 3b, hr, 8 rbi, 3 so

- Hit fifth for the first time this year last night and went 0 for 3 after stringing together three straight multiple hit games (6 for 15, .400) for the third time in his career.
- Is 10 for 30 (.333) with seven RBI over his last seven games after going 7 for 31 (.226) with no RBI over his previous eight contests.
- Is batting .337 (32 for 95) against right-handed pitching and .167 (5 for 30) against left-handers...his mark against righties is eight best in the American League.
- Is 6 for 22 (.273) with a home run and six RBI in five games against Texas this year...that included a career high five RBI on May 4, topping his previous high of four, which also came against the Rangers on September 14, 2009...is a .310 (40 for 129) career hitter against the Rangers with 22 RBI, his most RBI against any team.
- Batted a team-leading .293 with 53 RBI in 134 games in his second full season last year...the batting average was fifth best in Oakland history by a player younger than 25 years of age...led the A's in batting and finished second in doubles (31) but had just six home runs.

A's vs. TEXAS

BATTING

PITCHING

2010											2010														
CAREER						CAREER					CAREER						CAREER								
AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI	PLAYER	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI	W	L	SV	G	ERA	IP	ER	PITCHER	W	L	SV	G	ERA	IP	ER
.350	20	7	1	4	Barton	.281	96	27	3	14	0	0	2	3	2.70	3.3	1	Bailey	1	0	3	13	1.84	14.7	3
.214	14	3	1	2	Chavez	.251	550	138	27	90	0	0	0	3	3.86	2.3	1	Blevins	1	1	0	12	1.54	11.7	2
.263	19	5	0	0	Davis	.256	90	23	0	13	0	1	0	1	3.86	7.0	3	Braden	1	3	0	9	3.86	37.3	16
.000	7	0	0	0	Donaldson	.000	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.50	2.0	1	Breslow	2	0	0	9	1.86	9.7	2
.167	6	1	0	0	Fox	.167	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2.53	10.7	3	Cahill	4	1	0	6	2.48	36.3	10
.750	4	3	0	0	Gross	.200	65	13	2	3	0	0	0	1	16.20	1.7	3	Gaudin	4	6	0	22	5.65	63.7	40
.318	22	7	1	4	Kouzmanoff	.265	49	13	3	9	0	1	0	1	9.00	4.0	4	Gonzalez	1	1	0	4	2.63	13.7	4
.333	15	5	2	3	Patterson	.273	44	12	3	7	0	0	0	1	9.00	1.0	1	Ramirez	1	0	0	5	1.42	6.3	1
.150	20	3	0	1	Pennington	.262	84	22	1	12	0	0	0	1	13.50	1.3	2	Rodriguez	0	0	0	2	11.57	2.3	3
.214	14	3	0	1	Powell	.129	31	4	1	3	1	0	0	3	1.50	6.0	1	Ross	1	0	0	3	1.50	6.0	1
.143	21	3	0	0	Rosales	.143	21	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	0.0	0	Sheets	0	0	0	1	0.00	7.0	0
.273	22	6	1	6	Sweeney	.310	129	40	2	22	0	0	0	2	0.00	2.3	0	Wuertz	1	1	1	13	2.84	12.7	4
.000	1	0	0	0	others						1	0	0	3	8.10	3.3	3	Ziegler	1	0	1	16	3.60	15.0	6
.249	185	46	6	21	TOTALS						3	2	2	5	5.06	48.0	27	TOTALS							

HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

REGULAR SEASON HOME RUNS					LAST REGULAR SEASON HOME RUN					Grand Slams (0)
Player	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Tot.	Date	Opponent	Pitcher	GP Since	None
Barton	2	0	0	0	2	May 11, 2010	at Texas	Ray	1	Pinch Hit Home Runs (1)
Buck	1	0	0	0	1	April 20, 2010	New York	Vazquez	--	Eric Patterson, May 12 at Texas (Mathis)
Chavez	0	1	0	0	1	May 11, 2010	at Texas	Lewis	--	Lead Off Home Runs (0)
Davis	1	0	0	0	1	April 7, 2010	Seattle	Rowland-Smith	29	None
Donaldson	0	1	0	0	1	May 1, 2010	at Toronto	Eveland	5	Back-To-Back Home Runs (0)
Ellis	0	0	0	0	0	Sept. 26, 2009	at Los Angeles	Palmer	15	None
Fox	0	1	0	0	1	April 14, 2010	at Seattle	Vargas	18	Inside-The-Park Home Runs (0)
Gross	0	0	0	0	0	Aug. 18, 2009	Baltimore	Berken	47	None
Kouzmanoff	1	1	0	0	2	May 3, 2010	Texas	Francisco	7	Walk-Off Wins (3)
Patterson	3	0	0	0	3	May 12, 2010	at Texas	Mathis	--	April 6 vs. Seattle (Ellis single)
Pennington	1	0	2	0	3	April 27, 2010	at Tampa Bay	Davis	13	April 7 vs. Seattle (Suzuki double)
Powell	0	0	0	0	0	Sept. 16, 2009	at Texas	Nipper	16	April 17 vs. Baltimore (Sweeney single)
Rosales	2	0	0	0	2	April 28, 2010	Tampa Bay	Sonnanstine	12	
Suzuki	1	2	1	0	4	April 23, 2010	Cleveland	Westbrook	--	
Sweeney	0	1	0	0	1	May 4, 2010	Texas	Feldman	6	
Team	12	7	3	0	22					

MILESTONES

Player	Category	No.	Needs	Player	Category	No.	Needs
Bailey	Games	81	19 for 100	Crisp	Runs	463	37 for 500
	Saves	32	2 for 34 (ties Lindblad for 10 th in Athletics history)		Hits	860	140 for 1000
Blevins	Games	76	24 for 100		Doubles	166	34 for 200
Breslow	Games	167	33 for 200	Davis	Steals (with Oak)	78	21 for 99 (ties Murphy for 10 th in Oakland history)
Chavez	Games	1314	15 for 1329 (ties McGwire for 3 rd in Oakland history)	Devine	Games	67	33 for 100
	At Bats	4766	223 for 4991 (ties Bando for 3 rd in Oakland history)	Duchscherer	Innings	454.2	45.1 for 500
	Runs	729	14 for 743 (ties Jackson for 3 rd in Oakland history)	Ellis	Games	878	122 for 1000
	Hits	1273	6 for 1279 (ties Bando for 4 th in Oakland history)		Runs	475	25 for 500
	Doubles	281	8 for 289 (ties Henderson for 1 st in Oakland history and 6 th in Athletics history)		Hits	851	149 for 1000
	Triples	20	1 for 21 (ties Ellis, Monday and Page for 9 th in Oakland history)		Doubles	171	20 for 191 (ties Tejada for 10 th in Oakland history)
	Home Runs	230	20 for 250		Triples	21	1 for 22 (ties Bando for 8 th in Oakland history)
	Coliseum HRs	115	7 for 122 (ties Canseco for 3 rd in Coliseum history)	Gaudin	Strikeouts	481	19 for 500
	Runs Batted In	786	3 for 789 (ties Bando for 3 rd in Oakland history)	Kouzmanoff	Games	489	11 for 500
	Walks	565	58 for 623 (ties Jackson for 6 th in Oakland history)		Hits	477	23 for 500
	Strikeouts	914	1 for 915 (ties Henderson for 4 th in Oakland history and 5 th in Athletics history)	Sheets	Wins	88	12 for 100
	Total Bases	2284	3 for 2287 (ties Jackson for 3 rd in Oakland history)		Innings	1464.2	35.1 for 1500
	Extra Base Hits	531	32 for 563 (ties McGwire for 1 st in Oakland history and 4 th in Athletics history)	Suzuki	Games	380	120 for 500
					Games as C	359	9 for 368 (ties Kendall for 7 th in Oakland history)
					Hits	372	128 for 500
					Doubles	78	22 for 100
				Wuertz	Games	342	58 for 400

DISABLED LIST

Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed	Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed
Anderson	Left elbow inflam./forearm strain	April 25-present	15	Ellis	Strained left hamstring	April 21-present	19
Buck	Strained right oblique	April 21-present	19	Meloan	Right elbow surgery	March 29-present	34
Cahill	Stress reaction, left scapula	April 4-19	14	Outman	Left elbow surgery recovery	March 26-present	34
Crisp	Fractured left pinky	April 3-present	34	Suzuki	Intercostal strain	April 24-present	14
Devine	Right elbow surgery recovery	March 26-present	34	Wuertz	Right shoulder tendinitis	March 26-May 2	27
Duchscherer	Left hip inflammation	April 30-present	11				

The A's have placed 11 players on the disabled list this season...placed 17 players on the disabled list in 2009, 25 in 2008 and 22 in 2007.

TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 11	Gregorio Petit outrighted to Sacramento	April 20	Trevor Cahill reinstated from the disabled list and optioned to Sacramento
March 10	Jay Marshall waiver claim (Jan. 8) voided, Marshall returned to A's and released	April 21	Mark Ellis placed on 15-day disabled list (strained left hamstring); Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento
March 15	Clayton Mortensen optioned to Sacramento; Pedro Figueroa and Fautino De Los Santos optioned to Midland; Bobby Cassevah returned to the Los Angeles Angels (Rule 5)	April 22	Travis Buck placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 21 (strained right oblique); Matt Carson selected from Sacramento; Jai Miller designated for assignment
March 18	Justin Souza optioned to Midland	April 23	Brad Kilby recalled from Sacramento; Landon Powell optioned to Sacramento
March 24	Edwar Ramirez acquired from the Texas Rangers for minor leaguer Gregorio Petit	April 25	Michael Wuertz transferred to Stockton on rehab
March 27	Chris Carter and Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento	April 26	Jai Miller claimed off waivers by Kansas City
March 29	Free agent Chad Gaudin agrees to terms on one-year contract; John Meloan placed on 60-day disabled list (right elbow surgery)	April 27	Brett Anderson placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 25 (left elbow inflammation/proximal medial forearm strain); Edwar Ramirez optioned to Sacramento; Landon Powell and Steve Tolleson recalled from Sacramento
March 30	Steve Tolleson optioned to Sacramento	April 30	Kurt Suzuki placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 24 (intercostal strain); Matt Carson optioned to Sacramento; Trevor Cahill recalled from Sacramento; Josh Donaldson selected from Sacramento; Joey Devine transferred to 60-day disabled list
April 3	Brad Kilby, Landon Powell and Henry Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento; Tyson Ross selected from Midland; Jack Cust designated for assignment; Trevor Cahill placed on 15-day disabled list effective April 4 (left scapula stress reaction); Coco Crisp placed on 15-day disabled list (fractured left pinky); Joey Devine placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 26 (right elbow surgery recovery); Josh Outman placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 26 (left elbow surgery recovery); Michael Wuertz placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 26 (right shoulder tendinitis)	May 3	Michael Wuertz reinstated from the disabled list; Brad Kilby optioned to Sacramento
April 7	Jack Cust outrighted to Sacramento	May 4	Vin Mazzaro recalled from Sacramento; Steve Tolleson optioned to Sacramento
April 8	Jai Miller claimed off waivers from the Florida Marlins and optioned to Sacramento; Josh Outman transferred to 60-day disabled list	May 5	Henry Rodriguez recalled from Sacramento; Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento
April 16	Michael Wuertz sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	May 7	Justin Duchscherer placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 30 (left hip inflammation); Edwar Ramirez recalled from Sacramento
April 19	Trevor Cahill sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	May 11	Kurt Suzuki sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment

Note: Items in red have not been updated since Braden made his last start. Please check the notes on the day he pitches for updated information.

FRIDAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Dallas Braden (4-2, 3.33 ERA)

BRADEN BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	4	2	3.33	7	46.0	17
2009	8	9	3.89	22	136.2	59
Career	18	23	4.49	68	326.2	163
Home	3	1	2.00	5	36.0	8
Road	1	1	8.10	2	10.0	9
Day	3	0	2.14	3	21.0	5
Night	1	2	4.32	4	25.0	12
Pre-ASB	4	2	3.33	7	46.0	17
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
	AVG.	AB	H			
vs. LHH	.195	41	8			
vs. RHH	.228	168	37			

RUN SUPPORT

Braden	
Runs Scored	Times
0	1
1	1
2	1
3	0
4	4
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
Run Support Avg.	3.72

BRADEN vs. LOS ANGELES

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	1	0	4.50	1	6.0	3
2009	0	3	6.35	3	17.0	12
Career	2	3	4.38	10	39.0	19

Braden's Starts vs. Los Angeles

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
9/29/07	H	--	3.0	3	1	1	1	3
8/25/08	A	W	7.0	7	1	1	0	0
4/6/09	A	L	6.0	9	3	3	1	3
5/5/09	H	L	6.0	8	5	3	1	6
7/16/09	H	L	5.0	10	6	6	1	2
4/11/10	A	W	6.0	5	3	3	1	2

Los Angeles Career Batting vs. Braden

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Abreu	.286	14	4	1	0	2
Aybar	.412	17	7	0	0	1
Hunter	.250	12	3	0	1	1
Kendrick	.200	15	3	1	0	4
Mathis	.200	5	1	0	0	3
Matsui	.200	5	1	0	2	0
Morales	.143	14	2	1	0	1
Napoli	.364	11	4	1	0	2
Quinlan	.125	8	1	0	0	1
Rivera	.227	22	5	0	0	2
Willits	.500	2	1	0	0	0
Wilson	1.000	1	1	0	0	0
Wood	.200	5	1	0	0	2

BRADEN'S CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	0, 5/9/10 vs. TB
IP:	9.0, 5/9/10 vs. TB
Fewest IP, GS:	1.2, 8/12/07 at DET
H:	11, 5/3/10 vs. TEX
R:	8, 8/12/07 at DET
ER:	8, 8/12/07 at DET
BB:	6, 7/26/09 at NYY
SO:	10, 4/6/10 vs. SEA
HR:	3, 4/29/07 vs. TB
Win Streak:	4, 7/31/09 to 4/22/10
Loss Streak:	8, 4/29/07 to 9/23/07
Scoreless Streak:	11.0, 5/3/10 to present
Complete Games:	1, 5/9/10 vs. TB
Shutouts:	1, 5/9/10 vs. TB

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his eighth start of the season...the A's are 5-2 (.714) in his starting assignments and are 25-28 (.472) in his 53 career starts...has tossed seven or more innings in four of his seven starts, allowed two runs or fewer four times and walked one batter or fewer six times.

PERFECT: Pitched the 19th perfect game in Major League history last Sunday against Tampa Bay (including Don Larsen's in the 1956 World Series)...it was the second by an Athletic and it came 42 years and one day after Caffish Hunter did it against Minnesota on May 8, 1968...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, he is the first pitcher to throw a perfect game against a team entering the day with the best record in the majors...it came in his 68th career appearance, which is third fewest among the 19 pitchers with a perfect game...he was named American League Player of the Week for his effort.

NO-HITTER: His perfect game was the sixth no-hitter by an Oakland Athletic, the first since Dave Stewart on June 29, 1990 against Toronto...Braden's came at the age of 26 years, 269 days, making him the second oldest pitcher to toss a no-hitter in Oakland history (Stewart was 33 years, 130 days)...it was the 11th nine-inning no-hitter in Athletics history.

APPEARANCES AND DONATIONS: Presented the Top Ten list on the Late Show with David Letterman on May 11, was a guest on the CBS Early Show on May 13 with his grandmother, Peggy Lindsey, and was on the cover of Sports Illustrated...his spikes and a game ball are already in the National Baseball Hall of Fame and he also plans to make donations to the Stockton Hall of Fame.

GO THE DISTANCE: The perfect game was his first career complete game, making him the first pitcher to toss a perfect game for his first career complete game...his 52 consecutive starts without a complete game set an Oakland record to start a career, topping the previous mark of 51 by Todd Van Poppel from September 11, 1991-September 12, 1995...it was the fourth longest streak at any point in Oakland history...in fact, had tossed fewer than eight innings in each of his first 52 starts, which was the longest streak of consecutive starts of fewer than eight innings in Oakland history.

STREAKS: The perfect game snapped a two-game losing streak, during which he posted a 7.36 ERA...went 3-0 with a 2.77 ERA over his first four starts, which gave him a career best four-game winning streak dating back to July 31 of last year...went 4-0 with a 3.58 ERA and .218 opponents batting average during the winning streak, which spanned five starts.

DON'T WALK: Has not walked a batter in his last two starts, the first time in his career he has had back-to-back starts without issuing a walk...has walked one batter or less in six of his seven starts this year and has issued just seven walks in 46.0 innings, an average of 1.37 per nine innings...that is the **second** lowest mark in the American League...has the **third** lowest on-base percentage (.250).

ON THE BASES: Is **red tied for third** in the American League in pickoffs (2) and now has 11 in his career...has not allowed a stolen base since Aug. 20, 2008 against Minnesota (Punto)...his 136.2 innings pitched last year were the most in the majors among pitchers who did not allow a steal...opponents have been successful in just 3 of 8 (37.5%) career stolen base attempts...was named as having the third best pickoff move in the AL in *Baseball America's* best tools survey.

START-BY-START: Struck out a career high 10 in 7.0 innings in his first start but had a no decision in the A's 2-1, 10-inning win over Seattle **April 6**...allowed his only run in the fourth inning when Gutierrez doubled with one out, advance to third on a balk and scored on a wild pitch...picked up his first win of the season in the A's 9-4 win at Los Angeles **April 11**...set down 13 straight at one point...won his second consecutive start in the A's 4-2 win over Baltimore **April 16**...retired each of the first 10 batters he faced before Markakis doubled with one out in the fourth...picked up his third win of the season in the A's 4-2 win over New York **April 22** in Oakland...blanked the Yankees on two hits and a walk over the first four innings and had a 4-0 lead when Thames homered to lead off the fifth inning...also allowed a solo home run to Teixeira in the sixth...suffered his first loss of the season in the A's 10-3 decision at Tampa Bay **April 28**...had a 1-0 lead when he allowed a two-run double to Bartlett in the second...the A's tied the game with a run in the fourth but he allowed four of the Rays runs in a six-run fifth inning...yielded a RBI double to Longoria, a RBI single to Pena and another run scored on an error...was relieved by Ross who allowed an inherited runner to score plus two of his own...lost his second consecutive start in the A's 4-2 loss to Texas on **May 3**...allowed a career high 11 hits in 7.0 innings but yielded just three runs...allowed a RBI groundout to Kinsler in the fourth and a Young RBI double and a Hamilton RBI single in the fifth...Harden shutout the A's over the first seven innings and Braden was relieved by Ross in the eighth inning with the A's trailing 3-0.

LAST START: He pitched the 19th perfect game in Major League history last Sunday in Oakland to defeat Tampa Bay, 4-0...struck out six...it was the second complete game shutout by an American League pitcher this year...tossed 109 pitches, 77 strikes.

BRADEN vs. LOS ANGELES: Is 2-3 with a 4.38 ERA (39.0 ip, 48 h, 21 r, 19 er, 5 bb, 24 so, 4 hr) in 10 career appearances, including six starts...is 2-3 with a 4.64 ERA (17 er in 33.0 ip) in his six starts...is 2-1 with a 3.38 ERA (9 er in 24.0 ip) in six appearances, three starts, at Los Angeles and 0-2 with a 6.00 ERA (10 er in 15.0 ip) in four games, three starts, in Oakland...was the winning pitcher in his only start this year, a 9-4 A's win at Los Angeles April 11...allowed two runs in the first inning on a solo home run by Abreu and a RBI single by Morales but retired the side in order from the second through the fifth inning...set down 13 straight...allowed a sacrifice fly to Hunter in the sixth to give the Angels a 3-1 lead but the A's scored three times in the seventh for the win...was 0-3 with a 6.35 ERA (17.0 ip, 27 h, 14 r, 12 er, 3 bb, 11 so) in three starts last year.

THIS SPRING: Was 0-1 with a 5.95 ERA (21.1 ip, 30 h, 15 r, 14 er, 4 bb, 12 so, 5 hr) in five games, all starts...allowed a .333 opponents batting average (30 for 90)...posted a 3.94 ERA over his first four starts but then allowed seven runs on 12 hits in 5.1 innings in his final start...also faced A's minor leaguers March 16, a scheduled off day.

BRADEN'S 2010 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 6	SEA	2-1 (10)	--	1.29	7.0	4	1	1	1	10	0	91
April 11	at LAA	9-4	W	2.77	6.0	5	3	3	1	2	1	94
April 16	BAL	4-2	W	2.70	7.0	3	2	2	1	4	1	92
April 22	NYN	4-2	W	2.77	6.0	6	2	2	1	2	2	81
April 28	at TB	3-10	L	4.20	4.0	8	6	6	3	1	0	88
April Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				3-1	4.20	30.0	26	14	14	7	19	4
May 3	TEX	2-4	L	4.14	7.0	11	3	3	0	3	0	97
May 9	TB	4-0	W	3.33	9.0	0	0	0	0	6	0	109

OAKLAND A's MOST CONSECUTIVE BATTERS RETIRED

- 29 Caffish Hunter, May 3-8, 1968
- 27 Dallas Braden, May 9, 2010-present
- 27 Mike Mohler, April 15-28, 1996
- 26 Cory Lidle, August 21-26, 2002
- 25 Dave Stewart, June 29, 1990
- 25 Dennis Eckersley, July 2-26, 1990
- 25 Vida Blue, June 29-July 4, 1974

OAKLAND A's MOST CONSECUTIVE HITLESS INNINGS

- 13 John Odom, June 1-7, 1968
- 11 Ken Holtzman, June 4-8, 1975
- 11 Vida Blue, Sept. 21-26, 1970
- 11 Ed Sprague, May 26-June 13, 1968
- 10 Mark Mulder, Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 2001
- 10 Mike Warren, Sept. 24-29, 1983
- 9 nine times, last: Braden



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NO	PITCHERS (13)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
40	Andrew Bailey	R	R	6-3	240	5-31-84	Voorhees, NJ	Medford, NJ
13	Jerry Blevins	L	L	6-6	175	9-6-83	Johnson City, TN	Swanton, OH
51	Dallas Braden	L	L	6-1	185	8-13-83	Phoenix, AZ	Stockton, CA
56	Craig Breslow	L	L	5-11	190	8-8-80	New Haven, CT	Trumbull, CT
53	Trevor Cahill	R	R	6-4	226	3-1-88	Oceanside, CA	Oceanside, CA
57	Chad Gaudin	R	R	5-10	190	3-24-83	River Ridge, LA	Harahan, LA
47	Gio Gonzalez	R	L	6-0	206	9-19-85	Hialeah, FL	Hialeah, FL
59	Edwar Ramirez	R	R	6-3	167	3-28-81	El Cerdado, Dom. Rep.	El Cerdado, Dom. Rep.
63	Henry Rodriguez	R	R	6-1	220	2-25-87	Santa Barbara, Venezuela	Santa Barbara, Venezuela
66	Tyson Ross	R	R	6-6	230	4-22-87	Berkeley, CA	Oakland, CA
15	Ben Sheets	R	R	6-0	221	7-18-78	Baton Rouge, LA	Monroe, LA
48	Michael Wuertz	R	R	6-3	212	12-15-78	Austin, MN	Scottsdale, AZ
31	Brad Ziegler	R	R	6-4	207	10-10-79	Pratt, KS	Springfield, MO
NO	CATCHERS (2)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
29	Josh Donaldson	R	R	6-0	221	12-8-85	Pensacola, FL	Daphene, AL
35	Landon Powell	S	R	6-3	265	3-19-82	Raleigh, NC	Greenville, SC
NO	INFIELDBERS (6)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
10	Daric Barton	L	R	6-0	204	8-16-85	Springfield, VT	Corona, CA
3	Eric Chavez	L	R	6-1	211	12-7-77	Los Angeles, CA	Paradise Valley, AZ
50	Jake Fox	R	R	5-10	219	7-20-82	Beech Grove, IN	Gilbert, AZ
5	Kevin Kouzmanoff	R	R	6-1	210	7-25-81	Newport Beach, CA	Evergreen, CO
2	Cliff Pennington	S	R	5-10	213	6-15-84	Corpus Christi, TX	Corpus Christi, TX
7	Adam Rosales	R	R	6-1	195	5-20-83	Chicago, IL	Park Ridge, IL
NO	OUTFIELDERS (4)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
11	Rajai Davis	R	R	5-10	200	10-19-80	Norwich, CT	Waterford, CT
18	Gabe Gross	L	R	6-3	210	10-21-79	Baltimore, MD	Auburn, AL
1	Eric Patterson	L	R	6-0	172	4-8-83	Tallahassee, FL	Kennesaw, GA
21	Ryan Sweeney	L	L	6-4	224	2-20-85	Cedar Rapids, IA	Cedar Rapids, IA
NO	DISABLED LIST (9)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
49	Brett Anderson	L	L	6-4	233	2-1-88	Midland, TX	Stillwater, OK
6	Travis Buck	L	R	6-2	230	11-18-83	Richland, WA	Chandler, AZ
4	Coco Crisp	S	R	5-10	185	11-1-79	Los Angeles, CA	Desert Hot Springs, CA
33	*Joey Devine	R	R	6-0	235	9-19-83	Junction City, KS	Roswell, GA
58	Justin Duchscherer	R	R	6-3	196	11-19-77	Aberdeen, SD	Chandler, AZ
14	Mark Ellis	R	R	5-10	185	6-6-77	Rapid City, SD	Scottsdale, AZ
44	*John Meloan	R	R	6-3	231	7-11-84	Houston, TX	Lenexa, KS
55	*Josh Outman	L	L	6-1	185	9-14-84	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis, MO
8	Kurt Suzuki	R	R	5-11	196	10-4-83	Wailuku, HI	Redondo Beach, CA

* indicates 60-day disabled list

NO	MINORS (9)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
25	Matt Carson	R	R	6-2	200	7-1-81	Newport Beach, CA	Tampa, FL
22	Chris Carter	R	R	6-4	244	12-18-86	Redwood City, CA	Las Vegas, NV
60	Fautino De Los Santos	R	R	6-2	225	2-15-86	Samana, D.R.	Samana, D.R.
65	Pedro Figueroa	L	L	6-0	214	11-23-85	Santo Domingo, D.R.	Santo Domingo, D.R.
39	Brad Kilby	L	L	6-1	251	2-19-83	Modesto, CA	Elk Grove, CA
54	Vin Mazzaro	R	R	6-3	224	9-27-86	Hackensack, NJ	Rutherford, NJ
62	Clayton Mortensen	R	R	6-4	184	4-10-85	Rexburg, ID	Rexburg, ID
64	Justin Souza	R	R	6-1	200	10-22-85	Stockton, CA	Galt, CA
30	Steve Tolleson	R	R	5-11	190	11-1-83	Spartanburg, SC	Spartanburg, SC

MANAGER: 17 Bob Geren.

COACHES: 12 Mike Gallego (Third Base), 37 Ron Romanick (Bullpen), 20 Jim Skaalen (Hitting), 38 Todd Stevenson (First Base), 46 Tye Waller (Bench), 41 Curt Young (Pitching).

BULLPEN CATCHER: 99 Casey Chavez. **TRAINERS:** Steve Sayles, Walt Horn. **STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:** Bob Alejo. **MASSAGE THERAPIST:** Ozzie Lyles. **EQUIPMENT MANAGER:** Steve Vucinich. **TRAVELING SECRETARY:** Mickey Morabito. **VIDEO COORDINATOR:** Adam Rhoden.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

- Eric Patterson, IF/OF
- Cliff Pennington, IF
- Eric Chavez, 3B
- Kevin Kouzmanoff, 3B
- Adam Rosales, IF
- Daric Barton, 1B
- Rajai Davis, OF
- Jerry Blevins, LHP
- Ben Sheets, RHP
- Gabe Gross, OF
- Ryan Sweeney, OF
- Josh Donaldson, C
- Brad Ziegler, RHP
- Landon Powell, C
- Andrew Bailey, RHP
- Gio Gonzalez, LHP
- Michael Wuertz, RHP
- Jake Fox, C/IF
- Dallas Braden, LHP
- Trevor Cahill, RHP
- Craig Breslow, LHP
- Chad Gaudin, RHP
- Edwar Ramirez, RHP
- Henry Rodriguez, RHP
- Tyson Ross, RHP

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

- Andrew Bailey, RHP
- Daric Barton, 1B
- Jerry Blevins, LHP
- Dallas Braden, LHP
- Craig Breslow, LHP
- Trevor Cahill, RHP
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RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**Height/Weight:** 5-10 / 190**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** March 24, 1983**Opening Day Age:** 27**Birthplace/Resides:** River Ridge, Louisiana / Harahan, Louisiana**Major League Service:** 4 years, 163 days**Obtained:** Signed as a free agent, March 29, 2010**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

The 27-year old right-hander has spent seven seasons in the Majors and is 34-35 with a 4.50 ERA in 216 games, including 75 starts...is 21-28 with a 4.72 ERA (215 er in 409.2 ip) in 75 career starts and 13-7 with a 4.00 ERA (83 er in 186.2 ip) in 141 relief appearances...spent three seasons with the A's from 2006-08 and was 20-18 with a 4.00 ERA in 115 games, 40 starts...was dealt to the Chicago Cubs in the Rich Harden trade July 8, 2008 and pitched for San Diego and New York (AL) last year...was on the Yankees roster for all three postseason series but pitched just once in Game 4 of the ALCS...had a career best 20.2 inning scoreless streak as a reliever from July 13 to September 9, 2006...made his Major League debut on August 1, 2003 at the age of 20 years, 130 days...tossed a perfect game for Double-A Orlando on July 15, 2003 against Jacksonville

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to go 6-10 with a 4.64 ERA in 31 appearances, 25 starts, with the Yankees and Padres...opponents batted .258, including .296 (80 for 270) by left-handed hitters and .224 (66 for 295) by right-handers...allowed just four home runs in 270 at bats to left-handed hitters...went 77.1 innings without surrendering a homer to a left-handed batter between June 12 and Sept. 22...went 5-10 with a 4.76 ERA as a starter and also made six relief appearances, going 1-0 with a 3.46 ERA and 14 strikeouts in 13.0 innings...allowed 3 of 4 inherited runners to score...retired 4 of 6 first batters faced (66.7%)...each relief appearance lasted more than 1.0 inning...averaged 8.49 strikeouts per nine innings, ranking him 15th among Major League pitchers with 100.0 or more innings pitched...received just 3.60 runs per nine innings of support...did not record a win in a career-long 12 straight starts from July 3 to Sept. 22, going 0-4 with a 4.58 ERA.

SAN DIEGO: Began the season with the Padres, going 4-10 with a 5.13 ERA in 20 games, 19 starts...allowed a career-high-tying eight runs – and a career-high eight earned runs – in a June 12 loss at Los Angeles-AL (3.0 ip, 10 h, 1 so, 2 hr)...earned National League “co-Player of the Week” honors (with Florida’s Hanley Ramirez) for the period ending June 28, going 2-0 with a 1.20 ERA (15.0 ip, 20 so)...matched his career high with 11 strikeouts in a June 23 win at Seattle...tossed 8.0 shutout innings in a June 28 win at Texas, limiting the Rangers to one hit and two walks with nine strikeouts...signed a minor league contract with the Chicago Cubs Dec. 12, 2008 and attended spring training...was released April 8...signed with San Diego April 12 and made two starts with Triple-A Portland (0-0, 8.2 ip, 4 h, 0 r, 2 bb, 10 so).

NEW YORK: Was acquired by the Yankees from the San Diego Padres Aug. 6 in exchange for a player to be named later or cash considerations...was added to the Yankees’ 25-man roster prior to the Aug. 9 win vs. Boston...was 2-0 with a 3.43 ERA in 11 appearances, six starts, with the Yankees, who were 8-3 in his appearances (6-0 in his starts)...opponents batted .252...held his opponent to three earned runs or less in each of his six starts with the Yankees, allowing just 11 earned runs in 31.0 innings (3.19 ERA)...earned the win in his Yankees debut Aug. 12 vs. Toronto, tossing 2.0 scoreless innings of relief (1 h, 1 bb, 3 so)...did not record a decision in his first five starts with the Yankees, allowing just nine earned runs in 24.1 innings (3.33 ERA)...snapped the stretch with his win Sept. 28 vs. Kansas City...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, he became the first pitcher in Yankee franchise history to record a no-decision in each of his first five starts with the club winning each game...appeared on the Yankees’ postseason roster in all three rounds of the 2009 playoffs...made one appearance in Game 4 of the ALCS at Los Angeles, tossing 1.0 scoreless inning in the Yankees victory.

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2008—Combined to go 9-5 with a 4.40 ERA in 50 games, six starts, between Oakland and Chicago (NL)...began the season on the disabled list, recovering from offseason hip surgery...joined the A’s April 8 and made six starts (3-2, 3.75 ERA) before transferring to the bullpen...held opponents scoreless in 14 of his 20 relief appearances...went 5-3 with a 3.59 ERA with the A’s before being acquired by the Cubs July 8 along with right-handed pitcher Rich Harden in a six-player deal...went 4-2 with a 6.26 ERA in 24 games with the Cubs, striking out 27 batters in 27.1 innings...posted a 2-1 record and a 1.93 ERA in 13 July outings between the A’s and Cubs...allowed a career-high (as a reliever) six earned runs in 2.0 innings, Aug. 22 vs. Washington.

2007—Was placed in the A’s starting rotation when Esteban Loaiza went on the disabled list to start the season and pitched exclusively as a starter for the first time in his career...was 11-13 with a 4.42 ERA in 34 starts...his statistics before and after the All-Star Break told his story in 2007 as he was 8-3 with a 2.88 ERA, .246 opponents batting average and five home runs allowed in 18 starts before the break and 3-10 with a 6.30 ERA, .290 opponents batting average and 16 home runs allowed in 16 starts after the break...ranked fourth in the American League in ERA at the break and then led the Majors in losses after the break and compiled the highest ERA in the AL...led the A’s in losses, runs (108), walks (100) and hit batters (8) and tied for the team lead in games started...tied for the AL lead in games started, was second in walks, third in intentional walks (8), tied for sixth in runs, seventh in grounded into double plays (26), tied for eighth in losses, tied for ninth in earned runs (98) and tied for 10th in hit batters...struck out 154 for a strikeout to walk ratio of 1.54, which was second lowest in the AL...had the fourth highest opponents on-base percentage in the AL (.354)...allowed a league leading eight triples...15 of the 21 home runs he allowed came with the bases empty...allowed a .267 opponents batting average, which included a .250 mark against right-handed hitters and .282 against left-handers...had 32 walks and 105 strikeouts against right-handers and 68 walks and 49 strikeouts against left-handers...his opponents average dropped to .256 with runners in scoring position, including .192 with RISP and two outs and .115 with the bases loaded...allowed a .295 opponents batting average the first time through the lineup, .219 the second time through and .290 after that...opponents were successful in 12 of 13 (92.3%) stolen base attempts with him on the mound, which was third highest in the AL...was 2-1 with a 3.56 ERA in seven starts during the day compared to 9-12 with a 4.66 ERA in 27 starts at night...the A’s were 18-16 in his starting assignments, which included 11-3 over his first 14 starts and 7-13 over his final 20 assignments...left with the lead in five of his no decisions in which he pitched at least five innings only to have the bullpen blown the save...allowed two home runs in his first start on April 5 at Los Angeles but then had a 10-start, 67.0-inning, 284-batter homerless streak that ended when Jason Kubel homered in the sixth inning on June 3 against Minnesota...picked up his first win of the season on April 17 against Los Angeles to give him a career high five-game winning streak dating back to July 4, 2006...went 4-0 with a 2.15 ERA in six starts in May...tied for second in the AL in May wins and ranked fifth in ERA...won his first start in June, giving him a career high tying five-game winning streak from May 8 to June 3 (2.15 ERA)...was 6-1 with a 2.43 ERA, a .242 opponents batting average and three home runs allowed in 13 starts entering play on June 14...then went 5-12 with a 5.70 ERA, a .282 opponents batting average and 18 home runs allowed over his last 21 starts...the 12 losses were the most in the Majors from June 14 until the end of the season...had a career high tying five-game losing streak from July 12 to August 7 (8.54 ERA)...included in that stretch was his first career complete game, a four-hitter in the A’s 4-3 loss at Seattle on July 28...had his first career 10 strikeout game on August 23 at Tampa Bay...struck out a career and A’s season high 11 batters in his next and final start on September 30 against Los Angeles...went 1-4 with a 6.46 ERA in six starts in September...had surgery to repair a torn labrum in his left hip and a sesamoidectomy on his right foot on December 18.

2006—Posted a 3.09 ERA and allowed a .222 opponents batting average while compiling a 4-2 record and two saves in 55 appearances, all in relief...pitched exclusively in relief for the first time at the Major League level...allowed a .160 batting average against first batters faced, which ranked eighth lowest in the American League...allowed just 7 of 35 (20.0%) inherited runners to score, which was fourth lowest in the AL...however, walked 42 and struck out just 36 in 64.0 innings...his walk total tied for second highest among AL relievers...had career highs in games and saves and his ERA and opponents batting average were the lowest of his career...had a lower opponents slugging percentage (.330) than on-base percentage (.341)...had a 3.97 ERA before the All-Star Break and allowed at least one run in 12 of his 25 outings...then compiled a 2.10 ERA after the break and did not allow a run in 25 of his 30 outings...however, allowed just 1 of 18 inherited runners to score before the break and 6 of 17 after the break...

did not allow a run in his first 20 outings after the break and had a career best 20.2 inning scoreless streak from July 13 to September 9...his .222 opponents batting average broke down to .201 against right-handers and .253 against left-handers...his opponents average dropped to .176 with runners in scoring position...compiled a 1.23 ERA in 16 outings on no days rest and a 3.65 ERA in his other 39 outings...allowed three home runs, all at home, all solo shots and all before the All-Star Break...finished the season with a 30-game, 30.0-inning, 127-batter homerless streak...began the season at Triple-A Sacramento and had two stints with the River Cats before returning to Oakland for good in mid-May...was called up for the first time on April 21 and allowed at least one run in three of his first four outings (4.70 ERA)...recorded his first Major League save May 4 against Cleveland when he allowed three runs in a season-high 4.0 innings in the A's 12-4 win...was optioned to Sacramento the next day but returned on May 13 and spent the remainder of the season with Oakland...took the loss on May 26 at Texas, extending his career high losing streak to five games dating back to June 5, 2005...recorded his second save on June 29 at San Diego, pitching the final inning of the A's 6-5, 14-inning win...his outing Sept. 30 at Los Angeles was the 100th appearance of his career...made three postseason appearances, all in the ALCS against Detroit and did not allow a run (3.1 ip)...was used as a starter at Sacramento and was 3-0 with a 0.37 ERA in four starts with the River Cats...walked eight and struck out 26 in 24.1 innings and did not allow a home run...allowed a .173 opponents batting average.

2005—Was 1-3 with a 13.15 ERA in five appearances, three starts, with Toronto...was recalled from Triple-A Syracuse of the International League May 29...after making three starts, he was optioned back to Syracuse June 16...was recalled again July 15...made two relief appearances, then was optioned back to Syracuse July 26...opponents batted .470, including .481 by left-handed hitters and .462 by right-handers...was 1-2 with a 12.19 ERA in his three starts...made his Blue Jays debut May 31 at Seattle and won 9-7...became the eighth starter in team history to win their Blue Jays debut...was 0-1 with a 16.88 ERA in two relief appearances...for Syracuse he was 9-8 with a 3.35 ERA, which ranked fourth in the International League...was one of two IL pitchers to throw a pair of shutout...allowed a .251 opponents batting average...was named the International League Pitcher of the Week for the period from May 16-22...went 2-0 with a 1.20 ERA during the week...threw a one-hit shutout vs. Columbus on May 16 and won 3-0...retired the first 24 batters before his perfect game was broken up by a single to start the ninth...hurled a four-hit shutout on June 25 against Ottawa...struck out a season high 11 batters in a July 10 loss to Pawtucket...was a two-time selection as a Blue Jays Minor League Star of the Month, being honored in both April and May...pitched for Magallanes in the Venezuelan Winter League and was 4-3 with a 2.97 ERA in 11 starts...ranked sixth in the VWL in ERA and was third in strikeouts (53).

2004—Was 1-2 with a 4.85 ERA in 26 games, four starts, with Tampa Bay...made the Opening Day roster and appeared in 14 games in relief...posted a 3.00 ERA before being optioned to Triple-A Durham on May 19...was the seventh-youngest player in the majors...was recalled June 11 and inserted into the starting rotation where he was 1-1 with a 5.87 ERA in four starts before returning to Durham on June 28...earned his first career win as a starter June 17 at San Diego in his second start of the season (5.0 ip, 7 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...the club was 3-1 in his four starts...recalled September 1 and made eight relief appearances, posting a 5.84 ERA...overall, stranded 19 of 26 inherited runners...opponents hit .337...right-handed hitters hit .301 with four homers while lefties hit .403 with no home runs...split his time at Durham between the rotation and the bullpen, going 1-3 with a pair of saves and a 4.72 ERA in 17 games, seven starts...from August 6-30, he was 0-1 with two saves and allowed runs in just two of his nine relief appearances (4 er, 12.0 ip)...held right-handers to a .192 mark.

2003—Split the season between Single-A Bakersfield, Double-A Orlando and Tampa Bay...made his Major League debut Aug. 1 in relief at Kansas City and allowed one earned run over 2.1 innings...in doing so became the youngest Ray in club history at 20 years, 4 months...earned his first ML win after tossing 2.0 shutout innings Aug. 7 vs. Kansas City in his third ML appearance...made four relief appearances before making his first start Aug. 16 at Cleveland, a no-decision in a 5-3 win (3.2 ip, 6 h, 3 er, 1 hr)...in the minors combined to go 7-3 with a 1.81 ERA in 17 starts for Bakersfield and Orlando...the ERA was an organizational record...held opponents to a .199 batting average...tossed a perfect game on July 15 for Orlando vs. Jacksonville in game one of a doubleheader...it was his first start in Double-A and just the second perfect game in the 128-year history of the Southern League...it was the first since 1970...struck out nine in 7.0 innings in a 1-0 victory...opened the season at Bakersfield and went 5-3 with a 2.13 ERA in 14 starts before being promoted to Orlando July 12...despite making just 14 starts, he was named Bakersfield Pitcher of the Year...selected to play on the California League All-Star team

but did not play due to his promotion...named Rays Minor League pitcher-of-the-month for July, going 2-0 with a 0.47 ERA with Orlando...pitched 2.0 scoreless innings for the Rays in the Hall of Fame Game on June 16 at Cooperstown against the Phillies (1 h, 1 bb, 3 so).

2002—Was 4-6 in 26 games, 17 starts for Charleston and recorded 106 strikeouts in 119.1 innings...led the Tampa Bay organization with a 2.26 ERA which ranked second in the South Atlantic League and 10th in all of minor league baseball...struck out 12 batters in a 1-0 victory at Asheville on July 18, his final win of the season (7.0 ip, 2 h).

2001—Drafted by Tampa Bay in the 34th round of the June draft but did not sign until August 23...did not pitch during the Minor League season...pitched for the Rays' Instructional League team in September and did not allow an earned run in 38.0 innings.

PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

Chad Edward Gaudin...pronounced GO-dan...attended Crescent City High School in Metairie, Louisiana...selected by Baseball America as a third-team All-American and earned All-State and district MVP in his junior and senior years.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2002	Charleston-SC	4	6	2.26	26	17	0	0	1	119.1	106	43	30	5	11	37	0	106	4	3
2003	Bakersfield	5	3	2.13	14	14	1	0	0	80.1	63	23	19	2	1	23	0	70	0	2
	Orlando	2	0	0.47	3	3	1	1	0	19.0	8	1	1	0	0	3	0	23	0	0
	TAMPA BAY	2	0	3.60	15	3	0	0	0	40.0	37	18	16	4	1	16	0	23	1	0
2004	Durham	1	3	4.72	17	7	0	0	2	47.2	48	26	25	8	2	17	0	52	0	1
	TAMPA BAY	1	2	4.85	26	4	0	0	0	42.2	59	27	23	4	4	16	4	30	0	0
2005	Syracuse	9	8	3.35	23	23	2	2	0	150.1	140	61	56	12	8	35	0	113	5	2
	TORONTO	1	3	13.15	5	3	0	0	0	13.0	31	19	19	6	1	6	0	12	0	0
2006	Sacramento	3	0	0.37	4	4	0	0	0	24.1	14	6	1	0	0	8	0	26	0	0
	OAKLAND	4	2	3.09	55	0	0	0	2	64.0	51	24	22	3	1	42	2	36	2	2
2007	OAKLAND	11	13	4.42	34	34	1	0	0	199.1	205	108	98	21	8	100	8	154	3	1
2008	OAKLAND	5	3	3.59	26	6	0	0	0	62.2	63	29	25	6	3	17	1	44	2	1
	CHICAGO (NL)	4	2	6.26	24	0	0	0	0	27.1	29	21	19	5	0	10	2	27	0	1
2009	Portland-d	0	0	0.00	2	2	0	0	0	8.2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	1	0
	SAN DIEGO	4	10	5.13	20	19	0	0	0	105.1	105	69	60	7	5	56	3	105	4	1
	NEW YORK (AL)	2	0	3.43	11	6	0	0	0	42.0	41	16	16	7	3	20	1	34	3	0
AL Totals		26	23	4.33	172	56	1	0	2	463.2	487	241	219	51	21	217	16	333	11	4
NL Totals		8	12	5.36	44	19	0	0	0	132.2	134	90	79	12	5	66	5	132	4	2
ML Totals		34	35	4.50	216	75	1	0	2	596.1	621	331	298	63	26	283	21	465	15	6

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization in the 34th round of the June draft. **2004** — Traded to the Toronto Blue Jays for catcher Kevin Cash, December 12. **2005** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics for a player to be named later (outfielder Dustin Majewski on December 8), December 5. **2008** — On disabled list, March 19 to April 7; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, April 3 to 7. Traded to the Chicago Cubs with pitcher Rich Harden for pitcher Sean Gallagher, catcher Josh Donaldson, infielder Eric Patterson and outfielder Matt Murton, July 8. **2009** — Released, April 5; signed by the San Diego Padres to a minor league contract, April 16. Claimed off waivers by the New York Yankees, August 6. **2010** — Released, March 25; signed by the Oakland Athletics, March 29.

DIVISION SERIES RECORD

Year	Club/Opp.	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2006	OAK vs. MIN																			
2009	NY Yankees vs. MIN																			

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

Year	Club/Opp.	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2006	OAK vs. DET	0	0	0.00	3	0	0	0	0	3.1	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
2009	NY Yankees vs. LAA	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals		0	0	0.00	4	0	0	0	0	4.1	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0

the game and throwing one pitch to Kevin Millar...it marked his first career ejection...appealed a three-game suspension given by Major League Baseball July 31 and served a reduced two-game suspension from Sept. 15-16...had 12 consecutive scoreless outings from June 29-July 30, going 1-0 and allowing just one hit (13.1 ip, 3 bb, 17 so)...did not allow a run in 10 July appearances (11.1 ip)...held opponents hitless for 37 consecutive at-bats from July 3-Aug. 3...had the hitless streak snapped Aug. 3 vs. Los Angeles (AL)...surrendered a Mark Teixeira grand slam that tied the game but came away with the win after the Yankees scored six runs in the bottom of the frame... according to the Elias Sports Bureau, he became first Yankee in franchise history to be credited with a win while being charged with at least four runs with no more than 1.0 inning pitched...recorded his only loss Aug. 9 at Los Angeles (AL), allowing a career-high five runs without retiring any of the five batters he faced in the eighth.

2007—Was 1-1 with one save and an 8.14 ERA in 21 relief appearances over two stints with the Yankees (July 1-21; Aug. 15-Sept. 30)...opponents batted .286, including .342 against left-handed hitters and .239 against right-handed hitters...retired 12 of 20 first batters faced (60.0%) and prevented 10 of 19 inherited runners from scoring (53.6%)...struck out 31 batters in 21.0 innings and his strikeout per nine inning ratio of 13.3 was the best among all Major League pitchers with a minimum of 20 appearances... had his contract purchased from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on July 1...made his Major League debut July 3 vs. Minnesota, striking out the side in a perfect ninth inning...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, became the first Yankee to strike out each of the first three batters faced in his first Major League inning since Stan Bahnsen on Sept. 9, 1966 vs. Boston...earned his first Major League win July 6 vs. Los Angeles (AL), allowing two hits and one earned run in 1.1 innings (1 bb, 1 so)...suffered his first career blown save in the game...recorded his first Major League save Aug. 19 vs. Detroit, tossing 2.0 perfect innings (3 so)...struck out a career-high five batters Sept. 11 at Toronto...was on the Yankees' Division Series roster vs. Cleveland but did not make an appearance...was 4-0 with seven saves and a 0.70 ERA in 34 combined minor league relief appearances at Double-A Trenton and Scranton/WB... struck out 102 batters in 56.2 innings and allowed only one home run, averaging a minor league-best 16.2 strikeouts per nine innings (min: 50.0 ip)...tabbed by *Baseball America* as the top relief pitcher on their All-Minor League All-Star team...was 1-0 with six saves and a 0.90 ERA in 25 relief appearances over two stints for Scranton/WB, compiling a 19.1-inning scoreless stretch with 38 strikeouts over 13 outings from June 8-Aug. 2 (7 h, 1 bb)...pitched with the Tigres del Licy in the Dominican Winter League, appearing in three games without recording a decision (6.75 ERA)...following the season, was tabbed by *Baseball America* as having the organization's "Best Changeup".

2006—Began the season in the Angels organization, but was released March 31...made 25 appearances with Edinburg of the Independent United League, leading the league with 16 saves while posting a 1-1 record and a 1.07 ERA...recorded 46 strikeouts in 25.1 innings...ranked second in the league with 24 games finished...had his contract purchased by the Yankees July 9 and was added to the Single-A Tampa roster... in 19 relief appearances for Tampa, he went 4-1 with a 1.17 ERA and 47 strikeouts in 30.2 innings...limited opponents to a .133 batting average with no home runs and held right-handers to just .118...did not allow an earned run over his final 11 appearances, striking out 29 and walking only two in 18.1 innings...pitched with Tigres del Licy in the Dominican Winter League, allowing a 4.57 ERA without a decision.

2005—Posted a 2-2 record and 1.45 ERA in 43 relief appearances with Pensacola of the Independent Central League...recorded 93 strikeouts while walking only 15 batters in 62.0 innings...had his contract purchased by the Angels Sept. 1 and made one appearance for Triple-A Salt Lake (2.0 ip, 0 er).

2004—Did not play during the season after being released by the Angels March 31.

2003—Combined to post a 1-3 record with a 5.40 ERA in 10 games, five starts, with Single-A Rancho Cucamonga and Single-A Cedar Rapids in the Angels organization...began the season with Rancho and was 0-2 with an 8.10 ERA in four starts...was transferred to Cedar Rapids and made six appearances from Aug. 12-Sept. 1, going 1-1 with a 3.32 ERA.

2002—Made his professional debut with the Angels' rookie-league Arizona club, posting a 2-5 record with a 3.69 ERA in 13 games, seven starts...struck out 45 in 46.1 innings...made two appearances with Provo and allowed 10 er in 9.2 ip...was originally signed by the Angels as a non-drafted free agent on Feb. 6, 2001.

PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

Edwar Ramirez...originally signed by Angels scout Leo Perez...attended Prof. Luis Guarionex Landestoy High School in the Dominican Republic...participated in the Yankees' donation of \$25,000 in cash, food and supplies to aid in hurricane relief in the Dominican Republic in Nov. 2007...was joined by Yankees Latin prospects and staff to distribute an additional \$10,000 donation in food and supplies to help rebuild a local school ravaged by the storm in Ramirez' hometown.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2002	AZL Angels	2	5	3.69	13	7	0	0	0	46.1	47	22	19	1	4	13	0	45	1	0
	Provo	1	0	9.31	2	1	0	0	0	9.2	14	10	10	0	3	4	0	4	2	0
2003	Rancho Cucamonga	0	2	8.1	4	4	0	0	0	16.2	29	16	15	5	0	7	0	9	1	0
	Cedar Rapids	1	1	3.32	6	1	0	0	0	19.0	17	7	7	2	1	8	0	15	1	0
2004										(Did not pitch)										
2005	Pensacola (IND)	2	2	1.45	43	0	0	0	11	62.0	37	12	10	4	8	15	2	93	4	1
	Salt Lake	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
2006	Edinburg (IND)	1	1	1.07	25	0	0	0	16	25.1	14	6	3	2	1	10	-	46	4	0
	Tampa	4	1	1.17	19	0	0	0	3	30.2	14	4	4	0	1	6	0	47	2	0
2007	Trenton	3	0	0.54	9	0	0	0	1	16.2	6	1	1	1	1	8	1	33	1	0
	Scranton/WB	1	0	0.90	25	0	0	0	6	40.0	20	4	4	0	3	14	0	69	3	1
	NEW YORK (AL)	1	1	8.14	21	0	0	0	1	21.0	24	19	19	6	3	14	2	31	4	0
2008	Scranton/WB	1	0	0.00	8	0	0	0	0	9.0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	13	1	0
	NEW YORK (AL)	5	1	3.90	55	0	0	0	1	55.1	44	25	24	7	3	24	2	63	3	0
2009	Scranton/WB	1	5	3.18	29	0	0	0	4	51.0	39	19	18	3	0	16	0	62	8	0
	NEW YORK (AL)	0	0	5.73	20	0	0	0	0	22.0	25	15	14	6	0	18	0	22	1	0
ML Totals		6	2	5.22	96	0	0	0	2	98.1	93	59	57	19	6	56	4	116	8	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Signed by the Anaheim Angels organization as a non-drafted free agent, February 6. **2004** — Released, March 31. **2005** — Signed by the Los Angeles Angels to a minor league contract, September 1. **2006** — Released, March 31. Signed by the New York Yankees to a minor league contract, July 9. **2008** — On suspended list, September 15 to 16. **2010** — Traded to the Texas Rangers for cash, March 9. Traded to the Oakland Athletics for minor league infielder Gregorio Petit, March 25.

DIVISION SERIES RECORD

Year	Club/Opp.	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2007	NYY vs. CLE									(Did not pitch)										

VS. THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

2009		CAREER												
ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER	vs. TEAM	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
9.53	0	0	0	4	5.2	6	Baltimore	4.58	1	1	0	14	17.2	9
6.75	0	0	0	3	1.1	1	Boston	2.16	0	0	0	9	8.1	2
18.00	0	0	0	2	2.0	4	Cleveland	18.00	0	0	0	2	2.0	4
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Chicago	0.00	0	0	0	1	1.0	0
0.00	0	0	0	1	1.0	0	Detroit	2.89	0	0	1	8	9.1	3
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Kansas City	0.00	0	0	0	4	3.2	0
0.00	0	0	0	1	1.2	0	Los Angeles	18.90	2	1	0	6	6.2	14
3.86	0	0	0	3	2.1	1	Minnesota	2.57	0	0	1	9	7.0	2
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	New York	—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
0.00	0	0	0	1	1.1	0	Oakland	0.00	0	0	0	4	5.1	0
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Seattle	0.00	1	0	0	4	4.2	0
2.25	0	0	0	3	4.0	1	Tampa Bay	9.64	1	0	0	11	9.1	10
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Texas	0.00	1	0	0	4	5.1	0
3.38	0	0	0	2	2.2	1	Toronto	8.00	0	0	0	12	9.0	8

VS. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

2009		CAREER												
ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER	vs. TEAM	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Cincinnati	0.00	0	0	0	1	1.0	0
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Houston	0.00	0	0	0	2	2.0	0
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	New York	4.91	0	0	0	3	3.2	2
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Pittsburgh	27.00	0	0	0	1	0.1	1
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	San Diego	9.00	0	0	0	1	2.0	2

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

2009		CAREER												
ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER	by MONTH	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
6.48	0	0	0	7	8.1	6	April	4.26	0	0	0	10	12.2	6
4.00	0	0	0	8	9.0	4	May	2.18	1	0	0	19	20.2	5
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	June	7.36	0	0	0	11	11.0	9
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	July	2.63	2	0	0	13	13.2	4
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	August	5.23	2	1	2	20	20.2	12
7.71	0	0	0	5	4.2	4	September	9.61	1	1	0	23	19.2	21

PITCHING BREAKDOWN

2009		CAREER												
ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER	by CATEGORY	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
6.57	0	0	0	14	12.1	9	Home	5.24	4	0	1	55	55.0	32
4.66	0	0	0	6	9.2	5	Road	5.19	2	2	1	41	43.1	25
9.64	0	0	0	6	4.2	5	Day	6.21	3	1	1	32	33.1	23
4.67	0	0	0	14	17.1	9	Night	4.71	3	1	1	64	65.0	34
5.19	0	0	0	15	17.1	10	Pre-ASG	3.59	3	0	0	46	52.2	21
7.71	0	0	0	5	4.2	4	Post-ASG	7.09	3	2	2	50	45.2	36
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Starter	—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
5.73	0	0	0	20	22.0	14	Reliever	5.22	6	2	2	96	98.1	57

BALLPARK BREAKDOWN

	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
Angel Stadium	30.38	0	1	0	3	2.2	9
Camden Yards	3.97	1	1	0	7	11.1	5
Coliseum	0.00	0	0	0	1	1.0	0
Comerica Park	5.06	0	0	0	5	5.1	3
Fenway Park	6.75	0	0	0	3	2.2	2
Kauffman Stadium	0.00	0	0	0	1	0.2	0
Metrodome	2.70	0	0	1	4	3.1	1
Minute Maid Park	0.00	0	0	0	2	2.0	0
Original Yankee Stadium	4.85	4	0	1	41	42.2	23
PNC Park	27.00	0	0	0	1	0.1	1
Rangers Ballpark	0.00	0	0	0	2	2.1	0
Rogers Centre	0.00	0	0	0	6	6.0	0
Shea Stadium	0.00	0	0	0	1	1.0	0
Tropicana Field	7.71	1	0	0	5	4.2	4
Yankee Stadium	6.57	0	0	0	14	12.1	9

FIELDING STATISTICS

Pitcher							
Year	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
2007	1.000	21	2	2	0	4	0
2008	1.000	55	4	3	0	7	0
2009	1.000	20	1	2	0	3	0
Totals	1.000	96	7	7	0	14	0

RAMIREZ' CAREER BESTS

Low Hit Complete Game: None
Innings Pitched: 3.1, May 9, 2009 at Baltimore
Strikeouts: 5, September 11, 2007 at Toronto
Longest Winning Streak: 3, May 25 to Aug. 3, 2008
Longest Losing Streak: 1 (twice), August 9, 2008
Longest Scoreless Streak: 16.1, September 29, 2007 to May 31, 2008

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-4 / 233 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Left

Birthdate: February 1, 1988 **Opening Day Age:** 22

Birthplace/Resides: Midland, Texas / Stillwater, Oklahoma

Major League Service: 1 year

Obtained: Acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks with pitchers Dana Eveland and Greg Smith, infielder Chris Carter and outfielders Aaron Cunningham and Carlos Gonzalez for pitchers Dan Haren and Connor Robertson, December 14, 2007

Contract Status: First year of a four-year contract through 2013 with club options for 2014 and 2015.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Agreed to terms on a four-year contract through the 2013 season with club options for 2014 and 2015, April 16.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 27 retroactive to April 25 with left elbow inflammation and a proximal medial forearm strain.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was one of six players acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks in the Dan Haren trade following the 2007 season and made his Major League debut with the A's in 2009 at the age of 21...set an Oakland rookie record and led ML rookies with 150 strikeouts...was named American League Rookie of the Month in September, 2009...pitched in the 2008 All-Star Futures Game and for Team USA in the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China...was tabbed as the A's number one prospect by *Baseball America* following the 2008 season...was originally drafted by Arizona in the 2nd round of the 2006 draft but did not sign until September...made his professional debut in 2007 and ranked third in the Diamondbacks farm system in wins and ERA.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was one of two 21-year olds to spend the season in the A's starting rotation...set an Oakland rookie record with 150 strikeouts...led the A's pitching staff in strikeouts and wins (11) and finished second in starts (30)...compiled an 11-11 record and 4.06 ERA...led all Major League rookies in strikeouts...tied for third among American League rookies in games started, ranked fourth in innings pitched (175.1) and tied for fourth in wins...his strikeouts broke the previous Oakland rookie record of 141 set by Rick Langford in 1977...is one of four 21-year olds in Oakland history to win 10 or more games...was 3-7 with a 5.74 ERA, .304 opponents batting average and 13 home runs allowed over his first 13 starts...then went 8-4 with a 2.96 ERA, .237 opponents batting average and seven home runs over his final 17 starts, beginning June 29...his ERA from June 29 through the end of the season was fourth best in the AL.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2007	South Bend	8	4	2.21	14	14	0	0	0	81.1	76	26	20	3	2	10	0	85	6	0
	Visalia	3	3	4.85	9	9	0	0	0	39.0	50	23	21	6	1	11	0	40	1	2
2008	Stockton	9	4	4.14	14	13	0	0	0	74.0	68	35	34	5	4	18	0	80	5	1
	Midland	2	1	2.61	6	6	0	0	0	31.0	27	10	9	3	1	9	0	38	0	1
2009	OAKLAND	11	11	4.06	30	30	1	1	0	175.1	180	94	79	20	3	45	1	150	0	1
ML Totals		11	11	4.06	30	30	1	1	0	175.1	180	94	79	20	3	45	1	150	0	1

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2006 — Selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks organization in the 2nd round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2007** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with pitchers Dana Eveland and Greg Smith, infielder Chris Carter and outfielders Aaron Cunningham and Carlos Gonzalez for pitchers Dan Haren and Connor Robertson, December 14.

2010 CLIPS

Quirky game-day rituals work for A's left-hander Brett Anderson

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune, 2/26/2010

Call Brett Anderson superstitious or ritualistic or a plain old creature of habit. Whatever the label, the A's left-hander won't dispute he's one of the major leagues' quirkiest characters.

Consider the pattern of behavior that marks every Anderson outing. He tosses the ball in his left hand a certain number of times before every pitch. While sitting in the dugout between innings, he drinks water from the same part of the cup with every sip, then makes sure the cup is placed in its proper spot next to him.

When Anderson leaves the clubhouse before a start, the label on the lip balm in his locker has to be facing out. He recently found out that Blistex stopped making the brand he likes, but that's a problem for another day.

"I've been doing this ever since high school," Anderson said. "It's evolved to different things. One thing I think will work, but one thing will go by the wayside. It's been ever-changing. But it's been ever since I started pitching competitively."

Then he smiles, clearly in tune with how amusing it all sounds. "I'm a weird guy."

But baseball is a game marked by habitual behavior. Many players avoid touching the baseline as they come on and off the field. Nomar Garciaparra, a teammate of Anderson's last season, rapidly readjusts his batting gloves after every pitch.

Anderson's teammates respect his idiosyncrasies but also find the humor in them. "Sometimes it takes him a while in between innings to get out there," right-hander Trevor Cahill said. "I think he's got to realize he's making the umpires mad. I'll be sitting next to him on the bench, and I always think they're looking at me. They're trying to get his attention to get out there. But I don't want to interrupt his routine."

Whatever works. Anderson, who turned 22 this month, led major league rookies last season with 150 strikeouts, an Oakland rookie record. He threw a two-hit shutout in his first start at Fenway Park and took a perfect game into the seventh inning against the Los Angeles Angels.

He said he strayed from his game-day routine for one start last season and promptly gave up seven runs in five innings against the Chicago White Sox. Anderson went back to it for his next outing and threw seven solid innings against the New York Yankees.

"Obviously you've gotta go with what's working," he said. The apple didn't fall far from the tree in the Anderson family. Brett's father, Frank, says he had his own habits as a player.

Frank Anderson, the Oklahoma State baseball coach, recalls attending a basketball camp in high school and listening to legendary coach Al McGuire talk about the importance of finding a routine at the free-throw line.

Frank applied the same philosophy to baseball. "I wanted to get in the batter's box the same way every time," he said. "You don't worry about the crowd, you focus on (yourself)."

The elder Anderson stopped short of calling Brett's behavior superstitious.

Brett Anderson, continued

“In baseball, you have to repeat an action so many times,” Frank Anderson said. “The more times you can do it, the ball is going to come off your hand right, or come off the bat right. We’re creatures of habit. Baseball kind of lends itself to that.”

But even he concedes his son’s behavior might be a little out there.

“He is left-handed, I’ll give you that.”

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 240 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: May 31, 1984 **Opening Day Age:** 25
Birthplace/Resides: Voorhees, New Jersey / Medford, New Jersey
Major League Service: 1 year

Obtained: Selected in the 6th round of the 2006 First-Year Player Draft

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Did not allow a run in nine outings in April (8.1 ip) and now has a 0.79 ERA in 19 career appearances in the month of April.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was invited to the A's 2009 Spring Training as a non-roster invitee, made the club, took over as closer by the end of May and was named American League Rookie of the Year by the BBWAA...began his professional career as a starter and compiled a 8-21 record and a 3.89 ERA in 51 games, 47 starts over his first two and one-half seasons...was converted to a reliever at the 2008 All-Star Break at Double-A Midland and went 4-1 with a 0.92 ERA and .207 opponents average in 22 relief appearances after the break...set an Oakland rookie with 26 saves in 2009 and was selected to the American League All-Star team, the only rookie named to either team...was named AL Rookie of the Month in August...was originally drafted by Oakland in the sixth round of the 2006 draft...led the A's farm system with 150 strikeouts in 2007...played for Phoenix in the Arizona Fall League following the 2008 season.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Made the jump from Double-A to the majors in 2009 and was named American League Rookie of the Year by the BBWAA...became the eighth Athletic to win Rookie of the Year honors, the third in the last six years (Bobby Crosby, 2004 and Huston Street, 2005)...assumed the A's closer duties by the end of May and set an Oakland rookie record with 26 saves, breaking the previous mark of 23 set by Street in 2005...it tied for the sixth highest save total by a rookie in AL history...his last blown save came June 16 at Los Angeles (NL) and he converted each of his final 21 saves opportunities...was named to the AL All-Star team, the only rookie named to either team...led AL relievers and ranked second in the majors with a .167 opponents batting average...ranked second among AL relievers and eighth among all AL rookies with 91 strikeouts...ranked third among AL relievers with a 1.84 ERA.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2006	Vancouver	2	5	2.02	13	10	0	0	0	58.0	39	20	13	2	3	20	0	53	2	0
2007	Kane County	1	4	3.35	11	10	1	0	0	51.0	42	25	19	6	3	22	1	74	2	0
	Stockton	3	4	3.82	11	11	0	0	0	66.0	56	31	28	8	9	31	0	72	0	0
	Sacramento	1	0	1.13	1	1	0	0	0	8.0	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0
2008	Midland	5	9	4.32	37	15	0	0	0	110.1	99	63	53	13	6	56	1	110	6	0
2009	OAKLAND	6	3	1.84	68	0	0	0	26	83.1	49	17	17	5	0	24	3	91	6	0
ML Totals		6	3	1.84	68	0	0	0	26	83.1	49	17	17	5	0	24	3	91	6	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- 2005** — Selected by the Milwaukee Brewers organization in the 16th round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign.
- 2006** — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 6th round of the First-Year Player Draft.

2010 CLIPS

Oakland Athletics' Andrew Bailey aims to 'stay the course'

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune, 4/19/2010

Being named the American League's Rookie of the Year was nice for Andrew Bailey. But it hardly did anything to change his personality.

Bailey is the same easygoing person he was last season, and the A's can only hope he's the same pitcher as well. But he has no surprises up his sleeve as he settles in for his second season as the team's closer.

"I think it's just kind of staying the course," Bailey said of his philosophy for 2010.

Who wouldn't aim for the status quo after posting the type of season Bailey did in 2009? He was the only rookie in either league to make the All-Star team and became the seventh Oakland player to be named the AL's top rookie.

No evidence exists that a sophomore jinx might apply for major league closers. Then again, not many relievers from recent seasons can be compared with Bailey, period, because few have assumed full-time closing duties as a rookie.

One exception was Huston Street, who took over as the A's closer in 2005 and was Rookie of the Year. He came back and saved 37 games in 2006, but he also had 11 blown saves.

Jonathan Papelbon notched 35 saves in 2006 for the Boston Red Sox in what officially was his rookie season. But Papelbon got his feet wet with 17 appearances in 2005 (14 in relief), so he's not a direct comparison to Bailey.

"There's always going to be bumps in the road (for young pitchers)," one major league scout said of Bailey's chances to repeat his rookie success. "But stuff is stuff. (Bailey's) got three pitches, and they're all plus-pitches. Last year he looked like one of the top five closers in the game. He took the ball and ran with it, and I don't see why he couldn't do it again."

Bailey posted 26 saves last season with a 1.84 ERA in 68 appearances. He didn't convert from starting to relieving until midway through the 2008 campaign, so his biggest challenge was simply conditioning his arm for frequent use.

Bailey missed two weeks this spring with elbow inflammation, which he has said was probably a byproduct of last season's heavy use.

So perhaps it's a good thing the A's have used Bailey only five times through the first 14 games. He's converted his only save opportunity.

Since joining the bullpen, Bailey said he's begun studying closers such as Papelbon and Mariano Rivera, whose New York Yankees begin a three-game series with the A's tonight. Bailey throws a mid-90's fastball, a slow curve and a cut fastball, and he marveled at Rivera's mastery of the cutter.

"I like Papelbon's aggressiveness, that's kind of the mentality I have," Bailey said. "And I love watching Mariano's kind of like, finesse, just spotting up with that cutter. It's unbelievable. He can put it where he wants it."

Bailey participated in several media engagements this winter. But baseball remained his focus, according to teammate Craig Breslow, who worked out with him regularly.

"Getting his work in and throwing, that kind of remained a priority," Breslow said. "I was impressed with how level-headed and grounded he was."

INFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-0 / 204 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Right
Birthdate: August 16, 1985 **Opening Day Age:** 24
Birthplace/Resides: Springfield, Vermont / Corona, California
Major League Service: 1 year, 119 days
Obtained: Acquired from the St. Louis Cardinals with pitchers Kiko Calero and Dan Haren for pitcher Mark Mulder, December 18, 2004
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Walked a Major League leading 22 times during the spring, the most walks by an Athletic since spring stats are first available in 1991...the previous best was 17 by Mark McGwire in 1991...then walked three times in the opener, April 5 at Seattle...that tied the Oakland Opening Day record set by Sal Bando in 1975 and matched by Barton in 2008.
- Drove in a career high four runs April 8 against Seattle.
- Fractured the volar plate in the middle finger of his right hand April 25 against Cleveland but did not miss any games.
- Snapped a career long 41-game homerless streak April 28 at Tampa Bay with his first home run since September 11, 2009...the home run also snapped a career long 16-game streak without an RBI dating back to April 9.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has spent parts of each of the last three seasons with Oakland and is a .249 career hitter in 212 games entering the 2010 season...batted .347 in 18 games with the A's in his Major League debut in 2007 but then hit .226 in 140 games in his first full season in 2008...set an Oakland record by reaching base safely via hit or walk in each of the first 20 games of his career...split his 2009 campaign between Oakland and Triple-A Sacramento...enters the 2010 season with a .293 batting average and a .408 on-base percentage in 545 career minor league games...was originally a first round draft pick of St. Louis in 2003 and spent two seasons in the Cardinals farm system as a catcher...was named to the Midwest League Postseason All-Star team at Single-A Peoria in 2004...was traded to the Oakland organization following the 2004 season in the Mark Mulder deal and was converted to first base...played for the United States team in the Futures Game July 10, 2005 at Comerica Park...missed most of the 2006 season after fracturing the radial head of his left elbow in a game against Iowa May 23.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

After spending the entire 2008 season with the A's, Barton split 2009 between Triple-A Sacramento and Oakland...hit .261 with nine home runs and 48 RBI in 70 games with the River Cats and .269 with three home runs and 24 RBI in 54 games with the A's...was batting .147 with a home run and three RBI with Oakland when he was placed on the 15-day disabled list July 28 retroactive to July 27 with a strained left hamstring...hit .302 with two home runs and 21 RBI in 37 games following his return.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2003	Johnson City	.294	54	170	29	50	10	0	4	29	0	3	2	37	48	0	3	.424	.420	4
2004	Peoria	.313	90	313	63	98	23	0	13	77	0	3	8	69	44	4	4	.511	.445	11
2005	Stockton	.318	79	292	60	93	16	2	8	52	0	4	3	62	49	0	1	.469	.438	9
	Midland	.316	56	212	38	67	20	1	5	37	0	2	0	35	30	1	1	.491	.410	5
2006	Sacramento	.259	43	147	25	38	6	4	2	22	0	1	0	32	26	1	0	.395	.389	7
	Arizona A's	.200	2	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.400	.200	0
2007	Sacramento	.293	136	516	84	151	38	5	9	70	0	4	6	78	69	3	4	.438	.389	17
	OAKLAND	.347	18	72	16	25	9	0	4	8	0	1	1	10	11	1	0	.639	.429	0
2008	OAKLAND	.226	140	446	59	101	17	5	9	47	6	3	3	65	99	2	1	.348	.327	13
	Sacramento	.194	8	31	4	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.290	.242	0
2009	Sacramento	.261	70	253	48	66	21	1	9	48	2	4	9	45	43	1	0	.458	.386	4
	OAKLAND	.269	54	160	31	43	12	1	3	24	1	3	2	26	25	0	2	.413	.372	1
	Arizona A's	.278	6	18	3	5	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	.500	.458	0
	Stockton	.000	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
ML Totals		.249	212	678	106	169	38	6	16	79	7	7	6	101	135	3	3	.394	.348	14

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2003 — Selected by the St. Louis Cardinals organization in the 1st round (28th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft. **2004** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with pitchers Kiko Calero and Dan Haren for pitcher Mark Mulder, December 18. **2008** — On disabled list, July 14 to 31; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, July 24 to 31. **2009** — On disabled list, July 27 to August 20; included rehabilitation assignment to the Arizona A's, August 13 to 19, and Stockton, August 20

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-6 / 175

Bats/Throws: Left / Left

Birthdate: September 6, 1983

Opening Day Age: 26

Birthplace/Resides: Johnson City, Tennessee / Swanton, Ohio

Major League Service: 162 days

Obtained: Acquired from the Chicago Cubs with Rob Bowen in exchange for Jason Kendall and cash, July 16, 2007

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was originally drafted by the Cubs in the 17th round of the 2004 draft, but has appeared in 62 games with Oakland over the last three years...made his Major League debut with six games in 2007, pitched in 36 games over the final three months of 2008 and had 20 outings over three stints in 2009...was traded to the A's organization mid-way through the 2007 season as part of the Jason Kendall trade...enters the 2010 season with 374 strikeouts in 322.1 career minor league innings (10.44 per nine innings)...was named to the Northwest League postseason All-Star team in his first professional season in 2004 while pitching for Boise.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Made the A's Opening Day roster for the first time and had three stints with Oakland, compiling a 4.84 ERA in 20 relief appearances...posted a 12.46 ERA in five relief appearances over his first two stints but returned when rosters expanded in September to compile a 3.00 ERA in 15 appearances...allowed a .229 batting average overall, which was the lowest mark of his three seasons in the majors...was 5-3 with two saves and a 3.84 ERA in 45 relief appearances with Sacramento...walked just 18 while striking out 62 in 63.1 innings...yielded just five home runs.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2004	Boise	6	1	1.62	23	0	0	0	5	33.1	17	7	6	1	3	21	1	42	2	0
2005	Peoria	3	7	5.54	48	2	0	0	14	76.1	75	51	47	6	5	38	0	96	5	0
2006	Daytona	0	1	9.00	8	0	0	0	1	11.0	18	12	11	0	1	4	0	9	0	1
	Boise	1	2	6.04	16	0	0	0	0	22.1	27	22	15	3	3	8	0	19	1	0
2007	West Tenn	0	0	1.42	5	0	0	0	1	6.1	5	1	1	0	1	1	0	8	0	0
	Daytona	1	0	0.38	15	0	0	0	6	23.2	13	1	1	0	1	5	2	32	0	0
	Tennessee	2	2	1.53	23	0	0	0	3	29.1	23	5	5	1	1	8	1	37	1	0
	Midland	1	3	3.32	17	0	0	0	1	21.2	18	10	8	2	0	5	1	29	2	0
	Sacramento	1	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
2008	OAKLAND	0	1	9.64	6	0	0	0	0	4.2	8	6	5	1	0	2	0	3	0	0
	Sacramento	2	2	2.78	28	0	0	0	10	32.1	31	16	10	3	2	6	1	36	2	0
2009	OAKLAND	1	3	3.11	36	0	0	0	0	37.2	32	14	13	2	3	13	2	35	0	0
	Sacramento	5	3	3.84	45	0	0	0	2	63.1	65	28	27	5	4	18	4	62	3	0
	OAKLAND	0	0	4.84	20	0	0	0	0	22.1	19	12	12	2	0	6	1	23	0	0
ML Totals		1	4	4.18	62	0	0	0	0	64.2	59	32	30	5	3	21	3	61	0	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2004 — Selected by the Chicago Cubs organization in the 17th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2007** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with catcher Rob Bowen in exchange for Jason Kendall and cash, July 16.

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-1 / 185 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Left
Birthdate: August 13, 1983 **Opening Day Age:** 26
Birthplace/Resides: Phoenix, Arizona / Stockton, California
Major League Service: 2 years, 39 days
Obtained: Selected in the 24th round of the 2004 First-Year Player Draft
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Enters the 2010 season with a 14-21 record and a 4.68 ERA in 61 career appearances, including 46 starts, in three seasons with the A's...spent the entire 2009 season in Oakland and was 8-9 with a 3.89 ERA in 22 starts before missing the final two months of the season with an injury...made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2007 and, after picking up the win in his debut, lost each of his final eight decisions...his debut came after appearing in just 10 games in 2006 because of a humoral defect in his left shoulder...was originally drafted by the A's in the 24th round of the 2004 draft...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year in 2005 after going 15-5 with a 3.52 ERA in 23 starts with Single-A Stockton and Double-A Midland.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was the A's Opening Day starter and went 8-9 with a 3.89 ERA in 22 starts before a rash led to nerve damage in his left foot, ending his season in August...his wins, ERA, opponents batting average (.268), starts, innings pitched (136.2) and strikeouts (81) were the best of his three seasons in the majors...allowed just nine home runs in 136.2 innings, an average of 0.59 per nine innings...was 7-7 with a 3.12 ERA and .255 opponents batting average in 18 starts before the All-Star Break and had the seventh lowest ERA in the AL...then went 1-2 with a 7.40 ERA and .324 opponents batting average in four starts after the break before he was placed on the 15-day disabled list Aug. 8 retroactive to Aug. 1 with a rash on his left foot...the rash led to nerve damage and he was transferred to the 60-day DL Sept. 11...did not allow a stolen base and his 136.2 innings pitched were the most in the majors among pitchers who did not allow a steal...has not allowed a stolen base since Aug. 20, 2008 against Minnesota (Punto).

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2004	Vancouver	2	0	2.76	7	0	0	0	2	16.1	15	7	5	1	0	3	0	30	0	0
	Kane County	2	1	4.70	5	5	0	0	0	23.0	22	13	12	2	0	6	1	33	1	1
2005	Stockton	6	0	2.68	7	7	1	0	0	43.2	31	14	13	4	3	11	0	64	4	2
	Midland	9	5	3.90	16	16	0	0	0	97.0	104	43	42	5	1	32	1	71	8	3
2006	Arizona A's	2	0	0.86	6	6	0	0	0	21.0	12	2	2	0	0	3	0	36	1	0
	Stockton	2	0	6.23	3	3	0	0	0	13.0	12	9	9	3	2	5	0	17	0	0
	Midland	0	0	16.20	1	1	0	0	0	3.1	9	6	6	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
2007	Midland	1	0	2.25	2	2	0	0	0	12.0	5	3	3	2	0	3	0	13	0	0
	Sacramento	2	3	2.95	11	11	2	1	0	64.0	51	22	21	4	2	18	1	74	2	2
	OAKLAND	1	8	6.72	20	14	0	0	0	72.1	91	59	54	9	2	26	1	55	6	1
2008	Sacramento	3	1	2.36	11	9	1	0	0	53.1	49	19	14	7	0	11	0	54	1	0
	OAKLAND	5	4	4.14	19	10	0	0	0	71.2	77	36	33	8	2	25	2	41	0	1
2009	OAKLAND	8	9	3.89	22	22	0	0	0	136.2	144	63	59	9	2	42	2	81	1	0
ML Totals		14	21	4.68	61	46	0	0	0	280.2	312	158	146	26	6	93	5	177	7	2

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Atlanta Braves organization in the 46th round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign.
2004 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 24th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2009** — On disabled list, August 1 to November 3.

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Braden becomes both student and teacher

A's lefty moonlights as pitching mentor for college team
 By Jane Lee / MLB.com / 02-22-2010

PHOENIX -- When it came time for Ed Sprague to decide on a rotation for his team's season-opening series this weekend, the University of Pacific baseball coach called up a good friend for some advice.

Dallas Braden happened to be on the other end of that phone conversation. Sprague listened carefully to a pal 16 years his junior.

"I asked him who he likes of our guys, and we were pretty much on the same page," Sprague said. "We were pretty close, and I ended up going with the guys he chose."

Turns out the kid knows his stuff, as the Tigers enjoyed a 2-1 weekend against the University of San Francisco in their first regular-season games since being under the tutorage of Braden, who still makes his home in the university's location of Stockton, Calif.

Both Braden and Sprague went to high school in Stockton. Both have played for the A's -- Sprague in 1998 during a 11-year professional career. Yet neither knew of the other until 2006 when Braden asked Sprague if he could practice on the university's fields during the offseason.

In four short years, the 26-year-old A's left-hander has since transformed from an average Minor League pitcher bouncing back and forth from the bullpen to the rotation into a bona fide big league starter. Oh, and don't forget the college interim pitching coach stint on his resume, which Sprague proudly endorses.

"It seems like just yesterday he started asking if he could come out and play catch at our field," the Tigers coach said. "Ever since, he's come out every offseason to work out. This year he came out more, and our guys started watching him play catch and asking him questions."

"He ended up staying three or four hours and would watch them in the bullpen. It was great."

For Braden, making friends comes as easily as throwing strikes thanks to a contagiously inviting and witty personality, so before long, the A's pitcher was welcoming the college players into his home.

"I took some guys under my wing and had them come over to the house," he said. "They were asking me how to prepare, and I have DVDs in my office of all the games I've thrown, so I showed them and talked about approach. It was fun because I feel like the more you talk about that stuff the more you can actually learn."

Braden can only hope he can act out his own lessons this year as he returns from a season in which he was shut down after only 22 starts. His bizarre injuries coincidentally match his quirky personality -- for no rhyme or reason, other than maybe to allow the baseball gods to hear Braden interactively tell tales of his wacky body.

Take his deviated septum, for instance. Braden underwent a nasal endoscopy in December because of the resulting breathing and sleeping problems -- an operation that led to what he described as a "water-fall" of blood over his grandma's sink when he attempted to remove a cotton ball just days later.

"I was steadily flowing blood out of my face for the first few days," he said in a humorous nonchalant manner. "I can now breathe -- figuratively and literally."

On top of that, Braden still feels lingering effects from the nerve irritation that developed last year in his foot and has no feeling in two of his toes. The foot issues began midseason when his ankle suffered an allergic reaction to a neoprene brace he'd been wearing, which subsequently led to inflammation in the area where his foot meets his ankle.

"I don't know if it affects me," Braden said of the numb toes. "Sometimes I'll get a little too far on the back side of my foot and I'm not really sure how far I'm back there just because sensory isn't there."

Dallas Braden, continued

There's no motor sensory damage, which means my muscles are firing and I can feel that, which is awesome. But just to touch it, there's not much going on there.

"They said it could take six months, six years, or it could never come back. We just don't know."

Braden does know, though, that he's "right where I need to be" on the Spring Training schedule.

"I've thrown some bullpens and have no limitations really," said the southpaw, who is scheduled to throw a bullpen session Monday. "I'm running and doing everything that's required of a guy in camp."

"I was ready for this Aug. 5, which was about two days after I realized I wasn't going to pitch again. I even called [pitching coach] Curt Young and told him after the first day I threw a baseball I almost cried because I was just so excited that I could actually throw a baseball and I was ready to go. I started playing catch in late November or early December because I wanted that feeling. I wanted to know I was still a baseball player."

No matter where Braden's health leads him this year or the next, Sprague believes the A's pitcher will be a mainstay in the game thanks to a maturity the coach has watched progress during Braden's time in Stockton.

"I think he's definitely got a gift for coaching," Sprague said. "He did a very good job of relaying stuff on the coaching level. I definitely think he'll have a long career in baseball, especially after he's done playing."

For now, though, Braden hopes to stay busy on the mound in an effort to turn some of the Giants fans present on Pacific's baseball team into followers of the green and gold.

"I don't know if we've converted all of them," said Sprague, "but we've certainly turned them all into Dallas Braden fans."

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 5-11 / 190 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Left
Birthdate: August 8, 1980 **Opening Day Age:** 29
Birthplace/Resides: New Haven, Connecticut / Trumbull, Connecticut
Major League Service: 2 years, 88 days
Obtained: Claimed off waivers from the Minnesota Twins, May 20, 2009
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has pitched for five teams in four seasons in the majors...combined with the A's and Twins to pitch in a career high 77 games in 2009, which was second most in the American League...was claimed by the Twins off waivers from Cleveland during the 2008 season and appeared in 49 games with both clubs that year...spent the entire 2007 season at Triple-A Pawtucket but was claimed off waivers by Cleveland at the end of spring training in 2008...made his debut with San Diego in 2005, appearing in 14 games, and also pitched in 13 games for Boston in 2006...was named to the International League mid-season All-Star team in 2006 and 2007...was named Most Valuable Pitcher at Pawtucket in 2006.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Began the season with Minnesota and had a 6.28 ERA in 17 appearances when he was claimed off waivers by the A's May 20...went 7-5 with a 2.60 ERA in 60 games with Oakland and combined for an 8-7 record and a 3.36 ERA in 77 appearances overall...the games pitched were a career high and second most in the American League...his losses tied for the lead among AL relievers but he ranked second in wins...his .197 opponents batting average tied for 10th lowest...allowed 12 of 50 (24.0%) inherited runners to score, which was 10th lowest in the AL...was 1-4 with a 4.46 ERA in 44 appearances before the All-Star Break but then went 7-3 with a 2.29 ERA in 33 games after the break.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2002	Ogden	6	2	1.82	23	0	0	0	2	54.1	42	15	11	2	1	24	0	56	7	0
2003	Beloit	3	4	5.12	33	0	0	0	2	65.0	64	43	37	4	1	27	0	80	1	0
2004	High Desert	1	3	7.19	23	0	0	0	0	41.1	54	39	33	5	2	24	0	41	4	0
	New Jersey (IND)	3	1	4.10	19	0	0	0	1	26.1	19	13	12	2	0	13	1	37	3	0
2005	Mobile	2	1	2.75	40	0	0	0	0	52.1	38	16	16	3	1	17	2	47	2	0
	SAN DIEGO	0	0	2.20	14	0	0	0	0	16.1	15	6	4	1	1	13	0	14	1	0
	Portland	0	1	4.00	7	0	0	0	0	9.0	11	4	4	1	0	1	0	9	0	0
2006	Pawtucket	7	1	2.69	39	0	0	0	7	67.0	49	21	20	3	4	24	0	77	6	1
	BOSTON	0	2	3.75	13	0	0	0	0	12.0	12	5	5	0	1	6	1	12	2	1
2007	Pawtucket	2	3	4.06	49	1	0	0	1	68.2	70	38	31	6	2	25	0	73	8	0
2008	CLEVELAND	0	0	3.24	7	0	0	0	0	8.1	10	3	3	1	0	5	0	7	0	0
	MINNESOTA	0	2	1.63	42	0	0	0	1	38.2	24	9	7	0	0	14	2	32	4	1
2009	MINNESOTA	1	2	6.28	17	0	0	0	0	14.1	11	11	10	3	1	11	0	11	3	0
	OAKLAND	7	5	2.60	60	0	0	0	0	55.1	37	20	16	5	2	18	0	44	0	1
AL Totals		8	11	2.87	139	0	0	0	1	128.2	94	48	41	9	4	54	3	106	9	3
NL Totals		0	0	2.20	14	0	0	0	0	16.1	15	6	4	1	1	13	0	14	1	0
ML Totals		8	11	2.79	153	0	0	0	1	145.0	109	54	45	10	5	67	3	120	10	3

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2002 — Selected by the Milwaukee Brewers organization in the 26th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2004** — Released, July 6; signed by New Jersey of the independent Northeast League. **2005** — Signed by the San Diego Padres to a minor league contract, March 6. Elected free agency, December 21 (contract non-tender). **2006** — Signed by the Boston Red Sox to a minor league contract, January 4. **2008** — Claimed off waivers by the Cleveland Indians, March 23. Claimed off waivers by the Minnesota Twins, May 29. **2009** — Claimed off waivers by the Oakland Athletics, May 20.

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Thinking Man's Game

Courtesy of New England Baseball Journal 3/4/2010
 Story by Douglas Flynn

The Wall Street Journal once labeled him “the smartest man in baseball, if not the entire world,” and the presence of a degree in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University would appear to support the claim.

Craig Breslow chuckles at the moniker that has stuck with him through eight seasons of professional baseball. But the Trumbull, Conn., native certainly was smart enough to realize his future on the diamond was in serious question when the Milwaukee Brewers, who had picked him in the 26th round of the 2002 draft, unceremoniously released him two years later during the 2004 season.

“When you’re released as a 23-year-old after being a 26th-round draft pick, you’d have to be pretty foolish if you didn’t have some serious doubts [about making it],” Breslow said. “I was really close to giving up on baseball. I felt like toiling in the minors for years when I had this great educational background wouldn’t have made much sense.”

For once, Breslow went with his heart instead of his brain. Rather than returning to school to pursue the medical degree that always has been his goal, Breslow gave baseball one more shot. He hooked on with the New Jersey Jackals in the independent Northeast League for the rest of 2004, then was signed by San Diego out of a tryout camp the following year.

His major league debut came with the Padres on July 23, 2005, and while there’s been some more bumps along the way as he was non-tendered by San Diego and waived by three other teams, he enters the 2010 season having established himself as one of the top left-handed relievers in the majors.

“Going into this year, hopefully I have established a role for myself now,” Breslow, now 29, said. “I’ll never be complacent, but I think I’ve proven myself a bit now.”

Breslow had some success in his various stops. He had a 3.75 ERA and 12 strikeouts in 12 innings with the Red Sox in 2006 and a 1.91 ERA in 47 innings split between Cleveland and Minnesota in 2008. But it wasn’t until he was claimed off waivers by Oakland on May 20, 2009, that everything really came together for him.

Breslow finished the year second in the American League in appearances with 77, including 60 with the A’s. He went 7-5 in Oakland with a 2.60 ERA and 44 K’s against just 18 walks in 55¹/₈ innings. Long considered a lefty specialist, Breslow finally was given a chance to get hitters from both sides of the plate out, and actually had more success against righties (.191 opponents’ average) than lefties (.204) last year.

“I like to think I can do more than just get lefties out,” Breslow said. “I think if you look at my splits I’ve had pretty similar numbers against righties as I have against lefties.”

The A’s certainly are glad Breslow put off med school and stuck with baseball. So are a lot of people away from the diamond.

As much as he has contributed on the field, Breslow has proven even more valuable off it with his tireless charity work for pediatric cancer research and treatment. Breslow has a very personal reason for such efforts, as his older sister Lesley was diagnosed with pediatric thyroid cancer when she was 13 and Breslow was 11. Lesley Breslow has been in remission for over 15 years, but that harrowing experience was enough to make Breslow want to do everything in his power to prevent any other families from going through the same ordeal.

“That had a dramatic impact on my life,” Breslow said. “A couple of years ago, I was playing for the

Craig Breslow, continued

Red Sox at the time, and I felt it was as good a time as ever to do something.”

For many players, “doing something” would mean donating some money and maybe making a few appearances to raise more funds. That wasn’t enough for Breslow, who instead chose to launch his own organization, The Strike 3 Foundation (www.strike3foundation.org).

“The control freak I am, I knew I had to do my own thing and not just be a spokesman for an existing charity and show up at a few events,” Breslow said. “I like the autonomy of being able to allocate the revenue where I see fit. ... I think there’s some value in being more than just some athlete or celebrity lending their name to some cause.”

Breslow’s work, which includes an annual gala each November (this past year’s featured Nomar Garciaparra as a speaker and a performance by reggae star Shaggy, while NHL star and fellow Trumbull native Chris Drury of the New York Rangers has helped out at other events), already has raised \$215,000 and distributed more than \$160,000 in its first 2½ years despite the rough economic times.

“If you told me two years ago that the economy was going to be in its biggest downturn in 80 years, I probably would have said this isn’t a good time to be asking for charity dollars,” said Breslow, who spent nights during a past spring training filling out paperwork to register the foundation as a charity with the IRS.

While many charities raise money for support services for cancer patients and their families, Breslow’s focus strictly is on research and treatment.

“I figure if you eliminate the disease, you eliminate the need for counseling for family members and all of those type of support services,” Breslow explained. “If you have no cancer, then you don’t have to find a way to ever tell a kid that he has cancer. That’s my goal.”

Breslow may have an even more direct impact on cancer treatment in the future, as he hasn’t ruled out going back to med school after baseball. He just hopes that won’t be a decision he has to make for quite some time.

“It’s definitely something I think about,” Breslow said. “I’m enjoying what I’m doing now. I’d love to be doing this for another 12 years, so I don’t know where that would leave me, but I definitely think about it.”

In the meantime, he’ll have to satisfy his intellectual itch in other ways — such as settling bets for old teammates. One such occasion came in 2007, when he was called upon to solve a pressing issue in the Red Sox clubhouse. Somehow, Josh Beckett and Doug Mirabelli got caught up in a debate over how many times a ball thrown at 95 mph would make a full revolution between the mound and the plate. Naturally, the only person they knew who could solve the problem was Breslow.

“I was in Pawtucket and Josh left me an urgent message that I had to help him out,” Breslow recalled. “I think it ended up being about 12.4 [rotations]. I’m not sure who won the bet, but I did my part.”

Maybe solving that dilemma is why Breslow received a World Series ring in 2007 despite not facing a single batter with the big club. He was called up on Sept. 1 but sent back to Pawtucket the next day without having pitched in Boston.

He’s done a lot more in Oakland, but his reputation as an Ivy League science wiz still precedes him.

“Breslow knows everything,” A’s starter Dallas Braden told MLB.com last year. “I seriously want to be Craig Breslow when I grow up. He knows things most baseball players wouldn’t even try to think about. ... I’m not saying we’re all a bunch of rockheads, but if we were, he’d know how to build some kind of laser to break up the rocks and turn them into something way cooler.”

Thus, Breslow’s claim as baseball’s smartest man lives on, much to his amusement.

“I take my share of ribbing for it, players give me a hard time,” Breslow said. “But when I think about the nicknames that are out there, being called the world’s smartest man, I’ll gladly take that.

“I’m regarded as an expert no matter what the subject is,” Breslow added. “Even if I don’t know anything about it, whatever I say is treated like gospel, which is pretty amusing to me.”

OUTFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-2 / 230 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Right

Birthdate: November 18, 1983 **Opening Day Age:** 26

Birthplace/Resides: Richland, Washington / Chandler, Arizona

Major League Service: 1 year, 170 days

Obtained: Selected as a compensation pick following the first round of the 2005 First-Year Player Draft

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was on the A's Opening Day roster for the fourth consecutive season and was the A's Opening Day starter in left field after starting the 2007 and 2008 openers in right...became the A's 11th different Opening Day starter in the last 11 years.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has made the A's Opening Day roster in each of the previous three seasons, but four stints on the disabled list and options to Sacramento in each of the previous two years have limited him to just 156 games in three seasons at the Major League level through 2009...was drafted by the A's as a compensation pick for the loss of free agent Damian Miller in 2005 and, after just two seasons in the minors, he was on the A's Opening Day roster in 2007...had appeared in just 125 games in his first two seasons in the minors, including just 50 at Midland before making the jump from Double-A to the Majors...hit .300 or better at all four of his minor league stops before joining the A's and is a .312 (287 for 920) career hitter with a .389 on-base percentage and .475 slugging percentage in 238 career games in the minors entering the 2010 season...played for the United States team in the 2006 All-Star Futures game.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was on the A's Opening Day roster for the third consecutive season but hit .219 with three home runs and 10 RBI in just 36 games over three stints...did not commit an error in 32 games in the outfield and has not committed an error in 149 career games, which is the third longest errorless streak by an outfielder in Oakland history...made 26 of his 27 starts against right-handed pitching...batted .272 with five home runs and 29 RBI in 62 games with the River Cats.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD																					
Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E	
2005	Vancouver	.361	9	36	7	13	1	0	2	9	0	0	0	5	8	1	1	.556	.439	2	
	Kane County	.341	32	123	17	42	13	0	1	22	1	1	0	19	19	3	1	.472	.427	1	
2006	Stockton	.349	34	126	24	44	17	3	3	26	0	5	0	14	18	2	1	.603	.400	1	
	Midland	.302	50	212	32	64	22	1	4	22	1	0	3	22	39	9	1	.472	.376	0	
2007	OAKLAND	.288	82	285	41	82	22	5	7	34	2	4	4	39	66	4	1	.474	.377	0	
	Sacramento	.143	2	7	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	.429	.333	0	
2008	OAKLAND	.226	38	155	16	35	9	1	7	25	0	2	4	11	38	1	0	.432	.291	0	
	Sacramento	.296	45	169	28	50	8	2	2	17	0	0	3	25	34	4	1	.402	.396	1	
	Arizona A's	.667	4	15	4	10	2	0	1	6	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1.000	.688	1	
2009	OAKLAND	.219	36	105	11	23	3	0	3	10	0	0	0	10	20	1	1	.333	.287	0	
	Sacramento	.272	62	232	37	63	13	3	5	29	2	4	5	23	44	3	1	.418	.345	0	
ML Totals		.257	156	545	68	140	34	6	17	69	2	6	8	60	124	6	2	.435	.336	0	

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2002 — Selected by the Seattle Mariners organization in the 23rd round of the First-Year Player Draft; did not sign. **2005** — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization as a compensation pick following the 1st round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2007** — On disabled list, June 28 to July 13; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, July 12 to 13. On disabled list, August 18 to end of season. **2008** — On disabled list, April 19 to May 9; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, May 3 to 9. **2009** — On disabled list, May 30 to June 13; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, June 8 to 13.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-4 / 226 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: March 1, 1988 **Opening Day Age:** 22
Birthplace/Resides: Oceanside, California / Oceanside, California
Major League Service: 1 year

Obtained: Selected in the 2nd round of the 2006 First-Year Player Draft
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Began the season on the disabled list with a left scapula stress reaction...was 1-1 with a 5.95 ERA in six games, four starts, during the spring...made his final appearance April 3 and was placed on the 15-day disabled list effective the next day.
- Made one rehab start for Triple-A Sacramento April 19 against Reno (3.2 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 3 bb, 4 so) and was reinstated from the DL and optioned to Sacramento the next day.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was drafted by the A's in the second round of the 2006 draft and made his Major League debut in 2009 at the age of 21...led ML rookies with 32 games started...was named the A's Organizational Pitcher of the Year in 2007 and 2008...ranked second in the A's farm system in ERA (2.73) and tied for second in wins (11) in 2007 and had the lowest ERA in 2008 (2.61) while ranking second in strikeouts (136) and tied for second in wins (11)...also pitched in the All-Star Futures Game and the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China in 2008...was ranked number 11 on *Baseball America's* Top 100 Prospects lists entering the 2009 season.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was one of two 21-year olds to spend the season in the A's starting rotation and led the Oakland pitching staff in starts (32), innings pitched (178.2) and losses (13)...was 10-13 with a 4.63 ERA...led Major League rookies in games started...ranked second among American League Rookies in innings pitched, tied for seventh in wins and ninth in strikeouts (90)...set an Oakland rookie record by allowing 27 home runs, breaking the previous mark of 24 by John Wasdin in 1996...is one of four 21-year olds in Oakland history to win 10 or more games...was a streaky pitcher in 2009 as he went 2-3 with a 5.01 ERA and .289 opponents batting average over his first eight starts through May 17, 3-2 with a 2.44 ERA and .218 average over next seven starts through June 22, 1-7 with a 7.55 ERA and .328 average over a nine-start stretch from June 27 to Aug. 11 and 4-1 with a 3.38 ERA and .234 average over his final eight starts.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD																				
Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2006	AZL A's	0	0	3.00	4	4	0	0	0	9.0	2	4	3	0	0	7	0	11	3	0
2007	Kane County	11	4	2.73	20	19	0	0	0	105.1	85	38	32	3	9	40	1	117	8	0
2008	Stockton	5	4	2.78	14	13	0	0	0	87.1	52	29	27	3	8	31	0	103	9	0
	Midland	6	1	2.19	7	6	0	0	0	37.0	24	15	9	2	3	19	0	33	3	0
2009	OAKLAND	10	13	4.63	32	32	0	0	0	178.2	185	99	92	27	4	72	1	90	5	0
ML Totals		10	13	4.63	32	32	0	0	0	178.2	185	99	92	27	4	72	1	90	5	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2006 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 2nd round of the First-Year Player Draft.

OUTFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-2 / 200 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: July 1, 1981 **Opening Day Age:** 28
Birthplace/Resides: Newport Beach, California / Tampa, Florida
Major League Service: 17 days
Obtained: Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, November 25, 2008
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was selected from Triple-A Sacramento April 22 and went 0 for 3 with a strikeout in a start in left field that day against New York...that was his only game before he was optioned back to Sacramento April 30.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2009 after eight seasons in the minor leagues...was originally a fifth round draft pick of the Yankees in 2002 and spent seven seasons in New York's farm system before signing a minor league contract with the A's organization Nov. 25, 2008...had a .257 (793 for 3089) batting average, 102 home runs, 429 RBI and 80 stolen bases in 838 games in the minors when he was promoted to Oakland following the conclusion of the 2009 minor league season...spent his first three professional seasons at Single-A, made his Double-A debut in 2005 and saw his first Triple-A action in 2008.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Spent the entire regular season with Triple-A Sacramento before making his Major League debut with Oakland in September...hit .286 with a home run and five RBI in 10 games with the A's...batted .264 with 25 home runs and 77 RBI in 118 games with the River Cats...had career-highs in home runs, RBI, walks (38), extra base hits (57) and slugging percentage (.514)...finished third in the A's farm system in home runs...led the River Cats in home runs, RBI, extra base hits, slugging, strikeouts (94) and games played and was named Sacramento's offensive and defensive player of the year...batted .239 with 12 home runs and 42 RBI in 74 games before the All-Star Break and then hit .304 with 13 home runs and 35 RBI in 44 games after the break.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD																					
Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E	
2002	Staten Island	.203	48	177	19	36	8	4	1	11	0	1	4	11	48	4	1	.311	.264	1	
2003	Battle Creek	.259	119	432	61	112	20	1	11	52	0	7	6	37	100	1	1	.387	.322	4	
2004	Tampa	.171	37	129	16	22	7	0	3	17	1	0	1	6	33	2	1	.295	.213	0	
	Battle Creek	.304	95	381	59	116	23	2	12	58	0	2	9	22	78	21	7	.470	.355	8	
2005	Tampa	.252	84	321	43	81	14	3	8	39	0	4	8	31	68	10	2	.389	.330	2	
	Trenton	.192	28	99	10	19	5	0	1	5	2	0	2	0	25	2	3	.273	.208	0	
2006	Tampa	.243	40	136	15	33	4	1	8	21	3	3	2	21	31	5	3	.463	.346	0	
	Trenton	.256	29	86	10	22	8	1	2	9	5	0	2	4	25	0	0	.442	.304	0	
2007	Trenton	.248	129	471	72	117	24	3	16	76	2	6	9	33	109	9	0	.414	.306	3	
2008	Trenton	.277	27	112	17	31	7	4	5	26	1	0	0	9	20	1	1	.545	.331	1	
	Scranton/W-B	.289	84	305	53	88	10	6	10	38	2	3	8	21	63	10	3	.459	.347	0	
2009	Sacramento	.264	118	440	68	116	29	3	25	77	4	5	6	38	94	15	4	.514	.327	0	
	OAKLAND	.286	10	21	1	6	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	.429	.273	0	
ML Totals		.286	10	21	1	6	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	.429	.273	0	

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2002 — Selected by the New York Yankees organization in the 5th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Elected free agency, November 3; signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, November 25.

THIRD BASE**Height/Weight:** 6-1 / 211**Bats/Throws:** Left / Right**Birthdate:** December 7, 1977**Opening Day Age:** 32**Birthplace/Resides:** Los Angeles, California / Paradise Valley, Arizona**Major League Service:** 11 years, 20 days**Obtained:** Selected in the 1st round (10th selection overall) of the June, 1996 draft**Contract Status:** Sixth year of a six-year contract extension through 2010 with a club option for 2011.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Was on the A's Opening Day roster for the 11th time in the last 12 years...made his 11th Opening Day start April 5 against Seattle, which ties Jimmy Dykes for second most in Athletics franchise history...Rickey Henderson has the most with 12...the start came at designated hitter after making an Oakland record 10 starts at third base...is the A's sixth different Opening Day designated hitter in the last six years.
- The 2010 season marks his 13th in an A's uniform...that is second most in Oakland history to Rickey Henderson (14).
- Replaced Daric Barton at first base in the fifth inning April 18 against Baltimore, his second career appearance at first base (August 21, 2001 vs. Cleveland).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Completed his 12th season as an Athletic in 2009, which is tied with Mark McGwire for second most seasons in an Oakland uniform...only Rickey Henderson, with 14 years, has more...ranks among the top 10 in nearly every category on the Oakland career lists...enters the 2010 season ranked second in doubles (274) and extra base hits (523), fourth in home runs (229), RBI (777), total bases (2251) and at bats (4672), fifth in hits (1250) and strikeouts (891), sixth in games played (1287) and runs (720) and seventh in walks (557) and slugging percentage (.482)...is sixth in Athletics history in home runs and strikeouts, seventh in RBI and extra base hits, ninth in total bases and doubles and 10th in slugging...has 115 career home runs in Oakland, which is tied for fourth on the all-time Coliseum list...has 223 career home runs as a third baseman, which is an Athletics franchise record...has 1233 career games at third base, which is second most in A's history to Sal Bando who played 1395 games at third in an Oakland uniform and 1446 total as an Athletic...won six consecutive American League Gold Glove awards at third base from 2001-06...only Brooks Robinson, with 16, has more AL Gold Gloves at third base...has started all 27 games at third base for the A's in their five postseason series since 2000...set an Oakland record for fielding percentage by a third baseman with a .987 mark in 2006...led AL third basemen in fielding in 2001 and 2006...led the AL with 95 walks in 2004...was named to *The Sporting News* American League All-Star team as the third baseman and also received the AL Silver Slugger award for third basemen in 2002 when he had a career high 34 home runs to go along with 109 RBI...was named AL Player of the Month in September of 2001...had the first cycle in Coliseum history June 21, 2000 against Baltimore...was named Minor League Player of the Year by Baseball America and also received the J.G. Taylor Spink Award as the Topps/NAPBL Minor League Player of the Year in 1998.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Had season-ending surgery for the third consecutive season, appearing in just eight games before having microdiscectomy surgery on his back June 23...it was his fifth surgery since Sept. 5, 2007, the second on his back (Oct. 9, 2007)...has also had three shoulder surgeries (Aug. 13, 2008; Nov. 16, 2007; Sept. 5, 2007)...appeared in just 23 games in 2008 and 90 in 2007 for a total of 121 games over the last three years...has a .233 batting average, 17 home runs and 61 RBI over that span...went 3 for 30 (.100) with one RBI in eight games in 2009.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
1997	Visalia	.271	134	520	67	141	30	3	18	100	3	2	2	37	91	13	7	.444	.321	32
1998	Huntsville	.328	88	335	66	110	27	1	22	86	3	3	1	42	61	12	4	.612	.402	14
	Edmonton	.325	47	194	38	63	18	0	11	40	0	2	1	12	32	2	3	.588	.364	7
	OAKLAND	.311	16	45	6	14	4	1	0	6	0	0	0	3	5	1	1	.444	.354	0
1999	OAKLAND	.247	115	356	47	88	21	2	13	50	0	0	0	46	56	1	1	.427	.333	9
2000	OAKLAND	.277	153	501	89	139	23	4	26	86	0	5	1	62	94	2	2	.495	.355	18
2001	OAKLAND	.288	151	552	91	159	43	0	32	114	0	7	4	41	99	8	2	.540	.338	12
2002	OAKLAND	.275	153	585	87	161	31	3	34	109	0	2	1	65	119	8	3	.513	.348	17
2003	OAKLAND	.282	156	588	94	166	39	5	29	101	0	3	1	62	89	8	3	.514	.350	14
2004	OAKLAND	.276	125	475	87	131	20	0	29	77	0	4	3	95	99	6	3	.501	.397	13
	Sacramento	.308	3	13	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	.385	.357	0
2005	OAKLAND	.269	160	625	92	168	40	1	27	101	0	9	2	58	129	6	0	.466	.329	15
2006	OAKLAND	.241	137	485	74	117	24	2	22	72	0	6	1	84	100	3	0	.435	.351	5
2007	OAKLAND	.240	90	341	43	82	21	2	15	46	0	4	0	34	76	4	2	.446	.306	6
2008	Sacramento	.367	9	30	7	11	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	.667	.424	0
	OAKLAND	.247	23	89	10	22	7	0	2	14	0	0	0	6	18	0	0	.393	.295	1
2009	OAKLAND	.100	8	30	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	.133	.129	0
ML Totals		.268	1287	4672	720	1250	274	20	229	777	0	40	13	557	891	47	17	.482	.345	110

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1996 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 1st round (10th selection overall) of the free agent draft, June 2. **1999** — On disabled list, August 21 to September 19; included rehabilitation assignment to Vancouver, September 14 to 19. **2004** — On disabled list, June 2 to July 9; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, July 5 to 9. **2007** — On disabled list, July 27 to end of season. **2008** — On disabled list, March 19 to May 28; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, May 15 to 28. On disabled list, July 2 to November 13. **2009** — On disabled list, April 25 to November 5.

2010 CLIPS**Chavez doesn't just swing bats, he makes them**

Susan Slusser, Chronicle Staff Writer. 3/14/2010

Phoenix --- Eric Chavez always takes a keen interest in bats. The A's infielder likes to design his own, choosing the wood, the handle, providing all the specifics. He enjoys watching the manufacturing process, too.

"I love it," he said. "It's the coolest thing."

Now, Chavez can head to his own bat company to see his bats produced. He is a primary investor in a venture called Diego Bats, after Chavez's oldest son, and it's the real deal: The company is churning out major-league certified bats used by Oakland's Mark Ellis and Kurt Suzuki, among others.

"It's good, because it's Eric's company, so I can always tell him what's going on - and I know since he's here, it's always going to be the best stuff," Suzuki said. "He sent me some this offseason, I tried them and I like them - the quality I'm looking for is there."

Chavez is working with a friend, Andy Goulder, who is managing the enterprise. Goulder is also involved with Diablo Bats, which is not major-league certified but produces lumber used in wood-bat leagues and by many junior college programs.

Jermaine Dye and Eric Munson - friends and former teammates of Chavez's - are also investors. They helped Diego Bats gain certification, an expensive process that includes \$10,000 in fees and \$10 million worth of liability insurance.

"It's not something I'm doing to make money," said Chavez, who is in the final year of a six-year, \$66 million contract. "It's not a real moneymaker. But it's fun to have my son's name on a bat, and we'll

Eric Chavez, continued

see how it goes.”

Chavez has found that his new sidelight comes with challenges, some of them less than appealing. Just three days after the decision to call the company Diego Bats, someone purchased the domain name diegobats.com and has tried to get Chavez to pony up for the site.

Chavez, whose company can be found at diegobats.us, said he had no interest in buying the name, and the domain owner constructed what appears to be (but is not) a “Diego Bats” company site. The site features some scantily clad women and some comments that are in questionable taste.

“It’s pretty bad,” Chavez said. “But my lawyers have looked at it and said there’s nothing we can do about it.”

“I wish I knew who it was,” Goulder said. “It’s just not fair to Eric.”

Otherwise, the project is a blast, and the company is looking to expand its client base; it might have one in Arizona pitcher Dan Haren, another former A’s player, who said Friday in Tucson that he’s planning to order some bats from Chavez.

Ellis is providing some good free advertising. He’s 6-for-13 this spring, and he’s pounding out those hits with Diego Bats.

“That’s what I’m swinging,” he said with a grin. “They’re doing a good job.”

Chavez would take a close interest in bat trends, anyway, but now that it’s his business, he’s paying even more attention. When there were renewed calls to look at banning or restricting the use of maple bats in the major leagues again this week, Chavez decided he’d move back toward using ash bats - and he suggested that Diego Bats follow suit. (They presently craft yellow birch, maple and ash bats.)

“I told Andy to make sure there is a good amount of ash, because I don’t know what baseball is going to do,” Chavez said. “Maple bats are breaking like crazy.”

Chavez gets a kick out of designing his own bats “to a T,” he said, but the personal connection is what’s most important to him. His bat model is DDC - Diego, Dolce, Cruz, the names of his three children.

What does Diego, 4, think of having his name affixed to a bat company?

“He doesn’t really know,” Chavez said with a laugh. “He’s so spoiled, he doesn’t know the difference. But maybe one day he can look back and say, ‘That’s pretty cool.’”

OUTFIELDER**Height/Weight:** 5-10 / 185**Bats/Throws:** Switch / Left**Birthdate:** November 1, 1979**Opening Day Age:** 30**Birthplace/Resides:** Los Angeles, California / Desert Hot Springs, California**Major League Service:** 6 years, 158 days**Obtained:** Signed as a free agent, December 23, 2009**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010 with a club option for 2011.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 3 with a fractured left pinky, an injury suffered in the third inning April 2 at San Francisco in a caught stealing at second base...it is his fourth career stint on the disabled list.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has played for three different teams in his previous eight Major League seasons and is a .277 career hitter with Cleveland (2002-05), Boston (2006-08) and Kansas City (2009)...has 137 career stolen bases and has stolen no fewer than 13 bases in each of his last seven seasons...stole a career high 28 bases with Boston in 2007 to help the Red Sox to the World Championship and hit .281 (16 for 57) in 20 games over two postseasons with Boston (2007-08)...went 153 games and 429 total chances between errors from July 21, 2006 at Seattle to Aug. 7, 2007 at Los Angeles to established a Boston record for consecutive errorless chances by an outfielder...posted career highs in nearly every offensive category in 2005 with Cleveland, including batting (.300), doubles (42) and home runs (16)...earned St. Louis Cardinals Minor League Player of the Year honors and was a Carolina League All-Star with Single-A Potomac in 2001.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Batted .228 with 29 walks and 13 stolen bases in 49 games in his first season with Kansas City in a season that ended in mid-June due to injuries...was tied for the Major League lead with five triples and tied for seventh in the American League in stolen bases when he was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 14...made all 49 of his starts with the Royals in center field...hit leadoff 47 times...had surgery to repair a torn labrum in his right shoulder June 24...was transferred to the 60-day DL July 2 and had surgery on his left shoulder later that month...missed the remainder of the season.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
1999	Johnson City	.258	65	229	55	59	5	4	3	22	8	2	2	44	41	27	5	.354	.379	24
2000	New Jersey	.239	36	134	18	32	5	0	0	14	5	0	1	11	22	25	3	.276	.301	2
	Peoria	.276	27	98	14	27	9	0	0	7	4	0	0	16	15	7	3	.367	.377	0
2001	Potomac	.306	139	530	80	162	23	3	11	47	7	1	1	52	64	39	21	.423	.368	6
2002	New Haven	.301	89	355	61	107	16	1	9	47	5	1	0	36	56	26	10	.428	.365	3
	Akron	.406	7	32	9	13	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	3	3	4	0	.531	.457	0
	CLEVELAND	.260	32	127	16	33	9	2	1	9	3	2	0	11	19	4	1	.386	.314	1
	Buffalo	.238	4	21	3	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	.286	.238	0
2003	Buffalo	.360	56	225	42	81	19	6	1	24	9	2	5	26	24	20	8	.511	.434	3
	CLEVELAND	.266	99	414	55	110	15	6	3	27	7	3	0	23	51	15	9	.353	.302	1
2004	CLEVELAND	.297	139	491	78	146	24	2	15	71	9	2	0	36	69	20	13	.446	.344	4
2005	CLEVELAND	.300	145	594	86	178	42	4	16	69	13	5	0	44	81	15	6	.465	.345	5
2006	BOSTON	.264	105	413	58	109	22	2	8	36	7	0	1	31	67	22	4	.385	.317	1
	Pawtucket	.333	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.333	.500	0
2007	BOSTON	.268	145	526	85	141	28	7	6	60	9	5	1	50	84	28	6	.382	.330	1
2008	BOSTON	.283	118	361	55	102	18	3	7	41	8	4	1	35	59	20	7	.407	.344	2
2009	KANSAS CITY	.228	49	180	30	41	8	5	3	14	4	1	1	29	23	13	2	.378	.336	3
ML Totals		.277	832	3106	463	860	166	31	59	327	60	22	4	259	453	137	48	.407	.331	18

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1999 — Selected by the St. Louis Cardinals organization in the 7th round of the free agent draft. **2002** — Traded to the Cleveland Indians as the player to be named later in the July 19 trade in which Cleveland traded pitcher Chuck Finley for outfielder Luis Garcia, August 5. **2005** — On disabled list, May 18 to June 1. **2006** — Traded to the Boston Red Sox with pitcher David Riske and catcher Josh Bard for pitcher Guillermo Mota, infielder Andy Marte, catcher Kelly Shoppach, cash considerations and a player to be named later, January 27. On disabled list, April 9 to May 27; included rehabilitation assignment to Pawtucket, May 27. **2008** — On suspended list, June 28 to July 2. Traded to the Kansas City Royals for pitcher Ramon Ramirez, November 19. **2009** — On disabled list, June 13 to end of season. Elected free agency, November 9; signed by the Oakland Athletics, December 23.

OUTFIELDER

Height/Weight: 5-10 / 200 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: October 19, 1980 **Opening Day Age:** 29
Birthplace/Resides: Norwich, Connecticut / Waterford, Connecticut
Major League Service: 2 years, 167 days
Obtained: Claimed off waivers from San Francisco, April 23, 2008
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Had four multiple hit games over the A's first five games...the only other player in Oakland history with four multiple hit games in the team's first five games was Mark Kotsay in 2005.
- Had his first two-steal game of the season April 11 at Los Angeles, the 11th of his career.
- Stole the 100th base of his career, April 17 against Baltimore.
- Finished April with 10 stolen bases, which were the most by an Athletic in the first month of the season since Rickey Henderson had 11 in 1990.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has spent four seasons in the majors with three different teams...for the first time in his career, he saw extended action in a starting role with the A's in 2009...responded with a .305 batting average and a career high 41 stolen bases in 125 games...surpassed the 40-steal mark four times during his minor league career...enters the 2010 season with 93 stolen bases in 333 career games after stealing 251 bases over parts of seven seasons in the minors...was claimed off waivers by the A's early in 2008 and combined to steal 29 bases with the A's and Giants...was originally a 38th round draft pick by Pittsburgh in 2001 and made his Major League debut with the Pirates in 2006...began the 2007 season with Pittsburgh before being dealt to San Francisco at the trading deadline in 2007...was originally signed as a second baseman...began his career as a switch hitter, but became a full-time right-handed hitter prior to the 2004 season.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Began the season as the A's fourth outfielder but played himself into a starting role in center field and ended up hitting .305 in 125 games...started 11 of the A's 48 games through May 31 and hit .146 with no extra base hits and no RBI in 25 games over that span...then started 86 of the final 114 games and batted .324 with 27 doubles, five triples, three home runs and 48 RBI in 100 games over that stretch...had the fourth best batting average in the American League from June 1 through the end of the season...overall, he ranked fifth in the AL with a career-high 41 stolen bases...became the ninth player (24th time) in Oakland history steal 40 bases in a season...hit .325 after the All-Star Break and tied for the Major League lead with 30 stolen bases...had a .338 batting average when leading off an inning, .324 with runners in scoring position, .316 against left-handed pitching, .316 at home and .306 at night.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2001	Williamsport	.083	6	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	.083	.214	0
	GCL Pirates	.262	26	84	19	22	1	0	0	4	3	1	1	13	26	11	3	.274	.364	1
2002	GCL Pirates	.384	48	224	38	86	16	5	4	35	0	3	3	20	25	24	6	.554	.436	3
	Williamsport	.000	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	0
	Hickory	.429	6	14	4	6	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	6	2	2	2	.429	.619	0
2003	Hickory	.305	125	478	84	146	21	7	6	54	8	2	6	55	65	40	13	.416	.383	7
2004	Lynchburg	.314	127	509	91	160	27	7	5	38	4	0	2	59	60	57	15	.424	.388	9
2005	Altoona	.281	123	499	82	140	22	5	4	34	6	1	12	43	76	45	9	.369	.351	10
2006	Indianapolis	.283	100	385	53	109	17	1	2	21	2	0	3	27	59	45	13	.348	.335	2
	PITTSBURGH	.143	20	14	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	3	.214	.250	0
2007	Indianapolis	.318	53	211	31	67	12	4	4	30	2	2	3	21	25	27	9	.469	.384	3
	PITTSBURGH	.271	24	48	6	13	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	7	3	5	2	.354	.357	0
	SAN FRANCISCO	.282	51	142	26	40	9	1	1	7	2	0	4	14	25	17	4	.380	.363	0
2008	SAN FRANCISCO	.056	12	18	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	4	0	.056	.105	0	
	OAKLAND	.260	101	196	28	51	5	4	3	19	2	1	1	7	34	25	6	.372	.288	1
2009	OAKLAND	.305	125	390	65	119	27	5	3	48	2	4	7	29	70	41	12	.423	.360	4
AL Totals		.290	226	586	93	170	32	9	6	67	4	5	8	36	104	66	18	.406	.337	5
NL Totals		.252	107	222	35	56	12	2	1	9	4	1	4	24	37	27	9	.338	.335	0
ML Totals		.280	333	808	128	226	44	11	7	76	8	6	12	60	141	93	27	.387	.336	5

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization in the 38th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2007** — Traded with a player to be named later (pitcher Stephen Macfarland Aug. 27) to the San Francisco Giants in exchange for pitcher Matt Morris, July 31. **2008** — Claimed off waivers by Oakland, April 23.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-0 / 235 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: September 19, 1983 **Opening Day Age:** 26
Birthplace/Resides: Junction City, Kansas / Roswell, Georgia
Major League Service: 2 years, 171 days
Obtained: Acquired from the Atlanta Braves with Jamie Richmond for Mark Kotsay and cash considerations, January 14, 2008
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 3 retroactive to March 26 as he continued his recovery from April 2009 “Tommy John” surgery on his right elbow...did not pitch in a game during the spring...was transferred to the 60-day DL April 30.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Missed the entire 2009 season after undergoing “Tommy John” surgery...was acquired by the A’s from Atlanta prior to the 2008 season in the Mark Kotsay trade and posted a 0.59 ERA in 42 appearances with Oakland...since the earned run became an official stat, his ERA was the lowest in Major League history among pitchers with 25 or more innings pitched...was Atlanta’s first round selection in the 2005 draft and spent parts of each of his three professional seasons in the majors with the Braves, compiling a 6.86 ERA in 25 appearances...made his Major League debut Aug. 20, 2005, less than three months after being drafted...also pitched in the NLDS that year against Houston...made 97 career minor league appearances, including four starts, and was 9-9 with 26 saves, a 2.86 ERA and a .202 opponents batting average...had 170 strikeouts in 116.1 innings, an average of 13.16 per nine innings.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Had “Tommy John” surgery on his right elbow and missed the entire season...made two Spring Training appearances on Feb. 26 and March 4 before he was sidelined with right elbow inflammation...returned to make one final spring outing March 27 but began the season on the 60-day disabled list...Dr. James Andrews performed reconstructive surgery on the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow April 21.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2005	Myrtle Beach	0	0	0.00	4	0	0	0	1	5.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	7	0	0
	Mississippi	1	1	2.70	18	0	0	0	5	20.0	19	13	6	2	5	12	0	28	1	0
	ATLANTA	0	1	12.60	5	0	0	0	0	5.0	6	7	7	2	0	5	1	3	0	0
	Richmond	0	0	18.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
2006	ATLANTA	0	0	9.95	10	0	0	0	0	6.1	8	7	7	1	1	9	1	10	4	1
	Richmond	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Myrtle Beach	1	3	5.89	13	2	0	0	0	18.1	13	12	12	1	1	11	0	28	4	0
	Mississippi	2	0	0.82	6	0	0	0	0	11.0	2	1	1	1	0	4	0	20	0	0
2007	Mississippi	2	4	2.06	33	0	0	0	16	35.0	26	9	8	1	4	13	0	51	4	0
	ATLANTA	1	0	1.08	10	0	0	0	0	8.1	7	1	1	0	0	8	2	7	1	0
	Richmond	3	0	1.64	17	0	0	0	4	22.0	15	5	4	1	0	6	0	27	0	0
2008	Sacramento	0	1	6.75	4	2	0	0	0	4.0	4	4	3	1	0	1	0	8	0	0
	OAKLAND	6	1	0.59	42	0	0	0	1	45.2	23	7	3	0	0	15	2	49	0	0
2009	OAKLAND	(Injured — did not pitch)																		
AL Totals		6	1	0.59	42	0	0	0	1	45.2	23	7	3	0	0	15	2	49	0	0
NL Totals		1	1	6.86	25	0	0	0	0	19.2	21	15	15	3	1	22	4	20	5	1
ML Totals		7	2	2.48	67	0	0	0	1	65.1	44	22	18	3	1	37	6	69	5	1

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Atlanta Braves in the 1st round (27th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with pitcher Jamie Richmond for outfielder Mark Kotsay and cash, January 14. On disabled list, May 26 to August 1; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, July 28 to August 1. **2009** — On disabled list, April 4 to November 4.

CATCHER

Height/Weight: 6-0 / 221 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right

Birthdate: December 8, 1985 **Opening Day Age:** 24

Birthplace/Resides: Pensacola, Florida / Daphene, Alabama

Major League Service: None

Obtained: Acquired from the Chicago Cubs with pitcher Sean Gallagher, infielder Eric Patterson and outfielder Matt Murton for pitchers Rich Harden and Chad Gaudin, July 8, 2008

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was selected from Triple-A Sacramento April 30 and made his Major League debut that night at Toronto, striking out as a pinch hitter in the eighth inning.
- Hit a two-run home run off Dana Eveland in the fourth inning May 1 at Toronto for his first Major League hit.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was acquired from the Chicago Cubs organization in the Rich Harden trade in July of 2008 and has a .288 (185 for 643) batting average with 50 doubles, three triples, 18 home runs and 130 RBI in 171 games in the A's organization through 2009...has a .280 (294 for 1051) career average in 287 games in his first three professional seasons...played for league champions at Midland in 2009, Stockton in 2008 and Phoenix in the Arizona Fall League in 2008...was originally drafted by the Cubs as a compensation pick following the first round of the 2007 draft.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Batted .270 with nine home runs and 91 RBI in 124 games for the Texas League Champion Midland RockHounds...added 80 walks for a .379 on-base percentage...ranked second in the Texas League in doubles (37), tied for third in walks and fifth in RBI...was second in the A's farm system in walks, third in doubles, tied for third in RBI, seventh in on-base percentage, eighth in extra base hits (47), ninth in total bases (189) and 10th in hits (123)...his average improved to .340 with runners in scoring position...tossed out 38 of 96 (39.6%) attempted base stealers, which was second best in the TL.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2007	AZL Cubs	.182	4	11	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	.364	.308	1
	Boise	.346	49	162	37	56	11	2	9	35	0	1	2	37	34	6	2	.605	.470	4
2008	Peoria	.217	63	235	27	51	13	0	6	23	0	0	2	17	41	7	1	.349	.276	8
	Stockton	.330	47	188	37	62	13	2	9	39	0	0	2	17	29	0	2	.564	.391	10
2009	Midland	.270	124	455	67	123	37	1	9	91	3	2	1	80	92	7	2	.415	.379	20

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2007 — Selected by the Chicago Cubs organization as a compensation pick following the 1st round (48th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with pitcher Sean Gallagher, infielder Eric Patterson and outfielder Matt Murton for pitchers Rich Harden and Chad Gaudin, July 8.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**Height/Weight:** 6-3 / 196**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** November 19, 1977**Opening Day Age:** 32**Birthplace/Resides:** Aberdeen, South Dakota / Chandler, Arizona**Major League Service:** 6 years, 51 days**Obtained:** Acquired from the Texas Rangers for Luis Vizcaino, March 18, 2002**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

After pitching exclusively out of the bullpen from 2004-07, the two-time American League All-Star (2005, 08) was converted to a starting pitcher in 2008 and went 10-8 with a 2.54 ERA in 22 starts...did not pitch with Oakland in 2009 as his rehab from elbow surgery was halted after being diagnosed with clinical depression...enters the 2010 season with a 2.82 ERA in 214 career appearances with Oakland, which is third lowest in Oakland history...has made 219 career appearances in seven Major League seasons, including six with the A's...missed the final month and a half of 2008 and the final four months of 2007 with hip problems that led to surgeries both times...saved nine games in 2006 during a stint as the closer while Huston Street was on the disabled list...was named Pacific Coast League Pitcher of the Year in 2003 after leading the league with 14 wins...made his A's debut on Sept. 9 of that year, the same day his first child was born...was originally drafted by Boston in the 8th round in 1996 and was traded to Texas in 2001 where he made his ML debut...was traded to the A's during the spring of 2002.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Missed the entire 2009 season...arrived at Spring Training recovering from 2008 hip surgery, but did not pitch in a Major League spring game because of elbow problems...Dr. Lewis Yocum performed arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow March 31 and he was placed on the 15-day disabled list to start the season...it was his fifth stint on the DL over the last four years...his comeback from the elbow surgery was delayed by back issues...began a rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton July 26 and did not yield a run in 11.0 innings in three rehab starts...on Aug. 21, it was announced that he would not pitch the rest of the season after being diagnosed with clinical depression.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	
1996	GCL Red Sox	0	2	3.13	13	8	0	0	1	54.2	52	26	19	0	3	14	0	45	4	6	
1997	GCL Red Sox	2	3	1.81	10	8	0	0	0	44.2	34	18	9	0	3	17	0	59	5	4	
	Michigan	1	1	5.63	4	4	0	0	0	24.0	26	17	15	1	3	10	0	19	0	0	
1998	Michigan	7	12	4.79	30	26	0	0	0	142.2	166	87	76	9	13	47	3	106	7	1	
1999	Augusta	4	0	0.22	6	6	0	0	0	41.0	21	1	1	0	0	8	0	39	1	0	
	Sarasota	7	7	4.49	20	18	0	0	0	112.1	101	62	56	14	12	30	0	105	5	0	
2000	Trenton	7	9	3.39	24	24	2	2	0	143.1	134	59	54	7	6	35	1	126	6	1	
2001	Trenton	6	3	2.44	12	12	1	1	0	73.2	49	25	20	6	5	14	1	69	0	0	
	Tulsa	4	0	2.08	6	6	1	0	0	43.1	39	14	10	3	2	10	0	55	0	0	
	TEXAS	1	1	12.27	5	2	0	0	0	14.2	24	20	20	5	4	4	0	11	1	0	
	Oklahoma	3	3	2.84	7	7	1	1	0	50.2	48	20	16	6	4	10	0	52	0	0	
2002	Sacramento	2	4	5.57	14	11	0	0	0	63.0	73	45	39	7	2	17	0	52	1	0	
2003	Sacramento	14	2	3.25	24	23	0	0	0	155.0	151	59	56	12	2	18	0	117	2	0	
	OAKLAND	1	1	3.31	4	3	0	0	0	16.1	17	7	6	1	2	3	0	15	0	0	
2004	OAKLAND	7	6	3.27	53	0	0	0	0	96.1	85	37	35	13	5	32	6	59	1	1	
2005	OAKLAND	7	4	2.21	65	0	0	0	5	85.2	67	25	21	7	2	19	3	85	2	0	
2006	OAKLAND	2	1	2.91	53	0	0	0	0	9	55.2	52	18	18	4	1	9	0	51	3	0
	Sacramento	0	0	0.00	2	1	0	0	0	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
2007	OAKLAND	3	3	4.96	17	0	0	0	0	16.1	18	9	9	3	0	8	3	13	0	0	
	Stockton	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
2008	OAKLAND	10	8	2.54	22	22	1	1	0	141.2	107	45	40	11	8	34	2	95	1	0	
	Sacramento	0	1	6.75	1	1	0	0	0	2.2	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
2009	Stockton	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	
	Sacramento	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	4.0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	
	Arizona A's	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	5.0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	
ML Totals		31	24	3.14	219	27	1	1	14	426.2	370	161	149	44	22	109	14	329	8	1	

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1996 — Selected by the Boston Red Sox organization in the 8th round of the free agent draft, June 4. **2001** — Traded to the Texas Rangers organization for catcher Doug Mirabelli, June 12. **2002** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics for Luis Vizcaino, March 18. **2006** — On disabled list, May 7 to June 23; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, June 19 to 23. **2007** — On disabled list, May 15 to end of season; included rehabilitation assignment to Stockton, May 28 to 29. **2008** — On disabled list, April 5 to 25; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, April 21 to 23. On disabled list, August 19 to October 3. **2009** — On disabled list, March 27 to November 3; included rehabilitation assignments to Stockton, July 26 to August 8, Sacramento, August 9 to 12, and Arizona A's, August 13 to 19.

SECOND BASEMAN

Height/Weight: 5-10 / 185 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: June 6, 1977 **Opening Day Age:** 32
Birthplace/Resides: Rapid City, South Dakota / Scottsdale, Arizona
Major League Service: 7 years, 136 days

Obtained: Acquired from Kansas City with Johnny Damon and cash as part of a three-team, seven-player deal, January 8, 2001. The A's traded Ben Grieve and cash to Tampa Bay and A.J. Hinch, Angel Berroa and cash to Kansas City. Tampa Bay traded Roberto Hernandez to Kansas City and Cory Lidle to Oakland.

Contract Status: Second year of a two-year contract through 2010 with a club option for 2011.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Made his sixth consecutive Opening Day start at second base April 5 against Seattle, his seventh in the last eight years...the seven starts are an Oakland record for a second baseman, topping the previous best of six by Dick Green...in Athletic history, only Dick Green (10) and Max Bishop (9) have more.
- Singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning April 6 against Seattle, his sixth career walk-off hit (three singles, three home runs).
- Made his first career start at designated hitter, April 11 at Los Angeles.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Completed his seventh season with the A's in 2009 and holds the Oakland record for games played (846) as a second baseman...is the Athletics franchise leader for home runs as a second baseman (78)...has led Major League second basemen in fielding twice in the last four years and has a .989 career fielding percentage, which is third best in ML history among second basemen with 750 or more games...has yet to win a Gold Glove...has 21 career triples, which is tied for ninth in Oakland history...hit the fifth walk-off grand slam in Oakland history June 8, 2008 against Los Angeles...set an Athletics franchise record for second basemen with a 102-game errorless streak from May 14 to Sept. 10, 2007...set what was then a Major League record for fielding percentage by a second baseman in 2006 with a mark of .997...hit a career high .316 in 2005 after missing the entire 2004 season with a torn labrum in his right shoulder...was named to the Topps Major League Rookie All-Star Team as the second baseman in 2002...was acquired by the A's from Kansas City prior to the 2001 season in the trade that also netted the A's Johnny Damon and Cory Lidle.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Batted .263 with 10 home runs and 61 RBI in 105 games in 2009...missed 55 games while on the disabled list from April 29 to June 27 with a strained left calf...the 105 games were his fewest since appearing in 98 games during his rookie season of 2002, but his 61 RBI were the second best total of his career...appeared in 105 games at second base and made five errors for a .990 fielding percentage...fell three games short of qualifying for the league leaders in fielding but he had the fourth best fielding percentage among American League second basemen with 100 or more games...now has a .98938 career fielding percentage, which is third best in Major League history among second basemen with 750 or more games played...batted .337 with runners in scoring position...hit .219 over his first 43 games through July 27, .344 over a 42-game stretch from July 28 to Sept. 12 and .182 over his final 20 games.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E	
1999	Spokane	.327	71	281	67	92	14	0	7	47	5	4	3	47	40	21	7	.452	.424	16	
2000	Wilmington	.302	132	484	83	146	27	4	6	62	4	3	7	78	72	25	7	.411	.404	31	
	Wichita	.318	7	22	4	7	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	5	1	0	.364	.444	0	
2001	Sacramento	.273	132	472	71	129	38	0	10	53	5	5	5	54	78	21	7	.417	.351	19	
2002	Sacramento	.298	21	84	14	25	10	1	0	5	0	0	4	6	13	4	0	.440	.372	3	
	OAKLAND	.272	98	345	58	94	16	4	6	35	8	3	4	44	54	4	2	.394	.359	11	
2003	OAKLAND	.248	154	553	78	137	31	5	9	52	9	5	7	48	94	6	2	.371	.313	14	
2004	OAKLAND	(Injured — Did not play)																			
2005	OAKLAND	.316	122	434	76	137	21	5	13	52	4	0	4	44	51	1	3	.477	.384	6	
2006	OAKLAND	.249	124	441	64	110	25	1	11	52	4	7	8	40	76	4	0	.385	.319	2	
	Sacramento	.167	4	12	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	.167	.375	0	
2007	OAKLAND	.276	150	583	84	161	33	3	19	76	2	3	10	44	94	9	4	.441	.336	5	
2008	OAKLAND	.233	117	442	55	103	20	3	12	41	5	2	5	53	65	14	2	.373	.321	4	
2009	OAKLAND	.263	105	377	52	99	23	0	10	61	3	5	2	23	54	10	3	.403	.305	5	
	Stockton	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.000	.200	0	
	Sacramento	.182	8	33	2	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	.212	.182	0	
ML Totals		.265	870	3175	467	841	169	21	80	369	35	25	40	296	488	48	16	.407	.333	47	

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1999 — Selected by the Kansas City Royals organization in the 9th round of the free agent draft, June 2. **2001** — Traded to Oakland with Johnny Damon and cash as part of a three-team seven-player deal in which the A's traded Ben Grieve and cash to Tampa Bay and A.J. Hinch, Angel Berroa and cash to Kansas City; Tampa Bay traded Roberto Hernandez to Kansas City and Cory Lidle to Oakland, January 8. **2004** — On disabled list, March 26 to October 20. **2006** — On disabled list, May 31 to June 30; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, June 26 to 30. **2008** — On disabled list, September 21 to November 14. **2009** — On disabled list, April 29 to June 27; included rehabilitation assignment to Stockton, June 15 to 17, and Sacramento, June 18 to 27.

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Ellis remains constant amid A's changes

Veteran second baseman embracing role as club leader

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PHOENIX -- Mark Ellis still sports the same boyish look he brought with him to the A's clubhouse upon his arrival in 2002.

It was that same year during which the 25-year-old kid, traded along with Johnny Damon from Kansas City a year before, made his Major League debut. It was also that same year former Oakland outfielder David Justice lent him a warning.

"My first week in the big leagues, he told me, 'One day you're going to look up and 12 years will have gone by,'" Ellis recalled. "It hasn't been 12, but it's been close, and it's all gone by so fast."

Also gone are plenty of teammates who have walked through Oakland's revolving door. Yet Ellis, aside from the often-injured Eric Chavez, has remained the team's lone steady presence through it all. An average career batting mark, a top-notch glove and decent power have made for quite the bargain for the A's, who are paying Ellis \$5.5 million -- the most he's ever made -- this season.

He's been on first-place teams, last-place teams and every team in between. He's racked up the most games played by an Oakland second baseman (846) and has led the American League in fielding more than once.

However, you won't see Ellis' name on a Gold Glove Award. Perhaps it is East Coast bias and batting average theories that have left the A's second baseman in the dust every season. Anyone in the A's clubhouse will say he is one of the most underrated defensive players in the game, but they'll also say he's one of the most respected.

That, said A's bench coach Tye Waller, comes from Ellis' ability to be a student, teacher, teammate and friend all at once.

"Back when I came up," said Waller, "you were always being tutored by the leaders on the club. Now

Mark Ellis, continued

guys come and go every one or two years, but because Mark has been here so long and has had the success he's had with the A's, the others can look up to him as a guy who knows what it takes to be successful here. He has the respect of everyone on this club."

Said reverence comes with time. And Ellis knows he's put in that time. In fact, the A's veteran currently represents the team's oldest player at the ripe age of 32.

"When you think about it," said a smiling Chavez," that doesn't just make him the oldest player here, but that makes him the oldest player in the organization.

"I don't want that title. I'm glad he has it."

Ellis wears the title well, though. And he can't help but laugh when thinking of how many times Chavez -- who is just six months younger -- has reminded him of it.

Only Chavez, who made his debut for the A's in 1998, has been with the team longer than Ellis. But the six-time Gold Glove third baseman has played in only 121 games during the past three seasons while Ellis has appeared in 372.

His presence at second base, which was missing during the 2004 season due to a dislocated right shoulder, has now become one of the only sure things in Oakland, where players are constantly on the move. On Monday, he noticed former A's shortstop Orlando Cabrera's name in the Reds lineup and on Wednesday, he'll face former teammate Barry Zito before catching up with ex-A's pitcher Dan Haren when the Diamondbacks come to town Thursday.

Call it the norm, he says.

"It's nice to be able to still see all these guys," Ellis said, "but it's a little strange. There's times when it's really tough, because you've been with these guys and they're not only teammates but friends. At the same time, you get to meet new people and build new relationships pretty easily here.

"I think in a perfect world everyone would have their nine guys out there who they'd like to play with every year, but that's just how baseball is. It's how it is throughout the league and probably a little more here, but it's the way it goes."

Ellis is in the final year of a two-year contract but has a club option for 2011. And even though everyone around him in Oakland is seemingly getting younger, he wouldn't mind getting older while playing alongside them. He became a free agent following the 2008 season but never really bothered looking elsewhere.

"I love it here," Ellis said. "I obviously went through the same deal with my contract a couple years ago and chose to stay here. We're very comfortable here. It's a great place, and the team is moving in the right direction. That's ideal for me."

An extension is also ideal for his family. Young kids Briggs and Adelaide have only ever known the Bay Area, and Ellis and his wife, Sarah, relish the opportunity to visit the same doctors and grocery stores while also staying connected to the same neighbors and friends.

"I try not to think about it too much," Ellis said. "But if that time to leave here ever comes, whether through retirement or going to a different team, that's going to be tough."

The boyish look may gradually disappear in the coming years, but Ellis insists that no matter his age or location, his constant love and dedication for the game will always join him for the ride.

"I just want to stay on the field and play as many games as I can and win as many games as I can," he said. "Nothing in this game is guaranteed."

Nothing, says Waller, except Ellis' daily work ethic.

"Mark, from Day 1, has brought a sense of professionalism," he said. "The way he goes about his work, how he interacts with the team, it's a special thing. He pours so much into his teammates, and he's always there with that leadership that can bring these guys to another level."

INFIELDER

Height/Weight: 5-10 / 219

Bats/Throws: Right / Right

Birthdate: July 20, 1982

Opening Day Age: 27

Birthplace/Resides: Beech Grove, Indiana / Gilbert, Arizona

Major League Service: 145 days

Obtained: Acquired from the Chicago Cubs with Aaron Miles and cash considerations for Jeff Gray, Ronny Morla and Matt Spencer, December 3, 2009

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Hit a two-run home run in the second inning April 14 at Seattle for his first hit as an Athletic...it snapped a season-opening 0 for 11 streak and also halted a career long 0 for 29 streak dating back to last year.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was acquired from the Chicago Cubs following the 2009 season...made his Major League debut with the Cubs in 2007, appearing in seven games, and also batted .259 with 11 home runs and 44 RBI in 82 games with Chicago last year...enters the 2010 season a .252 career hitter with 11 home runs and 45 RBI in just 89 games...was originally drafted by the Cubs in the third round of the 2003 draft and has a .293 (691 for 2355) career average in the minors with 167 doubles, 10 triples, 122 home runs and 436 RBI in 640 games over seven professional seasons...converted from a catcher to an infielder/outfielder during the 2007 campaign...was named to the Southern League Postseason All-Star Team in 2008 as a designated hitter after leading the league with a .580 slugging percentage and ranking second with 25 home runs.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Saw big league action for the first time since 2007, posting a .259 batting average with 11 homers and 44 RBI for Chicago...had two stints with the big league club from May 27-June 9, and June 16 through the end of the season ...batted .263 with 10 homers and 33 RBI against right-handed pitchers compared to a .250 average with one homer and 11 RBI off southpaws...appeared in 27 games (23 starts) at third base, seven games (five starts) at first base, three games (two starts) in right field, 23 games (15 starts) in left field, three games as designated hitter and three games as catcher...in 45 games with Triple-A Iowa, owned a .409 batting average with 17 homers and 53 RBI.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD																					
Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E	
2003	AZL Cubs	.240	15	50	4	12	5	0	1	6	0	0	1	5	14	0	1	.400	.321	5	
	Lansing	.260	29	100	13	26	8	0	5	12	0	1	3	8	19	0	0	.490	.330	3	
2004	Lansing	.287	97	366	49	105	19	3	14	55	2	2	8	17	75	2	1	.470	.331	13	
2005	Daytona	.281	83	270	37	76	20	0	9	40	1	4	8	26	48	5	2	.456	.357	5	
2006	Daytona	.313	66	249	45	78	15	1	16	61	1	8	6	27	49	4	1	.574	.383	5	
	West Tenn	.269	55	193	20	52	17	0	5	25	0	1	1	9	44	0	0	.435	.304	3	
2007	Tennessee	.284	91	359	60	102	23	1	18	60	0	4	8	17	72	6	2	.504	.327	6	
	CHICAGO (NL)	.143	7	14	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	.286	.200	0	
	Iowa	.283	25	99	18	28	7	0	6	19	0	0	4	5	23	2	0	.535	.343	1	
2008	Iowa	.222	29	117	17	26	10	1	6	26	0	0	1	2	31	3	0	.479	.242	3	
	Tennessee	.307	105	388	76	119	29	1	25	79	0	8	17	46	73	4	2	.580	.397	5	
2009	Iowa	.409	45	164	44	67	14	3	17	53	0	1	8	21	31	2	1	.841	.495	3	
	CHICAGO (NL)	.259	82	216	23	56	12	0	11	44	0	6	5	14	47	0	0	.468	.311	7	
ML Totals		.252	89	230	26	58	14	0	11	45	0	6	5	15	49	0	0	.457	.305	7	

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2003 — Selected by the Chicago Cubs organization in the 3rd round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2009** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with infielder Aaron Miles and cash considerations for pitcher Jeff Gray, minor league pitcher Ronny Morla and minor league outfielder Matt Spencer, December 3.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 5-10 / 190 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: March 24, 1983 **Opening Day Age:** 27
Birthplace/Resides: River Ridge, Louisiana / Harahan, Louisiana
Major League Service: 4 years, 163 days
Obtained: Signed as a free agent, March 29, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Made the A's Opening Day roster, his third in eight seasons in the majors (also 2004 and 2007).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

The 27-year old right-hander has spent seven seasons in the Majors and is 34-35 with a 4.50 ERA in 216 games, including 75 starts...enters the 2010 season with a 21-28 record and a 4.72 ERA (215 er in 409.2 ip) in 75 career starts and 13-7 with a 4.00 ERA (83 er in 186.2 ip) in 141 relief appearances... spent three seasons with the A's from 2006-08 and was 20-18 with a 4.00 ERA in 115 games, 40 starts... was dealt to the Chicago Cubs in the Rich Harden trade July 8, 2008 and pitched for San Diego and New York (AL) last year...was on the Yankees roster for all three postseason series but pitched just once in Game 4 of the ALCS...had a career best 20.2 inning scoreless streak as a reliever from July 13 to September 9, 2006...made his Major League debut on August 1, 2003 at the age of 20 years, 130 days... tossed a perfect game for Double-A Orlando on July 15, 2003 against Jacksonville

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to go 6-10 with a 4.64 ERA in 31 appearances, 25 starts, with the Yankees and Padres... opponents batted .258, including .296 (80 for 270) by left-handed hitters and .224 (66 for 295) by right-handers... allowed just four home runs in 270 at bats to left-handed hitters...went 77.1 innings without surrendering a homer to a left-handed batter between June 12 and Sept. 22...went 5-10 with a 4.76 ERA as a starter and also made six relief appearances, going 1-0 with a 3.46 ERA and 14 strikeouts in 13.0 innings... allowed 3 of 4 inherited runners to score...retired 4 of 6 first batters faced (66.7%)...each relief appearance lasted more than 1.0 inning...averaged 8.49 strikeouts per nine innings, ranking him 15th among Major League pitchers with 100.0 or more innings pitched.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD																				
Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2002	Charleston-SC	4	6	2.26	26	17	0	0	1	119.1	106	43	30	5	11	37	0	106	4	3
2003	Bakersfield	5	3	2.13	14	14	1	0	0	80.1	63	23	19	2	1	23	0	70	0	2
	Orlando	2	0	0.47	3	3	1	1	0	19.0	8	1	1	0	0	3	0	23	0	0
	TAMPA BAY	2	0	3.60	15	3	0	0	0	40.0	37	18	16	4	1	16	0	23	1	0
2004	Durham	1	3	4.72	17	7	0	0	2	47.2	48	26	25	8	2	17	0	52	0	1
	TAMPA BAY	1	2	4.85	26	4	0	0	0	42.2	59	27	23	4	4	16	4	30	0	0
2005	Syracuse	9	8	3.35	23	23	2	2	0	150.1	140	61	56	12	8	35	0	113	5	2
	TORONTO	1	3	13.15	5	3	0	0	0	13.0	31	19	19	6	1	6	0	12	0	0
2006	Sacramento	3	0	0.37	4	4	0	0	0	24.1	14	6	1	0	0	8	0	26	0	0
	OAKLAND	4	2	3.09	55	0	0	0	2	64.0	51	24	22	3	1	42	2	36	2	2
2007	OAKLAND	11	13	4.42	34	34	1	0	0	199.1	205	108	98	21	8	100	8	154	3	1
2008	OAKLAND	5	3	3.59	26	6	0	0	0	62.2	63	29	25	6	3	17	1	44	2	1
	CHICAGO (NL)	4	2	6.26	24	0	0	0	0	27.1	29	21	19	5	0	10	2	27	0	1
2009	Portland-d	0	0	0.00	2	2	0	0	0	8.2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	1	0
	SAN DIEGO	4	10	5.13	20	19	0	0	0	105.1	105	69	60	7	5	56	3	105	4	1
	NEW YORK (AL)	2	0	3.43	11	6	0	0	0	42.0	41	16	16	7	3	20	1	34	3	0
AL Totals		26	23	4.33	172	56	1	0	2	463.2	487	241	219	51	21	217	16	333	11	4
NL Totals		8	12	5.36	44	19	0	0	0	132.2	134	90	79	12	5	66	5	132	4	2
ML Totals		34	35	4.50	216	75	1	0	2	596.1	621	331	298	63	26	283	21	465	15	6

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization in the 34th round of the June draft. **2004** — Traded to the Toronto Blue Jays for catcher Kevin Cash, December 12. **2005** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics for a player to be named later (outfielder Dustin Majewski on December 8), December 5. **2008** — On disabled list, March 19 to April 7; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, April 3 to 7. Traded to the Chicago Cubs with pitcher Rich Harden for pitcher Sean Gallagher, catcher Josh Donaldson, infielder Eric Patterson and outfielder Matt Murton, July 8. **2009** — Released, April 5; signed by the San Diego Padres to a minor league contract, April 16. Claimed off waivers by the New York Yankees, August 6. **2010** — Released, March 25; signed by the Oakland Athletics, March 29.

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER**Height/Weight:** 6-0 / 206**Bats/Throws:** Right / Left**Birthdate:** September 19, 1985**Opening Day Age:** 24**Birthplace/Resides:** Hialeah, Florida / Hialeah, Florida**Major League Service:** 162 days**Obtained:** Acquired from the Chicago White Sox with Fautino De Los Santos and Ryan Sweeney in exchange for Nick Swisher, January 3, 2008.**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2008 and has spent parts of each of the last two seasons with the A's, compiling a 7-11 record and a 6.24 ERA in 30 games, 24 starts...has 143 strikeouts in 132.2 innings, an average of 9.70 per nine innings...enters the 2010 season with a 43-36 record and a 3.54 ERA (266 er in 676.1 ip) in 126 appearances, 123 starts, in six minor league seasons...struck out 776 in 676.1 innings (10.33 per nine innings) and held minor league opponents to a .221 (.548 for 2482) batting average...ranked fifth among American League rookies with 109 strikeouts in 2009...was named to the Pacific Coast League Postseason All-Star Team in 2008...was a Southern League Post-season All-Star in 2007 after leading all of minor league baseball with 185 strikeouts...participated in the 2006 All-Star Futures Game at PNC Park in Pittsburgh...has been traded three times in his career...was originally drafted by the Chicago White Sox as a compensation pick following the first round of the 2004 draft and was dealt to Philadelphia in the Jim Thome trade following the 2005 season...was reacquired by the White Sox following the 2006 season and was dealt to Oakland in the Nick Swisher trade in January, 2008.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Began the season at Triple-A Sacramento and had two one-game stints with Oakland before returning for a third time June 24...spent the remainder of the season in the starting rotation and was 6-7 with a 5.75 ERA in 20 games, 17 starts, overall...had 109 strikeouts, which ranked fifth among American League rookies and was the seventh-best total by a rookie in Oakland history...now has 143 strikeouts and 81 walks in 132.2 career innings for an average of 9.70 strikeouts and 5.49 walks per nine innings...went 4-1 with a 2.51 ERA in 12 games, all starts, with the River Cats...held the opposition to a .194 batting average, including .160 with runners in scoring position...struck out 71 in 61.0 innings, an average of 10.48 per nine innings...also issued 34 walks (5.02 per nine innings).

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2004	Bristol	1	2	2.25	7	6	0	0	0	24.0	17	8	6	0	0	8	0	36	4	1
	Kannapolis	1	1	3.03	6	6	0	0	0	32.2	30	13	11	1	0	13	0	27	1	1
2005	Kannapolis	5	3	1.87	11	10	0	0	0	57.2	36	16	12	3	2	22	0	84	2	3
	Winston-Salem	8	3	3.56	13	13	0	0	0	73.1	61	33	29	5	1	25	0	79	2	3
2006	Reading	7	12	4.66	27	27	0	0	0	154.2	140	88	80	24	8	81	0	166	9	2
2007	Birmingham	9	7	3.18	27	27	0	0	0	150.0	116	57	53	10	2	57	1	185	5	2
2008	Sacramento	8	7	4.24	23	22	1	0	0	123.0	106	65	58	12	2	61	1	128	5	0
	OAKLAND	1	4	7.68	10	7	0	0	0	34.0	32	34	29	9	3	25	1	34	1	0
2009	Sacramento	4	1	2.51	12	12	0	0	0	61.0	42	21	17	5	3	34	2	71	6	0
	OAKLAND	6	7	5.75	20	17	0	0	0	98.2	113	68	63	14	1	56	2	109	2	0
ML Totals		7	11	6.24	30	24	0	0	0	132.2	145	102	92	23	4	81	3	143	3	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2004 — Selected by the Chicago White Sox organization as a compensation pick following the 1st round (38th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft. **2005** — Traded with outfielder Aaron Rowand and pitcher Daniel Haigwood to the Philadelphia Phillies for first baseman Jim Thome and cash, November 25. **2006** — Traded with pitcher Gavin Floyd to the Chicago White Sox for pitcher Freddy Garcia, December 7. **2008** — Traded with pitcher Fautino De Los Santos and outfielder Ryan Sweeney to the Oakland Athletics for first baseman/outfielder Nick Swisher, January 3.

OUTFIELDER**Height/Weight:** 6-3 / 210**Bats/Throws:** Left / Right**Birthdate:** October 21, 1979**Opening Day Age:** 30**Birthplace/Resides:** Baltimore, Maryland / Auburn, Alabama**Major League Service:** 4 years, 114 days**Obtained:** Signed as a free agent, February 1, 2010**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Was on his sixth consecutive Opening Day roster, his first with the A's.
- Had a RBI single in the eighth inning April 11 at Los Angeles to snap a career long 0 for 19 streak dating back to last year.
- Matched his career high with three hits April 16 against Baltimore...it was his eighth career three-hit game, his first since June 26, 2009 vs. Florida.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has played for three teams in six seasons in the majors, including stops in Toronto (2004-05), Milwaukee (2006-08) and Tampa Bay (2008-90)...has a .152 (23 for 151) career average against left-handed pitching and .251 (273 for 1088) against right-handers...has hit 36 of his 39 career home runs off righties...connected for three pinch hit home runs over a 12-game stretch, April 4 to 18, 2006.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Started 71 games (67 in right field, four at designated hitter)...the Rays were 41-26 when he started in right...platooned with Gabe Kapler in right for much of the season...had only three starts vs. lefthanders...batted .172 (5 for 29) against lefties and has .152 (23 for 151) career average vs. southpaws...batted .233 (59 for 253) vs. righties giving him a .251 (273 for 1088) career mark...was 2 for 27 (.074) as a pinch-hitter...among the 57 players with 20 or more pinch-hit at bats in 2009, only the Mets Gary Sheffield had a lower average (1 for 24, .042).

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2001	Dunedin	.302	35	126	23	38	9	2	4	15	0	1	2	26	29	4	2	.500	.426	5
	Tennessee	.244	11	41	8	10	1	0	3	11	0	1	3	6	12	0	1	.488	.373	0
2002	Tennessee	.238	112	403	57	96	17	5	10	54	2	2	5	53	71	8	2	.380	.333	2
2003	New Haven	.319	84	310	52	99	23	3	7	51	2	2	5	52	53	3	2	.481	.423	3
	Syracuse	.264	53	182	22	48	16	2	5	23	0	0	3	31	56	1	1	.456	.380	2
2004	Syracuse	.294	103	377	52	111	29	2	9	54	0	2	1	53	81	4	5	.454	.381	3
	TORONTO	.209	44	129	18	27	4	0	3	16	0	0	0	19	31	2	2	.310	.311	0
2005	TORONTO	.250	40	92	11	23	4	1	1	7	0	0	0	10	21	1	1	.348	.324	1
	Syracuse	.297	102	390	64	116	29	4	6	46	2	3	2	52	83	14	2	.438	.380	4
2006	MILWAUKEE	.274	117	208	42	57	15	0	9	38	3	3	2	36	60	1	0	.476	.382	2
2007	MILWAUKEE	.235	93	183	28	43	12	2	7	24	0	1	1	25	37	3	1	.437	.329	2
	Nashville	.355	20	76	13	27	3	2	4	10	0	0	0	14	14	2	0	.605	.456	3
2008	MILWAUKEE	.209	16	43	6	9	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	10	7	2	0	.279	.352	1
	TAMPA BAY	.242	127	302	40	73	13	3	13	38	0	1	2	40	75	2	2	.434	.333	1
2009	TAMPA BAY	.227	115	282	31	64	16	1	6	36	1	1	0	42	79	6	3	.355	.326	3
AL Totals		.232	326	805	100	187	37	5	23	97	1	2	2	111	206	11	8	.376	.326	5
NL Totals		.251	226	434	76	109	30	2	16	64	3	5	3	71	104	6	1	.440	.357	5
ML Totals		.239	552	1239	176	296	67	7	39	161	4	7	5	182	310	17	9	.399	.337	10

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Toronto Blue Jays organization in the 1st round (15th selection overall) of the June Draft. **2005** — Traded to the Milwaukee Brewers with pitcher Dave Bush and a player to be named later (pitcher Zach Jackson) for first baseman Lyle Overbay and a PTBNL (pitcher Ty Taubenheim), December 7. **2008** — Traded to the Tampa Bay Rays for pitcher Josh Butler, April 22. **2009** — Elected free agency (contract non-tender), December 13. **2010** — Signed by the Oakland Athletics, February 1.

2010 CLIPS**Gross' goal: Produce fully in limited time**

Susan Slusser, Chronicle Staff Writer, 3/23/2010

Sometimes, Gabe Gross wonders how he might have fared if he'd stuck with football.

The onetime Auburn quarterback gave up that sport in his sophomore season to concentrate on baseball, and he doesn't second-guess the decision - how could he? He has a career in major-league baseball. He does think, however, about what type of quarterback he might have been with another year or two of experience.

"I came in as a true freshman and played two thirds of that season, and I did a lot of the stupid things true freshmen do, made a lot of mistakes - I didn't have a clue what I was doing," said Gross, who went from a simple high-school offense to a complex Terry Bowden offense. "Then I hung football up my sophomore year; I wasn't starting and I had to make a decision about which sport to focus on.

"I don't regret it at all, but I'd love to see where I would have been as a junior or senior if I'd stayed and learned some things. I do think about that once in a while."

On the baseball field, Gross might have similar questions: What type of player might he be with regular playing time?

The A's new outfielder hasn't been an everyday player, really. Sure, now and then he gets a stretch of extended time when a starting outfielder goes down, but really, Gross, 30, has been a bench player in the big leagues.

That's fairly unusual, because reserves tend to be older players on the down side of their careers; young players often don't handle part-time play well. Yet, since he came to the majors at the age of 24, Gross has not had more than 345 at-bats in a season; in fact, it's usually more like 200 at-bats.

"When you have to do something, you find a way; it's sink or swim in that role," said Gross, who cited Tampa Bay coach George Hendrick as a major help in learning to succeed as a part-timer.

"I've had some success coming off the bench, but I always feel like I could have done a lot better. I haven't been satisfied at all with the way I've produced in the at-bats I've had. Some of that is me, and some of that is never getting regular at-bats."

Throughout his career, Gross has had a big leg kick as part of his swing. Any exaggerated motions or extra moving parts are hard to keep fine-tuned without regular at-bats, and Gross was finding it ever more difficult to be consistent with his timing device sometimes on, sometimes off.

"It was kind of self-defeating," he said. "I fought it for several years, I tried to keep with it, because when things went well with the leg kick, they went really well. But when they went bad, they went really, really bad. It hit me straight in the face that I needed to change. Being really stubborn, it took me four years to do it."

So this offseason, Gross began to try to minimize the kick. Now, it's more like a small step instead of a big kick, and his swing is simpler.

"No matter what you do to load (the swing), if you're not getting consistent at-bats, it's hard to maintain," said A's hitting coach Jim Skalen, who also worked with Gross in Milwaukee. "Smaller movements are easier to maintain, and he's adding some rhythm to his stride."

It appears to be working. Gross is 13-for-36 (.361), and he has a team-high 11 RBIs while playing all over the outfield.

Gabe Gross, continued

A knack for driving in runs should assure Gross of plenty of at-bats, but he'd still like to be in the lineup on a regular basis, even if he realizes that the starting outfield of Coco Crisp, Rajai Davis and Ryan Sweeney might make that difficult.

"I hold out hope that in some way, shape or form, I'll get everyday play sometime," Gross said. "But as long as this is my role, I'll embrace it."

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER**Height/Weight:** 6-1 / 251**Bats/Throws:** Left / Left**Birthdate:** February 19, 1983**Opening Day Age:** 27**Birthplace/Resides:** Modesto, California / Elk Grove, California**Major League Service:** 34 days**Obtained:** Selected in the 29th round of the 2005 First-Year Player Draft**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento April 23 and posted a 2.16 ERA in five relief appearances before he was optioned to Sacramento May 3.
- Tossed a career high 3.2 scoreless innings May 2 at Toronto.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was originally drafted by the A's in the 29th round of the 2005 First-Year Player Draft out of San Jose State University...made his Major League debut in 2009 and posted a 0.53 ERA in 11 appearances... compiled a 21-8 record with 30 saves and a 2.53 ERA (83 er in 295.2 ip) in 222 career minor league appearances over five seasons...struck out 339, an average of 10.3 per nine innings...named to the Northwest League Postseason All-Star team in 2005... did not allow a home run in 60.2 innings at Kane County in 2006.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Spent nearly the entire regular season at Triple-A Sacramento and went 4-2 with two saves and a 2.13 ERA in 45 relief appearances to earn a Sept. 1 call-up to Oakland...was 1-0 with a 0.53 ERA in 11 games, one start, with the A's...allowed a .164 batting average and struck out 20 in 17.0 innings, an average of 10.59 per nine innings...his first 10 outings came in relief (0.60 ERA) before he made a start in the final game of the season, Oct. 4 against Los Angeles...tossed 2.0 scoreless innings (1 bb, 1 so) in that season-ending A's 5-3 loss.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2005	Vancouver	2	0	1.95	23	0	0	0	14	27.2	20	7	6	2	0	11	0	38	1	0
2006	Kane County	5	1	1.63	49	0	0	0	9	60.2	38	13	11	0	4	23	1	73	2	0
2007	Stockton	0	0	3.24	7	0	0	0	3	8.1	6	5	3	0	0	6	1	16	2	0
	Midland	3	3	2.88	47	0	0	0	0	65.2	63	24	21	6	2	22	1	69	1	1
2008	Sacramento	7	2	3.47	51	0	0	0	2	70.0	51	33	27	9	3	26	1	66	3	0
2009	Sacramento	4	2	2.13	45	0	0	0	2	63.1	40	15	15	5	2	24	1	77	5	0
	OAKLAND	1	0	0.53	11	1	0	0	0	17.0	10	2	1	1	0	4	0	20	0	0
ML Totals		1	0	0.53	11	1	0	0	0	17.0	10	2	1	1	0	4	0	20	0	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 29th round of the First-Year Player Draft.

THIRD BASEMAN**Height/Weight:** 6-1 / 210**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** July 25, 1981**Opening Day Age:** 28**Birthplace/Resides:** Newport Beach, California / Evergreen, Colorado**Major League Service:** 3 years, 30 days**Obtained:** Acquired from the San Diego Padres with infielder Eric Sogard for outfielders Scott Hairston and Aaron Cunningham, January 16, 2010**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Made his fourth consecutive Opening Day start at third base, his first with the A's...grounded into two double plays, tying the Oakland Opening Day record set by Scott Hatteberg in 2002 and also matched this year by Ryan Sweeney.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was acquired from San Diego prior to the 2010 season after collecting at least 30 doubles, 18 home runs and 74 RBI in each of the last three seasons with the Padres...set the National League record for fielding percentage by a third baseman with a .990 mark in 2009...set a Padres single season record with 15 hit by pitches in 2008...tied the San Diego rookie record with 18 home runs in 2007...was originally drafted by Cleveland in the sixth round of the 2003 draft and made his Major League debut with the Indians in 2006...became the first player in ML history to hit a grand slam on the first pitch of his first career plate appearance, Sept. 2, 2006 at Texas.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Played in 141 games for the Padres, including 134 starts at third base...matched his career high with 31 doubles while tallying a career-best 88 RBI...set the National League record for fielding percentage by a third baseman with a .990 mark...made just three errors in 311 total chances...previous record was .987 by Vinny Castilla in 2004...committed his first error of the season May 29 at Colorado, snapping a 72-game errorless streak dating back to Aug. 30, 2008...his final error came July 16 and he finished the season with a 53-game errorless streak...hit .274 after the All-Star break after hitting .244 over the first half...went 47 for 155 (.303) with runners in scoring position.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2003	Mahoning Valley	.272	54	206	31	56	8	1	8	33	0	4	3	21	36	2	1	.437	.342	6
2004	Lake County	.330	123	473	74	156	35	5	16	87	0	5	9	44	75	5	4	.526	.394	14
	Akron	.208	7	24	3	5	1	1	1	6	0	1	0	2	5	0	0	.458	.259	3
2005	Kinston	.339	68	254	47	86	20	4	12	58	0	4	5	24	51	3	1	.591	.401	12
	Mahoning Valley	.143	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	.143	.250	2
2006	Akron	.389	67	244	46	95	19	1	15	55	0	3	6	23	34	2	3	.660	.449	10
	Buffalo	.353	27	102	22	36	9	0	7	20	0	2	1	10	12	2	1	.647	.409	5
	CLEVELAND	.214	16	56	4	12	2	0	3	11	0	0	0	5	12	0	0	.411	.279	1
2007	SAN DIEGO	.275	145	484	57	133	30	2	18	74	2	6	10	32	94	1	0	.457	.329	22
2008	SAN DIEGO	.260	154	624	71	162	31	4	23	84	0	6	15	23	139	0	0	.433	.299	11
2009	SAN DIEGO	.255	141	529	50	135	31	1	18	88	0	6	11	27	106	1	0	.420	.302	3
	AL Totals	.214	16	56	4	12	2	0	3	11	0	0	0	5	12	0	0	.411	.279	1
	NL Totals	.263	440	1637	178	430	92	7	59	246	2	18	36	82	339	2	0	.436	.309	36
	ML Totals	.261	456	1693	182	442	94	7	62	257	2	18	36	87	351	2	0	.435	.308	37

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2003 — Selected by the Cleveland Indians organization in the sixth round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2006** — Traded to the San Diego Padres with pitcher Andrew Brown for infielder Josh Barfield, November 8. **2010** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with infielder Eric Sogard for outfielders Scott Hairston and Aaron Cunningham, January 16.

2010 CLIPS**Persistence has paid off for Kouzmanoff**

By Joe Stiglich/Bay Area News Group. 3/7/10

PHOENIX — To understand Kevin Kouzmanoff's blue-collar approach to baseball, you must understand the unlikely path he blazed to the major leagues.

The A's new third baseman hardly was a can't-miss prospect coming out of Evergreen (Colo.) High School. He held no aspirations of playing after high school until a summer league coach offered a late invitation to join his team.

Then he bounced around three colleges before the Cleveland Indians drafted him in the sixth round in 2003.

"He was never the best player on his team," Kouzmanoff's father, Marc, said. "He was never that stud that anyone looked at and said he's a future major league baseball player. But he was persistent."

Now that Kouzmanoff, 28, has established himself in the big leagues, there's hardly anything "big league" about him. He returns to Evergreen every winter to work with his hitting guru, a friend who's a carpenter by trade and has no formal background in coaching. And, as his name swirled in trade rumors this winter, Kouzmanoff escaped by working in an auto shop surrounded by mechanics who had no idea he was a ballplayer until he told them.

Kouzmanoff has brought that workmanlike manner to the A's since being obtained in a Jan. 16 trade from the San Diego Padres. Kouzmanoff has called on infield coach Mike Gallego frequently because he loves taking extra grounders.

"If it takes staying late or coming in early, I'm all about it because I have to take enough reps to feel like I'm prepared to play the game," Kouzmanoff said.

That dedication was apparent at an early age, Marc Kouzmanoff said. But Kevin didn't generate much buzz as a high school player. While playing on the summer league team after graduation, he caught the attention of the coaching staff at Cochise College, a junior college located in Douglas, Ariz.

He played two years at Cochise and earned a scholarship to Arkansas-Little Rock. Realizing that scouts weren't flocking to games there, Kouzmanoff was granted a release from his scholarship and transferred to Nevada. There, he blossomed into the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 2003.

But even while he starred at Nevada, major league scouts were skeptical.

"There are certain players you see right away that excite you with their tools package," said Indians scout Don Lyle, who signed Kouzmanoff. "Guys like Kouzmanoff are subtle and have to come to you eventually. The more you watch him, the more you see things that you like."

Kouzmanoff's arrival in the major leagues with Cleveland in 2006 wasn't subtle. He hit a grand slam off Texas' Edinson Volquez on the first pitch of his first at-bat — the first player ever to do so.

"Our whole family was on SportsCenter for a week," Marc Kouzmanoff said.

Kouzmanoff was traded to San Diego before the 2007 season and averaged 20 homers and 82 RBI over the past three seasons.

No one knows Kouzmanoff's swing better than Troy Slinkard, his unofficial hitting coach since Kouzmanoff was 19. Slinkard is a carpenter whose hobby is studying baseball swings. Marc Kouzmanoff estimates Slinkard owns video footage of 500-600 major leaguers and has had Kouzmanoff watch film of himself to compare it to some of the game's top hitters.

Kevin Kouzmanoff, continued

“We just started hitting baseballs in his driveway,” Kouzmanoff said. “It’s not rocket science. He’s just a coach. We’re on the same page and same level. I understand him and he understands me.”

Kouzmanoff is expected to provide middle-of-the-order pop for a team that hit the fewest homers (135) in the American League in 2009.

“I was surprised to come over to Oakland just because I didn’t hear that they were one of the teams interested,” Kouzmanoff said. “They’re a West Coast team, a good young team. So I was excited to come here.”

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**Height/Weight:** 6-3 / 224**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** September 27, 1986**Opening Day Age:** 23**Birthplace/Resides:** Hackensack, New Jersey / Rutherford, New Jersey**Major League Service:** 125 days**Obtained:** Selected in the 3rd round of the 2005 First-Year Player Draft**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento May 4 and started that night against Texas...allowed four runs on two hits and four walks in 3.0 innings and had a no decision in the A's 7-6 win...was optioned back to Sacramento the next day.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was drafted by the A's in the third round of the 2005 draft and made his Major League debut in 2009 at the age of 22...started 17 games for Oakland before a shoulder injury ended his season early...won each of his first two starts before enduring an eight-game losing streak over his next 10 starts...tied for fifth in all of minor league baseball with 15 wins in 2008...was named Texas League Pitcher of the Year at Double-A Midland in 2008 after going 12-3 with a league leading 1.90 ERA in 22 starts...was 18-21 with a 5.21 ERA in 52 starts over his first two minor league seasons and 17-8 with a 2.65 ERA in 38 games, 36 starts, over his last two.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

The 22-year old rookie began the season at Triple-A Sacramento but made 17 starts for the A's before a shoulder injury ended his season early...was 2-2 with a 2.38 ERA in 10 games, nine starts, with the River Cats before he was promoted to Oakland June 2...went 4-9 with a 5.32 ERA with the A's and made his final start Aug. 29...was eventually placed on the 60-day disabled list Sept. 18 retroactive to Sept. 8 with right shoulder tendinitis...allowed a .319 batting average, which dropped to .250 with runners in scoring position, including .133 with RISP and two outs...was 2-5 with a 3.59 ERA and .265 opponents batting average in eight starts before the All-Star Break and 2-4 with a 7.21 ERA and .369 opponents batting average in nine starts after the break.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2006	Kane County	9	9	5.05	24	24	0	0	0	119.1	146	81	67	7	11	42	0	81	10	3
2007	Stockton	9	12	5.33	28	28	0	0	0	153.2	159	97	91	13	13	71	0	115	13	1
2008	Midland	12	3	1.90	22	22	0	0	0	137.1	115	40	29	3	11	36	0	104	5	0
	Sacramento	3	3	6.15	6	5	0	0	0	33.2	49	26	23	3	5	9	0	27	2	0
2009	Sacramento	2	2	2.38	10	9	0	0	0	56.2	42	17	15	2	6	17	1	44	5	0
	OAKLAND	4	9	5.32	17	17	0	0	0	91.1	120	61	54	12	4	39	3	59	5	0
ML Totals		4	9	5.32	17	17	0	0	0	91.1	120	61	54	12	4	39	3	59	5	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 3rd round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2009** — On disabled list, September 8 to November 3.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 231 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: July 11, 1984 **Opening Day Age:** 25
Birthplace/Resides: Houston, Texas / Lenexa, Kansas
Major League Service: 73 days
Obtained: Claimed off waivers from Pittsburgh, September 2, 2009
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Posted a 10.80 ERA in two relief appearances during Spring Training before he was sidelined with a sprained ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow...was placed on the 60-day disabled list March 29 and had "Tommy John" surgery on the elbow the next day...the surgery was performed by Dr. James Andrews...is the fourth A's pitcher to undergo that surgery in the last two years (Devine, Giese and Outman).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has pitched for five different organizations in five professional seasons...was originally a fifth round pick of Los Angeles (NL) in the 2005 draft and made his Major League debut with the Dodgers in 2007...compiled an 11.05 ERA in five relief appearances and was dealt to Cleveland near the trading deadline in 2008...did not allow a run with two relief outings with Cleveland in 2008 and pitched for four different organizations in 2009 (Cleveland, Tampa Bay, Pittsburgh Oakland)...returned to the majors with the A's in September and did not yield an earned run in six outings...was named to the Southern League Midseason All-Star Team in 2007 after saving 19 games for Jacksonville...has struck out 408 in 345.1 career minor league innings, an average of 10.6 per nine innings.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Pitched for four different organizations in 2009 but his only Major League action came with Oakland in September...did not allow an earned run in six games and 8.1 innings with the A's...struck out 11 of the 29 batters he faced for an average of 11.88 strikeouts per nine innings...allowed a .111 opponents batting average and no extra base hits...combined for a 0-0 record and a 4.37 ERA in 44 games, two starts, with Columbus, Durham, Indianapolis and Sacramento, all Triple-A affiliates...opponents batted .257, which dropped to .184 with runners in scoring position.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD																				
Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2005	Ogden	0	2	3.69	16	6	0	0	1	39.0	30	16	16	4	2	18	0	54	6	1
2006	Columbus	1	1	1.54	12	0	0	0	1	23.1	9	5	4	2	0	7	0	41	0	0
	Vero Beach	1	0	2.50	4	3	0	0	0	18.0	15	6	5	2	1	4	0	27	2	0
2007	Jacksonville	1	0	1.69	5	0	0	0	0	10.2	3	2	2	1	0	5	0	23	0	0
	Jacksonville	5	2	2.18	35	0	0	0	19	45.1	24	13	11	3	2	18	0	70	3	0
	Las Vegas	2	0	1.69	14	0	0	0	1	21.1	12	5	4	2	1	9	0	21	1	0
	LOS ANGELES (NL)	0	0	11.05	5	0	0	0	0	7.1	8	9	9	1	1	8	0	7	0	0
2008	Las Vegas	5	10	4.97	21	20	0	0	0	105.0	119	72	58	7	9	60	1	99	2	2
	Buffalo	0	1	4.30	12	0	0	0	0	14.2	12	8	7	1	1	9	0	12	0	0
	CLEVELAND	0	0	0.00	2	0	0	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
2009	Columbus	0	0	5.52	25	2	0	0	0	44.0	52	27	27	6	1	17	0	37	1	0
	Durham	0	0	3.38	10	0	0	0	0	13.1	13	5	5	2	1	10	1	15	1	0
	Indianapolis	0	0	1.17	6	0	0	0	0	7.2	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	8	0	0
	Sacramento	0	0	0.00	3	0	0	0	0	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
	OAKLAND	0	0	0.00	6	0	0	0	0	8.1	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	11	0	0
AL Totals		0	0	0.00	8	0	0	0	0	10.1	3	1	0	0	0	3	0	13	0	0
NL Totals		0	0	11.05	5	0	0	0	0	7.1	8	9	9	1	1	8	0	7	0	0
ML Totals		0	0	4.58	13	0	0	0	0	17.2	11	10	9	1	1	11	0	20	0	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Los Angeles Dodgers organization in the 5th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Traded to the Cleveland Indians with Carlos Santana for Casey Blake and cash considerations, July 26. **2009** — Traded to the Tampa Bay Rays organization for Winston Abreu, July 2. Claimed off waivers by the Pittsburgh Pirates, August 12. Claimed off waivers by the Oakland Athletics, September 2.

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-1 / 185 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Left

Birthdate: September 14, 1984 **Opening Day Age:** 25

Birthplace/Resides: St. Louis, Missouri / St. Louis, Missouri

Major League Service: 1 year, 27 days

Obtained: Acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies with Adrian Cardenas and Matt Spencer for pitcher Joe Blanton, July 17, 2008

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 3 retroactive to March 26 as he continued his recovery from June 2009 “Tommy John” surgery on his left elbow...did not pitch in a game during the spring.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2008 as a September call-up and then went 4-1 with a 3.48 ERA in 14 games, 12 starts, in 2009 before undergoing “Tommy John” surgery in June...compiled a 35-18 record and a 2.99 ERA (147 er in 442.1 ip) in 107 career appearances, including 67 starts, in his first four seasons in the minor leagues...allowed a .228 (374 for 1637) opponents batting average... was originally drafted by Philadelphia in the 10th round of the 2005 draft and was dealt to the A’s in the Joe Blanton trade in July of 2008...led all Philadelphia minor leaguers with 151 strikeouts in 2007 and ranked second with a 2.99 ERA...led the Florida State League in ERA in 2007 (2.45)...was rated the sixth best prospect in the Phillies’ minor league system following the 2006 season.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Began the season as the A’s fifth starter but the rookie left-hander solidified his spot in the rotation by May and was 4-1 with a 3.48 ERA in 14 games, before an elbow injury in mid-June led to season-ending “Tommy John” surgery June 30...held the opposition to a .212 batting average, including .123 (7 for 57) against left-handed hitters and .238 (46 for 193) against right-handers... allowed a .188 average to batters leading off an inning and .211 with runners in scoring position...opponents hit .270 with seven home runs over his first 45 pitches in a game and .153 with two home runs after that...held the opponents three and four hitters to a .180 batting average.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD																				
Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2005	Batavia	2	1	2.76	11	4	0	0	0	29.1	23	14	9	1	2	14	0	31	3	0
2006	Lakewood	14	6	2.95	27	27	1	1	0	155.1	119	61	51	5	8	75	0	161	12	1
2007	Clearwater	10	4	2.45	20	18	0	0	0	117.1	104	35	32	7	5	54	0	117	4	0
	Reading	2	3	4.50	7	7	1	1	0	42.0	38	25	21	5	1	23	1	34	2	0
2008	Reading	5	4	3.20	33	5	0	0	1	70.1	68	27	25	3	2	37	0	66	3	0
	Midland	1	0	4.26	4	4	0	0	0	12.2	13	7	6	1	0	3	0	5	1	0
	Sacramento	1	0	1.76	5	2	0	0	0	15.1	9	3	3	1	0	5	1	15	2	0
	OAKLAND	1	2	4.56	6	4	0	0	0	25.2	34	14	13	1	2	8	1	19	1	0
2009	OAKLAND	4	1	3.48	14	12	0	0	0	67.1	53	30	26	9	0	25	0	53	1	0
ML Totals		5	3	3.77	20	16	0	0	0	93.0	87	44	39	10	2	33	1	72	2	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Philadelphia Phillies organization in the 10th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Traded with Adrian Cardenas and Matt Spencer to the Oakland Athletics for pitcher Joe Blanton, July 17. **2009** — On disabled list, June 20 to November 3.

INFIELDER/OUTFIELDER**Height/Weight:** 6-0 / 172**Bats/Throws:** Left / Right**Birthdate:** April 8, 1983**Opening Day Age:** 26**Birthplace/Resides:** Tallahassee, Florida / Kennesaw, Georgia**Major League Service:** 144 days**Obtained:** Acquired from the Chicago Cubs with pitcher Sean Gallagher, catcher Josh Donaldson and outfielder Matt Murton for pitchers Rich Harden and Chad Gaudin, July 8, 2008**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Was on an Opening Day roster for the first time in his four seasons in the majors.
- Matched his career high with three RBI April 25 against Cleveland (also September 24, 2009 vs. Texas).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Chicago (NL) in 2007 and hit .239 in 20 games over two seasons before he was dealt to Oakland in the Rich Harden trade in the middle of the 2008 season...has a .231 average in 69 games with the A's over the last two seasons...was originally drafted by the Cubs in the eighth round of the 2004 draft and enters 2010 with a .303 (687 for 2264) career average, a .368 on-base percentage and .478 slugging percentage in 572 games over five minor league seasons...also has 132 doubles, 43 triples, 59 home runs, 301 RBI and 175 stolen bases...set a Sacramento club record with 43 stolen bases in 2009...was named to the Pacific Coast League postseason All-Star team in 2007 and 2008...won the Midwest League batting title in his first professional campaign after hitting .333 for Peoria in 2005... named to the Midwest League postseason All-Star team, was awarded the team's Most Valuable Player award and was named the Cubs Minor League Player of the Year.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Spent most of the season at Triple-A Sacramento and batted .307 with 91 runs scored, 29 doubles, 11 triples, 12 home runs, 56 RBI, 52 walks and 43 stolen bases in 110 games...ranked second in the Pacific Coast League in triples and stolen bases and fourth in runs...the steals and triples were the most in the A's farm system...also hit .287 with a home run and 11 RBI in 39 games over three stints with Oakland...added 14 walks for a .373 on-base percentage...went 5 for 30 (.167) with no walks and one stolen base in 12 games over his first two stints and then batted .344 with 14 walks (.456 on-base percentage) and five stolen bases in 27 games during his final stint that ran from Aug. 28 through the end of the season...started games at four different positions, including 20 in left field, four in center field, three at second base and one in right field.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

YEAR TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2005 Peoria	.333	110	432	90	144	26	11	13	71	4	7	4	53	94	40	11	.535	.405	9
West Tenn	.200	9	30	5	6	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	6	7	3	2	.267	.324	1
2006 West Tenn	.263	121	441	66	116	22	9	8	48	7	6	1	46	89	38	12	.408	.330	14
Iowa	.358	17	67	14	24	1	1	2	12	0	3	0	6	9	8	0	.493	.395	2
2007 Iowa	.297	128	516	94	153	28	6	14	65	4	6	2	54	85	24	9	.455	.362	12
CHICAGO (NL)	.250	7	8	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	.375	.250	0
2008 Iowa	.320	52	203	33	65	16	3	6	28	2	2	1	12	45	11	0	.517	.358	6
CHICAGO (NL)	.237	13	38	5	9	1	0	1	7	0	1	0	5	12	2	1	.342	.318	3
Sacramento	.330	25	109	18	36	8	2	4	19	3	2	1	9	28	8	2	.550	.380	2
OAKLAND	.174	30	92	11	16	3	0	0	8	0	0	12	24	8	0	0	.207	.269	5
2009 Sacramento	.307	110	466	91	143	29	11	12	56	6	4	2	52	81	43	6	.494	.376	9
OAKLAND	.287	39	94	15	27	5	1	1	11	0	2	0	14	25	6	1	.394	.373	2
AL Totals	.231	69	186	26	43	8	1	1	19	0	2	0	26	49	14	1	.301	.322	7
NL Totals	.239	20	46	5	11	2	0	1	7	1	1	0	5	15	2	1	.348	.308	3
ML Totals	.233	89	232	31	54	10	1	2	26	1	3	0	31	64	16	2	.310	.320	10

CAREER TRANSACTIONS**2001** — Selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization in the 8th round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign.**2004** — Selected by the Chicago Cubs organization in the 8th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Traded with pitcher Sean Gallagher, catcher Josh Donaldson and outfielder Matt Murton to the Oakland Athletics for pitchers Rich Harden and Chad Gaudin, July 8.**2010 CLIPS****Patterson trying to latch on with A's**

Utility man, who is out of options, looking to prove his worth

By Jane Lee / MLB.com / 3-24-2010

PHOENIX -- Eric Patterson likes to separate himself from all things baseball once the offseason begins.

His brother, not so much.

So when the A's were bringing in utility guys left and right over the winter, including the likes of Adam Rosales and Gabe Gross, Patterson stayed away from the news.

His brother, not so much.

"My brother probably gives me more updates than I need," Patterson said, "but I try during the offseason to step away from the game a little bit. I'll check what's up every now and then, but I don't really look into it."

His elder sibling, 30-year-old Corey, just happens to be upholding big brother duties. He also happens to be a Major League player himself, having spent 10 years and counting with six different teams. But even Corey can't let the younger Patterson get too worked up about signings that could affect his brother's playing time.

In fact, Eric Patterson felt more comfortable coming into camp this year than in seasons past, even though he's well aware he's out of options and not guaranteed a roster spot come Opening Day.

"Last year, I got a lot of playing time, and for me, it's all I really wanted -- just an opportunity to get out there every day and be able to relax and show what I can bring to the team," Patterson said. "Coming into Spring Training, having finished the year on a good note, it's been easy for me to relax. I don't have to prove anything anymore. I just need to go out and continue to get work in everywhere."

"In years past, I haven't really felt good as far as coming in here and feeling comfortable. I never felt great at the plate and every at-bat I felt different, whether it was a different stance or something. So I just really think the way I finished last year has helped the comfort level and allowed me to relax."

Since coming over in the 2008 trade that sent Rich Harden to the Cubs, the 26-year-old Patterson has seen five stints in Oakland, the most recent being his most productive. After posting a .167 average in 12 games over his first two stints last year, he boasted a .344 mark with 14 walks and five stolen bases in his final one -- which began Aug. 28 and took him to the end of the season.

Patterson knows things have changed since then, though. The A's have a solid backup infielder in Rosales, along with several fourth-outfield choices, making his role very much unknown at the moment.

"I've always been a firm believer that if you can play at this level, you're going to play," he said. "I'd love to be here with this club, but if I don't fit in with what they're trying to do here, I certainly understand that."

In 16 games this spring, Patterson has compiled a respectable .289 average with 13 hits and seven

Eric Patterson, continued

RBI while being his aggressive defensive self in stints at second base, center field and left field. He's also reached base safely in each of his past six games, giving the A's much to think about in the next week.

"The biggest thing for me is getting the opportunity to play and show guys I can have good [at-bats] here and have an impact on this baseball team while showing some versatility," Patterson said. "That way, if it doesn't work here, I can latch on somewhere else."

Patterson joins Jake Fox as the two A's players out of options, yet he's found an upside to what many consider an unfortunate situation.

"The good thing about the whole out of options thing is that you kind of understand where you lie when all is said and done, how your team needs you, how other teams need you," Patterson said. "But all I can do right now is get my work in because whatever happens, happens."

Patterson is one of seven players competing for what appears to be three bench spots, one of which is presumably a lock for Eric Chavez if he stays healthy. The final two, though, are up for grabs between Patterson, Fox, Gross, Rosales and Steve Tolleson.

According to assistant general manager David Forst, the club will definitely "take into account" Patterson and Fox's situations.

"You have to," Forst said. "We've got 10 more days, so a decision probably won't be made until we absolutely have to."

Until then, Patterson plans on putting in as much work on the field as he's allowed, no matter the position. If you had asked the utility guy two years ago if he preferred the outfield or infield, he would have chosen the latter within seconds. Now, he says "it doesn't matter."

"As long as I'm on the field, I'm happy," Patterson said. "I need to get work in at all places, so whatever gets me in the lineup every day is fine with me."

INFIELDER

Height/Weight: 5-10 / 213 **Bats/Throws:** Switch / Right

Birthdate: June 15, 1984 **Opening Day Age:** 25

Birthplace/Resides: Corpus Christi, Texas / Corpus Christi, Texas

Major League Service: 114 days

Obtained: Selected in the 1st round (21st selection overall) of the 2005 First-Year Player Draft

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Established career highs with four hits and four RBI April 27 at Tampa Bay and matched his best with two doubles.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has finished each of the last two seasons in Oakland...made his Major League debut in 2008 and hit .242 in 36 games...improved to .279 in 60 games in 2009 and finished the season as the A's starting shortstop following the Orlando Cabrera trade...was originally drafted by the A's in the first round of the 2005 draft...has a .263 (488 for 1852) average and 107 stolen bases in 476 games in five seasons in the minors through 2009...tied for fourth in all of minor league baseball with 93 walks in 2008...played for Team USA in the 2008 Futures Game at Yankee Stadium...led the A's farm system in runs (91) in 2007 and played for Phoenix in the Arizona Fall League following the season...missed most of the 2006 season with a hamstring injury...was named the third best prospect in the A's farm system following the 2005 season.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Began the season at Triple-A Sacramento but was promoted to Oakland July 31 following the Orlando Cabrera trade...started 60 of the A's final 61 games at shortstop...was hitting .264 with three home runs, 40 RBI and 27 stolen bases in 99 games with Sacramento when the A's called and went on to bat .279 with four home runs, 21 RBI and seven stolen bases in 60 games with Oakland...the switch hitter batted .307 (47 for 153) against right-handed pitching and .200 (11 for 55) against left-handers...did not commit an error in his first 32 games at shortstop, giving him a 35-game errorless streak dating back to 2008...that equaled the fifth longest errorless streak by a shortstop in Oakland history...then made eight errors over his final 28 games and finished with a .971 fielding percentage.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2005	Kane County	.276	69	290	49	80	15	0	3	29	2	1	2	39	47	25	6	.359	.364	13
2006	Stockton	.203	46	177	36	36	7	0	2	21	0	0	1	24	35	7	1	.277	.302	10
	AZL A's	.464	9	28	3	13	3	1	0	6	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	.643	.531	2
2007	Stockton	.255	68	286	50	73	17	3	6	36	0	4	0	43	54	9	2	.399	.348	14
	Midland	.251	70	271	41	68	13	2	2	21	2	2	1	38	35	8	2	.336	.343	14
2008	Midland	.260	50	204	42	53	7	2	0	18	1	0	0	39	36	20	1	.314	.379	11
	Sacramento	.297	65	236	47	70	9	3	2	16	3	1	0	54	34	11	5	.386	.426	13
	OAKLAND	.242	36	99	14	24	5	0	0	9	2	1	2	13	18	4	1	.293	.339	5
2009	Sacramento	.264	99	360	48	95	22	3	3	40	6	4	2	45	54	27	4	.367	.345	19
	OAKLAND	.279	60	208	27	58	11	3	4	21	1	0	1	19	46	7	5	.418	.342	8
ML Totals		.267	96	307	41	82	16	3	4	30	3	1	3	32	64	11	6	.378	.341	13

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 1st round (21st selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft, June 7.

CATCHER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 265 **Bats/Throws:** Switch / Right

Birthdate: March 19, 1982 **Opening Day Age:** 28

Birthplace/Resides: Raleigh, North Carolina / Longwood, Florida

Major League Service: 1 year

Obtained: Selected in the 1st round (24th selection overall) of the 2004 First-Year Player Draft

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento April 21 when Mark Ellis went on the disabled list but was optioned back two days later before appearing in a game.
- Returned to Oakland for a second stint April 27 when Brett Anderson went on the DL.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2009 and spent the entire season with the A's, batting .229 with seven home runs and 30 RBI in 46 games...was a first round draft pick of the A's in 2004 and appeared in just 292 games in his four seasons in the Oakland farm system...missed the entire 2005 season after tearing his left ACL in January and had his 2007 season end July 3 with a left knee strain...had 48 home runs and 165 RBI in 292 games in his minor league career...tossed out 96 of 200 (48.0%) attempted base stealers from 2006-08...had a 20-game hitting streak in 2007, which was the longest in the Texas League...was named to the California League Postseason All-Star Team in 2006.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

The rookie catcher spent the entire season on the A's roster but appeared in just 46 games as the back-up to Kurt Suzuki...hit .229 with seven home runs and 30 RBI...the RBI were second most in Oakland history by a player with 50 or fewer games played...added seven doubles and 14 of his 32 hits were for extra bases, fueling a .429 slugging percentage...appeared in 36 games at catcher, including 30 starts, and tossed out 9 of 20 (45.0%) attempted base stealers...the switch-hitter batted .267 (27 for 101) with six of his seven home runs and 26 of his 30 RBI against right-handed pitchers, compared to .128 (5 for 39) against left-handers.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2004	Vancouver	.237	38	135	24	32	6	1	3	19	0	1	1	26	22	0	0	.363	.362	1
2005																				
(Injured — Did not play)																				
2006	Stockton	.264	90	326	44	86	12	0	15	47	1	3	2	43	77	0	0	.439	.350	4
	Midland	.268	12	41	4	11	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	3	12	0	0	.341	.333	2
2007	Midland	.292	60	219	46	64	9	2	11	39	0	1	0	36	40	1	0	.502	.391	3
	Sacramento	.294	4	17	3	5	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	.824	.294	1
2008	Sacramento	.230	88	300	42	69	11	0	15	53	0	4	0	63	85	0	1	.417	.360	9
2009	OAKLAND	.229	46	140	19	32	7	0	7	30	0	1	0	14	36	0	0	.429	.297	4
ML Totals		.229	46	140	19	32	7	0	7	30	0	1	0	14	36	0	0	.429	.297	4

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2003 — Selected by the Chicago White Sox organization in the 25th round of the First-Year Player Draft; did not sign. **2004** — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 1st round (24th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 167 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: March 28, 1981 **Opening Day Age:** 29
Birthplace/Resides: El Cerdado, Dominican Republic / El Cerdado, Dominican Republic
Major League Service: 1 year, 130 days
Obtained: Acquired from the Texas Rangers for minor league infielder Gregorio Petit, March 24, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Made the 100th appearance of his career April 18 against Baltimore and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings.
- Issued a career high tying four walks April 20 against New York (also July 27, 2007 vs. Tampa Bay).
- Was optioned to Triple-A Sacramento April 27 after posting a 4.50 ERA and walking eight batters in six relief appearances.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Spent parts of each of the previous three seasons with the New York Yankees and is 6-2 with two saves and a 5.22 ERA in 96 career appearances...tabbed by *Baseball America* as the top relief pitcher on their All-Minor League All-Star team in 2007 and also as having the Yankees organization's "Best Changeup"...was originally signed by the Angels as a non-drafted free agent, Feb. 6, 2001 and pitched for two seasons in their farm system before being released in the Spring of 2004...did not pitch that year and spent parts of the 2005 and 2006 seasons pitching in independent leagues...made 25 appearances with Edinburg of the Independent United League in 2006 and led the league with 16 saves.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Made 20 relief appearances with the Yankees, posting a 5.73 ERA with no decisions over two stints (April 6-May 19, Sept. 1-Oct. 4)...opponents batted .281, including .302 (16 for 53) by left-handed hitters and .250 (9 for 36) by right-handers...13 of his 20 appearances were scoreless...stranded 14 of 21 inherited runners (66.7%)...retired 11 of 20 first batters faced (55.0%)...appeared on his first career Opening Day roster made his season debut in an April 8 loss at Baltimore, tossing 1.1 scoreless inning...in 29 overall relief appearances with Triple-A Scranton/WB, was 1-5 with four saves and a 3.18 ERA.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2002	AZL Angels	2	5	3.69	13	7	0	0	0	46.1	47	22	19	1	4	13	0	45	1	0
	Provo	1	0	9.31	2	1	0	0	0	9.2	14	10	10	0	3	4	0	4	2	0
2003	Rancho Cucamonga	0	2	8.1	4	4	0	0	0	16.2	29	16	15	5	0	7	0	9	1	0
	Cedar Rapids	1	1	3.32	6	1	0	0	0	19.0	17	7	7	2	1	8	0	15	1	0
2004										(Did not pitch)										
2005	Pensacola (IND)	2	2	1.45	43	0	0	0	11	62.0	37	12	10	4	8	15	2	93	4	1
	Salt Lake	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
2006	Edinburg (IND)	1	1	1.07	25	0	0	0	16	25.1	14	6	3	2	1	10	-	46	4	0
	Tampa	4	1	1.17	19	0	0	0	3	30.2	14	4	4	0	1	6	0	47	2	0
2007	Trenton	3	0	0.54	9	0	0	0	1	16.2	6	1	1	1	1	8	1	33	1	0
	Scranton/WB	1	0	0.90	25	0	0	0	6	40.0	20	4	4	0	3	14	0	69	3	1
	NEW YORK (AL)	1	1	8.14	21	0	0	0	1	21.0	24	19	19	6	3	14	2	31	4	0
2008	Scranton/WB	1	0	0.00	8	0	0	0	0	9.0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	13	1	0
	NEW YORK (AL)	5	1	3.90	55	0	0	0	1	55.1	44	25	24	7	3	24	2	63	3	0
2009	Scranton/WB	1	5	3.18	29	0	0	0	4	51.0	39	19	18	3	0	16	0	62	8	0
	NEW YORK (AL)	0	0	5.73	20	0	0	0	0	22.0	25	15	14	6	0	18	0	22	1	0
ML Totals		6	2	5.22	96	0	0	0	2	98.1	93	59	57	19	6	56	4	116	8	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Signed by the Anaheim Angels organization as a non-drafted free agent, February 6. **2004** — Released, March 31. **2005** — Signed by the Los Angeles Angels to a minor league contract, September 1. **2006** — Released, March 31. Signed by the New York Yankees to a minor league contract, July 9. **2008** — On suspended list, September 15 to 16. **2010** — Traded to the Texas Rangers for cash, March 9. Traded to the Oakland Athletics for minor league infielder Gregorio Petit, March 25.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**Height/Weight:** 6-1 / 220**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** February 25, 1987**Opening Day Age:** 23**Birthplace/Resides:** Santa Barbara, Zulia, Venezuela / Santa Barbara, Zulia, Venezuela**Major League Service:** 16 days**Obtained:** Signed as a non-drafted free agent, July 18, 2003**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Pitched exclusively in relief for the first time in 2009 and made his Major League debut with the A's in September...entering the 2010 season, has a 17-23 record and 4.77 ERA (175 er in 330.1 ip) in 117 games, 47 starts, over five professional seasons in the minors...struck out 421 in 330.1 innings (11.47 per nine innings) and has yielded just 14 home runs (one per 23.6 innings)...however, walked 245 (6.68 per nine innings) and issued 60 wild pitches...tied for the minor league lead with 84 walks and 25 wild pitches in 2008...pitched for the World Team in the 2008 All-Star Futures Game at Yankee Stadium...made his Single-A debut in 2007 at Kane County...pitched for the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League in his first season in the United States in 2006 and led the league in walks (50), while ranking fourth in strikeouts (59).

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Oakland and posted a 2.25 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in three games in September...finished with four strikeouts in 4.0 innings and also had three wild pitches...pitched exclusively in relief for the first time as a professional and combined for a 2-1 record and a 5.18 ERA in a career-high 40 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton and Triple-A Sacramento...struck out 82 in 48.2 innings for an average of 15.16 per nine innings, which was the highest mark of his career...also walked 39, for an average of 7.21 per nine innings, and had nine wild pitches (1.66 per nine innings)...allowed a .222 opponents batting average.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2005	DSL Athletics-1	0	2	4.03	8	3	0	0	0	22.1	14	19	10	1	2	14	0	27	3	0
2006	AZL Athletics	5	2	7.42	15	4	0	0	1	43.2	46	39	36	1	6	50	0	59	10	1
2007	Kane County	6	8	3.07	20	18	1	0	0	99.2	75	38	34	2	4	58	0	106	13	0
2008	Stockton	2	3	3.96	20	13	0	0	2	75.0	57	38	33	5	2	40	0	104	9	0
	Midland	2	7	7.46	14	9	0	0	0	41.0	51	39	34	1	1	44	0	43	16	0
2009	Stockton	0	0	0.00	3	0	0	0	0	5.0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	11	1	0
	Sacramento	2	1	5.77	37	0	0	0	4	43.2	38	28	28	4	0	38	2	71	8	0
	OAKLAND	0	0	2.25	3	0	0	0	0	4.0	4	2	1	0	1	2	0	4	3	0
ML Totals		0	0	2.25	3	0	0	0	0	4.0	4	2	1	0	1	2	0	4	3	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2003 — Signed by the Oakland Athletics organization as a non-drafted free agent, July 18.

INFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-1 / 195

Bats/Throws: Right / Right

Birthdate: May 20, 1983

Opening Day Age: 26

Birthplace/Resides: Chicago, Illinois / Park Ridge, Illinois

Major League Service: 1 year, 25 days

Obtained: Acquired from the Cincinnati Reds with Willy Taveras for Aaron Miles and a player to be named later, February 1, 2010

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was on an Opening Day roster for the first time in his three seasons in the majors.
- Had a career high four RBI April 11 at Los Angeles in his first start as an Athletic...his previous high was three on July 30, 2009 against San Diego.
- Had his first career four-hit game April 27 at Tampa Bay...it was the 19th four-hit game by a nine hitter in Oakland history.
- Hit safely in a career-high tying six consecutive games from April 23 to 29 (10 for 22, .455).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Cincinnati in 2008 and hit .212 in 105 games with the Reds over the last two seasons...appeared at first base, second base, third base and shortstop with the Reds, with most of his action coming as a third baseman (61 games)...saw most of his minor league action at shortstop (169 games)...has a .289 (481 for 1662) career average, 56 home runs and 246 RBI in 438 minor league games through 2009...was the Reds' Minor League Hitter of the Year and a Florida State League Mid-season All-Star in 2007 when he ranked eighth among all minor league players with 70 extra-base hits.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Batted .213 with four home runs and 19 RBI in 87 games over two stints with Cincinnati...also hit .349 with five home runs and 20 RBI in 30 games with Triple-A Louisville...for the Reds, appeared in 57 games (44 starts) at third base, 11 games (seven starts) at first base, six games (four starts) at shortstop and four games (one start) at second base...began the season with Louisville and was hitting .431 in 17 games before he was promoted to Cincinnati April 28...returned to Louisville June 27 and rejoined the Reds July 12...spent the rest of the season in Cincinnati and appeared in 45 games.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2005	Billings	.321	34	140	29	45	14	0	5	25	0	1	5	13	37	2	2	.529	.396	3
	Dayton	.328	32	134	24	44	8	0	9	21	0	2	2	10	24	3	1	.590	.378	6
2006	Sarasota	.213	34	122	15	26	8	2	2	14	1	2	2	20	27	3	3	.361	.329	5
	Dayton	.270	55	222	36	60	9	3	6	29	0	2	5	15	40	5	1	.419	.328	11
2007	Sarasota	.294	69	248	47	73	23	5	5	48	2	6	13	31	46	9	2	.488	.393	4
	Chattanooga	.278	67	255	51	71	18	6	13	31	2	3	5	37	66	4	4	.549	.377	6
2008	Louisville	.287	117	432	70	124	29	7	11	58	1	4	14	22	82	7	1	.463	.339	12
	CINCINNATI	.207	18	29	0	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	.241	.233	0
2009	Louisville	.349	30	109	27	38	8	2	5	20	0	3	1	12	15	4	0	.596	.408	3
	CINCINNATI	.213	87	230	23	49	10	1	4	19	2	3	5	26	46	1	2	.317	.303	7
ML Totals		.212	105	259	23	55	11	1	4	21	2	3	5	27	50	2	2	.309	.296	7

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Cincinnati Reds organization in the 12th round of the First-Year Player Draft. 2010 — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with outfielder Willy Taveras for infielder Aaron Miles and a player to be named later, February 1.

2010 CLIPS

Hustle's the name of Rosales' game

John Shea, Chronicle Staff Writer, 4/27/2010

Pete Rose-ales.

That's who he is. Hustling everywhere. He sprints around the bases on home runs. Sprints to first base on walks. When a reporter asked for an interview, he actually sprinted through the clubhouse to get prepared.

Adam Rosales doesn't waste any of his time in the big leagues. He relishes every minute of it.

"It's a kid's game, man," said Rosales, smiling.

The A's have an appreciative utility infielder on their hands. A valuable one, too. Especially with second baseman Mark Ellis on the disabled list and first baseman Daric Barton in limbo with a small finger fracture.

Rosales was acquired in a Feb. 1 trade with the Reds. He played 105 games in 2008 and 2009 with Cincinnati and impressed a fan base that knows something about hustle, considering it's the baseball home of hustlin' icon Pete Rose.

With 66 hits to his name, Rosales needs just 4,190 more to be mentioned in the same breath as the hits king, but that doesn't mean he can't show some of that Rose-like giddyup.

While with the Reds, Rosales got a chance to meet Rose before a game at Great American Ball Park.

"He said he likes the way I play the game," Rosales said.

Fast. The only gear he has.

When Rosales homered off Joe Saunders in Anaheim on April 11, he sprinted out of the box and didn't slow down until he crossed the plate. No home run trot for this guy. He drew a fourth-inning walk on Sunday and shot like a cannon to first base.

His energetic approach isn't intended to show up the opposition or cozy up to management. It's just his style. Has been since he was a kid, he said, since he played Little League on the fields around Park Ridge, Ill., just outside Chicago.

"First time I hit a home run, I jogged around the bases and felt I slowed the game down," Rosales said. "After that, I said I'm going to run hard. I've been doing it since I was 12 years old. I promised myself if I ever had the opportunity to play at a high level, I'd keep doing it. I'm keeping a promise to my 12-year-old self. Fans seem to appreciate it."

Is it tiring?

"That's why we sleep, man," he said.

Manager Bob Geren likes Rosales' versatility as much as his hustle. Rosales started 13 of the past 14 games, including 12 at second base. He started at third on Saturday when Kevin Kouzmanoff rested and switched to first late in Sunday's game after Barton got hurt - Barton will be re-evaluated before tonight's game against the Rays in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Adam's doing everything. He plays all the positions and hustles his butt off," Geren said. "I like that. There's nothing you can't like about the guy."

Rosales is hitting .250 with eight RBIs. He hit .212 with the Reds and was a .299 hitter over two seasons at Triple-A Louisville.

As a big-leaguer, Rosales has as much fun as he did playing as a kid.

Before Sunday's game at the Coliseum, A's PR people asked him to greet thousands of Little Leaguers as they paraded around the field. Rosales did it with a smile for 45 minutes, offering handshakes, high-fives and lots of low-fives.

Adam Rosales, continued

“I still consider myself a Little Leaguer,” said Rosales, who wears his green socks to his knees. “If I’m not enjoying myself, I shouldn’t be here. You’ve got to keep it fun because it is a grind. It’s 162-plus games. You’ve got to keep a smile on your face and enjoy every moment you’re out there.”

Infielder Adam Rosales is making serious run for roster spot with A’s

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune, 3/23/2010

Adam Rosales didn’t wear a Cincinnati Reds uniform very long, but his all-out style of play earned him a pretty nice comparison.

The infielder became known in Cincinnati as “Pete Rosales,” a reference to Pete Rose, a rather famous ex-Red who also gained attention for his hustle.

Rosales has impressed the A’s with more than his attitude since coming over in a Feb. 1 trade. He’s played well enough this spring to put heat on Cliff Pennington in the battle for the starting shortstop job.

Despite the competition, Rosales goes about his business like a man who understands he’s getting paid to play a kid’s game.

“I’ve just kind of always listened to what the coaches said,” Rosales, 26, said. “One thing that was always constant was work hard, play hard, be smart. You should always enjoy the game.”

The A’s knew they were getting a high-energy player when they acquired Rosales for infielder Aaron Miles and a player to be named (the A’s also got outfielder Willy Taveras in the deal but released him immediately).

They like the results they’ve seen, as well.

Rosales has hit .333 in 14 Cactus League games, seeing action at second base and third base as well as shortstop.

He hit just .213 in 87 games last season with Cincinnati, but his versatility attracted the A’s. He played all four infield spots last season.

But the first thing usually mentioned about Rosales is his hustle, not surprising for a player who hardly took the express route to the major leagues.

Cincinnati drafted him in the 12th round out of Western Michigan in 2005, and he made his big league debut in 2008 at age 25.

Rosales drew the spotlight last season by sprinting around the bases after each of his four homers. It wasn’t a ploy for attention — Rosales said he’s done the same thing since he was 12.

“The first time I hit one out of the park, I jogged around the bases and it felt really awkward,” he said. “It felt like it took too much time.”

Reds right-hander Jared Burton said he recalls his former teammate taking a bat and hitting baseballs into the corners of the outfield, then running to retrieve them. That’s one way Rosales got his conditioning in.

“He’s one of those guys, if he plays the game for 15 years, he’ll still be like a kid,” Burton said. “He appreciates every chance he gets out there.”

Sometimes Rosales’ up-tempo style gets the best of him.

“The biggest thing with Adam is he gets out of control at times,” A’s second baseman Mark Ellis said. “But he’s gotten so much better since camp started. He plays very hard. He doesn’t say a whole lot. He’s just going about his business.”

He could start the season in the minor leagues if he doesn’t beat out Pennington at shortstop. Jake Fox and Eric Patterson are also fighting to make the team as utility men, and both are out of options.

“Once you start worrying about (making the team), you start pressing,” Rosales said. “You’ve just got to keep the fun in it or else you’re going to get yourself in trouble.”

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-6 / 230 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right

Birthdate: April 22, 1987 **Opening Day Age:** 22

Birthplace/Resides: Berkeley, California / Oakland, California

Major League Service: None

Obtained: Selected in the 2nd round of the 2008 First-Year Player Draft

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was the only non-roster invitee to make the A's Opening Day roster and made his Major League debut in the sixth inning, April 7 against Seattle...struck out the first batter he faced (Rob Johnson) and ended up tossing 2.1 scoreless innings (1 h, 1 bb, 2 so)...his debut came in his third professional season and was 15 days before his 23rd birthday...had pitched just nine games above the Single-A level entering the season.
- Made his second career appearance April 11 at Los Angeles and tossed 3.0 innings in the A's 9-4 win for his first career save.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was the A's second round selection in the 2008 draft and compiled a 10-11 record and a 4.16 ERA (72 er in 155.2 ip) in 33 games, 31 starts, in his first two professional seasons... was named as the A's number six prospect by *Baseball America* following the 2009 season and was also tabbed as having the Best Slider.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Began his first full professional season at Single-A Stockton but earned a late season promotion to Double-A Midland and combined for a 10-10 record and a 4.09 ERA in 27 games, all starts...tied for fifth in the A's farm system in wins (10) and ranked seventh in ERA (4.09), strikeouts (113) and innings (136.1)...allowed a .233 opponents batting average, including .224 (66 for 295) against right-handed hitters and .245 (52 for 212) against left-handers...opponents hit .216 with runners in scoring position and were 10 for 59 (.169) with RISP and two outs.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2008	Kane County	0	1	4.66	6	4	0	0	0	19.1	16	11	10	1	2	5	0	16	1	0
2009	Stockton	5	6	4.17	18	18	0	0	0	86.1	78	49	40	10	8	33	1	82	5	0
	Midland	5	4	3.96	9	9	1	0	0	50.0	40	22	22	3	1	20	0	31	4	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2008 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 2nd round of the First-Year Player Draft.

CATCHER

Height/Weight: 5-11 / 196 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: October 4, 1983 **Opening Day Age:** 26
Birthplace/Resides: Wailuku, Hawaii / Redondo Beach, California
Major League Service: 2 years, 113 days
Obtained: Selected in the 2nd round of the 2004 First-Year Player Draft
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Made his third straight Opening Day start at catcher, April 5 against Seattle...committed two error, the first two-error game of his career.
- Had his seventh career walk-off hit April 7 against Seattle, a double...it was his third career walk-off double and he also has two homers and two singles...the three walk-off doubles tie Terrence Long for the most in Oakland history and the seven hits are tied for fourth most.
- Hit a three-run home run in the first inning April 22 against New York and then grounded into a triple play in the sixth inning...it was the seventh triple play turned against the A's in Oakland history, the first since Geronimo Berroa hit into one May 14, 1994 at Kansas City.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has led American League catchers in games started in each of the last two seasons and is a .276 hitter in 295 games over that span...made his Major League debut in 2007 and hit .249 in 68 games...entering the 2010 season, has started 324 of the A's 393 (82.4%) games behind the plate since Jason Kendall was traded July 16, 2007...had a team-leading 88 RBI in 2009 to become just the second catcher in Athletics history to lead the club in RBI...had two pinch homers in 2008 and is 7 for 14 (.500) with a double, two home runs, six RBI, two walks and a hit by pitch in his career in the pinch, through 2009...named to the Texas League All-Star team in 2006 at Midland...played for United States in the All-Star Futures Game that year at Pittsburgh...was originally drafted by the A's in the second round of the 2004 draft...is the fourth Hawaiian born player to play for the Athletics, joining Shane Komine (2006), Ron Darling (1991-95) and Lenn Sakata (1986).

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Led American League catchers in games started for the second consecutive season (132) and continued to improve offensively...had career-highs in runs (74), hits (156), doubles (37), home runs (15), RBI (88), stolen bases (8) and slugging percentage (.421)...led the A's in hits, doubles, RBI, slugging, hit by pitches (8), sacrifice flies (7), multiple RBI games (20) and go-ahead RBI (18)...became just the second catcher in Athletics history to lead the club in RBI...the other was Frankie Hayes, who had 78 RBI for Philadelphia in 1944...led the A's in hits for the second consecutive season but his slugging percentage was the lowest ever by an Oakland team leader...struck out 59 times for an average of 10.41 plate appearances per strikeout...that was the sixth best ratio in the American League...led AL catchers in doubles (34), RBI (83) and stolen bases (8), ranked second in runs (71) and third in hits (144).

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2004	Vancouver	.297	46	175	27	52	10	3	3	31	3	3	12	18	26	0	1	.440	.394	1
2005	Stockton	.277	114	441	85	122	26	5	12	65	2	5	12	63	61	5	3	.440	.378	15
2006	Midland	.285	99	376	64	107	26	1	7	55	0	1	9	58	50	5	3	.415	.392	2
2007	Sacramento	.280	55	211	32	59	9	0	3	27	1	3	4	21	41	0	0	.365	.351	3
	OAKLAND	.249	68	213	27	53	13	0	7	39	3	5	3	24	39	0	0	.408	.327	2
2008	OAKLAND	.279	148	530	54	148	25	1	7	42	2	1	11	44	69	2	3	.370	.346	6
2009	OAKLAND	.274	147	570	74	156	37	1	15	88	1	7	8	28	59	8	2	.421	.313	5
ML Totals		.272	363	1313	155	357	75	2	29	169	6	13	22	96	167	10	5	.398	.329	13

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2004 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 2nd round of the First-Year Player Draft.

2010 CLIPS**Suzuki set for season 3**

By Mark Brown / Special to the Star-Bulletin 4/4/2010

If you're looking to speak with Kurt Suzuki after a game, be prepared to wait.

If you wish to speak with Kurt Suzuki prior to a game, he's likely nowhere to be found.

That's because the Wailuku, Maui, native is busy lifting weights, scouting other teams, taking extra batting practice, lifting more weights and generally exhibiting a work ethic that would push anyone to the brink.

In just two years with Oakland, Suzuki, the A's everyday catcher, has rapidly emerged as "the best kept secret in baseball," according to Bob Geren, his manager. That may not be good enough for the 26-year-old Baldwin graduate as he continues to push himself in areas unknown to most players.

Usually, he's the first in the locker room each day, and one of the last to leave. After games, reporters routinely hang around his locker for a considerable period of time because he's usually riding the stationary bike long after the final out.

"Nothing is given to you, and you need to figure things out on your own," he said the other day in the A's spring training clubhouse. "I'm looking to be a complete player and always learning. I can't see a moment where I will not stop learning."

Suzuki says "consistency" best describes his approach to the game.

"Results are results, and numbers are numbers," he added. "Baseball is a game of ups and downs. I want to be as consistent as I can every year."

In his two full years at the major league level, Suzuki hit .279 in 2008 and .274 last season. In the space of one season, his RBI total jumped dramatically to a club-high 88 last season. In the process, Suzuki became only the second catcher in franchise history to lead the A's in RBIs. The other was Frankie Hayes for the 1944 Philadelphia Athletics.

Suzuki topped AL catchers in doubles, RBIs and stolen bases, and was second in runs scored and third in hits.

For 2010, Suzuki may have a chance to increase that RBI total. The A's have loaded their lineup with speed at the top, though leadoff hitter Coco Crisp is out for at least a month with a broken pinkie. Center fielder Rajai Davis is coming off a .305 season and a team-high 41 stolen bases.

For the modest Suzuki, the goal is not necessarily just to improve his offensive numbers.

"I want to be known as a guy who can do it all," Suzuki said. "Players tend to concentrate on some areas of their game. I'm always looking to improve in every aspect."

Suzuki emerged as a strong force in handling the pitching staff.

Adhering to that work ethic, Suzuki, before each series, meets with the coaching staff to go over hitters, study tape and then confer with pitchers.

"The biggest thing for Kurt is his calming effect on the staff," starter Brett Anderson said after going five innings last Sunday in a spring training game against Colorado. "Guys around here have a tendency to get hyped up, and he knows how to settle a pitcher down and create an intelligent pace."

To complement his bat and handling of the staff, Suzuki has developed as a premier defensive catcher. Last season, he led AL catchers in innings, putouts and total chances. He was second in the league in assists and fourth in fielding percentage. Suzuki was rated as the third best defensive catcher in the AL

Kurt Suzuki, continued

by Baseball America's best tools survey.

"He is a phenomenal defensive catcher," Anderson added. "I have a tendency to throw breaking balls in the dirt, and he has saved me so many times."

Suzuki has not forgotten his roots. Returning to the islands each winter, he said visits to family and friends do the mind and body well.

"There are many great players from home," he said. "Yep, I played against (the Phillies' Shane) Victorino in high school, and he was an amazing player. I was struck how good this guy was in every sport."

For now, Suzuki is preparing to move ahead in a career destined to be sprinkled with achievements and accolades.

"He is an overachiever," Geren said. "Here's a guy from a small high school, and an area producing not many major leaguers."

"He walks on at Cal State Fullerton, and helps them win the national championship. That says something about his character and athletic ability. He simply has a strong desire to win and a great work ethic."

OUTFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-4 / 224

Bats/Throws: Left / Left

Birthdate: February 20, 1985

Opening Day Age: 25

Birthplace/Resides: Cedar Rapids, Iowa / Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Major League Service: 2 years, 53 days

Obtained: Acquired from the Chicago White Sox with Gio Gonzalez and Fautino De Los Santos in exchange for Nick Swisher, January 3, 2008

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was the A's Opening Day starter in right field, April 5 against Seattle...it was his third consecutive Opening Day start for the A's...the previous two were in center field...grounded into two double plays, tying the Oakland Opening Day record set by Scott Hatteberg in 2002 and matched by Kevin Kouzmanoff this year.
- Began the season with a career high tying 13-game hitting streak (16 for 50, .320)...it tied for the second longest season-opening hitting streak in Oakland history and it was his fourth career hitting streak of 10 or more games.
- Reached base safely in each of his first 23 games, which tied for the sixth longest season-opening streak in Oakland history...it matched his career high (August 30-September 26, 2009).
- Had his first career walk-off hit April 17 against Baltimore, a two-run single in the A's 4-3 win.
- Homered against Texas on May 4 to snap a career-long 51-game homerless streak...his last home run prior to that came on August 27, 2009 at Los Angeles.
- Reached base safely in 37 consecutive home games from August 14, 2009 to May 4, 2010...that tied for the second longest such streak in Oakland history.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Batted a team-leading .293 in 134 games with Oakland in 2009 and now has a .290 average in 249 games with the A's over the previous two seasons...made his Major League debut with Chicago (AL) in 2006 and hit .213 in 33 games over two seasons with the White Sox...had an Oakland record-tying three doubles on Sept. 4, 2008 and Sept. 14, 2009...was ranked by *Baseball America* as the No. 1 Prospect in the Sox organization entering the 2007 season, the No. 3 Prospect prior to 2006, the No. 2 Prospect in 2005 and the No. 4 Prospect in 2004...was originally a second round pick out of high school by the White Sox in the 2003 draft...was named Louisville Slugger National Player of the Year at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

The 24-year old outfielder batted a team-leading .293 with 53 RBI in 134 games in his second full season...the batting average is fifth best in Oakland history by a player younger than 25 years of age and it marks the second consecutive season a 24-year old has led the A's in batting (Suzuki, .279)...hit .326 with 23 of his 31 doubles on the road...had the sixth best road batting average in the AL and tied for fifth in doubles...batted .319 with 20 doubles after the All-Star Break...had the 10th best batting average in the AL after the break and tied for eighth in doubles...started a team-leading 63 games in right field but also made 53 starts in center field and five in left field for a team-leading 121 starts in the outfield overall...had 11 assists, which tied for fourth among AL outfielders.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD																				
Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2003	Bristol	.313	19	67	11	21	3	0	2	5	1	0	1	7	10	3	0	.448	.387	4
	Great Falls	.353	10	34	0	12	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	.412	.389	1
2004	Winston-Salem	.283	134	515	71	146	22	3	7	66	3	2	7	40	65	8	6	.379	.342	7
2005	Birmingham	.298	113	429	64	128	22	3	1	47	7	5	7	35	53	6	6	.371	.357	3
2006	Charlotte	.296	118	449	64	133	25	3	13	70	3	2	3	35	73	7	7	.452	.350	3
	CHICAGO (AL)	.229	18	35	1	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	.229	.229	0
2007	Charlotte	.270	105	397	50	107	17	2	10	47	2	2	1	48	71	8	5	.398	.348	0
	CHICAGO (AL)	.200	15	45	5	9	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	4	5	0	1	.333	.265	0
2008	OAKLAND	.286	115	384	53	110	18	2	5	45	2	6	3	38	67	9	1	.383	.350	1
	Sacramento	.412	8	34	5	14	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	.618	.459	0
	AZL A's	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000	.400	0
2009	OAKLAND	.293	134	484	68	142	31	3	6	53	2	5	3	40	67	6	5	.407	.348	3
ML Totals		.284	282	948	127	269	52	5	12	108	4	11	6	82	146	15	7	.387	.341	4

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2003 — Selected by the Chicago White Sox organization in the 2nd round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with pitchers Fautino De Los Santos and Gio Gonzalez for Nick Swisher, January 3. On disabled list, May 29 to June 12; included rehabilitation assignment to Sacramento, June 5 to 12. On disabled list, August 13 to 27, included rehabilitation assignment to Arizona (Rookie), August 27 to 28. **2009** — On disabled list, June 3 to 17.

INFIELDER

Height/Weight: 5-11 / 190

Bats/Throws: Right / Right

Birthdate: November 1, 1983

Opening Day Age: 26

Birthplace/Resides: Spartanburg, South Carolina / Spartanburg, South Carolina

Major League Service: None

Obtained: Claimed off waivers from Minnesota, February 1, 2010

Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Began the season at Triple-A Sacramento but was recalled April 27 after hitting .333 with a home run and eight RBI in 16 games with the River Cats.
- Made his Major League debut April 28 at Tampa Bay and went 0 for 2 as a late inning replacement at second base.
- Singled off Josh Roenicke in the ninth inning April 30 at Toronto for his first ML hit.
- Was optioned to Sacramento May 4.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was claimed off waivers by the A's from Minnesota, February 1, 2010...was originally drafted by the Twins in the fifth round of the 2005 draft...hit .276 (505 for 1827) with 33 home runs, 183 RBI and 67 stolen bases in 500 minor league games over five seasons in the Twins farm system...has at least 24 doubles in each of the last three seasons...finished 10th in the Eastern League with a .300 batting average in 2008.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to hit .266 with 27 doubles, eight home runs, 40 RBI, 78 runs scored and 13 stolen bases in 130 games with Double-A New Britain and Triple-A Rochester in his final season in the Twins organization...had career highs in at bats (503), runs and hit by pitches (6)...was batting .258 with two home runs and 13 RBI in 38 games with New Britain at the time he was promoted to Rochester, May 30...finished the season with the Red Wings and hit .270 with six home runs and 27 RBI in 92 games... appeared in 61 games at second base, 32 in left field, 31 at shortstop, seven in center field, three in right field and one at third base.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2005	Elizabethton	.321	16	56	18	18	6	1	2	8	3	0	3	11	4	2	1	.571	.457	4
	Beloit	.176	31	102	16	18	2	0	3	10	3	0	3	17	23	3	0	.284	.311	3
2006	Beloit	.287	47	171	23	49	8	2	2	16	4	0	2	27	34	7	9	.392	.390	14
	GCL Twins	.250	2	8	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250	.222	2
	Ft. Myers	.268	49	157	23	42	8	1	4	23	2	4	1	22	24	3	1	.408	.353	3
2007	Ft. Myers	.285	132	487	75	139	24	4	5	35	1	1	3	79	97	27	10	.382	.388	25
2008	New Britain	.300	93	343	54	103	28	1	9	50	4	3	3	44	74	12	6	.466	.382	12
2009	New Britain	.258	38	151	21	39	10	2	2	13	1	1	4	16	20	6	2	.391	.343	8
	Rochester	.270	92	352	57	95	17	1	6	27	1	3	2	36	52	7	6	.375	.338	13

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Minnesota Twins organization in the 5th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2010** — Claimed off waivers by the Oakland Athletics, February 1.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 212 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right

Birthdate: December 15, 1978 **Opening Day Age:** 31

Birthplace/Resides: Austin, Minnesota / Scottsdale, Arizona

Major League Service: 4 years, 139 days

Obtained: Acquired from the Chicago Cubs for outfielder Richie Robnett and infielder Justin Sellers, February 2, 2009

Contract Status: First year of a two-year contract through 2011 with a club option for 2012.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Began the season on the disabled list with right shoulder tendinitis... appeared in just two games during the spring (March 21 and 25) and had a loss and a 4.50 ERA... was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 3 retroactive to March 26.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Spent the first 11 seasons of his professional career with the Chicago Cubs organization before he was dealt to Oakland prior to the start of Spring Training in 2009... led American League relievers and tied for second in the majors with a career-high 102 strikeouts in his first season with the A's... enters 2010 with 372 strikeouts in 341.0 career innings, an average of 9.82 per nine innings... made his major league debut with Chicago in 2004 and spent all or parts of five seasons from 2004-08 in the Cubs bullpen... his 265 relief appearances for Chicago ranked eighth-most in franchise history prior to the trade... allowed just five of 38 inherited runners to score in 2007, the second-best rate of success in the National League (13.2%)... appeared in a team-leading 75 games with the Cubs in 2005.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was one of the top set-up men in the American League as he went 6-1 with four saves and a 2.63 ERA in a team-leading 74 appearances for the A's... the games pitched tied for eighth most in Oakland history... led American League relievers and tied for second in the majors with a career-high 102 strikeouts (Broxton, LAD 114)... that was the sixth-highest strikeout total by a reliever in Oakland history... tossed 78.2 innings for an average of 11.67 strikeouts per nine innings... that was the second-highest mark by a reliever in Oakland history to Octavio Dotel... his ERA and .188 opponents batting average were career lows... tied for fourth among AL relievers in games, ranked fifth in opponents batting average and sixth in percent of inherited runners scored (20.0%) and opponents average against first batters faced (.145).

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD																				
Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
1998	Williamsport	7	5	3.44	14	14	1	0	0	86.1	79	36	33	4	0	19	0	59	1	2
1999	Lansing	11	12	4.80	28	28	1	0	0	161.1	191	104	86	11	1	44	0	127	11	0
2000	Daytona	12	7	3.78	28	28	3	2	0	171.1	166	79	72	15	3	64	1	142	7	1
2001	West Tenn	4	9	3.99	27	27	1	1	0	160.0	160	80	71	20	6	58	2	135	10	0
2002	Iowa	9	5	5.55	28	27	0	0	0	154.0	185	109	95	24	4	69	3	131	11	0
2003	Iowa	3	9	4.57	43	16	0	0	1	124.0	140	70	63	16	5	35	8	92	2	0
2004	CHICAGO (NL)	1	0	4.34	31	0	0	0	1	29.0	22	14	14	4	0	17	1	30	2	1
	Iowa	1	1	2.42	37	0	0	0	19	44.2	30	13	12	4	0	15	2	59	0	0
2005	CHICAGO (NL)	6	2	3.81	75	0	0	0	0	75.2	60	36	32	6	0	40	7	89	7	0
2006	CHICAGO (NL)	3	1	2.66	41	0	0	0	0	40.2	35	14	12	5	1	16	2	42	1	0
	Iowa	6	0	1.73	30	0	0	0	10	41.2	30	10	8	2	1	9	0	67	3	0
2007	CHICAGO (NL)	2	3	3.48	73	0	0	0	0	72.1	64	30	28	8	0	35	6	79	6	0
2008	CHICAGO (NL)	1	1	3.63	45	0	0	0	0	44.2	44	23	18	4	0	20	2	30	2	0
	Iowa	0	1	3.60	17	0	0	0	4	20.0	13	8	8	2	0	14	2	29	4	0
2009	OAKLAND	6	1	2.63	74	0	0	0	4	78.2	52	25	23	6	0	23	1	102	6	0
AL Totals		6	1	2.63	74	0	0	0	4	78.2	52	25	23	6	0	23	1	102	6	0
NL Totals		13	7	3.57	265	0	0	0	1	262.1	225	117	104	27	1	128	18	270	18	1
ML Totals		19	8	3.35	339	0	0	0	5	341.0	277	142	127	33	1	151	19	372	24	1

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1997 — Selected by the Chicago Cubs organization in the 11th round of the June draft. **2009** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics for outfielder Richie Robnett and infielder Justin Sellers, February 2.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**Height/Weight:** 6-4 / 207**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** October 10, 1979**Opening Day Age:** 30**Birthplace/Resides:** Pratt, Kansas / Springfield, Missouri**Major League Service:** 1 year, 122 days**Obtained:** Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, June 18, 2004**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Worked in each of the first three games of the season...since 1995, the only A's pitcher to appear in each of the teams first three games was Keith Foulke in 2008, but that was the year the A's opened in Japan and had five days off between games two and three...the last prior to Foulke was Bill Taylor in 1994.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Has a 2.17 ERA and 18 saves in 116 relief appearances in his first two seasons with the A's...pitched for the United States in the 2009 World Baseball Classic...made his Major League debut in 2008 and started his career with a 39.0 inning scoreless streak, which was a modern ML record to start a career, an American League rookie record and the Oakland record...was named to the Topps Major League All-Rookie team and the *Baseball Digest* Major League Rookie All-Star team in 2008...has been the epitome of perseverance during his six-year professional career, overcoming two skull fractures (2004, 2008) and an arm injury, and undergoing a transformation to submariner...began his career as a starter and was 33-17 with a 4.05 ERA in 78 games, 73 starts, over his first four years as a professional...converted to reliever in 2007 and was 14-3 with 10 saves and a 1.93 ERA in 69 minor league appearances from 2007-08...was originally drafted by Philadelphia in the 20th round of the 2003 draft but was released prior to the 2004 season and pitched in an independent league before signing with the A's organization June 18, 2004...led the A's farm system with 164 strikeouts in 2005...was named to the Texas League Postseason All-Star team in 2006 after ranking second in the TL in ERA (3.37).

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was 2-4 with seven saves and a 3.07 ERA in 69 relief appearances...allowed two home runs in 73.1 innings for an average of 0.25 per nine innings, the third lowest mark among American League relievers...led AL relievers and ranked second in the majors with 14 grounded into double plays (Affeldt, SF 18)...ranked third among AL relievers in most hits allowed (82) and had a .293 opponents batting average...that included a .265 (45 for 170) mark against right-handed hitters and .336 (37 for 110) against left-handers...opponents hit .384 with runners in scoring position after allowing a .116 average in that situation in 2008.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2003	Batavia	1	0	1.50	3	0	0	0	0	6.0	5	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	0
2004	Schaumburg (Ind.)	3	0	1.50	4	4	1	0	0	24.0	12	5	4	0	2	1	0	26	0	0
	Modesto	9	2	3.90	16	15	0	0	0	92.1	94	51	40	11	2	22	0	77	0	1
2005	Stockton	9	7	4.66	24	24	0	0	0	141.0	166	84	73	13	6	20	0	144	4	0
	Midland	2	1	6.86	4	4	0	0	0	21.0	27	16	16	1	3	4	0	20	1	0
2006	Midland	9	6	3.37	23	22	1	0	0	141.2	151	60	53	17	7	37	0	88	3	1
	Sacramento	0	1	6.00	4	4	0	0	0	21.0	32	17	14	3	1	5	0	11	1	0
2007	Midland	4	0	1.14	15	0	0	0	1	23.2	19	6	3	0	0	4	0	18	0	0
	Sacramento	8	3	2.96	35	0	0	0	1	54.2	46	20	18	0	2	14	0	44	0	1
2008	Sacramento	2	0	0.37	19	0	0	0	8	24.1	15	2	1	0	0	4	1	20	0	0
	OAKLAND	3	0	1.06	47	0	0	0	11	59.2	47	8	7	2	1	22	3	30	0	0
2009	OAKLAND	2	4	3.07	69	0	0	0	7	73.1	82	27	25	2	1	28	4	54	0	0
ML Totals		5	4	2.17	116	0	0	0	18	133.0	129	35	32	4	2	50	7	84	0	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2000 — Selected by the Oakland Athletics organization in the 31st round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign.

2003 — Selected by the Philadelphia Phillies organization in the 20th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2004** — Released, March 28; signed with Schaumburg (Independent). Signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, June 18.

2010 CLIPS**Ziegler winds up for Pastime for Patriots**

Initiative to launch in conjunction with Salute to Armed Forces

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OAKLAND -- When a young Brad Ziegler brought home a Revolutionary War assignment, his father fondly remembers the history project turning into something of a family activity.

"We ended up enacting the whole thing out," Greg Ziegler recalls.

The memory of those days is somewhat a blur now, but the passion exuded in those moments for selfless soldiers has since stayed with Brad, now 30 and a member of Oakland's own corps known as the bullpen.

"I know that I always grew up liking history, especially war history," Brad Ziegler says. "So I watched a lot of movies, read a lot of books. The more I did, the more I realized the incredible sacrifice that these people are going through just to put our country in a position right now where we have all these freedoms. I mean, it's a great country to live in."

It's one that has allowed the ballplayer to not only live out his dreams on the field, but also take advantage of his status as a member of the green and gold to support those battling in faraway lands for the pride and protection of the red, white and blue.

Such opportunity will officially transform into a charity Saturday when Brad Ziegler, with parents Greg and Lisa watching from the stands, launches the creation of his Pastime for Patriots Foundation. The commencement will aptly fall in conjunction with the A's Salute to Armed Forces Day and award 400 tickets to military families for Oakland's afternoon matchup with Tampa Bay.

Ziegler has purchased 200 of the tickets -- a donation matched by the A's Community Fund to aid in the efforts of providing a day at the ballpark for family members of troops who are currently overseas and those who have recently returned from action.

Through the foundation, the A's pitcher plans on making his purchase of baseball tickets for these families an ongoing endeavor, one he hopes expands through several other Major League parks as quickly as the charity formed.

"This past offseason was when everything started coming together," Ziegler said. "I always felt like I could contribute, but I never felt like I was in a position to head something up. I was hoping I'd have enough name recognition at some point to where, if I were going to put my name on something, it would have a little credibility."

"Just seeing other ballplayers start their own foundations and working on something they're passionate about, I thought, 'You know what? I'm going to try something.'"

Now, months later, Pastime for Patriots is already owner of a logo -- one that will hopefully soon receive the stamp of a copyright -- along with a forming web site that will be up and running shortly. In the meantime, though, Ziegler is focused on interacting with the people who initially inspired his cause.

Brad Ziegler, continued

“The more you get in touch with these people we’re helping, the more you understand their situation and how difficult it can be,” he said. “I know very well how hard it can be on a family to be traveling all the time and to be away from home and from your kids. These people are doing the same thing, except they’re going months and sometimes years without seeing their family members.

“I feel like if we can get them to the ballpark for a day and ease some of the costs of that, take their minds off of what’s going on, that to me is the big initiative. Let’s get these people out of the house for a night, no matter what it costs.”

Ziegler will buy 150 tickets per game for families on July 9, Aug. 6 and Sept. 21, when the A’s Community Fund will once again match those purchases. Furthermore, a large portion of the money raised through his foundation will eventually contribute to college scholarships for high school students who have had a parent killed in action.

The A’s pitcher, now a father to 2 1/2-year-old Kaylin, grew up surrounded by a close family and a large dose of faith in Odessa, Mo., where his parents raised him in a nurturing environment, but at the same time reminded him that not all are so fortunate.

“I never had to grow up without a parent, and I can’t imagine -- whether you’re an infant or a junior in high school -- what that’s like,” he said. “It’s going to change their life from that point on from what it would have been. I don’t want that to be any kind of hindrance for them for possibly furthering their education to be able to do something later in life.”

Ziegler is hoping enough funds will be in place for what he envisions to be the first of several abundant scholarships by May 2011. Additionally, he plans to provide care packages for a handful of Bay Area brigades and battalions stationed overseas, where he’s also planning a trip this offseason. And all those interested in supporting the pitcher’s efforts -- whether simply through learning more about the charity or by making donations -- can visit tables on Saturday set up by the Oakland Coliseum concourse level.

“Anything we receive from then on will be tax-deductable,” he assured. “I want to do everything I can to make sure that my donations to the foundation cover the maintenance costs -- kind of the grunt work -- and everyone else who donates, their money is going directly to these troops and their families.”

Much of said grunt work is currently being handled by the pitcher’s agents, Rob Martin and Matt Cormier, who want their client to keep much of his focus on the mound. After all, it’s work as a Major League reliever that has created opportunities to help those in need.

“I got to wear the stars and stripes and play on the field,” he said. “Now is the time where I can take the stars and stripes thing a little further and hopefully do some good with it. This isn’t just something I hope to do throughout my playing career but something I hope to be a part of the rest of my life.”

His father, for one, believes the charity will take on a life of its own -- much like the recreation of the Revolutionary War did in his living room a couple decades ago.

“He believes in justice and in pursuing things that are right,” Greg Ziegler said. “It’s not a blind following, by any means. I think he does have a real appreciation for the freedoms that we have, and he knows that people have made a lot of sacrifices for us to have those freedoms.

“I’m grateful that he accepts the responsibility to do something good with the way that he is blessed. Brad has been given a lot of gifts and great privileges, and he’s worked hard. I’m thankful he’s interested in giving back and not just accumulating things for himself.”

