

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	6-6
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Home Series	5-1-0
Road Series	1-4-0
Series Sweeps	0-1
First Game of Series	5-7
Last Game of Series	6-5
A's Score First	14-5
Opponent Scores First	4-13
Leading After 7 th	15-0
Leading After 8 th	14-0
Tied After 7 th	3-4
Tied After 8 th	2-3
Trailing After 7 th	0-14
Trailing After 8 th	2-15
Commit No Errors	13-7
Commit 1 or More Errors	5-11
More HR Than Opp.	6-3
Fewer HR Than Opp.	4-9
Same Total HR of Opp.	8-6
Starter Pitches 7 or More	5-3
Starter Pitches Less Than 7	13-15
When Scoring 4 or More	17-1
When Scoring Less Than 4	1-17
Last At Bat	4-4
Different Lineups	25

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (18-18) VS. LOS ANGELES ANGELS (16-21)

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010 – ANGEL STADIUM OF ANAHEIM – 6:05 P.M. PDT
RHP JUSTIN DUCHSCHERER (2-1, 2.89) VS. RHP ERVIN SANTANA (1-3, 4.40)
CSNCA – A'S RADIO NETWORK (XTRA SPORTS 860 AM) – ESPAÑOL (KDIA 1640 AM/KDYA 1190 AM)

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost three straight games, which is one short of the longest losing streak of the season...lost four straight from April 27 to 30...are now 9-14 (.391) since April 17 when they were a season high five games over .500 (9-4)...are 18-18 for the season, the sixth time the A's have been at the .500 mark this year...have spent just two days under .500 this year: April 5 (the first game of the season) and May 3...are in second place in the American League West and trail Texas by a season high two games for the second consecutive day...have 22 days alone in first this year, six days tied for first, 10 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...have spent 31 days above .500 this year...spent just one day over .500 last year (2-1, April 8)...the A's are 8-2 in the third game of a series.

RUNS: The A's were shutout for the second time this year last night after scoring one run in each of the previous two games...have now scored one run or less in four of the last seven games and have 18 runs total over that span (2.6 runs per game)...have 144 runs for the season, which is tied for fourth fewest in the American League...the A's are 17-1 when scoring four runs or more in a game and 1-17 when scoring three runs or fewer.

HOME AND AWAY: The A's are 1-3 on this six game road trip against Texas (1-2) and Los Angeles (0-1) and have now lost 10 of the last 12 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 5-11 (.313) on the road...the A's home record is tied for fourth best in the American League and the road record is tied with Chicago for second worst (Baltimore, 5-15)...return home following the game tomorrow for a seven-game homestand against Seattle (two games), Detroit (two games) and San Francisco (three games)...the A's pitching staff has a 2.78 ERA at home and a 5.37 ERA (84 er in 140.2 ip) on the road...**have the lowest home ERA in the AL and the second highest road ERA** ahead of the Angels (5.39)...have allowed nine home runs in 20 games at home and 27 home runs in 17 contests on the road...A's starting pitchers are 9-5 with a 2.78 ERA (37 er in 120.0 ip) at home and 4-7 with a 5.86 ERA (56 er in 86.0 ip) on the road...the A's offense is batting .264 at home compared to .231 (131 for 567) on the road...have the lowest road batting average in the AL.

NIGHT AND DAY: The A's are 10-4 (.714) in day games, which is the second best record in the majors (Detroit, 13-5)...have an 8-14 (.364) record at night, which is fourth worst in the American League...the pitching staff has a 2.69 ERA (38 er in 127.1 ip) during the day compared to 4.72 (102 er in 194.1 ip) at night...the A's day ERA is the lowest in the AL and second lowest in the majors (St. Louis, 2.35)...the offense is batting .266 (123 for 462) with 62 runs scored (4.4 per game) during the day compared to .238 (180 for 757) with 82 runs scored (3.7 per game) at night.

OFFENSE: The A's are batting .235 (114 for 486) with 43 runs scored over the last 14 games (3.1 runs per game)...have the third fewest home runs (22) and extra base hits (85) in the American League...the A's are the only AL team that has not connected for more than two home runs in a game this year...have struck out 49 times in the last five games and have 265 for the season, which is fourth most in the AL...have reached base on an error an AL leading 17 times.

STARTING PITCHING: Dallas Braden tossed the A's second complete game of the season last night and the A's are one of seven American League teams with two complete games...A's starting pitchers have allowed two runs or less in five of the last eight games but are 3-3 despite a 2.82 ERA (16 er in 51.0 ip) and .192 (35 for 182) opponents batting average over that span...went 1-6 with a 10.40 ERA and .342 opponents batting average over the previous eight contests...have allowed four home runs in the last 10 games and 20 for the season, which is tied for fourth fewest in the American League...have the third fewest innings pitched in the AL (206.0)...the A's are 9-4 in games started by Justin Duchscherer (4-1) and Dallas Braden (5-3) and 9-14 in all other games.

PITCHING: Despite allowing 16 runs in the first two games of the Texas series, the A's pitching staff has compiled a 3.30 ERA (28 er in 76.1 ip) over the last eight contests...however, have a 5.15 ERA (82 er in 143.1 ip) over the last 16 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)...have yielded eight home runs over the last four games after going four consecutive games without a home run.

ON THE BASES: The A's offense has been successful in 20 of 25 (80.0%) stolen base attempts, which is tied for the second best percentage in the American League...opponents have been successful in just 16 of 29 (55.2%) attempts, which is the lowest percentage in the AL...the A's pitching staff ranks second in the AL in pickoffs (9).

ONE-RUN GAMES AND OTHER CLOSE CALLS: The A's are 6-2 in one-run games, 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 eight one-run decisions this year are third fewest in the AL...are 2-1 in extra inning games...had just three extra inning wins all last year...were 3-10 (.231) in extra innings last year, the worst mark in Oakland history...have three walk-off wins this year after tallying just five in all of 2009.

THE DISABLED LIST: The A's have used the disabled list 11 times this year and have now used it 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 with Justin Duchscherer scheduled to be reinstated today, it now stands at eight (Anderson, Buck, Crisp, Devine, Ellis, Meloan, Outman, Suzuki)...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.

A's vs. ANGELS

The season series is even at two games each as the A's lost the first game of this series last night after winning two of three here in Anaheim in the second series of the season...the two clubs will not meet in Oakland until June 7-10 and the next three series after this will be played in Oakland...the A's lost the season series last year, 7-12...lost eight of nine in Oakland but went 6-4 in Anaheim...it was their second consecutive season series loss and fifth in the last six years...the A's are 54-64 (.458) against the Angels over that span (since 2004), but are 32-30 (.516) here in Anaheim...since moving to Oakland in 1968, the A's are 359-287 against the Angels...that includes 184-136 in Oakland and 175-151 in Los Angeles...all-time, the A's are 408-364 against the Angels.

TODAY'S TIDBITS

Daric Barton is a .317 (39 for 119) career hitter against the Angeles, including .356 (26 for 73) average at Angel Stadium.

Adam Rosales has not committed an error in 30 games as a second baseman and is one of two American League qualifiers at second base without an error (Pedroia, BOS).

Ryan Sweeney has a .386 (34 for 88) career average at Angel Stadium, the best mark by any hitter in this park (min. 75 PA).

Michael Wuertz has not allowed a run over his first four outings (3.2 ip) to extend his scoreless streak to a career high 17.0 innings dating back to last year...has not allowed a run in seven career appearances against Los Angeles (8.1 ip) and has struck out 17 of the 28 Angels he has faced.

THIS DATE IN A's HISTORY

In **1985** the A's set what was then a club record for margin of victory when they defeat the Brewers at Milwaukee 19-3...Mike Davis homers twice and drives in six runs and four Athletics collect three hits each.

PITCHING PROBABLES

Sun., May 16 at LAA	RHP Trevor Cahill (1-1, 4.60) vs. RHP Joel Pineiro (2-4, 4.50)	12:35 CSNCA
Mon., May 17 vs. SEA	LHP Gio Gonzalez (3-3, 4.08) vs. LHP Ryan Rowland-Smith (0-3, 6.44)	7:05 CSNCA
Tue., May 18 vs. SEA	RHP Ben Sheets (2-3, 5.70) vs. RHP Felix Hernandez (2-3, 3.88)	7:05 CSNCA

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Justin Duchscherer (2-1, 2.89 ERA)

DUCHSCHERER BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	2	1	2.89	5	28.0	9
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	33	25	3.13	224	454.2	158
Home	1	0	2.60	3	17.1	5
Road	1	1	3.38	2	10.2	4
Day	1	0	0.00	2	13.0	0
Night	1	1	5.40	3	15.0	9
Pre-ASB	2	1	2.89	5	28.0	9
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
	AVG.	AB	H			
vs. LHH	.192	52	10			
vs. RHH	.320	50	16			

RUN SUPPORT

Duchscherer	
Runs Scored	Times
0	0
1	0
2	1
3	1
4	3
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
Run Support Avg.	5.46

DUCHSCHERER vs. LOS ANGELES

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	6	0	1.44	24	50.0	8

Duchscherer's Starts vs. Los Angeles

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
9/9/03	H	W	7.0	4	0	0	2	6
5/1/08	A	W	5.0	6	6	1	1	6
7/13/08	H	--	7.2	5	2	2	2	3

Los Angeles Career Batting vs. Duchscherer

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Abreu	.333	6	2	0	0	2
Aybar	.200	5	1	1	0	1
Hunter	.222	9	2	0	1	1
Izturis	.167	6	1	0	0	1
Kendrick	.000	5	0	0	0	2
Mathis	.000	2	0	0	0	1
Matsui	.400	5	2	0	0	1
Morales	.000	2	0	0	0	1
Napoli	.667	3	2	1	0	0
Quinlan	.500	2	1	0	0	0
Rivera	.200	5	1	0	1	1
Ryan	.000	1	0	0	0	0
Willits	.000	1	0	0	1	1

DUCHSCHERER'S CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	2, 7/8/08 vs. SEA
IP:	9.0, 7/8/08 vs. SEA
Fewest IP, GS:	2.2, 8/18/08 at MIN
H:	9, 7/26/08 vs. TEX
R:	8, 7/26/08 vs. TEX
ER:	8, 7/26/08 vs. TEX
BB:	5, 6/4/08 vs. DET
SO:	8, 8/13/08 vs. TB
HR:	2 (10 times), last: 4/29/10 at TOR
Win Streak:	4 (3 times), last: 6/4/08 to 6/22/08
Loss Streak:	3 (twice), last: 7/20/08 to 8/13/08
Scoreless Streak:	18.0, 7/3/08 to 7/13/08
Complete Games:	1, 7/8/08 vs. SEA
Shutouts:	1, 7/8/08 vs. SEA

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his sixth start of the season...the A's are 4-1 (.800) in his starting assignments and are 17-13 (.567) when he starts in his career...has tossed at least seven innings in one of his starts, allowed two runs or fewer three times and walked two batters or fewer four times.

THE DISABLED LIST: Was reinstated from the disabled list today...was placed on the 15-day DL May 7 retroactive to April 30 with a left hip inflammation...it was his sixth career stint on the DL.

EARNED RUN STREAK: Had his streak of 21.0 consecutive innings without allowing an earned run come to an end in his last start April 29 at Toronto when Buck homered to lead off the third...has not allowed an earned run in three of his five starts and has a 2.89 ERA for the season...has a 2.82 ERA (138 er in 440.0 ip) in his career as an Athletic, which is third lowest in Oakland history.

DAYS REST: Is 1-0 and has not allowed an earned run in his two starts on four days rest this year (13.0 ip)...is 1-1 with a 5.40 ERA (9 er in 15.0 ip) in his other three starts...is now 7-2 with a 2.00 ERA (18 er in 81.0 ip) in 13 career starts on four days rest and 7-9 with a 3.73 ERA (47 er in 113.1 ip) in his other 19 starts.

OPPONENTS BATTING: Has held the opposition to a .255 batting average, including .192 (10 for 52) against left-handed hitters and .320 (16 for 50) against right-handers...opponents are batting .190 (4 for 21) with runners in scoring position...has yielded a .189 (7 for 37) average the first time through the lineup, .268 (11 for 41) the second time through and .333 (8 for 24) after that...however, all three of his home runs have come the first time through the lineup.

FIRST START: He had a no decision in the A's 6-5 win over Seattle April 7 in Oakland...it was his first Major League appearance since August 18, 2008 as he missed the end of the 2008 season with a hip injury and the entire 2009 season following elbow surgery and clinical depression...allowed a two-run home run to Bradley in the first inning, a Wilson RBI single and Figgins sacrifice fly in the fifth and a Gutierrez RBI single in the sixth...left trailing 5-4 but the A's scored single runs in the seventh and ninth innings for the win.

SECOND START: He combined with Blevins and Bailey on a two-hit shutout in the A's 4-0 win at Seattle on April 12...it was his first win since July 8, 2008, also against Seattle, and it snapped a career high tying three-game losing streak...tossed 7.1 innings and allowed both of the hits while walking two...yielded a leadoff double to Gutierrez in the fourth and a leadoff single to Lopez in the sixth.

THIRD START: He had a no decision in the A's 4-3 win over Baltimore April 17...blanked the Orioles on five hits and a walk over the first five innings and had a 2-0 lead when he allowed two unearned runs in the sixth...a Daric Barton error preceded an Atkins two-out two-run single and Duchscherer was relieved by Gaudin with two outs and the score tied at 2-2...the Orioles scored a run in the eighth but Oakland scored twice in the ninth for the win.

FOURTH START: He combined with Ross and Kilby on a five-hit shutout in the A's 10-0 win over Cleveland April 23 in Oakland...tossed 6.0 innings and allowed all five of the hits while walking four...induced four double plays in each of the first four innings and now has six opponents grounded into double plays for the season, which is tied for second most in the American League...retired the side in order just once in the fifth inning but faced the minimum in four of his six innings.

LAST START: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 6-3 loss at Toronto April 29...left the game after 3.1 innings with the hip injury...yielded a career high tying two home runs for the 10th time (last: August 13, 2008 vs. Tampa Bay)...retired six of the first seven batters before allowing back-to-back home runs to Buck and Snider to start the third...left with two runners on base and one out in the fourth and was relieved by Blevins who allowed a three-run home run to Buck.

DUCHSCHERER vs. LOS ANGELES: Is 6-0 with a 1.44 ERA (50.0 ip, 35 h, 16 r, 8 er, 15 bb, 35 so, 4 hr) in 24 career appearances, three start...the wins are his most against any team and they are the most among Major League pitchers who have never not lost to the Angels...is 2-0 with a 2.76 ERA (5 er in 16.1 ip) in 11 games, one start, at Angel Stadium and 4-0 with 0.81 ERA (3 er in 33.2 ip) in 13 games, two starts, in Oakland...is 2-0 with a 1.37 ERA (3 er in 19.2 ip) in his three starts...last faced the Angels July 13, 2008 in Oakland and had a no decision in the A's 4-3 loss...allowed a run in the fourth and another in the eighth on a solo home run by Kotchman and left with two outs in the eighth and a 3-2 lead...Street then allowed two runs in the ninth for the blown save and loss...had a 16-game, 20.2-inning scoreless streak against the Angels from April 23, 2005 to May 1, 2008.

THIS SPRING: Was 2-0 with a 5.54 ERA (13.0 ip, 16 h, 11 r, 8 er, 3 bb, 8 so, 1 hr) in three game, all starts...allowed a .308 (16 for 52) opponents batting average...did not allow a run in two of his three starts, but allowed 11 runs on nine hits in 3.0 innings in his other start.

HOME AND AWAY: Is 1-0 in three starts at home this year after going 7-3 record in 11 starts in Oakland in 2008...now has a career record of 21-9 in Oakland and his .700 winning percentage is fifth best in Coliseum history (min. 25 decisions).

2009 RECAP: 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 retroactive to March 27 to start the season...it was his fifth stint on the DL over the last four years...was transferred to the 60-day DL April 29 but his comeback from the elbow surgery was delayed by back issues...did not yield a run in 11.0 innings in three rehab starts and allowed a .162 (6 for 37) opponents batting average...issued just one walk and struck out eight...on Aug. 21, it was announced that he would not pitch the rest of the season after being diagnosed with clinical depression.

DUCHSCHERER'S 2010 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 7	SEA	6-5	--	7.94	5.2	7	5	5	2	4	1	101
April 12	at SEA	4-0	W	3.46	7.1	2	0	0	2	4	0	96
April 17	BAL	4-3	--	2.41	5.2	7	2	0	2	5	0	94
April 23	CLE	10-0	W	1.82	6.0	5	0	0	4	2	0	93
April 29	at TOR	3-6	L	2.89	3.1	5	4	4	2	3	2	55
April Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				2-1	2.89	28.0	26	11	9	12	18	3

OAKLAND A's CAREER ERA LEADERS (min. 400 innings pitched)

1. Dennis Eckersley	2.74
2. Diego Segui	2.78
3. Justin Duchscherer	2.82
4. Rollie Fingers	2.91
5. Ken Holtzman	2.92

DUCHSCHERER'S 2010 SPRING TRAINING STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
March 22	at SEA	7-2	W	0.00	4.0	4	0	0	1	1	0
March 27	at KC	12-14	--	10.29	3.0	9	11	8	0	1	1
April 1	at SF	9-0	W	5.54	6.0	3	0	0	2	6	0
Totals (3 games, 3 starts)				2-0	5.54	13.0	16	11	8	3	8

HIGHEST COLISEUM WINNING PERCENTAGE (min. 25 decisions)

1. Kenny Rogers	.862 (25-4)
2. Mark Mulder	.754 (43-14)
3. Tim Hudson	.754 (46-15)
4. Paul Lindblad	.744 (29-10)
5. Justin Duchscherer	.700 (21-9)

TOMORROW'S PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER

RHP Trevor Cahill (1-1, 4.60 ERA): Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the season...was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento April 30 and is 1-1 with a 4.60 ERA in three starts with the A's...began the season on the 15-day disabled list with a stress reaction in his left scapula and was reinstated and optioned April 20...went 1-0 with a 1.04 ERA in two starts with the River Cats before his promotion to Oakland...has allowed four home runs in three starts this year after setting an Oakland rookie record by allowing 27 home runs last year...had a no decision in his last start, a 7-6 A's win in 13 innings (5.2 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 1 so)...is 1-0 with a 2.70 ERA (16.2 ip, 13 h, 6 r, 5 er, 11 bb, 3 so, 1 hr) in three career starts against Los Angeles, all last year.

ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

5-6, 3.66 ERA (115.2 ip, 105 h, 50 r, 47 er, 47 bb, 95 so, 15 hr)

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

The A's bullpen has allowed 11 runs in the three games in which it has appeared on the road trip (16.2 ip, 5.94 ERA) after allowing four runs in the five games it worked on the last homestand (2.16 ERA)...now has a 4.70 ERA (28 er in 53.2 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 in Texas, 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 the third fewest saves...the pen has four saves in May, which is one more than their output for the entire month of April...allowed four home runs Wednesday night, which are their most in a game since May 25, 2006 when they also allowed four home runs here at Texas...have yielded five home runs in three games on the road trip after yielding 10 over its first 31 games...the pen ranks third in the AL in innings pitched (115.2) and fourth in strikeouts (95).

40 RHP ANDREW BAILEY

Save/Opportunities: 6-7

Last Outing: 5/13 at Texas (L, 0.1 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 4/3

First Hitters: 3-12 (2 bb)

- Was charged with his first loss of the season Thursday in Texas after his scoreless streak and consecutive saves streak came to an end Tuesday night against the Rangers.
- Has allowed one run in each of his last two appearances (1.1 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb) to snap a 21.2 inning scoreless streak dating back to September 6, 2009...the streak tied for ninth longest in Oakland history by a reliever...has not allowed a run in 34 of his 37 outings since July 31, 2009 (4 er in 36.1 ip, 0.99 ERA)...now has a 1.38 ERA for the season, which ranks seventh lowest among American League relievers.
- His save streak ended at 27 on Tuesday, 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).
- Has allowed a .174 (4 for 23) average against left-handed hitters and .280 (7 for 25) against right-handers.
- Did not face the Angels earlier this year...was 1-1 and converted all three of his save opportunities against Los Angeles last year (11.0 ip, 4 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 12 so, 0.82 ERA).
- 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: 5/13 at Texas (ND, 0.2 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 5/2

First Hitters: 4-14 (1 bb)

- Has not allowed a run in his last four outings (2.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 2 so) after allowing at least one run in four of his first 11 contests (3.86 ERA).
- Has held left-handed hitters to a .130 (3 for 23) batting average and has a .290 (9 for 31) mark against right-handers.
- Has surrendered two home runs, which matches his career high as he also allowed two in 2008 and 2009.
- Faced the Angels once this year on April 10 and retired the side in order in the seventh inning (1.0 ip, 1 so).
- 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: 5/13 at Texas (ND, 2.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 9/3

First Hitters: 2-15 (0 bb)

- Has a 1.50 ERA (6.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 bb, 4 so) in five outings in May and has stranded all four of his inherited runners...posted a 4.70 ERA in 10 appearances in April and allowed 3 of 5 inherited runners to score..
- Has retired each of his last seven first batters faced and first batters have a .133 (2 for 15) on-base percentage for the season, which is seventh lowest in the American League.
- Had a loss in two outings against Los Angeles earlier this year (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...has a 2.08 ERA (2 er in 8.2 ip) in 10 career outings against the Angels.
- 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/Scored: 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/Scored: 6/0

First Hitters: 1-10 (1 bb)

- Allowed a career high tying three home runs Wednesday night in Texas (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 second 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 tied for 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 10th lowest in the American League.
- Has pitched just twice in the A's 12 games in the month of May (2.2 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 1 bb, 1 so).
- Did not face the Angels earlier this year...was 0-1 with an 11.74 ERA (7.2 ip, 16 h, 10 r, 10 er, 2 bb, 4 so, 3 hr) in two starts 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/Scored: 1/0

First Hitters: 0-4 (3 bb)

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento May 7 for his second stint with Oakland this year and pitched for the first time since his return Wednesday night in Texas.
- 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.
- Faced the Angels once earlier this year on April 9 (2.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 so)...has a 15.00 ERA (9.0 ip, 18 h, 17 r, 15 er, 7 bb, 10 so, 4 hr) in seven career outings against Los Angeles.
- 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/Scored: 0/0

First Hitters: 0-1 (0 bb)

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento May 5 and made his first appearance of the season Wednesday night...it was his first outing since May 1 at Fresno when he tossed 1.2 scoreless innings for Sacramento.
- Has faced the Angels once in his career on October 2 of last year (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb).
- 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	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)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 7/3		First Hitters: 4-10 (1 bb)

- Was credited with his first Major League win Tuesday night in Texas and was also charged with his first blown save.
- Matched his career high by tossing 3.0 innings Tuesday 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 seventh 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.
- Converted his first Major League save in his only outing against the Angels this year on April 11 (3.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 2 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	Save/Opportunities: 0-0	Last Outing: 5/13 at Texas (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 5/1		First Hitters: 2-4 (0 bb)

- Has not allowed a run over his first four outings (3.2 ip) to extend his **scoreless streak to a career high 17.0 innings** dating back to last year...his previous high was 14.0 from June 2 to September 26, 2004.
- Is 1-0 and has not surrendered a run in seven career appearances against Los Angeles (8.1 ip, 3 h, 17 so)...has struck out 17 of the 28 Angels he has faced.
- 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	Save/Opportunities: 0-1	Last Outing: 5/13 at Texas (ND, 1.1 ip, 3 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)
Inherited Runners/Scored: 6/1		First Hitters: 2-16 (1 bb)

- Made his 17th appearance of the season Thursday, which is tied for ninth in the American League.
- Was charged with his first blown save of the season Tuesday night in Texas and has allowed three runs in his last five outings (5.2 ip, 7 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 3 so) after seven consecutive scoreless appearances (7.0 ip, 2 h, 4 bb, 4 so).
- Now has a 6.75 ERA (5 er in 6.2 ip) in seven games on the road compared to a 0.87 ERA (1 er in 10.1 ip) in 10 outings at home.
- Has not allowed a run in seven outings on one day rest or less (7.2 ip) and has a 5.79 ERA (6 er in 9.1 ip) in his other nine outings.
- His only outing against the Angels this year came on April 10 (1.0 ip, 1 h, 3 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	Career vs. Santana (.333, 5-15, 0 HR, 1 BB, 3 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 9
Los Angeles Series: 0-4, so		Road Trip: 3-19, r, hr, 2 rbi, bb, 5 so

- Is 3 for 19 (.158) on the road trip after going 8 for 22 (.364) on the last homestand...is now batting .210 (13 for 62) on the road compared to .338 (22 for 65) in Oakland.
- Is tied for fourth in the American League in walks (24) and tied for 10th in times on base (60)...is also tied for fourth in sacrifice hits (4) and tied for eighth in three-hit games (4).
- Is batting .235 (19 for 81) at night and .348 (16 for 46) during the day...has the eighth best day batting average in the AL.
- Is 4 for 13 (.308) with four runs, two doubles, two RBI and three walks in four games against Los Angeles this year...is a .317 (39 for 123) career hitter against the Angels, including .356 (26 for 73) with 14 RBI in 21 games at Angel Stadium.
- Is one of two Athletics to start all 36 games this year (Pennington).
- Homered in the 11th inning Tuesday night in Texas 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.
- Is tied for second among all AL fielders with seven errors...A's first basemen combined for six errors all last year.
- 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	Career vs. Santana (.320, 8-25, 0 HR, 4 BB, 3 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 2
Texas Series: 2-5, 2 r, hr, 2 rbi, 2 so		Last Homestand: 4-16, rbi, 2 bb, 3 so, sf, gidp

- Struck out as a pinch hitter Thursday and is 0 for 3 with two strikeouts in the pinch this year.
- The strikeout was the 915th of his career, which ties Rickey Henderson for fourth in Oakland history and fifth in Athletics history...his home run Tuesday was his 531st career extra base hit, moving him past Reggie Jackson for fifth most in Athletics history.
- Is 9 for 28 (.321) over his last nine games after batting .215 over his first 19 contests.
- Has started 24 of the A's 36 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 84 (.262) against right-handers.
- Has played in 28 games this year after combining to appear in just 31 games over the previous two seasons.
- 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).
- 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	1315	4. Chavez	4765	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. Santana (.000, 0-4, 0 HR, 0 BB, 2 SO)** **Current Streak:** 1 game (1 for 3)
Los Angeles Series: 1-3 **Road Trip:** 3-15, 3 so

- Is 3 for 22 (.136) over his last seven games and is batting .188 (19 for 101) over his last 30 contests.
- Has been successful in 12 of 13 (92.3%) attempts and ranks fifth in the American League in steals and stolen base percentage.
- Is 5 for 16 (.313) with a pair of stolen bases in three games against the Angels this year.
- Is 4 for 6 (.667) with seven RBI with the bases loaded...is tied for second in the AL in hits with the bases loaded and tied for sixth 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.

29 JOSH DONALDSON **Career vs. Santana (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 2 games (3 for 7)
Los Angeles Series: 2-3, 2b **Road Trip:** 3-12, 2b, rbi, bb, 4 so

- Had his first career multiple hit game last night (2 for 3) and is 3 for 7 (.429) over his last two games after going 1 for 19 over his first seven contests.
- Snapped a 0 for 17 streak with a RBI single in the fourth inning Thursday.
- Has tossed out 2 of 6 (33.3%) attempted base stealers.
- Was selected for Triple-A Sacramento April 30 and has appeared in nine of the A's 13 games since then, going 4 for 26 (.154) with 11 strikeouts...has made seven starts (five at catcher, two at designated hitter).
- Was acquired by the A's on July 8, 2008 from the Chicago Cubs in the Rich Harden trade...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. Santana (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 0 for 5
Los Angeles Series: 0-4, so **Road Trip:** 4-13, r, 2b, hbp, 4 so

- Has started each of the A's last three games in left field (4 for 13, .308) and had his first three-hit game of the season Thursday...had gone 5 for 28 (.179) over his previous 13 games.
- Has started 16 games (eight at designated hitter, five at catcher, three in left field) and has also appeared defensively at third base.
- 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).
- Is .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. Santana (.286, 2-7, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 0 for 3
Los Angeles Series: 0-3, 3 so **Road Trip:** 3-10, r, 4 so, sh

- Is 5 for 16 (.313) over his last seven games after going 4 for 30 (.133) over his previous 11 contests.
- Is 1 for 5 against the Angels this year but is a .315 (17 for 54) career hitter against Los Angeles.
- Has not homered since August 18, 2009 against Baltimore (Berken) for a 49-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.
- Is 1 for 4 (.250) as a pinch hitter this year after going 2 for 27 (.074) in the pinch last year...the average was second lowest in the majors (min. 20 at bats).
- Has started games at all three outfield positions (five in left field, five in center field, four 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. Santana (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)** **Current Streak:** 0 for 5
Los Angeles Series: 0-4 **Road Trip:** 4-20, 2 r, 2b, 4 so

- Is 24 for 78 (.308) with 12 RBI over his last 19 games after batting .210 with six RBI over his first 16 contests.
- Is 9 for his last 19 (.474) with runners in scoring position after starting the season 0 for 17.
- Has three home runs and seven RBI in seven career games against the Angels.
- His fourth inning double Wednesday night in Texas was the 100th of his career.
- Has committed three errors in his last 13 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. Santana (.000, 0-1, 0 HR, 0 BB, 1 SO)** **Current Streak:** 0 for 1
Texas Series: 3-5, r, 3b, hr, 2 rbi, sh **Last Homestand:** 3-20, 2 r, 2 2b, hr, rbi, 2 bb, 6 so, sb

- Popped out as a pinch hitter Thursday after hitting his first career pinch hit home run Wednesday 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 41 (.195) over his last 13 games but six of those hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, two home runs).
- The home run Wednesday was his third in 25 games this year...had just two home runs in 89 career games entering the season.
- Had his second triple of the season Tuesday night, which is tied for fifth in the American League.
- Has not started the A's last three games against left-handed pitchers after making 15 consecutive starts...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. Santana (.250, 1-4, 0 HR, 0 BB, 2 SO)** **Current Streak:** 1 game (1 for 4)
Los Angeles Series: 1-4, cs **Road Trip:** 2-19, rbi, bb, 2 so, cs

- Is 6 for 35 (.171) over his last nine games.
- Has batted leadoff in each of the last 17 games and is 18 for 68 (.265) with eight walks, nine runs scored and two stolen bases over that span.
- Is one of two Athletics to start all 36 games (Barton) and has started each of the A's last 81 games at shortstop.
- Is batting .300 (15 for 50) during the day compared to .208 (16 for 77) at night.
- Has no errors over his last 22 games after making three errors in his first 14 contests.
- Has not grounded into a double play in 127 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 second 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. Santana (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 8
Los Angeles Series: 0-3, so		Road Trip: 3-14, r, rbi, 2b, 3 bb, 5 so, sb, gidp

- Went 0 for 3 last night, the first time he has not reached base safely this year,
- Is 5 for 18 (.278) over his last five games after going 1 for 17 over his first seven games
- 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 last 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.
- Has tossed out 3 of 8 (37.5%) attempted base stealers this year and 12 of 28 (42.9%) in his career.
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento April 27 for his second stint with the A's this year and has started 11 games (10 at catcher, Thursday at designated hitter)...was brought up for the first time April 21 but was sent back two days later without appearing in a game.
- 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. Santana (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 10
Los Angeles Series: 0-2, 2 bb		Road Trip: 2-15, 5 bb, 3 so

- Is hitting .182 (8 for 44) with eight walks in 12 games in May after hitting .305 with four walks in 19 games in April.
- Is batting .340 (16 for 47) on the road compared to .179 (10 for 56) in Oakland...has the 10th best road batting average in the American League and the fifth lowest home batting average.
- Has not committed an error in 30 games as a second baseman and is one of two American League qualifiers at second base without an error (Pedroia, BOS)...has not made an error in 36 career games at second base.
- Is 2 for 5 (.400) with a home run and four RBI in two games against the Angels this year...all four RBI came on April 11, a career high.
- Has started 29 of the A's last 30 games (28 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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- Went 0 for 3 with a walk in a start at catcher for Triple-A Sacramento yesterday in Oklahoma City and is 2 for 5 (.400) with three runs, a double, a home run, three RBI and two walks in two games on his rehab assignment, both starts at catcher...began the rehab assignment Tuesday...the River Cats open a four-game series in New Orleans today.
- 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. Santana (.583, 7-12, 1 HR, 0 BB, 2 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 Wednesday 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.
- Went 4 for 13 (.308) with a pair of doubles in three games against Los Angeles earlier this year and is a .348 (39 for 112) career hitter against the Angels...has a .386 (34 for 88) batting average at Angel Stadium.
- Is batting .337 (32 for 95) against right-handed pitching and .167 (5 for 30) against left-handers...his mark against righties is eighth best in the American League.
- 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.

**HIGHEST CAREER
BATTING AVERAGE
AT ANGEL STADIUM
(min. 75 PA)**

.386	Ryan Sweeney
.386	Ian Kinsler
.370	Joe Mauer
.361	Jhonny Peralta
.360	Duane Kuiper

A's vs. LOS ANGELES

BATTING

PITCHING

2010						CAREER						2010						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
.308	13	4	0	2	Barton	.317	123	39	3	18	0	0	0	0	####	0.0	0	Bailey	1	1	3	10	0.82	11.0	1
.333	9	3	0	1	Chavez	.264	527	139	19	82	0	0	0	1	0.00	1.0	0	Blevins	0	0	0	9	3.24	8.3	3
.313	16	5	0	2	Davis	.282	103	29	0	8	1	1	0	2	4.50	14.0	7	Braden	2	4	0	11	4.40	47.0	23
.667	3	2	0	0	Donaldson	.667	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	9.00	1.0	1	Breslow	2	1	0	10	2.08	8.7	2
.000	8	0	0	0	Fox	.000	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	0.0	0	Cahill	1	0	0	3	2.70	16.7	5
.200	5	1	0	1	Gross	.315	54	17	1	8	0	0	0	0	####	0.0	0	Gaudin	3	3	0	19	5.40	58.3	35
.250	16	4	1	3	Kouzmanoff	.286	28	8	3	7	1	0	0	1	3.00	6.0	2	Gonzalez	2	1	0	4	4.22	21.3	10
.000	3	0	0	0	Patterson	.289	38	11	0	3	0	0	0	1	3.86	2.3	1	Ramirez	2	1	0	7	15.00	9.0	15
.133	15	2	1	3	Pennington	.227	66	15	1	4	0	0	0	0	####	0.0	0	Rodriguez	0	0	0	1	0.00	1.0	0
.000	3	0	0	0	Powell	.278	18	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	3.00	3.0	1	Ross	0	0	1	1	3.00	3.0	1
.400	5	2	1	4	Rosales	.400	5	2	1	4	0	0	0	1	4.50	6.0	3	Sheets	0	1	0	3	3.43	21.0	8
.308	13	4	0	1	Sweeney	.348	112	39	1	13	0	0	0	0	####	0.0	0	Wuertz	0	0	7	0.00	8.3	0	
.172	29	5	0	4	others						0	0	0	1	0.00	1.0	0	Ziegler	3	1	4	19	3.74	21.7	9
.232	138	32	3	21	TOTALS						2	2	1	4	3.93	34.3	15	TOTALS							

HIGHS AND LOWS

TEAM BATTING

Most Runs, Game, A's	11, April 25 vs. Cleveland
Most Runs, Game, Opponents	10, April 28 at Tampa Bay, April 30 at Toronto and May 12 at Texas
Most Runs, Inning, A's	6, April 23 vs. Cleveland (8 th)
Most Runs, Inning, Opponents	6, April 28 at Tampa Bay (5 th)
Most Hits, Game, A's	15, April 25 vs. Cleveland and May 11 at Texas
Most Hits, Game, Opponents	17, May 12 at Texas
Most Hits, Inning, A's	5, April 25 vs. Cleveland (5 th)
Most Hits, Inning, Opponents	5, April 27 at Tampa Bay (2 nd) and April 28 at Tampa Bay (5 th)
Most Home Runs, Game, A's	2, April 20 vs. New York, April 28 at Tampa Bay and May 11 at Texas
Most Home Runs, Game, Opponents	5, May 12 at Texas
Most Doubles, Game, A's	6, April 15 vs. Baltimore
Most Doubles, Game, Opponents	6, April 10 at Los Angeles and May 2 at Toronto
Most Triples, Game, A's	2, April 25 vs. Cleveland
Most Triples, Game, Opponents	2, April 21 vs. New York
Most Stolen Bases, Game, A's	2 (six times), last: May 5 vs. Texas
Most Stolen Bases, Game, Opponents	3, April 5 vs. Seattle and May 4 vs. Texas

TEAM PITCHING

Most Strikeouts, A's	11, April 14 at Seattle, May 1 at Toronto and May 13 at Texas
Most Strikeouts, Opponents	14, May 13 at Texas
Most Walks, A's	10, April 20 vs. New York
Most Walks, Opponents	7, April 5 vs. Seattle and April 12 at Seattle
Fewest Hits Allowed, A's	0, May 9 vs. Tampa Bay
Fewest Hits Allowed, Opponents	3, April 13 at Seattle, April 21 vs. New York and May 7 vs. Tampa Bay

TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

Longest Winning Streak	4, April 6 to 9
Longest Losing Streak	4, April 27 to 30
Longest Game, Innings	13, May 11 at Texas
Longest Game, Time, Nine Innings	3:21, April 20 vs. New York
Longest Game, Time, Extra Innings	4:08, May 11 at Texas (13)
Shortest Game, Time	2:05, May 14 at Los Angeles (AL)
Largest Margin, Victory	11, April 25 vs. Cleveland (11-0)
Largest Margin, Loss	9, May 12 at Texas (1-10)
Most Left on Base, Nine Inning Game	10 (six times), last: May 9 vs. Tampa Bay
Most Left on Base, Extra Inning Game	12, April 6 vs. Seattle and May 11 at Texas
Fewest Left on Base, Game	2, April 22 vs. New York
Most Errors, Game	4, April 5 vs. Seattle
Largest Comeback in Win	2, April 7 vs. Seattle, April 11 at Los Angeles and May 11 at Texas
Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss	3, April 29 at Toronto

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Most Runs, Game	3, Daric Barton, May 4 vs. Texas
Most Hits, Game	4, Cliff Pennington and Adam Rosales, April 27 at Tampa Bay
Most Doubles, Game	2 (five times), last: Cliff Pennington, April 27 at Tampa Bay
Most Triples, Game	1 (six times), last: Eric Patterson, May 11 at Texas
Most Home Runs, Game	1 (22 times)
Most Runs Batted In, Game	5, Ryan Sweeney, May 4 vs. Texas
Most Walks, Game	3, Daric Barton, April 5 vs. Seattle and Cliff Pennington, April 6 vs. Seattle
Most Strikeouts, Game	3 (seven times), last: Gabe Gross, May 14 at Los Angeles (AL)
Most Stolen Bases, Game	2, Rajai Davis, April 11 at Los Angeles
Longest Hitting Streak	13, Ryan Sweeney, April 5 to 18

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Most Strikeouts, Game	10, Dallas Braden, April 6 vs. Seattle
Most Walks, Game	5, Gio Gonzalez, April 14 at Seattle, April 20 vs. New York and May 7 vs. Tampa Bay
Most Innings, Game, Starter	9.0, Dallas Braden, May 9 vs. Tampa Bay
Most Innings, Game, Reliever	3.2, Brad Kilby, May 2 at Toronto
Low Hit Complete Game	0, Dallas Braden, May 9 vs. Tampa Bay
Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings	16.0, Dallas Braden, May 3 to 14
Most Consecutive Batters Retired	29, Dallas Braden, May 9 to 14

STARTS IN THE ORDER

PLAYER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Barton	-	31	4	-	-	1	-	-	-
Buck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Chavez	-	-	-	4	11	9	-	-	-
Davis	18	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	11
Donaldson	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	-
Ellis	-	1	-	-	1	-	6	-	-
Fox	-	-	-	-	4	8	4	-	-
Gross	-	-	-	-	1	3	7	3	-
Kouzmanoff	-	-	-	29	3	3	-	-	-
Patterson	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	4
Pennington	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Powell	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	5	-
Rosales	-	3	-	-	3	10	6	4	3
Suzuki	-	-	1	3	12	-	-	-	-
Sweeney	-	-	31	-	1	-	-	-	-

GAMES BY POSITION

PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	
	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS
Barton	-	-	36	36	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buck	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-
Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Chavez	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Davis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	31	-
Donaldson	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Ellis	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	1
Fox	5	5	-	-	2	-	5	3	-	8
Gross	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	5	5	8
Kouzmanoff	-	-	-	-	35	35	-	-	-	-
Patterson	-	-	-	4	1	-	17	17	2	-
Pennington	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	-
Powell	11	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rosales	-	-	2	30	28	1	1	2	-	-
Suzuki	17	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweeney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	32
Tolleson	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	TOT
Barton	4	4	0	0	8
Buck	2	0	0	0	2
Chavez	6	0	0	0	6
Davis	5	1	0	0	6
Donaldson	1	0	0	0	1
Ellis	3	1	0	0	4
Fox	2	1	0	0	3
Gross	0	1	0	0	1
Kouzmanoff	9	1	0	0	10
Patterson	3	0	0	0	3
Pennington	3	1	1	0	5
Powell	2	0	0	0	2
Rosales	6	0	1	0	7
Suzuki	3	1	0	0	4
Sweeney	6	2	0	0	8

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	6	TOT
Barton	3	0	1	0	0	4
Buck	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chavez	1	1	0	0	0	2
Davis	1	1	0	0	0	2
Donaldson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ellis	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fox	2	0	0	0	0	2
Gross	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kouzmanoff	3	1	0	0	0	4
Patterson	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pennington	2	1	1	0	0	4
Rosales	1	0	1	0	0	2
Suzuki	3	1	0	0	0	4
Sweeney	1	1	0	1	0	3

GAME TYING/GO-AHEAD RBI

PLAYER	GT	GA	TOT
Barton	1	5	6
Buck	0	0	0
Chavez	1	1	2
Davis	2	0	2
Donaldson	1	0	1
Ellis	0	1	1
Fox	0	2	2
Gross	1	0	1
Kouzmanoff	2	4	6
Patterson	0	2	2
Pennington	0	2	2
Powell	1	1	2
Rosales	1	2	3
Suzuki	2	2	4
Sweeney	1	6	7

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	3	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	1	Lead Off Home Runs (0)
Davis	1	0	0	0	1	April 7, 2010	Seattle	Rowland-Smith	31	None
Donaldson	0	1	0	0	1	May 1, 2010	at Toronto	Eveland	7	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	20	Inside-The-Park Home Runs (0)
Gross	0	0	0	0	0	Aug. 18, 2009	Baltimore	Berken	49	None
Kouzmanoff	1	1	0	0	2	May 3, 2010	Texas	Francisco	9	Walk-Off Wins (3)
Patterson	3	0	0	0	3	May 12, 2010	at Texas	Mathis	1	April 6 vs. Seattle (Ellis single)
Pennington	1	0	2	0	3	April 27, 2010	at Tampa Bay	Davis	15	April 7 vs. Seattle (Suzuki double)
Powell	0	0	0	0	0	Sept. 16, 2009	at Texas	Nipper	18	April 17 vs. Baltimore (Sweeney single)
Rosales	2	0	0	0	2	April 28, 2010	Tampa Bay	Sonnanstine	14	
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	82	18 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	77	23 for 100		Doubles	166	34 for 200
Breslow	Games	168	32 for 200	Davis	Steals (with Oak)	78	21 for 99 (ties Murphy for 10 th in Oakland history)
Chavez	Games	1315	14 for 1329 (ties McGwire for 3 rd in Oakland history)	Devine	Games	67	33 for 100
	At Bats	4767	222 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	491	9 for 500
	Walks	565	58 for 623 (ties Jackson for 6 th in Oakland history)		Hits	479	21 for 500
	Strikeouts	915	1 for 916 (passes 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	1470.2	29.1 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	343	57 for 400

DISABLED LIST

Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed	Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed
Anderson	Left elbow inflam./forearm strain	April 25-present	17	Ellis	Strained left hamstring	April 21-present	21
Buck	Strained right oblique	April 21-present	21	Meloan	Right elbow surgery	March 29-present	36
Cahill	Stress reaction, left scapula	April 4-19	14	Outman	Left elbow surgery recovery	March 26-present	36
Crisp	Fractured left pinky	April 3-present	36	Suzuki	Intercostal strain	April 24-present	16
Devine	Right elbow surgery recovery	March 26-present	36	Wuertz	Right shoulder tendinitis	March 26-May 2	27
Duchscherer	Left hip inflammation	April 30-present	13				

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

SUNDAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Trevor Cahill (1-1, 4.60 ERA)

CAHILL BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	1	1	4.60	3	15.2	8
2009	10	13	4.63	32	178.2	92
Career	11	14	4.63	35	194.1	100
Home	1	0	0.00	1	5.0	0
Road	0	1	6.75	2	10.2	8
Day	1	0	0.00	1	5.0	0
Night	0	1	6.75	2	10.2	8
Pre-ASB	1	1	4.60	3	15.2	8
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
			AVG.	AB	H	
vs. LHH			.214	28	6	
vs. RHH			.303	33	10	

RUN SUPPORT

Cahill	
Runs Scored	Times
0	0
1	0
2	2
3	1
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
Run Support Avg.	4.02

CAHILL vs. LOS ANGELES

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
2009	1	0	2.70	1	16.2	5
Career	1	0	2.70	1	16.2	5

Cahill's Starts vs. Los Angeles

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
4/7/09	A	--	5.0	5	3	2	5	1
7/17/09	H	--	4.2	6	3	3	4	0
8/27/09	A	W	7.0	2	0	0	2	2

Los Angeles Career Batting vs. Cahill

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Abreu	.000	7	0	0	2	1
Aybar	.333	3	1	0	1	0
Hunter	.167	6	1	0	0	1
Izturis	.200	5	1	0	0	0
Kendrick	.333	3	1	0	1	0
Mathis	.500	6	3	0	0	0
Morales	.500	6	3	1	2	0
Napoli	.000	2	0	0	0	0
Rivera	.000	7	0	0	2	1

CAHILL'S CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	None
IP:	7.1, 5/22/09 vs. ARI
Fewest IP, GS:	2.1, 5/17/09 at DET
H:	10, 7/27/09 at BOS
R:	8 (twice), last: 4/3/10 at CLE
ER:	7 (three times), last: 6/27/09 vs. COL
BB:	5 (twice), last: 4/18/09 at TOR
SO:	7, 9/16/09 at TEX
HR:	4, 6/27/09 vs. COL
Win Streak:	4, 8/27/09 to 9/22/09
Loss Streak:	4, 7/27/09 to 8/11/09
Scoreless Streak:	13.0, 9/9/09 to 9/22/09
Complete Games:	None
Shutouts:	None

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his fourth start of the season...the A's are 2-1 (.667) in his starting assignments this year and are 17-16 (.515) in his career...has tossed fewer than six innings in each of his three starts, allowed two runs or fewer twice and walked two batters or fewer twice.

BRIEFLY: Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento April 30 and is 1-1 with a 4.60 ERA in three starts with the A's...began the season on the 15-day disabled list with a stress reaction in his left scapula...made one rehab start for Triple-A Sacramento on April 19 and was reinstated from the DL and optioned to Sacramento the next day...it was his first career stint on the DL...went 1-0 with a 1.04 ERA in two starts with the River Cats before his promotion to Oakland.

THE LONG BALL: Has allowed four home runs in three starts this year after setting an Oakland rookie record by allowing 27 home runs last year...it tied the franchise record set by Dan Pfister in 1962...tied for sixth in the American League in home runs allowed last year...three of the four home runs he has allowed this year have been hit by a right-handed hitter after yielding 21 of his 27 home runs last year to lefties...his 21 homers vs. lefties last year tied for the most in the AL (Guthrie, BAL) and were the most by an A's pitcher since Catfish Hunter allowed an Oakland record 26 in 1973...two of his four home runs this year are solo shots as were 20 of his 27 home runs last year...all four of his home runs this year have come on the road after he surrendered 20 of his 27 home runs last year at home...that led the AL and set a Coliseum record, breaking the mark of 19 by Hunter in 1973.

FIRST START: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 10-2 loss at Toronto April 30...allowed a career high tying eight runs (also July 3, 2009 at Cleveland)...yielded three home runs, including a three-run home run to Gonzalez in the second, a two-run home run to Wells in the fifth and a leadoff home run to Gonzalez in the sixth...also allowed a two-run single to Buck in the fourth.

SECOND START: He was the winning pitcher in the A's 4-1 win over Texas May 5 in Oakland...blanked the Rangers on four hits and three walks over the first five innings and had a 3-0 lead entering the sixth...Young reached base on a Kouzmanoff error to start the sixth and after Hamilton singled, Cahill was relieved by Ross...Guerrero then had a RBI single for an unearned run.

LAST START: He had a no decision in the A's 7-6, 13-inning win in Texas on Tuesday...allowed a RBI single to Young in the third and a solo home run to Murphy in the fourth...the A's scored twice in the fifth to tie the game and he was relieved by Blevins after 5.2 innings with the score tied at 2-2.

CAHILL vs. LOS ANGELES: Is 1-0 with a 2.70 ERA (16.2 ip, 13 h, 6 r, 5 er, 11 bb, 3 so, 1 hr) in three career starts, all last year...his first start was his Major League debut, a 6-4 A's win at Los Angeles on April 7...allowed a run in the first inning on a groundout before escaping a bases loaded situation...Mathis scored on a wild pitch in the second inning before the A's scored three times in the fourth to take a 3-2 lead...he then allowed an unearned run in the fifth inning as a Cust error preceded a Morales RBI single...left after five innings with the score tied at 3-3...then had a no decision in the A's 7-3 win in Oakland on July 17...allowed one-out home run by Morales in the second inning and had a 3-1 lead to start the fifth when he allowed a Figgins RBI single and a Rivera bases loaded walks to tie the game...combined with Wuertz and Bailey on a three-hit shutout in the A's 2-0 win at Los Angeles August 27...tossed seven innings and allowed just two hits...walked the first two batters of the game but then retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced.

WITH SACRAMENTO: Was 1-0 with a 1.04 ERA (8.2 ip, 7 h, 3 r, 1 er, 5 bb, 8 so) and .226 (7 for 31) opponents batting average in two starts with Sacramento...his opponents average included a .200 (2 for 10) mark against left-handed pitching and .238 (5 for 21) against right-handers...opponents were 1 for 12 (.083) with runners in scoring position.

THIS SPRING: Was 1-1 with a 5.95 ERA (19.2 ip, 22 h, 13 r, 13 er, 5 bb, 16 so, 3 hr) in six games, four starts...allowed a .289 (22 for 76) opponents batting average...started in each of his first four outings and went 1-1 with a 4.16 ERA...his last two outings came in relief and he allowed seven runs in 6.2 innings for a 9.45 ERA...walked two batters or fewer in all six of his outings.

2009 RECAP: 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)...the games started fell one short of the Oakland rookie record of 33 set by Joe Blanton in 2005 and he is one of eight rookie 10-game winners in Oakland history...his 13 losses were fourth most by an Oakland rookie...is one of four 21-year olds in Oakland history to win 10 or more games and his 32 starts were fourth most in Athletics history by a pitcher under the age of 22...fellow 21-year old Brett Anderson had 11 wins in 30 starts, making the A's the 13th team since 1900 to have two pitchers under the age of 22 win 10 or more games (last: Kansas City, 1984 with Mark Gubicza and Bret Saberhagen) and the fourth with 30 or more starts (last: Chicago-AL, 1980).

AMONG THE LEADERS: Tied for second among all AL pitchers in losses, tied for seventh in walks (72) and tied for eighth in runs (99)...his 4.63 ERA was third highest among the 30 AL qualifiers...had the lowest strikeout to walk ratio in the majors (1.25) and that was the lowest mark by an A's pitcher since Todd Van Poppel in 1994 (0.93)...had the third fewest strikeouts per nine innings in the AL (4.53)...allowed 78 extra base hits, which was fourth most in the AL, and his .471 opponents slugging percentage was second highest in the league...received run support of two runs or less in 17 of his 32 starts and was 1-9 in those starts...however, had five games with run support of nine or more and his season run support of 5.74 was eighth highest in the AL.

CAHILL'S 2010 STARTS WITH OAKLAND

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 30	at TOR	2-10	L	10.80	5.0	7	8	6	1	3	3	81
April Totals (1 G, 1 GS)				0-1	10.80	5.0	7	8	6	1	3	3
May 5	TEX	4-1	W	5.40	5.0	5	1	0	3	4	0	90
May 11	at TEX	7-6 (13)	--	4.60	5.2	4	2	2	2	1	1	94

CAHILL'S 2010 STARTS WITH SACRAMENTO

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 19	Reno	5-3	--	0.00	3.2	2	2	0	3	4	0	62
April 24	at Las Vegas	2-1	W	1.04	5.0	5	1	1	2	4	0	77
Totals (2 G, 2 GS)				1-0	1.04	8.2	7	3	1	5	8	0

CAHILL'S 2010 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	
Mar. 4	at CHI (NL)	3-9	L	9.00	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	1	
Mar. 9	TEX	8-8	--	11.25	2.0	4	3	3	1	3	0	
Mar. 14	KC	10-3	W	5.63	4.0	2	0	0	1	2	0	
Mar. 19	at COL	4-10	--	4.16	5.0	5	1	1	0	1	0	
*Mar. 24	LAD	3-3	--	4.08	4.2	4	2	2	2	6	0	
*April 3	SF (at OAK)	6-10	--	5.95	2.0	4	5	5	1	2	2	
Totals (6 games, 4 starts)				1-1	5.95	19.2	22	13	13	5	16	3

*indicates relief appearance

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

MONDAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Gio Gonzalez (3-3, 4.08 ERA)

GONZALEZ BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	3	3	4.08	7	39.2	18
2009	6	7	5.75	20	98.2	63
Career	10	14	5.74	37	172.1	110
Home	1	2	3.93	3	18.1	8
Road	2	1	4.22	4	21.1	10
Day	2	0	1.32	2	13.2	2
Night	1	3	5.54	4	26.0	16
Pre-ASB	3	3	4.08	7	39.2	18
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
	AVG.	AB	H			
vs. LHH	.191	47	9			
vs. RHH	.250	104	26			

RUN SUPPORT

Gonzalez		
Runs Scored	Times	
0	3	
1	0	
2	1	
3	0	
4	1	
5	0	
6	0	
7	0	
8	0	
9	0	
10	1	
11	1	
Run Support Avg.	6.13	

GONZALEZ vs. SEATTLE

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	0	0	3.86	1	4.2	2
2009	1	1	4.76	3	17.0	9
Career	1	1	3.94	6	29.2	13

Gonzalez' Starts vs. Seattle

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
8/22/08	A	--	5.0	5	4	2	3	7
8/26/09	A	L	5.0	7	4	4	3	7
9/6/09	H	W	7.0	6	2	2	2	3
4/14/10	A	--	4.2	6	2	2	4	5

Seattle Career Batting vs. Gonzalez

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Bradley	.250	4	1	0	0	1
Figgins	.375	8	3	0	1	3
Griffey	.000	2	0	0	0	0
Gutierrez	.286	7	2	0	3	1
Hannahan	1.000	1	1	0	2	0
Johnson	.250	4	1	0	0	0
Lopez	.500	12	6	1	3	1
Moore	.500	2	1	0	0	0
Saunders	.000	5	0	0	0	3
Suzuki	.333	12	4	0	1	3
Sweeney	.125	8	1	0	1	1
Tuaisosopo	.500	2	1	0	0	0
Wilson	.143	7	1	0	0	3

GONZALEZ' CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	None
IP:	7.0 (three times), last: 5/7/10 vs. TB
Fewest IP, GS:	1.2, 9/8/08 at DET
H:	10 (twice), last: 7/20/09 vs. MIN
R:	11, 7/20/09 vs. MIN
ER:	11, 7/20/09 vs. MIN
BB:	6, 8/15/09 vs. CWS
SO:	10, 10/2/09 vs. LAA
HR:	4, 7/20/09 vs. MIN
Win Streak:	4, 7/5/09 to 8/10/09
Loss Streak:	5, 8/17/08 to 6/30/09
Scoreless Streak:	14.2, 8/4/09 to 8/15/09
Complete Games:	None
Shutouts:	None

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his eighth start of the season...the A's are 3-4 (.429) in his starting assignments this year and are 14-17 (.452) in his career...has tossed at least six innings in four of his seven starts, has allowed two runs or fewer four times and walked two batters or fewer four times.

RUN SUPPORT: Has received zero runs of support in each of his three losses this year and each of his five losses dating back to last year...has six career starts with no run support and is 1-13 in 16 career starts with run support of two runs or less...is 9-1 in 15 starts with three runs of support or more...however, has received run support of 10 and 11 in two of his wins this year and his season run support of 6.13 (27 rs in 39.2 ip) is **eight** highest in the American League.

MONTH BY MONTH: Is 1-2 with a 4.58 ERA (9 er in 17.2 ip) in three starts in May after going 2-1 with a 3.68 ERA in four starts in the month of April...last year, he went 2-3 with a 4.54 ERA in six starts in August and 2-1 with a 4.50 ERA in four starts in September after posting an ERA over 7.00 in each of the first five months of his career...is now 7-8 with a 4.44 ERA (49 er in 99.1 ip) over the last 18 starts of his career after going 3-6 with a 7.52 ERA over his first 19 career appearances, including 13 starts.

WALKS AND STRIKEOUTS: Has struck out 37 batters in 39.2 innings this year, an average of 8.39 per nine innings, which is **tied for 10th** best in the American League...did not walk a batter in his last start, just his second career start without a walk...however, has issued 19 walks for the season (4.31 per nine innings)...now has 180 strikeouts and 100 walks in 172.1 career innings for an average of 9.40 strikeouts and 5.22 walks per nine innings.

OPPONENTS BATTING: Has allowed a .195 (8 for 41) batting average to hitters leading off an inning, which is **tied for the ninth** lowest mark in the AL...has held the opponents three and four hitters to a combined .182 (6 for 33) batting average...however, has yielded his only two home runs to the three and four hitters...has a .188 (18 for 96) batting average with the bases empty and .309 (17 for 55) with runners on base.

FIRST START: He was the winning pitcher in the A's 10-4 win at Los Angeles (AL) on April 9...had a 4-0 lead when he allowed a leadoff home run to Matsui in the bottom of the second...also yielded a RBI single to Izturis in the fifth and was relieved by Ramirez after allowing a leadoff double to River in the seventh inning with a 10-2 lead.

SECOND START: He had a no decision in the A's 4-2 loss at Seattle April 14...allowed six hits and walked four in 4.2 innings but allowed just two runs...the runs came on a two-run single by Bradley in the fifth inning, tying the game at two...was relieved by Gaudin with two outs in the fifth and he allowed two runs in the sixth inning for the loss.

THIRD START: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 7-3 loss to New York April 20...allowed three runs in the first inning on a RBI single by Posada and a two-run single by Swisher but then retired 11 of the next 12 batters before walking Johnson and Teixeira with one out in the fifth...was relieved by Breslow with the A's trailing 3-0 and Breslow allowed a three-run home run to the first batter he faced, Rodriguez.

FOURTH START: He combined with Kilby and Bailey on a seven-hit shutout in the A's 11-0 win over Cleveland last Sunday in Oakland...tossed a career high tying 7.0 innings and allowed five of the hits while walking two...all five hits and two walks came over the first four innings and he retired each of the last 10 batters that he faced.

FIFTH START: He won his second consecutive start in the A's 4-3 win at Toronto last Saturday...retired each of the first nine batters he faced, giving him a streak of 19 consecutive batters retired...allowed a lead off single to Lewis in the fourth inning and he scored on a fielders choice...was relieved by Ross with a runner on first and two outs in the seventh and Ross allowed the inherited runner to score.

SIXTH START: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 4-1 loss to Tampa Bay May 7 in Oakland...tossed a career high tying 7.0 innings pitched and allowed just three runs but Price shutout the A's on two hits over the first seven innings...allowed a RBI single to Aybar in the fourth and a two-run double to Rodriguez in the seventh.

LAST START: He lost his second consecutive start in a 10-1 A's loss at Texas last Wednesday...blanked the Rangers on four hits over the first three innings before allowing two runs in the fourth on a Kinsler RBI double and a balk...yielded a two-run home run to Hamilton with no outs in the fifth and was relieved by Gaudin with the A's trailing 4-0.

GONZALEZ vs. SEATTLE: Is 1-1 with a 3.94 ERA (29.2 ip, 31 h, 15 r, 13 er, 17 bb, 27 so, 1 hr) in six career appearances, four starts...is 0-1 with a 4.37 ERA (11 er in 22.2 ip) in five games at Safeco Field and 1-0 with a 2.57 ERA (2 er in 7.0 ip) in one start in Oakland...is 1-1 with a 4.15 ERA (10 er in 21.2 ip) in his four starting assignments...had a no decision in his only start this year, a 4-2 A's loss at Seattle April 14 (see second start above)...went 1-1 with a 4.76 ERA (17.0 ip, 18 h, 9 r, 9 er, 9 bb, 11 so) in three games, two starts, last year...pitched in relief on May 3 in the A's 8-7, 15-inning loss (5.0 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 4 bb, 1 so)...entered the game in the 10th inning and tossed 5.0 innings and 108 pitches...then took the loss in the A's 5-3 loss on August 26...allowed a two-run home run to Lopez in the first inning, a RBI single to Hall in the third and a Hall sacrifice fly in the fifth...the win came in a 5-2 A's victory in Oakland September 6...tossed a career high 7.0 innings...allowed a RBI single to Lopez in the first inning and the A's scored a run in the fourth to tie the game...he then allowed a RBI single to Beltre in the sixth but Hairston hit a grand slam in the seventh inning for the win.

THIS SPRING: Was 1-2 with a 2.96 ERA (24.1 ip, 14 h, 8 r, 8 er, 13 bb, 25 so, 2 hr) in six games, five starts...tied for third in the Cactus League with his 25 strikeouts...held the opposition to a .175 (14 for 96) batting average but issued 13 walks in 24.1 innings...pitched in relief of Brett Anderson in his first appearance March 8 but his final five outings were starts...compiled a 2.42 ERA in his starts and allowed two runs or fewer in each outing.

GONZALEZ' 2010 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 9	at LAA	10-4	W	3.00	6.0	6	2	2	1	6	1	95
April 14	at SEA	2-4	--	3.38	4.2	6	2	2	4	5	0	98
April 20	NYN	3-7	L	5.40	4.1	3	5	5	5	5	0	97
April 25	CLE	11-0	W	3.68	7.0	5	0	0	2	3	0	100
April Totals (4 G, 4 GS)		2-1		3.68	22.0	20	9	9	12	19	1	
May 1	at TOR	4-3	W	3.45	6.2	3	2	2	2	8	0	103
May 7	TB	1-4	L	3.53	7.0	3	3	3	5	7	0	103
May 12	at TEX	1-10	L	4.08	4.0	9	4	4	0	3	1	97

GONZALEZ' 2010 SPRING TRAINING APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
*March 8	CHI (NL)	3-10	L	9.00	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	0
March 13	at SF	8-7	W	3.60	3.0	2	0	0	1	3	0
March 18	ARI	7-3	--	4.15	3.2	1	2	2	4	4	1
March 24	LAD	3-3	--	3.46	4.1	2	1	1	2	5	0
March 29	SEA	2-3	--	2.79	6.1	3	1	1	3	4	0
April 3	SF	6-10	L	2.96	5.0	3	2	2	3	7	1
Totals (6 games, 5 starts)		1-2		2.96	24.1	14	8	8	13	25	2

*indicates relief appearance



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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	INFELDERS (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

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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).

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**includes bios for:
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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.

CAREER

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.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Pitched the 19th perfect game in Major League history May 9 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 Catfish 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Northern California Representatives Pete Stark (D-Fremont), Jerry McNerney (D-Stockton), and Barbara Lee (D-Oakland) have introduced H.Res. 1351, a resolution recognizing his perfect game on Sunday, May 9, and praising the Oakland Athletics organization and their fans.
- Will be honored in an on-field ceremony May 22 at the Stockton Ports game where Stockton Mayor Ann Johnston will present him with a key to the city and a proclamation.

Major League Baseball Perfect Games (19)

Date	Pitcher	Team	Opponent	Score
June 12, 1880	Lee Richmond	Worcester	vs. Cleveland	1-0
June 17, 1880	Monte Ward	Providence	vs. Buffalo	5-0
May 5, 1904	Cy Young	Boston (AL)	vs. Philadelphia	3-0
Oct. 2, 1908	Addie Joss	Cleveland	vs. Chicago (AL)	1-0
April 30, 1922	Charlie Robertson	Chicago (AL)	at Detroit	2-0
*Oct. 8, 1956	Don Larsen	New York (AL)	vs. Brooklyn	2-0
June 21, 1964	Jim Bunning	Philadelphia	at New York (NL)	6-0
Sept. 9, 1965	Sandy Koufax	Los Angeles	vs. Chicago (NL)	1-0
May 8, 1968	Catfish Hunter	Oakland	vs. Minnesota	4-0
May 15, 1981	Len Barker	Cleveland	vs. Toronto	3-0
Sept. 30, 1984	Mike Witt	California	at Texas	1-0
Sept. 16, 1988	Tom Browning	Cincinnati	vs. Los Angeles (NL)	1-0
July 28, 1991	Dennis Martinez	Montreal	at Los Angeles (NL)	2-0
July 28, 1994	Kenny Rogers	Texas	vs. California	4-0
May 17, 1998	David Wells	New York (AL)	vs. Minnesota	4-0
July 18, 1999	David Cone	New York (AL)	vs. Montreal	6-0
May 18, 2004	Randy Johnson	Arizona	at Atlanta	2-0
July 23, 2009	Mark Buehrle	Chicago (AL)	vs. Tampa Bay	5-0
May 9, 2010	Dallas Braden	Oakland	vs. Tampa Bay	4-0

*Game 5 of 1956 World Series

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.

2010 CLIPS

Steward: 'Grandma Peggy' gets the final word on A's pitcher Dallas Braden, and on A-Rod

By Carl Steward, Oakland Tribune columnist, 5/10/2010

It wasn't the perfect Mother's Day story, because unfortunately, Dallas Braden's mother wasn't there to be part of it. She died in 2001 of cancer.

But with Peggy Lindsey in the Oakland Coliseum stands to exhort her grandson as he made history Sunday with baseball's 19th perfect game, it was perhaps the next best thing to the perfect holiday-themed subplot. And an exceedingly touching one.

Just seconds after being mobbed by his teammates after retiring 27 consecutive Tampa Bay Rays, the A's Braden made a beeline for the stands and embraced Grandma Peggy, who moments before had tried to jump the rail to get to Dallas but was restrained by security.

"He just said, 'I love you,'" said Lindsey when they finally hooked up with the long hug that resonated nationally. "I said to him, 'Your mom would be so proud,' and I think that's kind of what he was thinking, too."

The scene was one of those heart-rending moments that almost superseded the accomplishment of the perfect game itself.

"When I saw him hugging his grandma, I was tearing up," said catcher Landon Powell. "It was hard to fight 'em back. He's had a lot of things happen to him in his life, and even the last few years has had some unlucky things happen to him in the game of baseball. So that was special to see."

Braden claimed it was his grandmother who turned his life around when he was a party-hearty Stockton teenager, steering him away from what might have become a career in the clink as opposed to one on a ball field.

Braden readily admits he was a bad seed throughout high school. He was booted off the baseball team twice, once as a freshman and again as a junior, because of grades and truancy. He said he once missed 79 days of school out of 81 during his junior year.

Then, at the beginning of his senior year, his mother, Jodie Atwood, was diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer. She died before he finished high school.

At that point, Braden was pretty much off-the-charts out of control in terms of what he wanted to do with his life.

"I was not doing what I should have been doing," he said. "In fact, I was doing pretty much everything in my power to take every opportunity my mother and grandmother had given me and throw it away. But she wasn't going to let that happen."

Lindsey staged a one-on-one summit meeting in which she set her grandson straight.

"She just made it very clear to me that all the sacrifices that my mom had made and she had made and the life we had led up to that point were all to get me on a baseball field and to keep me out of jail," he said. "She also made it abundantly clear that I was not headed to the baseball field and I was pointed to the other place."

"That's when I kind of snapped my head around and realized that, yeah, I pretty much had one shot, and I need to jump on it."

Braden has made good on that one shot by becoming a solid major league pitcher at age 26, despite the fact that he was a mere 24th-round draft pick by the A's in 2004. Since debuting with a horrific 2007 season in which he was 1-8 with a 6.72 ERA, the left-hander has steadily gotten better and better, leading up to Sunday's perfect storm of a pitching performance.

That he did it on Mother's Day didn't surprise his grandma, herself a bit of a card who, in talking about Braden's controversial verbal battle with the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, said, "Let's forget it ... and stick it, A-Rod!"

When Eric Chavez heard the comment, he nearly doubled over with laughter.

"The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, eh?" Chavez said.

Apparently not. Showing where Braden gets his knack for flavorful quotes, Lindsey reeled off a few herself in the postgame interview session, above and beyond the A-Rod zinger.

"Leave it to Dal to do something different, huh?" she said. "If you know Dal, then you know that's his way."

Asked when she started to get nervous about her grandson, she quipped, "About the seventh ... or about when he was 5 years old. Tee-Ball was really the beginning of it all."

When Braden was growing up in Stockton, he lived with both his mother and his grandmother, and the family barely made ends meet. Now, with Dallas owning his own house, she still lives a mere five blocks away and they have dinner together frequently. She even baby-sits his dog Diesel while he's on the road.

She never misses a home game when he pitches, and is usually surrounded by a large circle of vocal friends. She also makes a number of his road trips.

In short, Braden admitted that in the wake of his mother's death, his grandmother was his savior. But he still has trouble with Mother's Day, because it brings back painful memories.

"During the game, before the game, the night before the game," he said. "It hasn't been a joyous day for me in a while. But to know that I still get to come out and compete and play a game on that day, that makes it a little better. With my grandma in the stands, it makes it a lot better."

It made it an unforgettable day for a lot of people who witnessed one of the rarest of baseball achievements. Dallas delivered perfect pitching, and then Grandma followed up with the perfect postscript.

Stick it, A-Rod. Beautiful.

Braden's perfect game is something special

Susan Slusser, Chronicle Staff Writer, 5/10/2010

When A's pitcher Dallas Braden took the mound Sunday in Oakland, only 18 players in the history of Major League Baseball had thrown a perfect game - no hits, no walks, no errors, not a single batter reaching first base.

Now the number is 19. Braden did it Sunday. A proud son of Stockton, he retired all 27 Tampa Bay Rays he faced.

The timing was incredible. Braden, 26, made baseball history on Mother's Day, which has always been a difficult time for him. His mother, Jodie Atwood, died of cancer when he was in high school, and he was raised by his grandmother, Peggy Lindsey.

"It hasn't been a joyous day for me in a while," Braden said. "To know that I can still come out and compete and play in a game on that day makes it a little better, and with my grandma in the stands - to give her this, together, is perfect."

That was the right word for Sunday, and Lindsey was on hand for her grandson's extraordinary accomplishment. Afterward, Braden gave her a huge hug.

"It's very special," Lindsey said. "Dall and I are very close. He just said, 'I love you,' and I said, 'Your mom would have been so proud.' I think that's what he was thinking, too."

Braden's teammates celebrated his feat, but they, too, understood the moment went beyond sports.

"When we first finished the game and celebrated and I saw Dallas hugging his grandmother, I was tearing up," A's catcher Landon Powell said. "He's had a lot of things happen in his life, even in the last couple of years in the game of baseball, and it couldn't happen to someone who deserves it more."

Braden is only the second pitcher in A's franchise history to achieve such a feat, following Jim "Catfish" Hunter's perfect game on May 8, 1968, against the Minnesota Twins.

"There have not been that many of them," Braden said. "That's pretty special. I don't know what to think yet. That's some very select company."

Dallas Braden, continued

And Braden's victims, the Rays, are no pushovers. They have the best record in the majors this season.

To add to all of that, Sunday was also the day that Braden launched his "Section 209" program, providing discounted tickets for the seating area that bears the same number as his hometown's area code.

"Leave it to Dall to do something different," Lindsey said.

Braden is a true left-handed free spirit - he has a tiny handlebar mustache tattooed on the side of a finger so he can hold it up to his lip - but he's also got an extra edge thanks to his experience growing up in a particularly rough area of Stockton. He has said that many of his childhood friends are in jail, and he might be there himself were it not for baseball.

He still lives in Stockton, and he is dedicated to the city. He advertises that fact with his warm-up music, which mentions his hometown, and his clothing, which usually bears a "209" label somewhere.

Last week, however, a 209 reference got Braden in trouble.

Until Sunday, Braden was best known nationally for his spat with Yankees superstar Alex Rodriguez - better known as A-Rod, one of the sport's greatest players and one whom many fans love to hate.

In an interview with Comcast SportsNet, Braden said, "We don't do too much talking in the 209," when asked about how he would respond if Rodriguez ever showed any disrespect to him.

That was seen in New York as a veiled physical threat toward Rodriguez, and Braden was ripped in the media for revisiting his dispute with Rodriguez two weeks after the fact.

When the Yankees were at the Coliseum on April 22, Braden objected strenuously when Rodriguez took a shortcut across the pitcher's mound after a foul ball. He screamed at Rodriguez from across the infield and said afterward that Rodriguez had broken an unwritten rule of baseball. He suggested there would be repercussions if Rodriguez tried that again.

Rodriguez said that he'd never heard of such a rule and that he found it funny that a pitcher with "a handful of wins" would make such a fuss.

On Sunday, Rodriguez, speaking to reporters before the Yankees' game in Boston, had only praise for Braden. Asked about Braden's perfect game, Rodriguez said, "I've learned in my career it is much better to be recognized for all the great things you do on the field. Good for him, he threw a perfect game. And better yet, he beat the Rays."

Braden downplayed the Rodriguez angle Sunday, and well he should, considering the magnitude of his performance. Most of his teammates stayed away from the topic, too.

"The way things unfolded, the bigger story is with his mom and with his grandmother," said the A's longest serving player, Eric Chavez. "The headline is the special day with his grandmother."

But the fact is that for the national media, Braden's pitching feat will be a great excuse to replay the drama of a little-known A's player's war of words with perhaps baseball's most famous player.

His grandmother at first agreed with Chavez that it's time to move past the Rodriguez business.

"I'm thinking, 'Let's forget it, let's forget it,'" Lindsey said.

But then she paused and said, "Stick it, A-Rod."

Before Braden got the win, grandma got the save

Scott Ostler, Chronicle Staff Writer, 5/10/2010

Some guys are stumped for gift ideas on Mother's Day. Not Dallas Braden. He gave his grandma a perfect game Sunday, then a long hug that had media guys in the press box sniffing and complaining about all that damn pollen in the air.

There's something about a perfect game that unleashes a ton of emotion at a ballpark, from the fans, the players, everyone involved. All that emotion was intensified by who Braden is, what he's been through in life, what he's been through recently.

After he perfect-gamed the Rays at the Coliseum, Braden found his grandmother and bear-hugged her as she sobbed on his shoulder. This is the woman who saved Braden's life not many years ago by kicking his scrounging behind when he desperately needed it kicked.

The party was on, and it was hard not to get pulled into it.

The spunky kid from Stockton seems to have a lot of friends on the A's ballclub, and the clubhouse was a beehive of hugs and happy vibes.

"I guess this goes on all of our records," joked A's general manager Billy Beane, checking out the festive clubhouse mood. "It's like, 'I was there for the perfect game.' We all get credit for it, right?"

Sure, and Beane gets credit for drafting Braden. Sort of. I asked Beane if, during the 2004 draft, he was concerned about Braden's history of being a serious knucklehead.

"Not really," Beane said. "When you draft a guy in the 15th round ..."

Actually it was the 24th round. A general manager can safely draft his mailman's nephew in the 24th round in lieu of a holiday tip.

Had the A's background-checked Braden, Beane would have drafted his mailman's nephew. Many athletes tend to exaggerate the lackluster behavior of their youth, but Braden hits you with facts.

"I only played (baseball) two years in high school," Braden said. "I didn't make my grades my freshman and junior years. ... I missed 79 of 81 days of school the first quarter of my junior year."

What turned it around for Braden?

"My grandmother made it very clear that all the sacrifices my mother and she made were to get me on the baseball field and keep me out of jail," Braden said. "She let me know I was headed the wrong way."

Dallas' dad was always out of the picture. His mother was ill and died of cancer when he was a high school senior. Even when mom was alive, grandma was the hammer.

"She was the rock of Gibraltar from the get-go anyway," Braden said. "She's been the driving force behind everything that I've done in my life and career. Her sacrifices are countless."

Braden's not the kind of guy to leave his past behind. He still lives in Stockton. He said he would donate his perfect-game mementos- game ball, jersey, whatever - to the Hall of Fame ... the Stockton Hall of Fame.

Raising the question, "Stockton has a Hall of Fame?" It does now.

And the case could be made that Stockton is home to the most famous player in baseball right now. Braden became an instant cult hero among big-league pitchers by barking at Alex Rodriguez when A-Rod clomped rudely across Braden's mound.

If you saw Braden's reaction to Rodriguez's faux pas, you got a sense of the intensity of the A's pitcher, the volatile emotion he carries around. Sunday he channeled all that intensity into his craft, with dramatic results.

Then he turned all the emotion to his teammates, the fans - including a sizable group of homies from Stockton- and grandma, Peggy Lindsey.

Dallas isn't Lindsey's only grandchild, but the others didn't live close by.

"I was her baby," Braden said.

But grandma didn't baby him. She would occasionally whip his rear end.

"We don't do much talking in Stockton," Braden said.

He kept trying to mess up his life, but grandma kept fighting him, and Peggy won by a TKO. Braden stopped acting the fool, finished high school, went to JC, got signed.

Now he's winning games and getting discovered - for his guts, his pitching, his heart.

Lindsey managed a hotel in Stockton. Hard work. When Braden got his first big-league paycheck, his eyes bugged out and he told grandma to turn in her master key. "You're done."

In the clubhouse, Braden said he would celebrate his perfecto by driving home to Stockton and firing up the grill for a Mother's Day barbecue. He said he would not be watching a replay of his amazing performance.

"It's done; it's over," Braden said. "We got Texas to worry about."

Perfect in pink! Mother's Day A+ for Braden

A's lefty lost mother to cancer as senior in high school

By Jane Lee / MLB.com / 5-10-2010

OAKLAND -- Dallas Braden's life has been anything but perfect.

Crime, gangs and poverty swarmed his childhood surroundings in Stockton, Calif., where he was raised by a single mother, Jodie Atwood. Heartache topped those already grim circumstances when Jodie died of skin cancer while Braden was a senior in high school.

But on Sunday afternoon the Oakland lefty, making the 53rd start of his career, retired all 27 Tampa Bay batters in succession to record just the 19th perfect game in Major League history, a 4-0 A's victory.

Braden's grandmother, Peggy Lindsey, has guided him through his struggles. And just as she does every time her grandson takes the mound in Oakland, she made the hour-long drive from Stockton on Sunday afternoon, this time to witness Braden pitch against the team with the best record in baseball.

Thus, the 26-year-old kid took to the bump against the Rays as Peggy watched her grandson's imperfect life suddenly become perfect for just a day -- a day that happened to be Mother's Day.

"It's a more important day for my grandmother than anything," Braden said. "That's the biggest thing to be able to give her something like this on a day of this magnitude, considering everything we've been through together. It's more about her for me.

"It hasn't been a joyous day for me in a while. But to know that I still get to come out and compete and play a game on that day, that makes it a little better. With my grandma in the stands, that makes it a lot better. To be able to give her this today was perfect."

It was, in every sense of the word. The two embraced in tears, exchanging a handful of words in between moments of tender silence. After all, not a whole lot really needed to be said.

"He just said, 'I love you,'" said Lindsey, wearing an A's fleece and still very much in disbelief.

Braden needed just 109 pitches (77 strikes) to retire the Rays' 27 batters, six of whom struck out against the Oakland southpaw in his first career complete game. He entered the game averaging 1.70 walks per nine innings, but he was also coming off consecutive losses in which he yielded a combined nine runs through 11 innings.

None of it mattered Sunday, though, as Braden left 12,228 fans in Oakland cheering from their feet for more than 20 minutes following the final out, a grounder to shortstop Cliff Pennington off the bat of Gabe Kapler that made its way to first baseman Daric Barton.

"I told him, 'Your mom would be so proud,'" Lindsey said. "Leave it to Dal to do something different. If you know Dal, then you know that's his way."

The only other pitcher in A's history to toss a perfect game was Catfish Hunter, who did so on May 8, 1968, against Minnesota. The last no-hitter in A's franchise history came on June 29, 1990, when Dave Stewart accomplished the feat.

The A's now join the White Sox, Yankees and Indians as the only clubs to have thrown more than one perfect game. Braden's, in one way, tops all the others: No one has thrown even a no-hitter against a team with a winning percentage as high as Tampa Bay's .733 mark coming into the game.

"It was a great day, Dallas was phenomenal," A's general manager Billy Beane said. "Really, the thing about it is if you're going to pitch a perfect game, that's a team over there that you wouldn't want to choose to try and do it against. They have great plate discipline, speed, everything. So it makes it even more special and quite an accomplishment."

Braden understood his place in history.

"There are not that many of them," said Braden, who was drafted by the A's in the 24th round in 2004. "It's pretty special. I don't really know what to think of it yet. It's kind of new. It's still kind of very fresh to me. It's some very select company. Also, those guys -- if you look at the body of work those other 18 individuals put together -- that's something I'd like to have a little more than just one day. So there's definitely more to do."

Still, Braden's accomplishments on Sunday were enough to leave the baseball community talking about the Stockton kid for quite some time. He greeted 17 of the 27 batters he faced with first-pitch strikes -- a facet of his game in which he's always prided himself since he isn't equipped with "dominant stuff."

"That's the key to me ever having success," he said. "I'm not going to blow anything by anybody. I'm not going to dominate a lineup, if you will. I just need them to not square it up. It's a formidable lineup over there to try to flip over."

It's also one that entered the three-game set against the A's with baseball's best record, which made Sunday's performance all the more incredible for everyone involved.

"I was on the wrong end of one last year, so it's a heck of a lot better being on this end of things," said Gabe Gross, who was with the Rays when Chicago's Mark Buehrle tossed baseball's last perfect game, against Tampa Bay last August.

The Rays are the second team to be victimized by two straight perfect games. The Reds' Tom Browning threw the 12th perfect game in Major League history against the Dodgers in September 1988, and the Expos' Dennis Martinez followed with the 13th perfect game, also against the Dodgers, in July 1991.

"It's awesome," said A's outfielder Eric Patterson, who made two crucial plays that involved what Braden deemed "absolute missiles." "Obviously, it's happened 19 times in history so it's not like it happens every day. Being part of it and being in the game when it happened was definitely something special. It's a big win for us. A win at home is huge, especially against a team of that caliber."

Patterson wasn't the only one who gave Braden a hand in achieving perfection. Kevin Kouzmanoff, who set a National League single-season record for third basemen with a .990 fielding percentage last season, knocked down the first out of the game by reaching high and wide for a line drive from Jason Bartlett. He also ran at full speed into Oakland's dugout to record the second out of the eighth inning.

"Kouzmanoff, again, stole my thunder," Braden said, "by making sweet plays over by the dugout. I always tease Kouz. I say he tends to play things into web gems, but I think that one was a straight-up decent play."

Aside from a handful of hard-hit balls that turned into outs, Braden essentially put Tampa Bay's lineup to rest without much hassle. He endured a 12-pitch battle with Kapler in the sixth and watched one of those balls land just outside the left-field foul pole before he finally got the Rays' right fielder to pop out to Kouzmanoff. Not too many other batters gave him such trouble; he ran up a three-ball count to just four hitters.

"Dallas has four great pitches -- above-average pitches," said catcher Landon Powell, who also contributed to the historic win with two hits and the first RBI of the game. "Obviously, his screwball or changeup -- whatever you want to call it -- is his out pitch. But he does a real good job of locating his fastball in and out. Today, the biggest thing was he was locating his fastball in and in off the plate, which really kept hitters from leaning out over, which really made the changeup even better.

"The only time that guys can usually hit that changeup is when they're cheating and they're leaning out over the plate, and he didn't let them do that today by throwing his fastball in."

Meanwhile, Oakland's dugout and bullpen filled with nothing but silence. The same type of atmosphere was found around Lindsey, who didn't let any friends sitting by her say a word after she realized what was transpiring in the seventh inning.

"That's when I started to get nervous," she said. "Or about when he was 5 years old."

Less than an hour later, she found herself climbing over the dugout wall to grab a hold of Braden, who wouldn't have chosen to share the moment with anyone else.

"My grandmother just made it very clear to me that all the sacrifices my mom had made and that she had made and the life that we had led up 'til that point was all to get me on the baseball field and to keep me out of jail," he said. "And she made it very abundantly clear that I was not headed to the baseball field, that I was headed to the other place. That's when I kind of snapped my head around and said, 'You know what? Yeah, I pretty much got one shot if I'm going to have any shot, and I need to jump on it.'"

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“Now we understand what it takes to make a sacrifice, and now I have an even better appreciation for being able to just give my grandma this.”

Checking in with Braden’s peeps in 209

Gwen Knapp, Chronicle Staff Writer, 5/11/2010

Tom Stubbs tuned to the local newscast Sunday night to learn more about Dallas Braden’s perfect game and heard that the lefthander had some unusual plans for the historic items from the day. With no disrespect intended to Cooperstown, Braden wanted prime memorabilia to go to the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame.

“I about fell out of my chair,” said Stubbs, treasurer of the Stockton museum, currently in transit from a modest location at a public school to a grander spot in the Stockton Arena. “I don’t even think (the A’s) know how to find us.”

They’ll figure it out.

One of the balls used Sunday was sent to Cooperstown on Monday, team spokesman Bob Rose said, along with the spikes Braden wore during the 19th major-league perfect game. Eventually, according to his grandmother, Peggy Lindsey, and Rose, some combination of Braden’s glove, cap and jersey will go to the smaller museum in his beloved hometown.

In the past, he has shown his devotion with endless charitable work in the city, with a tattoo of the area code “209,” and on Sunday, discount seats for the “209 section.” At the same time, he made 4-0 winners of the A’s and turned Mother’s Day into a transcendent tribute to his grandmother and to the mom he lost to cancer. But he also lifted Stockton into another realm, momentarily transforming the city - cited last year by Forbes magazine as America’s most miserable - into a cradle of perfection.

“People talk about the foreclosures and unemployment and the crime, and that’s all true,” said Frank Wanner, Braden’s coach at Stagg High School. “But Dallas and what he’s accomplished represent Stockton, too. There’s a lot to be proud of here.”

Wanner choked up as he talked about the perfect game and its significance on Mother’s Day. The coach said he hasn’t remained close to the family, aside from sending occasional e-mails to Lindsey. But he remembers seeing Braden, then a high school senior, on the day he lost his mother, Jodie Atwood, to skin cancer. Wanner took him out for a motorcycle ride, lunch and a talk. A few hours later, Braden’s mom was gone.

“I saw them when they were in the valley of despair,” the coach said, his voice breaking. “And ... I have to get my composure. I really am very happy for him.”

All over the city Sunday, different people felt poignancy, tension and elation. “In Stockton, there aren’t six degrees of separation, there’s only one degree of separation,” said Todd Bowman, one of Braden’s closest friends. He watched the game on TV with his brother.

In another part of town, Jimbo Rabanal followed the game during a Mother’s Day party at a cousin-in-law’s house. Friends with Braden since junior high, Rabanal found his eyes welling up in about the seventh inning. His wife, Kim, wasn’t sure what was happening, he said. “I have really bad allergies, and she was asking me if I was OK.”

She also knew that Mother’s Day was fraught with emotion for him. At age 16, a few years before Braden’s mom died, Rabanal lost his mother suddenly to a brain aneurysm. On Sunday morning, Rabanal went to a local cemetery to place flowers on the graves of his mother and grandmother. Then he visited another woman’s grave, leaving a bouquet there, and sent a text to her son that said: “Thinking of you today.”

He didn’t explain where he was at the time. He would tell his friend later, when they were wrapped in each other’s arms at Braden’s Stockton house, celebrating baseball history and something more personal. “I visited Jodie today,” Rabanal remembers saying, “and I took her some flowers.”

Braden had a few stops to make on his Stockton celebration tour. He lives about five blocks from his grandmother, and they went to a neighbor’s place together, ordered some pizza and savored the day, she said. Before that, he had dropped by a younger friend’s house on the other side of town.

David Rowse, a senior pitcher at the University of the Pacific, had become something of a protégé to Braden in recent years. The school’s coach, former major-league infielder Ed Sprague, had welcomed Braden to train on the Stockton campus in his free time. Invariably, Sprague said, Braden would stick around well past his workout, chatting with the players, even umpiring intra-squad games.

The UOP team played at UC Davis on Sunday and heard about the perfect game just as it started a three-run ninth inning to finish off a victory. Afterward, Rowse contacted Braden, and the newest member of the sports pantheon promised to stop off on his way home to visit the Stockton house Rowse shares with two teammates. Braden is too easygoing to engender any awe himself, but the moment left the collegian overwhelmed.

“Someone who just made major-league history was there, kickin’ it in my living room,” Rowse said. “It’s something I’ll tell my grandchildren about.”

The next day, Lindsey relived the exhilaration of her grandson’s perfect game in countless interviews. She visited friends up in the special seats, on a different level than the place she always occupies, where most people know to call her “Gran.” She also remembers climbing over the top of the dugout after the game, trying to reach her beckoning grandson as a nervous security guard hollered: “Ma’am, get down, get down.”

Then another voice identified her, and the security people took her safely through one of the gates onto the field. “I wasn’t even thinking,” she said, when asked how she had planned to get off the dugout roof.

She didn’t put in a request for any of her grandson’s memorabilia.

But for Mother’s Day, Braden always gives her one of the pink bats that his teammates use for breast-cancer awareness games. She wanted one from Daric Barton this year, and she said she was pestering her grandson for it even as he flew off to Texas, amid a flurry of interviews.

“He keeps saying, ‘you’ll get it, you’ll get it,’” she said, clearly enjoying the fact that, like Braden himself, she could focus on other players during her family’s hours of superstardom.

However, a certain third baseman for the Yankees is out of the picture. Like her grandson, she is done verbally sparring with the celebrity athlete. He has no place in the best chapter of the happiest story in baseball this year. He’s not from Stockton.

Baseball marvels at Braden’s perfect game

Players moved by left-hander’s Mother’s Day gem

By Alden Gonzalez / MLB.com / 5-11-2010

Dallas Braden will no longer be known simply as the guy who told Alex Rodriguez to stay away from the pitcher’s mound.

Thanks to 27 consecutive outs on a magical Mother’s Day in Oakland, the obscure-yet-brash left-hander from nearby Stockton, Calif., -- “The 209,” as he refers to his old stomping grounds -- made sheer perfection his newest claim to fame.

Not many non-A’s fans knew much about Braden -- he of 17 wins in four seasons heading into his Sunday afternoon start -- until he lashed out at A-Rod for breaking what he deemed an unwritten rule of baseball on April 22. But after A’s shortstop Cliff Pennington gobbled up Gabe Kapler’s ninth-inning grounder, thus securing the 19th perfect game in Major League history, it’s safe to assume Braden will be granted much more than his 15 minutes of fame.

In fact, 24 hours later, Braden’s perfect game, and all that came with it, was still the talk around baseball on Monday -- and that may not go away any time soon.

“I got a little choked up last night after that last out when his grandma came out on the field,” said Blue Jays lefty Dana Eveland, who played with Braden the previous two seasons in Oakland, where the two

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California products developed a strong friendship.

"I texted him last night to say, 'Congratulations.' Then I sent him another one this morning saying, 'Are you alive?' Because I figured last night was probably a pretty good party in Stockton. He's alive. I saw him on TV this morning."

After retiring all 27 Rays batters in order -- six via the strikeout -- Braden exuberantly paced around the mound he previously agreed was his island with a frozen fist pump before being embraced by ecstatic teammates.

"That's cool," Rangers starter Rich Harden, a teammate of Braden's with the A's from 2007-08, said Sunday. "I'm happy for the guy. He's got some great stuff."

Then, as he walked toward the dugout, he pointed up at the stands for his grandmother, Peggy Lindsey -- the one who cared for Braden after his mom passed away when he was a teenager -- and the two shared a long, emotional embrace.

"They were always really, really close, so that was really cool," Eveland said. "I'm really happy for him."

Rockies right-hander Ubaldo Jimenez doesn't know Braden, but now they have a kinship as the only two pitchers to hurl no-hitters this season.

Jimenez threw the season's first no-no on April 17 against the Braves. On Sunday, Jimenez had borderline no-hit stuff when he held the Dodgers to one run on two hits in seven innings, but took his first loss of the season, 2-0, in Los Angeles. When he entered the Dodger Stadium visitors' clubhouse, he saw the report that Braden had just thrown a perfect game in a 4-0 win over Tampa Bay.

"It's great to see somebody else doing it, especially a perfect game -- he's been blessed," Jimenez said. "It's not easy to have one of those."

"It's not even easy to throw three or four innings without a hit. Anyone can get a hit, even a pitcher, and they don't have a pitcher hitting. Like I said, God wanted you to have one of those."

Pitching in front of 12,228 fans at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, Braden needed 109 pitches (77 of which were strikes) to hurl the first perfect game since Mark Buehrle did it against those same Rays on July 23 of last year, and the first in A's history since Catfish Hunter on May 8, 1968.

"I feel good about my no-hitter, but a perfect game, there is nothing like that," said Marlins starter Anibal Sanchez, who hurled a no-no as a rookie in '06. "That's being perfect. No walks. I'm proud for him."

Braden -- 4-2 with a 3.33 ERA in seven starts this season -- isn't necessarily equipped with what baseball experts would call dominant stuff, but he relied on an inside fastball, deceiving changeup and great control for his gem on Sunday, as he started off 17 of the 27 hitters he faced with first-pitch strikes.

"He has to really pitch to do something that special," said Brewers third-base coach Brad Fischer, who was in his final season as the A's bullpen coach when Braden arrived in the Majors in '07. "He's not just going to go out and blow them away. The fact he put a whole game together like that is very impressive."

Fischer admitted that "some alarms went off" when he first met Braden and saw "209" scribbled on his cleats, but he eventually learned that "he's a good kid."

It didn't take very long for him to realize he's a tough one, too.

"I don't think there was ever any doubt about his makeup," Fischer said. "He's a tough kid. He was never fearful, and I think that works to his benefit. I'm happy for him. They're never going to be able to take that away."

Even his former teammate, Dodgers outfielder Andre Ethier, who played with Braden in the A's organization at Double-A Midland took note of his makeup.

"I remember him as a wild guy, full of energy, and every time he pitched he got the job done. He competed and you could count on him pitching a good game."

After it was all said and done, the 26-year-old called the pinnacle of his young Major League career "pretty cool" and "pretty special."

Yeah, no kidding.

"To see the madness that has ensued since, it's surreal," said Marlins reliever Dan Meyer, a former A's pitcher who roomed with Braden at Triple-A and in the big leagues, even staying at his grandmother's house one time. "I heard he did the 'Today Show.' I'm proud of him. Not only was he a teammate, he's a real good friend of mine. To accomplish something that has only been done 19 times in the history of Major League Baseball, it's amazing."

The Brewers found out about Braden's performance when it flashed on the scoreboard at Chase Field on Sunday. Then, after that game, catcher Gregg Zaun was made aware of Braden's story -- how his mother, Jodie Atwood, died of skin cancer when he was a senior in high school and his grandmother singlehandedly put him on the right path -- and had a typical reaction.

"Stunning," Zaun said. "What a great story. I saw it up there on the scoreboard, and he pumped his fist, and then I saw, 'Perfect game.' It's like, 'Whoa.'"

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 "waterfall" of blood over his grandma's sink when he attempted to remove a cotton ball just days later.

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“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. 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.

2010 CLIPS

Thinking Man's Game

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 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.
- Went 0 for 3 against Texas on May 13, snapping a 14-game hitting streak against the Rangers, which was second longest in Oakland history.

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	1	0	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	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
2004	TAMPA BAY	2	0	3.60	15	3	0	0	0	40.0	37	18	16	4	1	16	0	23	1	0
	Durham	1	3	4.72	17	7	0	0	2	47.2	48	26	25	8	2	17	0	52	0	1
2005	TAMPA BAY	1	2	4.85	26	4	0	0	0	42.2	59	27	23	4	4	16	4	30	0	0
	Syracuse	9	8	3.35	23	23	2	2	0	150.1	140	61	56	12	8	35	0	113	5	2
2006	TORONTO	1	3	13.15	5	3	0	0	0	13.0	31	19	19	6	1	6	0	12	0	0
	Sacramento	3	0	0.37	4	4	0	0	0	24.1	14	6	1	0	0	8	0	26	0	0
2007	OAKLAND	4	2	3.09	55	0	0	0	2	64.0	51	24	22	3	1	42	2	36	2	2
	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 Skaalen, 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

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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.
- Was named to the NCAA College World Series Legends Team May 6...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.

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.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-0 / 221 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: July 18, 1978 **Opening Day Age:** 31
Birthplace/Resides: Baton Rouge, Louisiana / Monroe, Louisiana
Major League Service: 8 years
Obtained: Signed as a free agent, January 26, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

The four-time National League All-Star signed a one-year contract with the A's after missing the entire 2009 season after undergoing elbow surgery...spent the first eight years of his career with Milwaukee and is the Brewers all-time leader in strikeouts (1206)...also ranks fifth in wins (86) and sixth in ERA (3.72)...has made 221 career appearances, all starts...his 1206 strikeouts from 2001-08 were fourth most in the NL over that span and his 18 complete games tied for second most...started for the NL in the 2008 All-Star Game...was also an All-Star in 2001, 2004 and 2007...set a Milwaukee franchise record with 264 strikeouts in 2004, including a franchise-record 18 strikeouts in a 4-1 win, May 16 at Atlanta...was a member of the 2000 United States Olympic team and tossed a three-hit shutout against Cuba to earn the Gold Medal for Team USA.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Became a free agent following the 2008 season with Milwaukee but did not sign with another team...missed the entire 2009 season after undergoing surgery on his right elbow in February.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD																				
Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
1999	Ogden	0	1	5.63	2	2	0	0	0	8.0	8	5	5	2	1	2	0	12	0	0
	Stockton	1	0	3.58	5	5	0	0	0	27.2	23	11	11	1	1	14	0	28	1	0
2000	Huntsville	5	3	1.88	13	13	0	0	0	72.0	55	17	15	4	2	25	0	60	2	0
	Indianapolis	3	5	2.87	14	13	1	0	0	81.2	77	31	26	4	4	31	0	59	3	1
2001	MILWAUKEE	11	10	4.76	25	25	1	1	0	151.1	166	89	80	23	5	48	6	94	3	0
	Indianapolis	1	1	3.38	2	2	0	0	0	10.2	14	5	4	0	0	3	0	6	0	0
2002	MILWAUKEE	11	16	4.15	34	34	1	0	0	216.2	237	105	100	21	10	70	10	170	9	0
2003	MILWAUKEE	11	13	4.45	34	34	1	0	0	220.2	232	122	109	29	6	43	2	157	7	0
2004	MILWAUKEE	12	14	2.70	34	34	5	0	0	237.0	201	85	71	25	4	32	1	264	8	1
2005	MILWAUKEE	10	9	3.33	22	22	3	0	0	156.2	142	66	58	19	2	25	1	141	7	0
2006	Huntsville	0	0	3.38	1	1	0	0	0	2.2	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	1	0
	Nashville	2	1	2.40	3	3	0	0	0	15.0	9	4	4	1	0	5	0	15	3	0
	AZL Brewers	0	0	10.38	1	1	0	0	0	4.1	5	5	5	0	0	2	0	8	2	0
	MILWAUKEE	6	7	3.82	17	17	0	0	0	106.0	105	47	45	9	2	11	1	116	3	0
2007	MILWAUKEE	12	5	3.82	24	24	2	0	0	141.1	138	62	60	17	1	37	2	106	4	0
2008	MILWAUKEE	13	9	3.09	31	31	5	3	0	198.1	181	74	68	17	1	47	2	158	8	0
2009										(Injured — did not pitch)										
ML Totals		86	83	3.72	221	221	18	4	0	1428.0	1402	650	591	160	31	313	25	1206	49	1

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1999 — Selected by the Milwaukee Brewers organization in the first round (10th selection overall) of the June draft.
2001 — On disabled list, August 6 to September 20. **2005** — On disabled list, April 21 to May 27. On disabled list, August 27 to October 9. **2006** — On disabled list, March 24 to April 15; included rehabilitation assignments to Huntsville, April 6 to 10, and Nashville, April 11 to 15. On disabled list, May 3 to July 24; included rehabilitation assignments to Nashville, July 9 to 13 and 19 to 24, and to the Arizona Brewers, July 14 to 18. **2007** — On disabled list, July 15 to August 28. **2008** — Elected free agency, October 30. **2010** — Signed by the Oakland Athletics, January 26.

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A's welcome Ben Sheets' rambunctious nature

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune, 4/27/2010

Ben Sheets often is heard before he's seen in the A's clubhouse. On a team where the veterans usually speak softly and lead by example, Sheets deviates from that pattern with his rambunctious personality.

He'll greet teammates by belting out one of his favorite lines — "Good morning, champions!" — as he arrives for a game.

He recently had two mini basketball hoops installed in the home clubhouse at the Oakland Coliseum. Now nerf basketballs are flying through the air before and after batting practice.

"You never know when the Golden State Warriors coaching staff is going to walk through," Sheets said. "Somebody might have a great jumper."

Sheets was signed to a one-year, \$10 million contract in January because the A's wanted a proven veteran to anchor their rotation. After missing all of last season with an elbow injury, the right-hander is 1-1 with a 2.74 ERA and appears to be rounding into form. He'll make his fifth start today against the Tampa Bay Rays as the A's begin a six-game road trip.

But teammates say they also benefit from his lighthearted spirit.

Players such as designated hitter Eric Chavez and second baseman Mark Ellis, the longest-tenured Athletics, set a standard with their work ethic and professionalism.

Sheets, 31, adds a dash of nuttiness, and Chavez says it's a welcome addition.

"We need some loudness every once in a while," Chavez said. "And coming from a guy who's had some experience, it's pretty good for us. I'm not loud, so someone needs to be loud."

Chavez said he heard from friends around the majors that Sheets could be a loose cannon. Ellis got a similar report from Geoff Jenkins, a teammate of Sheets' with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Reliever Michael Wuertz, who faced the Brewers plenty while pitching for the Chicago Cubs, said he knew Sheets previously only from watching him on the mound. Now the two have lockers next to each other at the Coliseum.

"Everything he portrays here in the clubhouse is everything I heard, just how good of a person he is and how good of a teammate," Wuertz said.

Sheets' fun-loving approach might ring hollow if he didn't have the credentials to go with it. Because he's a four-time All-Star, younger players pay attention to how he carries himself.

"You see a guy who's had a lot of success at the big league level, and you see that you don't have to worry about things off the field," second-year closer Andrew Bailey said, adding that Sheets also knows when to get serious. "You can still have fun in this game, treat it like Little League, I guess."

Much was made about the mentor role that Sheets could play for the A's young pitchers. But the advice is flowing both ways, as Sheets pumps his teammates for information after spending his first eight seasons in the National League.

Bailey is struck by something else: After Sheets comes out of a game, he retires to the clubhouse for a short period but returns to the dugout to cheer his teammates.

Many starters remain in the clubhouse and watch the rest of the game on TV.

"I've never seen that before, even in the minor leagues," Bailey said. "He (returns) and watches the rest of game, however much of the game is left. He wants to be out there."

Sheets said it's been easy assimilating with the A's. As for his loose approach, he doesn't see any reason to behave differently.

"Why not have fun?" he asked. "It's a long season. If you don't have fun it'd be miserable. Baseball is fun."

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 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.”

APRIL STATISTICS

PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI			E	SLG	OBP
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Barton,D	.299	24	77	11	23	33	7	0	1	8	4	1	1	20	1	15	0	1	1	6	.429	.444		
Buck,T	.219	11	32	6	7	12	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	4	0	10	1	0	0	0	.375	.324		
+Carson,M	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Chavez,E	.221	20	68	6	15	21	6	0	0	6	0	2	0	6	0	19	0	0	2	0	.309	.276		
Davis,R	.224	23	85	14	19	24	2	0	1	8	0	0	2	4	0	18	10	0	2	1	.282	.275		
+Donaldson,	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Ellis,M	.323	8	31	8	10	12	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	.387	.382		
Fox,J	.182	16	44	4	8	13	2	0	1	8	0	1	0	2	0	11	0	0	2	1	.295	.213		
Gross,G	.237	15	38	3	9	11	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	.289	.250		
Kouzmanoff	.256	23	90	12	23	30	4	0	1	13	0	2	2	4	1	15	0	0	5	2	.333	.296		
Patterson,	.250	14	32	6	8	15	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	9	1	0	0	1	.469	.273		
Pennington	.250	24	80	9	20	36	5	1	3	16	1	0	0	10	0	14	3	0	0	3	.450	.333		
Powell,L	.111	3	9	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	.111	.273		
Rosales,A	.305	19	59	7	18	27	3	0	2	10	1	1	0	4	0	18	0	0	0	0	.458	.344		
Suzuki,K	.254	17	59	5	15	30	3	0	4	11	0	0	2	6	1	11	0	0	2	2	.508	.343		
Sweeney,R	.295	23	88	13	26	32	6	0	0	11	0	2	0	10	0	12	0	1	5	0	.364	.360		
+Tolleson,S	.333	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333	.333		
Anderson,B	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Bailey,A	.000	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Blevins,J	.000	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Braden,D	.000	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Breslow,C	.000	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Cahill,T	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Duchschere	.000	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Gaudin,C	.000	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Gonzalez,G	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
+Kilby,B	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Ramirez,E	.000	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000		
+Ross,T	.000	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Sheets,B	.000	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
Ziegler,B	.000	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000		
PITCHERS	.000	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000		
OAKLAND	.254	24	799	106	203	298	44	3	15	103	7	10	8	77	3	168	15	2	20	17	.373	.322		
OPPONENT	.246	24	792	99	195	311	41	3	23	96	5	7	3	86	4	163	7	7	20	21	.393	.320		

PITCHER	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GFSHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	AVG	OPP
Anderson,	1	1	2.35	4	4	0	0	0	23.0	20	7	6	0	1	4	0	17	1	0	.227	
Bailey,A	0	0	0.00	8	0	0	7	0	2	7.0	6	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	.222	
Blevins,J	2	0	3.38	10	0	0	3	0	10.2	9	4	4	1	0	5	0	12	0	0	.214	
Braden,D	3	1	4.20	5	5	0	0	0	30.0	26	14	14	4	0	7	0	19	2	1	.234	
Breslow,C	0	1	4.70	10	0	0	2	0	7.2	10	4	4	2	0	4	1	10	0	0	.303	
Cahill,T	0	1	10.80	1	1	0	0	0	5.0	7	8	6	3	0	1	0	3	1	0	.304	
Duchscher	2	1	2.89	5	5	0	0	0	28.0	26	11	9	3	1	12	0	18	2	0	.255	
Gaudin,C	0	2	6.00	9	0	0	5	0	12.0	13	8	8	1	1	4	0	15	0	0	.283	
Gonzalez,	2	1	3.68	4	4	0	0	0	22.0	20	9	9	1	0	12	0	19	0	0	.241	
+Kilby,B	0	0	3.86	4	0	0	2	0	4.2	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	.222	
Ramirez,E	1	0	4.50	6	0	0	2	0	10.0	7	6	5	1	0	8	1	9	1	0	.194	
+Ross,T	0	0	3.55	7	0	0	2	0	12.2	10	5	5	1	0	6	0	11	2	0	.227	
Sheets,B	1	2	5.00	5	5	0	0	0	27.0	32	16	15	3	0	14	0	14	1	0	.305	
Ziegler,B	0	2	2.53	11	0	0	1	0	10.2	5	5	3	1	0	8	2	7	0	0	.147	
OAKLAND	12	12	3.85	24	24	0	24	3	3	210.1	195	99	90	23	3	86	4	163	10	1	.246
OPPONENTS	12	12	3.87	24	24	1	23	1	7	209.1	203	106	90	15	8	77	3	168	13	2	.254