

2010 Oakland A's



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A's AT A GLANCE

Season High	9-4 (April 17)
Season Low	18-20/20-22 (May 16/20)
April	12-12
May	16-12
June	5-10
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
Home Series	7-3-1
Road Series	3-7-0
Series Sweeps	2-4
First Game of Series	9-13
Last Game of Series	13-8
A's Score First	27-12
Opponent Scores First	6-22
Leading After 7 th	28-0
Leading After 8 th	27-0
Tied After 7 th	4-4
Tied After 8 th	4-5
Trailing After 7 th	1-30
Trailing After 8 th	2-29
Commit No Errors	25-14
Commit 1 or More Errors	8-20
More HR Than Opp.	11-6
Fewer HR Than Opp.	8-19
Same Total HR of Opp.	14-9
Starter Pitches 7 or More	10-4
Starter Pitches Less Than 7	23-30
When Scoring 4 or More	30-5
When Scoring Less Than 4	3-29
Last At Bat	6-6
Different Lineups	51

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (33-34) VS. CHICAGO CUBS (29-36)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010 – WRIGLEY FIELD – 1:20 P.M. CDT
LHP DALLAS BRADEN (4-6, 3.95) VS. RHP RANDY WELLS (3-5, 5.15)

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 four of the last five games and 10 of the last 15 and are one game under .500 for the second time in the last three days...the season low is two games under, most recently on May 20 (20-22)...with the loss last night, the A's fell a season high five games out of first place in the American League West...are in third place in the AL West for the 12th consecutive day...have 25 days alone in first this year, eight days tied for first, 26 days in second, one day tied for second, 12 days in third and one day in fourth...are in a stretch from May 25 through June 20 where they are scheduled to play 19 of 26 games on the road...are 10-12 over that span...are 9-13 in the first game of a series, 9-13 in the second game and 12-6 in the third game...are 28-0 when leading after seven innings and are one of two AL teams that has not lost in that category (Tampa Bay, 31-0).

NIGHT AND DAY: The A's have a 16-8 (.667) record during day games compared to 17-26 (.395) at night...have the best record in day games in the majors and the third worst record in the American League in night games...have a 2.98 ERA (71 er in 214.1 ip) during the day and a 4.65 ERA (196 er in 379.1 ip) at night...have the lowest day ERA in the AL.

INTERLEAGUE PLAY: The A's are 4-4 in interleague play this year (3-3 vs. San Francisco, 1-1 vs. Chicago)...travel to St. Louis following the game today and then return home for a six-game homestand against Cincinnati and Pittsburgh...went 5-13 (.278) in interleague play last year, which tied Cleveland for the worst record in the majors...it was the A's worst record ever in interleague play and just the third time in 13 seasons they finished with a losing record against the National League...are now 66-68 (.493) in interleague play since 2003 but are 132-106 (.555) all-time, which is the sixth best record in the majors.

PITCHERS HITTING: A's pitchers are 0 for 11 with seven strikeouts and a sacrifice hits this year and now have a .090 (22 for 244) average with four doubles, seven RBI, eight walks and 109 strikeouts since interleague play began in 1997...the batting average is the lowest by an American League team over that span (Toronto, .094)...the last triple by an A's pitcher was by John Odom on August 22, 1971 against Boston and Odom also hit the last home run on September 4, 1972 against California.

IN THE PINCH: A's pinch hitters are 6 for their last 15 (.400) with four walks, two home runs and five RBI and are now batting .278 (10 for 36) with six walks, three home runs and seven RBI for the season...the home runs are the most in the American League, the walks are tied for second best, the RBI rank third and the batting average is fourth...A's pinch hitters combined for a .173 average over the previous six seasons...Adam Rosales hit the 100th pinch hit home run in Oakland history last Saturday night in San Francisco...it was the A's third pinch homer of the season...the A's had just three pinch home runs total from 2005-09.

IN JUNE: The A's are 5-10 (.333) in the month of June, which is the second worst record in the American League (Baltimore, 3-12)...are batting .294 (159 for 541) with 14 home runs...hit just 15 home runs in both April and May...however, nine of those 14 home runs came in the first four games this month and the A's have just two home runs over the last seven games...lead the AL in triples this month (5), have the fewest walks (34), rank third in batting and fourth in stolen bases (11).

HOME AND AWAY: The A's are 1-4 on this nine-game road trip to San Francisco (0-3), Chicago (1-1) and St. Louis and are now 12-21 (.364) on the road compared to 21-13 (.618) at home...have the third worst road record in the American League and the fifth best home record...the A's pitching staff has a 5.30 ERA (167 er in 283.2 ip) on the road and a 2.90 ERA (100 er in 310.0 ip) at home...**have the highest road ERA in the AL and the lowest home ERA**...have allowed 51 home runs on the road compared to just 17 home runs at home...**have yielded the most home runs in the AL on the road and the fewest at home**...starting pitchers are 8-15 with a 5.23 ERA (104 er in 179.0 ip) on the road and 16-9 with a 2.94 ERA (68 er in 208.1 ip) at home...the A's went 3-4 on the last homestand against Minnesota (1-2) and Los Angeles (2-2) for their first losing homestand of the season.

PITCHING: The A's pitching staff has allowed at least five runs in all five games on the road trip for a 5.49 ERA (25 er in 41.0 ip)...this marks the first time this year the A's have allowed at least five runs in five consecutive games...now have a 4.05 ERA for the season, which ranks fourth in the American League...lead the AL in shutouts (7) and pickoffs (14) and have hit the fewest batters (10)...A's starting pitchers are 4-7 with a 4.98 ERA (47 er in 85.0 ip) and .291 (98 for 337) opponents batting average in the month of June...have a 4.00 ERA for the season, which is fifth lowest in the AL...have issued 129 walks, which is fourth fewest in the AL.

OFFENSE: The A's have been successful in 45 of 55 (81.8%) stolen base attempts, which is the best percentage in the American League and third best in the majors...rank second in the AL in sacrifice hits (23) and third in sacrifice flies (22)...have the second fewest home runs (44), the third fewest walks (198), the fourth fewest extra base hits (172), the fourth most strikeouts (474) and the fourth lowest slugging percentage (.383).

ONE-RUN GAMES AND OTHER CLOSE CALLS: The A's are 11-5 (.688) 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 AL...are 3-2 in extra inning games and the three wins match the A's extra inning win total from last year...were 3-10 (.231) in extra innings last year, the worst mark in Oakland history...have four walk-off wins after tallying just five in all of 2009.

THE DISABLED LIST: The A's have used the disabled list 15 times this year and 79 times since the start of the 2007 season (17 in 2009, an Oakland record 25 in 2008 and 22 in 2007)...began the year with six players on the DL and it now stands at eight (Anderson, Buck, Chavez, Crisp, Devine, Duchscherer, Meloan, Outman)...have had at least seven players on the DL every day since April 21 and at least five on the DL all year...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.

BEST INTERLEAGUE WON-LOSS PERCENTAGE

	W	L	PCT
New York (AL)	138	98	.585
Minnesota	137	99	.581
Chicago (AL)	134	103	.565
Boston	133	104	.562
Los Angeles (AL)	133	106	.556
Oakland	132	106	.555

A's vs. CUBS

The two clubs have split the first two meetings of 2010...this is second time the A's and Cubs have met during the regular season and the A's trail in the all-time series, 2-3...the A's lost two of three in the first meeting in 2004, also at Wrigley Field...the Cubs are the only National League team that has not visited Oakland during interleague play...the two franchises have met twice in the World Series with the Athletics winning in five games both times (1910 and 1929).

TODAY'S TIDBITS

Daric Barton extended his road hitting streak to 15 games last night (20 for 58, .345)...that matches the A's longest road hitting streak over the last two years (Suzuki, July 3-29, 2009).

Kevin Kouzmanoff had his hitting streak snapped at a career high 15 games last night...he is batting .448 (26 for 58) in June and ranks second in the majors in hits.

THIS DATE IN A'S HISTORY

In **1967** the A's and Tigers set an AL record for longest doubleheader with a combined time of nine hours and five minutes...the first game includes a rain delay and the second goes 19 innings before Dave Duncan homers for a 6-5 win...in **1988** Stan Javier's RBI single in the bottom of the 14th inning leads the A's to a 7-6 win over Texas...the A's would play three extra inning games in the this three game series with the Rangers...in **1996** Terry Steinbach hits a grand slam in the 10th inning as the A's defeat Detroit, 8-4.

PITCHING PROBABLES

Fri., June 18 at STL	RHP Vin Mazzaro (2-1, 4.81) vs. RHP Chris Carpenter (7-1, 2.66)	5:15 CSNCA
Sat., June 19 at STL	RHP Ben Sheets (2-6, 4.93) vs. RHP Adam Wainwright (9-4, 2.41)	4:15 CSNCA
Sun., June 20 at STL	RHP Trevor Cahill (6-2, 3.23) vs. RHP Jeff Suppan (0-2, 7.20)	11:15 CSNCA

Expanded game notes with roster, supplemental bios and player features are available at <http://pressbox.oaklandathletics.com>

WORLD CHAMPIONS...1910 • 1911 • 1913 • 1929 • 1930 • 1972 • 1973 • 1974 • 1989

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

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Dallas Braden (4-6, 3.95 ERA)

BRADEN BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	4	6	3.95	13	82.0	36
2009	8	9	3.89	22	136.2	59
Career	18	27	4.52	74	362.2	182
Home	3	3	3.00	8	54.0	18
Road	1	3	5.79	5	28.0	18
Day	3	1	3.33	4	27.0	10
Night	1	5	4.25	9	55.0	26
Pre-ASB	4	6	3.95	13	82.0	36
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
			AVG.	AB	H	
vs. LHH			.253	75	19	
vs. RHH			.261	238	62	

RUN SUPPORT

Braden	
Runs Scored	Times
0	4
1	3
2	2
3	0
4	4
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
Run Support Avg.	2.51

BRADEN vs. CHICAGO

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
2008	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	0	0	---	0	0.0	0

Braden's Starts vs. Chicago

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Has never faced the Cubs in his career								

Chicago Career Batting vs. Braden

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Byrd	.375	16	6	0	0	2

BRADEN'S CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	0, 5/9/10 vs. TB
IP:	9.0, 5/9/10 vs. TB
Fewest IP, GS:	1.2, 8/12/07 at DET
H:	11 (three times), last: 6/9/10 vs. LAA
R:	8, 8/12/07 at DET
ER:	8, 8/12/07 at DET
BB:	6, 7/26/09 at NYY
SO:	10, 4/6/10 vs. SEA
HR:	3, 4/29/07 vs. TB
Win Streak:	4, 7/31/09 to 4/22/10
Loss Streak:	8, 4/29/07 to 9/23/07
Scoreless Streak:	16.0, 5/3/10 to 5/14/10
Complete Games:	2, last: 5/14/10 at LAA
Shutouts:	1, 5/9/10 vs. TB

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his 14th start of the season...the A's are 5-8 (.385) in his starting assignments and are 25-34 (.424) in his 59 career starts...has tossed seven or more innings in five of his 13 starts, allowed two runs or fewer six times and walked one batter or fewer 11 times.

FOUR-GAME LOSING STREAK: Since tossing his perfect game on May 9, he has gone 0-4 with a 4.75 ERA (36.0 ip, 44 h, 21 r, 19 er, 7 bb, 22 so, 5 hr) and .303 (44 for 145) opponents batting average over his last six starts...has received just four runs of support over that span (1.00 RSA)...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, Mark Buehrle went eight consecutive starts without a win following his perfect game, the longest such streak in major league history...the four-game losing streak is tied for the longest by an A's pitcher this year (Ross).

RUN SUPPORT: Did not receive any run support in his last start, the fourth time this year the A's have failed to score while he was in the game...his season run support of 2.51 (23 rs in 82.0 ip) is second lowest in the American League (Millwood, BAL 2.38)...has four runs of support in his six losses this year (36.2 ip, 0.98 RSA)...last year, he received run support of one run or less in 10 of his 22 starts and his season run support of 3.95 was fifth lowest among AL pitchers with 100 or more innings...is now 1-21 in 29 career starts with zero or one run of support and 16-6 in 30 starts with run support of two or more...has career run support of 3.37 (127 rs in 339.0 ip) as a starter...has received 23 runs of support in his 27 career losses (145.1 ip, 1.42 RSA).

DON'T WALK: Has walked one batter or fewer in 11 of his 13 starts and has issued just 14 walks in 82.0 innings, an average of 1.54 per nine innings...that is the fourth lowest mark in the American League...ranks ninth in strikeout to walk ratio (3.57)...had a streak of 21.0 consecutive innings (79 batters) without a walk from May 3 to 14.

ON THE BASES: Picked off his fifth base runner of the season in his last start, which is the most in the American League...now has 14 career pickoffs, including a career high seven in 2008...the Twins Danny Valencia stole second base in the second inning on June 4 and that was the first stolen base he allowed since Aug. 20, 2008, also against Minnesota (Punto)...had gone 230.1 innings without allowing a stolen base...opponents are 1 for 1 in stolen base attempts off him this year and 4 for 9 (44.4%) in his career.

INTERLEAGUE PLAY: Is scheduled to make his first interleague start of the season...has three career starts against the National League, all last year, and is 0-2 with a 2.95 ERA (18.1 ip, 15 h, 8 r, 6 er, 5 bb, 10 so, 1 hr).

WITH THE BAT: Was 0 for 3 with two strikeouts and a sacrifice hit in his first professional at bats in 2009.

INNING BY INNING: Allowed four runs in the sixth inning of his last start and has yielded 22 of his 38 runs this year in the fifth and sixth inning (9 in the fifth, 13 in the sixth)...has a 2.08 ERA (12 er in 52.0 ip) and .229 (44 for 192) opponents batting average over the first four innings of a game and a 7.20 ERA (24 er in 30.0 ip) and .306 (37 for 121) average after that.

THE LONG BALL: Allowed his ninth home run of the season June 4, which matches his career high (2007 and 2009)...six of the nine home runs have been solo shots.

DAYS REST: Is making his first start since June 9...left his last start after 5.2 innings and had an MRI on June 11...is 2-5 with a 4.20 ERA (27 er in 52.0 ip) in eight starts on four days rest and 2-1 with a 2.70 ERA (9 er in 30.0 ip) in his other five starts.

MONTH-BY-MONTH: Is 0-1 with a 6.00 ERA (8 er in 12.0 ip) in two starts in June...went 1-4 despite a 3.15 ERA in six starts in May and tied for the American League lead in losses...was 3-1 with a 4.20 ERA in five starts in April...started the season 3-0, which gave him a career best four-game winning streak dating back to July 31 of last year...went 4-0 with a 3.58 ERA and .218 opponents batting average during the winning streak, which spanned five starts.

BACK-TO-BACK COMPLETE GAMES: Followed up his perfect game with a complete game seven-hitter in the A's 4-0 loss May 14 at Los Angeles...of the 16 perfect games since 1922, only Len Barker followed with another complete game and he also lost...Braden is the first A's pitcher to toss back-to-back complete games since Mark Mulder had three straight from May 9-21, 2004...blanked the Angels on three hits over the first five innings to extend his scoreless streak to a career high 16.0 innings...began his career with 52 consecutive starts without a complete game to set an Oakland record to start a career, topping the previous mark of 51 by Todd Van Poppel from September 11, 1991-September 12, 1995...it was the fourth longest streak at any point in Oakland history...in fact, had tossed fewer than eight innings in each of his first 52 starts, which was the longest streak of consecutive starts of fewer than eight innings in Oakland history.

PERFECT: Pitched the 19th of the 20 perfect games in Major League history on Mother's Day, May 9, against Tampa Bay (includes 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...he was named American League Player of the Week for his effort...retired the first two batters he faced in his next start May 14 at Los Angeles to extend his consecutive batters retired streak to an Oakland record tying 29 (also Hunter, May 3-8, 1968)...the streak ended on a two-out double by Abreu in the first but he retired 11 straight after that for a stretch where he retired 40 of 41 hitters...please see the expanded game notes at pressbox.oaklandathletics.com or mlbpressbox.com for more information about his perfect game.

REAL SPORTS: Will be a guest on HBO's Real Sports With Bryan Gumbel on Tuesday, June 22 at 10:00 p.m. PT/ET.

LAST START: He lost his fourth consecutive decision in the A's 7-1 loss to Los Angeles on June 9 in Oakland...tossed 5.2 innings and allowed a career high tying 11 hits for the third time this year...allowed just one run over the first five innings and it was unearned as Frandsen reached on an error in the third and scored on a Hunter single...was charged with four runs in the sixth, including a two-run single by Rivera...was relieved by Ross with two runners on he allowed a two-run triple to Aybar...Saunders tossed a complete game seven-hitter for the Angels.

BRADEN vs. CHICAGO: Has never faced the Cubs in his career.

BRADEN'S 2010 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 6	SEA	2-1 (10)	--	1.29	7.0	4	1	1	1	10	0	91
April 11	at LAA	9-4	W	2.77	6.0	5	3	3	1	2	1	94
April 16	BAL	4-2	W	2.70	7.0	3	2	2	1	4	1	92
April 22	NYY	4-2	W	2.77	6.0	6	2	2	2	1	2	81
April 28	at TB	3-10	L	4.20	4.0	8	6	6	3	1	0	88
April Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				3-1	4.20	30.0	26	14	14	7	19	4
May 3	TEX	2-4	L	4.14	7.0	11	3	3	0	3	0	97
May 9	TB	4-0	W	3.33	9.0	0	0	0	0	6	0	109
May 14	at LAA	0-4	L	3.50	8.0	7	4	4	1	5	1	98
May 19	DET	1-5	L	3.45	6.0	6	2	2	1	2	1	79
May 25	at BAL	1-5	--	3.23	4.0	3	1	0	2	4	0	62
May 30	at DET	2-10	L	3.60	6.0	11	5	5	1	5	2	95
May Totals (6 G, 6 GS)				1-4	3.15	40.0	38	15	14	5	25	4
June 4	MIN	4-5 (11)	--	3.77	6.1	6	4	4	1	2	1	108
June 9	LAA	1-7	L	3.95	5.2	11	5	4	1	4	0	92

TOMORROW'S PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER

RHP Vin Mazzaro (2-1, 4.81 ERA): Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance and fourth start of the season...was recalled from Sacramento May 20 for his second stint with the A's this year...his first three outings were in relief (1-0, 4.35 ERA) and he is 1-1 with 3.27 ERA in two starts since then...has tossed 6.0 innings or less in each of his last 18 starts, which is the longest streak by a starting pitcher in Oakland history...was the losing pitcher in his last start last Sunday against San Francisco (6.0 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 1 so), his only interleague start this year...is now 0-4 with a 4.66 ERA in five career interleague starts...has never faced the Cardinals...went 0 for 2 last Sunday against San Francisco, the first official at bats of his career...had four plate appearances last year and delivered a sacrifice hit in all four chances...was 3-1 with a 3.13 ERA in seven games, six starts, with Sacramento this year.

ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

10-10, 4.14 ERA (206.1 ip, 202 h, 104 r, 95 er, 87 bb, 179 so, 27 hr)

Save/Save Opportunities: 14/19 (73.7%)

The A's bullpen has gone a season high nine consecutive games without a save opportunity...have just 19 save opportunities for the season, which is second fewest in the American League (Cleveland, 17)...rank fourth in the AL in save percentage (73.7%)...the pen is 1-3 with two saves, one blown save and a 5.00 ERA (45.0 ip, 47 h, 25 r, 25 er, 20 bb, 46 so, 7 hr) in the month of June...has a 5.47 ERA (63 er in 103.2 ip) on the road compared to a 2.83 ERA (32 er in 101.2 ip) at home...the pen leads the AL in innings pitched (206.1) and most extra base hits allowed (75), is tied for the second most home runs (27) and ranks third in wins (10) and strikeouts (179).

40 RHP ANDREW BAILEY

Save/Opportunities: 12-14

Last Outing: 6/15 at Chicago (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 9/4

First Hitters: 5-22 (2 bb, sf)

- Has appeared in just two of the A's last 11 games (2.0 ip, 1 h, 3 so).
- Has allowed one run in three of his last six appearances (7.1 ip, 5 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 7 so, 3.68 ERA) after posting a 0.96 ERA over his first 19 games...now has a 1.73 ERA for the season, which ranks seventh lowest among American League relievers.
- Has yielded a .167 (7 for 42) batting average to left-handed hitters and a .172 (5 for 29) mark with runners in scoring position.
- Has a 3.27 ERA (4 er in 11.0 ip) on the road and a 0.60 ERA (1 er in 15.0 ip) in Oakland...has allowed both of his home runs on the road.
- Has two saves in three interleague appearances this year (3.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 4 so) and has five saves and a 0.69 ERA (13.0 ip, 11 h, 1 r, 1 er, 3 bb, 17 so) in 11 career interleague appearances...Tuesday night was his first outing against the Cubs.
- Has 38 career saves, which ranks ninth on the Oakland career list (Koch and Foulke are tied for seventh, 44).
- 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: 6/15 at Chicago (ND, 0.1 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 12/5

First Hitters: 9-28 (1 bb)

- Has not allowed a run in 10 of his last 11 outings (9.1 ip, 11 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 11 so, 0.96 ERA) but has allowed 3 of 7 (42.9%) inherited runners to score over that span.
- Has held left-handed hitters to a .244 (10 for 41) batting average while right-handers are batting .333 (20 for 60)...has yielded all three of his home runs and issued seven of his eight walks to righties.
- Has a 1.54 ERA (2 er in 11.2 ip) in 11 outings on two days rest or more and an 6.57 ERA (9 er in 12.1 ip) in 18 outings on one day of rest or less.
- Has made four career interleague appearances, all this year, and has retired seven of the eight batters he faced (2.1 ip, 1 h, 1 so).
- Tuesday night was his first career outing against the Cubs...was acquired from Chicago with Rob Bowen for Jason Kendall and cash on July 16, 2007.
- 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.

57 LHP CEDRICK BOWERS

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 6/16 at Chicago (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 2 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 4/0

First Hitters: 1-5 (0 bb, 1 hb)

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento June 4 for his second stint with the A's this year and has not allowed a run in four of his five outings since his return (7.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 7 so)...has also stranded all four of his inherited runners over that span.
 - Last night was his first career outing against the Cubs.
 - Was brought up for the first time May 16, made his only appearance May 19 against Detroit when allowed a run in the eighth inning, and was optioned back to Sacramento May 29.
 - Allowed a .159 opponents batting average at Sacramento, including .130 (6 for 46) against righties and .217 (5 for 23) against lefties...opponents were 2 for 25 (.080) with runners in scoring position...his complete statistics with the River Cats:
- | | W | L | ERA | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|------------|---|---|------|----|----|----|-----|----|------|----|---|----|----|----|
| Sacramento | 1 | 1 | 2.75 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19.2 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 29 |
- Compiled a career low 1.93 ERA in a career high 48 games for the Philadelphia Phillies Triple-A affiliate at Lehigh Valley last year...added five saves, which was also a career high...opponents batted .182, which was the lowest mark among International League relievers.

56 LHP CRAIG BRESLOW

Save/Opportunities: 0-1

Last Outing: 6/15 at Chicago (ND, 0.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 14/5

First Hitters: 3-28 (2 bb)

- Has a blown save and a 5.40 ERA (8.1 ip, 4 h, 5 r, 5 er, 6 bb, 7 so, 1 hr) in eight appearances in June after going 1-0 with a 0.71 ERA in 12 games in May.
- Has held the opposition to a .117 (7 for 60) batting average over his last 18 games and they are batting .178 for the season, which ranks fifth lowest among American League relievers.
- First batters faced are 1 for their last 20 with two walks and they are batting .107 (3 for 28) with two walks (.167 on-base percentage) for the season...the on-base percentage is ranks eighth lowest in the American League and the batting average is tied for ninth.
- Has a 9.82 ERA (4 er in 3.2 ip) in five outings on no days rest and a 2.16 ERA (6 er in 25.0 ip) in his other 25 games.
- Tuesday night was his first career outing against the Cubs.
- Began the 2009 season with Minnesota and had a 6.28 ERA in 17 appearances when he was claimed off waivers by the A's May 20...went 7-5 with a 2.60 ERA in 60 games with Oakland and combined for an 8-7 record and a 3.36 ERA in a career high 77 appearances overall.

33 RHP JOEY DEVINE

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

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

Inherited Runners/Score: 0/0

First Hitters: 0-0 (0 bb)

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

66 RHP TYSON ROSS

Save/Opportunities: 1-2

Last Outing: 6/16 at Chicago (ND, 2.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 2 bb, 3 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 10/4

First Hitters: 6-18 (2 bb)

- Has a 12.15 ERA (6.2 ip, 6 h, 9 r, 9 er, 9 bb, 6 so) over his last nine appearances, all in relief, and is now 1-2 with a 5.61 ERA (16 er in 25.2 ip) in 20 relief appearances for the season.
- Went 0-2 with a 7.04 ERA in two starting assignments before his current stretch of eight relief appearances and is now 0-4 with a 9.42 ERA (14.1 ip, 16 h, 15 r, 15 er, 10 bb, 13 so) over his last 11 games after going 1-0 with a 3.32 ERA over his first 11 outings.
- First batters faced are 6 for their last 13 (.462) with a double, a home run, three RBI and two walks after going 0 for their first 5
- Pitched at least two innings in six of his first 12 relief appearances but has gone 1.0 inning or fewer in seven of his last nine.
- Has made two interleague appearances this year (3.0 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 3 bb, 4 so).
- 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: 1-1

Last Outing: 6/12 at San Francisco (ND, 1.0 ip, 2 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Score: 11/3

First Hitters: 4-11 (1 bb, 1 sh)

- Has allowed at least two runs in three of his last nine outings (7.1 ip, 9 h, 7 r, 7 er, 5 bb, 7 so, 8.59 ERA) after allowing no runs over his first four games (3.2 ip, 3 h, 2 so).
- Right-handed hitters are 7 for 30 (.233) off him and lefties are 5 for 14 (.357).
- Has not allowed a run in two interleague outings (2.0 ip, 2 h, 1 bb, 1 so).
- Is 2-0 and now has a seven-game winning streak dating back to May 8 of last year, an on-going career high...it is tied for the fourth longest winning streak in Oakland history by a reliever...the record is nine by T.J. Mathews (June 27, 1998-May 15, 1999) and Paul Lindblad (April 11-September 6, 1975...has a 21-8 (.724) career record.
- Was originally drafted by Chicago in the 11th round of the 1997 draft and spent five seasons with the Cubs from 2004-08...was 13-7 with one save and a 3.57 ERA in 265 relief appearances...was traded to the A's February 2, 2009 for Richie Robnett and Justin Sellers.
- Began the season on the 15-day disabled list with right shoulder tendinitis and was reinstated May 3.
- Went 6-1 with four saves and a 2.63 ERA in a team-leading 74 appearances for the A's last year...the games pitched tied for eighth most in Oakland history...led American League relievers and tied for second in the majors with a career-high 102 strikeouts.

31 RHP BRAD ZIEGLER Inherited Runners/Scored: 16/4	Save/Opportunities: 0-1	Last Outing: 6/15 at Chicago (ND, 1.2 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 1 er, 0 bb, 1 so) First Hitters: 4-31 (1 bb)
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- Is tied for fifth among American League relievers in games pitched (32), tied for sixth in losses (3) and ranks ninth in innings pitched (32.0).
- Allowed his third home run of the season Tuesday night, which is a new career high...yielded two in each of the previous two seasons.
- Has allowed one run in four of his eight outings in June for a 4.91 ERA (7.1 ip, 9 h, 4 r, 4 er, 4 bb, 8 so)...posted a 2.53 ERA in April and 1.93 in May.
- Has retired 17 of his last 19 first batters faced and they are 4 for 31 (.129) with a walk for the season...his .156 on-base percentage against first batters ranks sixth lowest in the AL.
- Has held right-handed hitters to a .165 (13 for 79) average while lefties are hitting .351 (13 for 37) with all three of his home runs...has yielded six of his seven career home runs to left-handed hitters.
- Has a 1.10 ERA (2 er in 16.1 ip) in 17 outings at home compared to a 4.60 ERA (8 er in 15.2 ip) in 15 games on the road.
- Has a 1.47 ERA (3 er in 18.1 ip) in 18 outings on one day rest or less and a 4.61 ERA (7 er in 13.2 ip) in his other 14 outings.
- Has a 1.93 ERA (4.2 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so) in five interleague games this year and now has a 1.35 ERA (20.0 ip, 24 h, 3 r, 3 er, 3 bb, 10 so) in 21 career interleague appearances...Tuesday night was his first career outings against the Cubs.
- 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 Chicago Series: 4-9, rbi	Career vs. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 8 games (12 for 34) Road Trip: 7-21, rbi, sh, bb, 2 so
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- Has hit safely in all five games on the road trip (7 for 21, .333) and now has a 15-game road hitting streak (20 for 58, .345), which matches the longest such streak by an Athletic over the last two years (Suzuki, July 3-29, 2009).
- Has hit safely in 20 of his last 22 games overall and is batting .329 (27 for 82) with two home runs, eight RBI and 13 walks over that span.
- Is tied for the American League lead in games played (67), ranks third in walks (43), fifth in times on base (114), tied for seventh in three-hit games (7) and 10th in on-base percentage (.396).
- Is tied for the American League lead with nine sacrifice hits...those are the most sacrifice hits by an Athletic before the All-Star Break since 1985 when Donnie Hill had 13...they are the most by an Athletic in an entire season since Mark Ellis also had nine in 2003...they are the most by a first baseman in Oakland history and are the most by any major league first baseman since Wally Joyner had 10 with California in 1986.
- Has 17 doubles, which matches his career high from 2008.
- Leads Major League first basemen with eight errors.
- 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	Current Streak: 0 for 6
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- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list May 22 retroactive to May 21 with neck spasms...this is his seventh career stint on the DL, his fifth in the last four years.
- Started 29 games at designated hitter, all against right-handed pitchers...appeared in 33 games, which is two more than his combined total of 31 from the previous two seasons (23 in 2008 and 8 in 2009).
- Ranks second on the Oakland career list in doubles (282) and extra base hits (532), third in total bases (2288), fourth in runs (730), home runs (230), RBI (787), games (1320) and at bats (4783), fifth in hits (1276) and seventh in walks (565).
- 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.

4 COCO CRISP	Current Streak: 0 for 3
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- Went 1 for 2 with a strikeout for Triple-A Sacramento yesterday against Reno on his rehab assignment and is 3 for 5 (.600) with a triple, two runs scored and a strikeout in two starts in center field batting leadoff.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list May 26 retroactive to May 23 with a strained right intercostal muscle...it is his second stint on the DL this year as he was also on from April 3 to May 20 with a fractured left pinky...this is his fifth career stint on the DL, his third in the last two years.
- Was reinstated from the 15-day disabled list May 21 and started each of the A's first two games in center field batting leadoff...had a sacrifice fly and at least one RBI in each of his two games before the intercostal injury.
- 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.

32 JACK CUST Chicago Series: 1-6, 2 r, 2 bb, 3 so, gidp	Career vs. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 4) Road Trip: 6-14, 3 r, rbi, 4 bb, 3 so, gidp
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- Is batting .385 (15 for 39) with nine runs scored, two home runs, seven RBI and three three-hit games over his last 11 games after hitting .229 over his first 15 contests.
 - Had a RBI single in his first pinch hitting appearance of the season last Friday night against San Francisco...is 7 for 37 (.189) with four RBI and 13 walks in his career in the pinch.
 - Is 7 for 18 (.389) with six walks in seven interleague games this year.
 - Was selected from Triple-A Sacramento May 15 and has started 25 of the A's 31 games since then (15 at designated hitter, nine in left field, last night in right field).
 - Was leading the Pacific Coast League in walks (33) and ranked third in on-base percentage (.444) at the time of his promotion...hit .342 with RISP...appeared in 19 games at designated hitter, seven in left field and six in right field...his complete stats with Sacramento:
- | | AVG | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | BB | SO | SB | CS | SLG | OBP |
|------------|------|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|------|------|
| Sacramento | .273 | 33 | 110 | 21 | 30 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 19 | 33 | 33 | 0 | 0 | .436 | .444 |
- Led the A's in home runs (25), walks (93) and strikeouts (185) for the third consecutive season in 2009 and also topped the club in games (149), runs (88) and on-base percentage (.356)...led the American League in strikeouts and ranked fifth in walks but hit .240, which was fourth lowest.

11 RAJAI DAVIS Chicago Series: 3-5, 2b, 2 rbi	Career vs. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 8 games (11 for 36) Road Trip: 6-15, 2b, 2 rbi, so, sb
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- Has started three of the A's last four games in center field (6 for 15, .400) after missing four games with tightness in his left hamstring.
- Has hit safely in a season high eight consecutive games and is 11 for 36 (.306) with three doubles, a triple and a home run during the streak.
- Is batting .326 (31 for 95) over his last 25 contests after hitting .221 over his first 34 games.
- Ranks second in the majors with 24 stolen bases (Pierre, CWS 27)...is just the second Athletic in the last 16 years to steal at least 20 bases before the All-Star Break (Henderson, 37 in 1998)...has been caught stealing four times and his stolen base percentage of 85.7 is fifth best in the American League.
- Is 22 for 71 (.310) with four walks, 11 runs scored and nine stolen base in 16 games since moving back into the leadoff spot on May 26.
- 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.

14 MARK ELLIS Career vs. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 2 games (3 for 9)
Chicago Series: 3-9, r, rbi, gidp, so Road Trip: 5-17, 2 r, 2b, rbi, 2 bb, so, sb, 2 gidp

- Is 7 for 32 (.219) over his last nine games but is batting .313 (20 for 64) with 10 RBI over his last 18 contests.
- Popped out in his first pinch hitting appearance of the season on Sunday and is now 0 for 8 with a walk in his career in the pinch.
- Has a .314 (11 for 35) average with runners in scoring position.
- Is batting .263 (21 for 80) in 23 games since he was reinstated from the 15-day DL May 22...hit .323 in eight games before going on the DL.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 21 with a strained left hamstring...it was his fifth career stint on the DL...went 2 for 9 (.222) with a walk and a RBI during a three-game rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton and Triple-A Sacramento from May 18-21.
- 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).

18 GABE GROSS Career vs. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 0 for 6
San Francisco Series: 0-4, rbi, bb gidp Last Homestand: 3-20, r, 2 rbi, 6 so, sb

- Grounded out as a pinch hitter Sunday and is 1 for 5 (.200) with a walk and a RBI in the pinch this year...has a .164 (22 for 134) career average as a pinch hitter with three home runs and 20 RBI.
- Is 3 for 24 (.125) over his last eight games...however, is batting .309 (17 for 55) with five doubles, a home run, seven RBI and six multiple hit games over his last 18 games after hitting .196 with no multiple hit games over his previous 21 contests
- Is batting .311 (28 for 90) against right-handed pitching and .143 (4 for 28) against left-handers...his career splits entering this season were .251 against righties and .152 against lefties.
- Has started 14 of the A's last 20 games and has started games at all three outfield positions this year (14 in left field, nine in center field, seven in right field).
- Has four assists, which is tied for fifth among American League outfielders.
- 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).

28 CONOR JACKSON Career vs. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 1 game (2 for 3)
Chicago Series: 2-4, r, bb Road Trip: 2-4, r, bb

- Was acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks Tuesday with cash considerations in exchange for minor league right-handed pitcher Sam Demel...is 2 for 4 (.500) with a walk in two games since then, including a start in left field batting leadoff last night...made 13 starts in the leadoff spot for Arizona and hit second 18 times, third twice and seventh three times.
- Hit .267 over his first 11 games this year before going on the 15-day disabled list April 19 with a strained right hamstring...was reinstated May 7 and hit .192 over his first 21 games...then hit safely in eight of his final 10 games with the Diamondbacks (10 for 33, .303).
- Is a .346 (27 for 78) career hitter against the Cubs with seven doubles, two triples, two home runs and 13 RBI in 25 games...has a .333 (13 for 39) career average at Wrigley Field.
- Went 1 for 5 as a pinch hitter with the Diamondbacks.
- Made 34 starts in left field and three at first base with the Diamondbacks...had a .346 (9 for 26) average with runners in scoring position...his complete stats with Arizona:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Arizona	.238	42	151	19	36	11	0	1	11	20	18	4	1	.331	.326

- Appeared in just 30 games with Arizona last year and hit .182 with a home run and 14 RBI...was placed on the DL May 12 with what was later diagnosed as Valley Fever...went 0 for 10 in three games with Single-A Visalia on rehab before he was shut down for the rest of the season.

5 KEVIN KOUZMANOFF Career vs. Wells (.000, 0-3, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 0 for 3
Chicago Series: 3-7, 2 r, 2b, 2 bb, 2 so Road Trip: 10-20, 3 r, 2 2b, 3 rbi, 2 bb, 4 so

- Went 0 for 3 with a walk last night to snap his career and A's season high hitting streak at 15 games...hit .458 (27 for 59) with three doubles, three home runs and 11 RBI during the streak.
- Is batting .448 (26 for 58) with three home runs and 10 RBI in 15 games in June...ranks second in the majors in hits this month (Hamilton, TEX 27).
- Is hitting .481 (13 for 27) in seven interleague games and is tied for sixth in the majors in interleague hits...has a .326 (57 for 175) career average in interleague play.
- Is batting .353 (30 for 85) in the seventh inning or later, which is the fourth best mark in the American League.
- Is 18 for his last 48 (.375) with runners in scoring position after starting the season 0 for 17.
- Has three home runs in his last 14 games after homering just three times over his first 51 contests.
- Had his streak of five consecutive games with an RBI come to an end Tuesday.
- Went 1 for 4 Sunday at San Francisco to snap his career and A's season best streak of five straight multiple hit games (12 for 22, .545).
- Has three errors in his last 10 games and has seven 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. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 0 for 9
Chicago Series: 0-1 Road Trip: 0-4, bb, 2 so

- Flew out as a pinch hitter last night and is 1 for 5 (.200) with a home run, a RBI and two walks in the pinch this year...is 2 for 14 (.143) as a pinch hitter in his career.
- Has started just five of the A's 29 games since May 17 and is 5 for 30 (.167) in 16 games total over that span.
- Is batting .208 but his slugging percentage is double that figure (.416).
- Is a perfect 6 for 6 in stolen base attempts and is now 20 for 21 (95.2%) in three years with the A's...is 22 for 24 (91.7%) in his career.
- Was acquired from Chicago with Sean Gallagher, Josh Donaldson and Matt Murton for Rich Harden and Chad Gaudin, July 8, 2008...hit .239 in 20 games with the Cubs in 2007 and 2008.
- 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. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 3 games (5 for 10)
Chicago Series: 3-7, 4 r, 3b, rbi, so, gidp Road Trip: 6-17, 5 r, 2 2b, 2 3b, rbi, bb, 2 so, gidp

- Is 8 for 20 (.400) with two doubles, two triples and six runs scored over his last six games after going 3 for 46 (.065) over his previous 14 games.
- Is batting .181 (23 for 127) with four RBI over his last 36 games after hitting .272 with 16 RBI over his first 27 contests.
- Has two triples in his last five games and is tied for the interleague lead with two triples...has three triples for the season, which is tied for fourth in the American League.
- Has committed three errors in his last seven games after making just five errors over his first 56 games.
- Started each of the A's first 47 games at shortstop and 15 of 20 since then.
- 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. Wells (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 3)
San Francisco Series: 2-9, rbi, 4 so Road Trip: 2-9, rbi, 4 so

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento last Friday for his fourth stint with the A's this year and has appeared in three games, including two starts at catcher...is 2 for 9 (.222) with an RBI since his return.
- Is 13 for 38 (.342) with six RBI over his last 11 games after going 1 for 17 with no RBI over his first seven games.
- Has tossed out 4 of 11 (36.4%) attempted base stealers this year and 13 of 31 (41.9%) in his career.
- Did not play during his first stint from April 21 to 22...hit .239 (9 for 39) with two doubles and three RBI in 13 games during his second stint from April 27 to May 20...went 3 for 7 (.429) with a home run and two RBI in two starts at catcher during his third stay from May 26 to June 3.
- Went 3 for 9 (.333) with in three games with Sacramento following his most recent option on June 4...overall, he appeared in seven games at catcher, four 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	.200	14	45	6	9	2	0	1	2	10	9	0	0	.311	.345

- 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.

HIGHS AND LOWS

TEAM BATTING

Most Runs, Game, A's	11, April 25 vs. Cleveland
Most Runs, Game, Opponents	12, May 15 at Los Angeles
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	18, June 8 vs. Los Angeles
Most Hits, Game, Opponents	18, June 3 at Boston
Most Hits, Inning, A's	6, May 27 at Baltimore (8 th)
Most Hits, Inning, Opponents	5 (five times), last: June 9 vs. Los Angeles (6 th)
Most Home Runs, Game, A's	4, June 3 at Boston
Most Home Runs, Game, Opponents	5, May 12 at Texas
Most Doubles, Game, A's	6, April 15 vs. Baltimore
Most Doubles, Game, Opponents	7, June 3 at Boston
Most Triples, Game, A's	2, April 25 vs. Cleveland and May 29 at Detroit
Most Triples, Game, Opponents	2, April 21 vs. New York
Most Stolen Bases, Game, A's	3, May 26 at Baltimore and June 8 vs. Los Angeles
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	17, May 30 at Detroit
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 and May 26 to 29
Longest Losing Streak	5, May 12 to 16
Longest Game, Innings	13, May 11 at Texas
Longest Game, Time, Nine Innings	3:29, June 1 at Boston
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) and May 15 at Los Angeles (3-12)
Most Left on Base, Nine Inning Game	13, May 28 at Detroit
Most Left on Base, Extra Inning Game	14, May 18 vs. Seattle
Fewest Left on Base, Game	2, April 22 vs. New York and May 19 vs. Detroit
Most Errors, Game	4, April 5 vs. Seattle
Largest Comeback in Win	3, May 27 at Baltimore
Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss	4, June 1 at Boston

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Most Runs, Game	3 (five times), last: Cliff Pennington, June 15 at Chicago (NL)
Most Hits, Game	4 (four times), last: Kurt Suzuki, June 8 vs. Los Angeles
Most Doubles, Game	2 (eight times), last: Cliff Pennington, June 13 at San Francisco
Most Triples, Game	1 (14 times), last: Cliff Pennington, June 15 at Chicago (NL)
Most Home Runs, Game	2, Kurt Suzuki, June 3 at Boston
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	4, Gabe Gross, June 5 vs. Minnesota
Most Stolen Bases, Game	3, Rajai Davis, May 26 at Baltimore
Longest Hitting Streak	15, Kevin Kouzmanoff, May 31 to June 15

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	5.0, Vin Mazzaro, May 20 vs. Detroit
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	-	61	4	-	-	1	-	-	-
Buck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Chavez	-	-	-	4	12	10	3	-	-
Crisp	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cust	-	-	-	-	17	5	2	1	-
Davis	35	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	17
Donaldson	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	-
Ellis	2	2	1	-	1	4	9	10	1
Fox	-	-	-	-	4	12	7	-	1
Gross	-	-	-	-	2	3	20	5	-
Jackson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kouzmanoff	-	-	-	42	7	15	-	-	-
Patterson	2	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	7
Pennington	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	30
Powell	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	6	2
Rosales	-	3	-	-	8	12	10	12	4
Suzuki	-	-	8	21	13	-	-	-	-
Sweeney	-	-	54	-	3	2	-	-	-

GAMES BY POSITION

PLAYER	C		1B		2B		3B		SS		LF		CF		RF		DH	
	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS
Barton	-	-	67	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
Chavez	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	29
Crisp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Cust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	1	1	15	15
Davis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	56	52	-	-	-	-
Donaldson	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ellis	-	-	-	-	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Fox	8	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	9	6	-	-	-	-	11	11
Gross	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	14	9	9	13	7	-	-
Jackson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kouzmanoff	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patterson	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	25	22	7	2	-	-	2	-
Pennington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell	17	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Rosales	-	-	3	1	40	38	3	3	9	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suzuki	42	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Sweeney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	61	58	-	-
Tolleson	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	TOT
Barton	8	7	0	0	15
Buck	2	0	0	0	2
Chavez	7	0	0	0	7
Crisp	1	0	0	0	1
Cust	4	3	0	0	7
Davis	10	4	0	0	14
Donaldson	1	0	0	0	1
Ellis	6	3	0	0	9
Fox	2	2	0	0	4
Gross	4	3	0	0	7
Jackson	1	0	0	0	1
Kouzmanoff	14	5	0	0	19
Patterson	4	1	0	0	5
Pennington	7	1	1	0	9
Powell	3	1	0	0	4
Rosales	8	2	1	0	11
Suzuki	8	2	1	0	11
Sweeney	13	4	1	0	18

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

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

GAME TYING/GO-AHEAD RBI

PLAYER	GT	GA	TOT
Barton	1	7	8
Carson	1	0	1
Chavez	1	2	3
Crisp	0	1	1
Cust	0	3	3
Davis	3	0	3
Donaldson	1	0	1
Ellis	0	4	4
Fox	1	3	4
Gross	1	2	3
Kouzmanoff	5	7	12
Patterson	0	2	2
Pennington	0	3	3
Powell	2	2	4
Rosales	2	2	4
Suzuki	4	7	11
Sweeney	1	9	10

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
Barton	2	2	0	0	4	June 1, 2010	at Boston	Lackey	14
Buck	1	0	0	0	1	April 20, 2010	New York	Vazquez	--
Chavez	0	1	0	0	1	May 11, 2010	at Texas	Lewis	6
Crisp	0	0	0	0	0	May 12, 2009	at Oakland	Cahill	19
Cust	1	1	0	0	2	June 8, 2010	Los Angeles	Bell	6
Davis	2	0	0	0	2	June 4, 2010	Minnesota	Baker	6
Ellis	1	0	0	0	1	May 29, 2010	at Detroit	Porcello	16
Gross	0	1	0	0	1	May 27, 2010	at Baltimore	Bergesen	14
Jackson	0	1	0	0	1	June 6, 2010	Colorado	Jimenez	9
Kouzmanoff	3	3	0	0	6	June 4, 2010	Minnesota	Baker	11
Patterson	4	0	0	0	4	May 15, 2010	at Los Angeles	Lincecum	13
Pennington	1	0	2	0	3	April 27, 2010	at Tampa Bay	Davis	42
Powell	1	0	0	0	1	May 28, 2010	at Detroit	Willis	4
Rosales	3	1	1	0	5	June 12, 2010	at San Fran.	Zito	3
Suzuki	2	4	2	0	8	June 8, 2010	Los Angeles	Weaver	4
Sweeney	0	1	0	0	1	May 4, 2010	Texas	Feldman	36
Team	23	16	5	0	44				

Grand Slams (0)
None

Pinch Hit Home Runs (3)
Eric Patterson, May 12 at Texas (Mathis)
Kevin Kouzmanoff, June 2 at Boston (Papellbon)
Adam Rosales, June 12 at San Francisco (Zito)

Lead Off Home Runs (0)
None

Back-To-Back Home Runs (1)
Cust and Kouzmanoff, June 3 at Boston (Delcarmen)

Inside-The-Park Home Runs (0)
None

Walk-Off Wins (4)
April 6 vs. Seattle (Ellis single)
April 7 vs. Seattle (Suzuki double)
April 17 vs. Baltimore (Sweeney single)
May 18 vs. Seattle (Suzuki single)

MILESTONES

Player	Category	No.	Needs	Player	Category	No.	Needs
Bailey	Games	93	7 for 100	Chavez (cont.)	Extra Base Hits	532	31 for 563 (ties McGwire for 1 st in Oakland history and 4 th in Athletics history)
	Saves	38	6 for 44 (ties Koch and Foulke for 7 th in Athletics history)		Crisp	Runs	463
Blevins	Games	91	9 for 100	Cust	Home Runs	91	9 for 100
Breslow	Games	183	17 for 200	Davis	Steals (with Oak)	90	9 for 99 (ties Murphy for 10 th in Oakland history)
Chavez	Games	1320	9 for 1329 (ties McGwire for 3 rd in Oakland history)	Devine	Games	67	33 for 100
	At Bats	4783	208 for 4991 (ties Bando for 3 rd in Oakland history)	Ellis	Runs	483	17 for 500
	Runs	730	12 for 743 (ties Jackson for 3 rd in Oakland history)		Hits	872	128 for 1000
	Hits	1276	3 for 1279 (ties Bando for 4 th in Oakland history)		Doubles	175	16 for 191 (ties Tejada for 10 th in Oakland history)
	Doubles	282	7 for 289 (ties Henderson for 1 st in Oakland history and 6 th in Athletics history)		Triples	21	1 for 22 (ties Bando for 8 th in Oakland history)
	Triples	20	1 for 21 (ties Ellis, Monday and Page for 9 th in Oakland history)	Jackson	Home Runs	81	19 for 100
	Home Runs	230	20 for 250		Hits	494	6 for 500
	Coliseum HRs	115	7 for 122 (ties Canseco for 3 rd in Coliseum history)	Sheets	Wins	88	12 for 100
	Runs Batted In	787	2 for 789 (ties Bando for 3 rd in Oakland history)	Suzuki	Games as C	384	39 for 423 (ties Duncan for 6 th in Oakland history)
	Walks	565	58 for 623 (ties Jackson for 6 th in Oakland history)		Hits	402	98 for 500
	Strikeouts	922	11 for 933 (ties Campaneris for 4 th in Athletics history)		Doubles	81	19 for 100
	Total Bases	2288	35 for 2323 (ties Jackson for 8 th in Athletics history)	Wuertz	Games	352	48 for 400

DISABLED LIST

Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed	Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed
Anderson	Left elbow inflam./forearm strain	April 25-May 28	30	Duchscherer	Left hip inflammation	April 30-May 14	13
Anderson	Left elbow inflammation	June 4-present	12	Duchscherer	Left hip inflammation	May 15-present	30
Buck	Strained right oblique	April 21-present	52	Ellis	Strained left hamstring	April 21-May 21	28
Cahill	Stress reaction, left scapula	April 4-19	14	Meloan	Right elbow surgery	March 29-present	67
Chavez	Neck spasms	May 21-present	25	Outman	Left elbow surgery recovery	March 26-present	67
Crisp	Fractured left pinky	April 3-May 20	42	Suzuki	Intercostal strain	April 24-May 15	19
Crisp	Strained right intercostal	May 23-present	23	Wuertz	Right shoulder tendinitis	March 26-May 2	26
Devine	Right elbow surgery recovery	March 26-present	67				

The A's have placed 15 players on the disabled list this season...placed 17 players on the disabled list in 2009, 25 in 2008 and 22 in 2007.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

April 16	Michael Wuertz sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	Duchscherer placed on the 15-day disabled list (left hip inflammation); Josh Donaldson optioned to Sacramento; Chad Gaudin designated for assignment	
April 19	Trevor Cahill sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment		
April 20	Trevor Cahill reinstated from the disabled list and optioned to Sacramento		
April 21	Mark Ellis placed on 15-day disabled list (strained left hamstring); Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento	May 18	Coco Crisp and Mark Ellis sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment
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	May 19	Edwar Ramirez outrighted to Sacramento
April 23	Brad Kilby recalled from Sacramento; Landon Powell optioned to Sacramento	May 20	Vin Mazzaro recalled from Sacramento; Henry Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento
April 25	Michael Wuertz transferred to Stockton on rehab	May 21	Coco Crisp reinstated from the disabled list; Landon Powell optioned to Sacramento; Chad Gaudin released; Mark Ellis transferred to Sacramento on rehab
April 26	Jai Miller claimed off waivers by Kansas City	May 22	Mark Ellis reinstated from the disabled list; Eric Chavez placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May 21 (neck spasms)
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	May 24	Brett Anderson sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
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	May 26	Coco Crisp placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May 23 (strained right intercostal muscle); Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento
May 3	Michael Wuertz reinstated from the disabled list; Brad Kilby optioned to Sacramento	May 29	Brett Anderson reinstated from the disabled list; Cedrick Bowers optioned to Sacramento
May 4	Vin Mazzaro recalled from Sacramento; Steve Tolleson optioned to Sacramento	June 3	Adam Heether claimed off waivers from Milwaukee and optioned to Sacramento; Justin Duchscherer transferred to the 60-day disabled list
May 5	Henry Rodriguez recalled from Sacramento; Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento	June 4	Brett Anderson placed on the 15-day disabled list (left elbow inflammation); Landon Powell optioned to Sacramento; Cedrick Bowers and Henry Rodriguez recalled from Sacramento
May 7	Justin Duchscherer placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 30 (left hip inflammation); Edwar Ramirez recalled from Sacramento	June 8	Matt Carson recalled from Sacramento; Henry Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento
May 11	Kurt Suzuki sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	June 11	Kurt Suzuki placed on the bereavement list; Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento
May 15	Justin Duchscherer reinstated from the disabled list; Jack Cust selected from Sacramento; Henry Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento; Edwar Ramirez designated for assignment	June 13	Jake Fox designated for assignment
May 16	Kurt Suzuki reinstated from the disabled list; Henry Rodriguez recalled from Sacramento; Cedrick Bowers selected from Sacramento; Justin	June 15	Conor Jackson acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks for minor league pitcher Sam Demel; Kurt Suzuki reinstated from the bereavement list; Matt Carson optioned to Sacramento; Coco Crisp sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment

Complete 2010 transactions are available in the A's Expanded Game Notes at pressbox.oaklandathletics.com

FRIDAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Vin Mazzaro (2-1, 4.81 ERA)

MAZZARO BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	2	1	4.81	6	24.1	13
2009	4	9	5.32	17	91.1	54
Career	6	10	5.21	23	115.2	67
Home	1	0	4.85	3	13.0	7
Road	1	1	4.76	3	11.1	6
Day	1	1	4.41	4	16.1	5
Night	1	0	5.63	2	8.0	5
Pre-ASB	2	1	4.81	6	24.1	13
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
			AVG.	AB	H	
vs. LHH			.268	41	11	
vs. RHH			.351	57	20	

RUN SUPPORT

Mazzaro (as starter)	Runs Scored	Times
0		0
1		1
2		0
3		1
4		0
5		1
6		0
7		0
8		0
9		0
10		0
12		0
Run Support Avg.	5.79	

MAZZARO vs. ST. LOUIS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
2008	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	0	0	---	0	0.0	0

Mazzaro's Starts vs. St. Louis

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Has never faced the Cardinals in his career								

St. Louis Career Batting vs. Mazzaro

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Winn	.167	6	1	0	0	1

MAZZARO'S CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	None
IP:	7.1, 6/7/09 vs. BAL
Fewest IP, GS:	3.0 (twice), last: 5/4/10 vs. TEX
H:	10 (three times), last: 8/2/09 vs. TOR
R:	8, 7/18/09 vs. LAA
ER:	7, 8/2/09 vs. TOR
BB:	4 (six times), last: 5/4/10 vs. TEX
SO:	8, 6/28/09 vs. COL
HR:	2 (four times), last: 6/13/10 at SF
Win Streak:	2 (3 times), last: 6/3/10 to 6/8/10
Loss Streak:	8, 6/12/09 to 8/2/09
Scoreless Streak:	17.2, 6/2/09 to 6/12/09
Complete Games:	None
Shutouts:	None

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his seventh appearance and fourth start of the season...the A's are 2-1 (.667) in his starting assignments this year and 8-12 (.400) in his career...has tossed more than six innings in just two of his 20 career starts and those were the first two starts of his career.

BRIEFLY: Began the season at Triple-A Sacramento and was 1-1 with a 2.59 ERA in five games, four starts, when the A's called for the first time on May 4...started that night against Texas, had a no decision in the A's 7-6 win and was optioned back to Sacramento the next day...went 2-0 with a 4.15 ERA in two more starts with the River Cats before returning to Oakland May 20...went 1-0 with a 4.35 ERA (5 er in 10.1 ip) in three relief appearances before taking Anderson's spot in the starting rotation on June 8...is 1-1 with a 3.27 ERA (4 er in 11.0 ip) in two starts since then.

STARTING AND RELIEVING: Is 1-1 with a 5.14 ERA (8 er in 14.0 ip) and .241 (13 for 54) opponents batting average in three starts and 1-0 with a 4.35 ERA (5 er in 10.1 ip) and .409 (18 for 44) opponents average in three relief appearances.

SIX INNINGS OR LESS: Has tossed 6.0 innings or less in each of his last 18 starts, which is the longest streak by a starting pitcher in Oakland history, topping the previous mark of 14 held by five pitchers, most recently by Kirk Saarloos from July 19, 2004 to June 11, 2005...it is the longest active streak in the majors.

OPPONENTS BATTING: Has allowed a .268 (11 for 41) batting average against left-handed hitters while right-handers are batting .351 (20 for 57) with four of his six home runs...five of the home runs have come with runners on base...has yielded a .500 (18 for 36) batting average against the opponents two, three and four hitters and .210 (13 for 62) against everyone else...four of his six home runs have been hit by the opponents number four hitter.

INTERLEAGUE PLAY: Was the losing pitcher in his only interleague start this year last Sunday against San Francisco (see last start below) and is now 0-4 with a 4.66 ERA (29.0 ip, 29 h, 16 r, 15 er, 9 bb, 24 so) in five career interleague starts.

WITH THE BAT: Went 0 for 2 last Sunday against San Francisco, the first official at bats of his career...had four plate appearances last year and delivered a sacrifice hit in all four chances...had two against San Francisco on June 12 and duplicated the feat in his next start June 18 at Los Angeles...was the first Oakland pitcher with two sacrifice hits in a game since Ken Holtzman Aug. 27, 1972...his four sacrifice hits were the most by an American League pitcher in one season in the designated hitter era (since 1973).

IN RELIEF: Tossed 5.0 innings of relief against Detroit May 20 in the first relief appearance of his career after 19 starts...it is the longest outing by an A's reliever this year...relieved starting pitcher Tyson Ross who pitched 4.0 innings in the A's 5-2 loss...his second outing also came against Detroit on May 30 and he pitched the final two innings of the A's 10-2 loss...allowed five unearned runs in the eighth inning...tossed 3.1 innings of relief June 3 at Boston after Brett Anderson left the game following the second inning with an injury...was the winning pitcher in the A's 9-8 win...tossed at least 2.0 innings in each of his three relief appearances and also allowed one home run in each outing...struck out two of his first batters faced and walked the other.

FIRST START: He had a no decision in the A's 7-6 win over Texas on May 4 in Oakland...the A's scored twice in the first and three times in the second to take a 5-0 lead but he allowed four runs in the third inning on just one hit, a Guerrero grand slam...issued three walks in the inning and was relieved by Breslow after walking the leadoff batter in the fourth inning...left with a 5-4 lead...the four walks matched his career high (sixth time) and the 3.0 innings pitched matched his fewest as a starter.

SECOND START: He was the winning pitcher in the A's 10-1 win over Los Angeles on June 8 in Oakland...did not walk a batter for the second time in his career...blanked the Angels on three hits over the first four innings and had a 3-0 lead entering the fifth...allowed a single to Rivera and a double to Ryan to start the inning but then retired the final three batters, with Rivera scoring on a Frandsen ground out.

LAST START: He had his two-game winning streak snapped in the A's 6-2 loss at San Francisco last Sunday...allowed a career high tying two home runs (fourth time)...the Giants scored an unearned run in the second on a Molina RBI single and he allowed back-to-back home runs in the sixth inning, a two-run shot by Huff and a solo home run by Uribe.

MAZZARO vs. ST. LOUIS: Has never faced the Cardinals in his career.

WITH SACRAMENTO: Was 3-1 with a 3.13 ERA in seven games, six starts, with the River Cats...allowed two home runs in 37.1 innings...opponents hit .245, including .204 (11 for 54) by left-handed hitters and .270 (24 for 89) by right-handers...yielded a .200 (8 for 40) mark with runners in scoring position...allowed six of his 16 runs in the first inning for a 9.00 ERA (6 er in 6.0 ip) and .360 (9 for 25) opponents batting average...had a 2.01 ERA (7 er in 31.1 ip) and .220 (26 for 118) opponents average from the second inning on.

MORE WITH THE RIVER CATS: Sacramento was 4-2 (.667) in his starting assignments...his one relief appearance was on April 18 against Reno when he tossed 4.0 innings in relief of a rehabbing Michael Wertz...did not allow a run in three of his seven outings, tossed six innings or less six times and walked two batters or fewer four times...tossed 4.1 scoreless and hitless innings and struck out a season high seven in his first start, April 8 at Portland...did not allow a run over his first two starts and had a season-opening 12.1-inning scoreless streak.

MAZZARO'S 2010 APPEARANCES WITH OAKLAND

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
May 4	TEX	7-6	--	12.00	3.0	2	4	4	4	4	1	62
*May 20	DET	2-5	--	6.75	5.0	5	2	2	1	4	1	89
*May 30	at DET	2-10	--	5.40	2.0	4	5	0	3	1	1	41
May Totals (3 G, 1 GS)				0-0	5.40	10.0	11	11	6	8	9	3
*June 3	at BOS	9-8	W	6.08	3.1	9	3	3	1	1	1	82
June 8	LAA	10-1	W	4.91	5.0	5	1	1	0	3	0	86
June 13	at SF	2-6	L	4.81	6.0	6	4	3	1	1	2	81
<i>*indicates relief appearance</i>												

MAZZARO'S 2010 APPEARANCES WITH SACRAMENTO

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 8	at Portland	6-2	--	0.00	4.1	0	0	0	2	7	0	72
April 13	at Tacoma	2-0	W	0.00	6.0	5	0	0	1	5	0	90
*April 18	Reno	7-10	L	2.51	4.0	7	6	4	1	3	0	91
April 23	Portland	4-5	--	1.86	5.0	3	0	0	4	6	0	90
April 29	at Fresno	4-5	--	2.59	5.0	7	3	3	4	6	1	103
May 9	Col Springs	7-4	W	2.67	6.0	6	2	2	2	8	0	108
May 15	at New OrL.	7-5	W	3.13	7.0	7	5	4	3	3	1	108
Sac. Totals (7 G, 6 GS)				3-1	3.13	37.1	35	16	13	17	38	2
<i>*indicates relief appearance</i>												

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

SATURDAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Ben Sheets (2-6, 4.93 ERA)

SHEETS BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	2	6	4.93	14	80.1	44
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	88	89	3.79	235	1508.1	635
Home	2	2	2.79	7	42.0	13
Road	0	4	7.28	7	38.1	31
Day	1	1	4.98	4	21.2	12
Night	1	5	4.91	10	58.2	32
Pre-ASB	2	6	4.93	14	80.1	44
Post-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
	AVG.		AB	H		
vs. LHH	.258		151	39		
vs. RHH	.288		160	46		

RUN SUPPORT

Runs Scored	Times
0	4
1	2
2	2
3	4
4	1
5	1
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
Run Support Avg.	3.02

SHEETS vs. ST. LOUIS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
2008	1	0	2.25	3	20.0	5
Career	6	14	4.05	26	162.1	73

Sheets' Starts vs. St. Louis

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
5/24/01	H	L	4.2	8	5	5	4	1
5/29/01	A	W	9.0	5	0	0	1	3
7/4/01	H	L	6.1	8	6	5	3	3
10/2/01	H	L	6.2	11	5	5	1	3
9/11/02	H	L	6.0	8	4	4	2	5
9/27/02	A	W	7.0	4	1	1	1	6
3/31/03	A	--	5.0	5	3	2	3	2
4/15/03	H	W	8.0	6	1	1	3	6
9/17/03	A	--	5.2	11	6	6	2	6
9/23/03	H	L	6.0	9	5	5	1	3
4/5/04	A	--	3.1	5	4	3	3	3
4/25/04	H	L	7.2	7	3	3	0	7
7/22/04	A	L	5.2	9	4	4	1	7
9/22/04	H	L	6.0	7	3	3	1	8
10/2/04	A	W	9.0	8	1	0	1	11
4/15/05	H	L	7.1	5	3	2	1	7
7/20/05	A	L	6.0	5	3	3	0	7
8/10/05	H	L	9.0	5	3	2	0	9
8/5/06	A	L	1.0	2	1	1	2	1
9/19/06	H	L	6.0	10	4	4	1	8
9/30/06	A	--	6.0	7	0	0	1	7
4/15/07	A	L	5.0	8	8	7	3	2
5/1/07	H	W	6.0	6	2	2	1	3
5/10/08	H	--	7.0	9	3	3	1	6
7/24/08	A	--	7.0	4	3	2	2	4
8/26/08	A	W	6.0	5	0	0	2	4

St. Louis Career Batting vs. Sheets

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Holliday	.375	8	3	0	1	2
LaRue	.125	16	2	1	1	7
Lopez	.222	9	2	0	0	1
Ludwick	.250	4	1	0	2	2
McClellan	.000	1	0	0	0	0
Miles	.400	20	8	0	0	4
Molina	.280	25	7	0	1	2
Pujols	.371	70	26	4	3	14
Ryan	.667	3	2	0	0	0
Schumaker	.231	13	3	0	0	0
Suppan	.273	11	3	0	0	2
Winn	.125	8	1	0	1	3

SHEETS' CAREER HIGHS

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

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his 15th start of the season...the A's are 5-9 (.357) in his starting assignments and his teams are 114-121 (.485) in his 235 career starts...has tossed at least six innings in 11 of his 15 starts, allowed two runs or fewer five times and walked two batters or fewer six times.

LAST SEVEN STARTS: Is 0-3 despite a 3.71 ERA (18 er in 43.2 ip) and .238 (39 for 164) opponents batting average over his last seven starts...the seven-game streak without a win is his longest since July 17-August 28, 2004 when he went nine consecutive starts without a win (0-5, 4 no decisions)...the three-game losing streak matches his season high and he has not lost more than three in a row since dropping five straight from April 9-June 2, 2005...his last win came on May 8 against Tampa Bay.

HOME AND AWAY: Is 0-4 with a 7.28 ERA (31 er in 38.1 ip) and .323 (52 for 161) opponents batting average in seven starts on the road compared to 2-2 with a 2.79 ERA (13 er in 42.0 ip) and .220 (33 for 150) opponents batting average in seven starts at home...has yielded nine of his 12 home runs on the road...has not won on the road since August 26, 2008 at St. Louis and is 0-5 with a 7.19 ERA (37 er in 46.1 ip) over his last nine road starts.

RUN SUPPORT: Has received run support of three runs or less in 12 of his 14 starts this year and his season run support of 3.02 (27 rs in 80.1 ip) is **fourth** lowest in the American League.

EXTRA BASE HITS: Has yielded an **American League leading** 41 extra base hits...is **tied for first** in doubles (23), **tied for second** in triples (6) and **tied for ninth** in home runs (12)...has a .502 opponents slugging percentage, which is **third** highest in the AL...set an Oakland record by allowing eight extra base hits on May 2 at Toronto...broke the previous mark of seven (eight times, last by Mike Oquist on May 4, 1999).

INTERLEAGUE PLAY: Is 0-1 with a 2.25 ERA (12.0 ip, 10 h, 5 r, 3 er, 5 bb, 10 so, 1 hr) in two interleague starts this year, both against San Francisco...is now 6-7 with a 3.42 ERA (45 er in 118.1 ip) in 18 career interleague starts.

WITH THE BAT: Struck out in his only two plate appearances against San Francisco a week ago today...is a career .076 (33 for 435) hitter with three doubles, 12 RBI, 18 walks, 41 sacrifice hits and 206 strikeouts...his batting average is **second** lowest in Major League history among players with 400 or more plate appearances...Dean Chance (1961-71) had a .066 batting average.

OPPONENTS BATTING: Has allowed a .315 (29 for 92) average with runners in scoring position...opponents are 23 for 73 (.319) with 11 walks (.410 on-base percentage) when leading off an inning...has issued 24 of his 33 walks to left-handed hitters.

INNING BY INNING: Has a 5.86 ERA (36 er in 55.1 ip) and .282 (61 for 216) opponents batting average over the first four innings of a game and a 2.88 ERA (8 er in 25.0 ip) and .253 (24 for 95) after that.

ALL STARTS: Has made 235 career appearances and all have been starts...those are the fourth most appearances in major league history among pitchers who have never made a relief appearance.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS: He had a no decision in the A's 5-3 loss to Seattle on Opening Night **April 5** in Oakland...it was his first start since September 27, 2008 against the Chicago Cubs...became the A's fifth different Opening Day starter in the last five years (Braden, Blanton, Haren, Zito)...it was his seventh career Opening Day start and he is 3-0 with a 2.59 ERA (12 er in 41.2 ip) in those seven starts...picked up his first win since September 6, 2008 in the A's 6-2 win over Baltimore **April 15**...was the losing pitcher in the A's 3-1 loss to New York **April 21** in Oakland...Hughes no-hit the A's over the first seven innings before Oakland scored its only run in the eighth...allowed eight runs on **April 27** at Tampa Bay and nine on **May 2** at Toronto to become the second pitcher in Oakland history to allow at least eight runs in back-to-back starts...Mark Mulder was the other (September 15-21, 2004) but Sheets was the first with at least eight earned runs...the nine runs against the Blue Jays were his most in a game since August 15, 2005 at Colorado when he allowed 10 runs...snapped his three-game losing streak in the A's 4-2 win over Tampa Bay on **May 8**...struck out a season high eight batters...combined with Wuertz, Blevins, Ziegler and Bailey on a three-hit shutout in the A's 3-0 win over San Francisco **May 23**...however, ended up with a no decision as he tossed six innings but left with the score tied at 0-0...it was the 17th time in Oakland history a starting pitcher had a no decision in a shutout...matched his season high with eight strikeouts...had his fourth consecutive no decision in the A's 5-4 win at Detroit **May 28**...it was the first time in his career he had four straight no decisions...hurled 7.0 innings, snapping a career long streak of 13 consecutive starts of fewer than seven innings...tossed 6.0 innings in a 4-2 loss to Los Angeles **June 7** to go over the 1500 innings pitched mark in his career.

LAST START: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 5-4 loss at San Francisco a week ago today...allowed a RBI single to Uribe in the first, an unearned run in the second on a Torres RBI single and two more runs in the third on a RBI triple by Huff and a RBI single by Uribe...also allowed a solo home run to Sandoval in the sixth.

SHEETS vs. ST. LOUIS: Is 6-14 with a 4.05 ERA (162.1 ip, 177 h, 81 r, 73 er, 41 bb, 132 so, 21 hr) in 26 career starts...the 14 loss are his most against any team (has no more than nine against anyone else) and they are the most among active pitchers against the Cardinals...the breakdown includes a 2-10 record and a 4.57 ERA (86.2 ip, 99 h, 47 r, 44 er, 19 bb, 69 so, 14 hr) in 13 starts in Milwaukee and a 4-4 mark with a 3.45 ERA (29 er in 75.2 ip) in 13 starts in St. Louis...including 3-2 with a 3.38 ERA (19 er in 50.2 ip) in eight starts at the new Busch Stadium...last faced the Cardinals on August 26, 2008 here in St. Louis when he combined with Brian Shouse, David Riske and Eric Gagne on a seven-hit shutout in the Brewers 12-0 win...tossed six of the innings and yielded five of the hits...has three career complete games, a five-hit shutout on May 29, 2001 in a 7-0 win at St. Louis, an eight-hitter in the Brewers 5-1 win on October 2, 2004 at St. Louis, an and five-hitter in a 3-0 loss at Milwaukee on August 10, 2005.

SHEETS' 2010 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 5	SEA	3-5	--	3.60	5.0	4	3	2	4	3	1	94
April 10	at LAA	3-4	--	4.09	6.0	10	3	3	3	1	0	97
April 15	BAL	6-2	W	2.65	6.0	5	0	0	3	4	0	97
April 21	NY Yankees	1-3	L	2.74	6.0	4	2	2	3	4	0	96
April 27	at TB	6-8	L	5.00	4.0	9	8	8	1	2	2	78
April Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				1-2	5.00	27.0	32	16	15	14	14	3
May 2	at TOR	3-9	L	7.12	3.1	10	9	9	2	2	3	75
May 8	TB	4-2	W	6.38	6.1	4	2	2	3	8	0	103
May 13	at TEX	1-2 (12)	--	5.70	6.0	3	1	1	3	8	0	99
May 18	SEA	6-5 (10)	--	5.66	6.2	8	4	4	4	5	1	111
May 23	SF	3-0	--	5.04	6.0	2	0	0	2	8	0	97
May 28	at DET	5-4	--	4.91	7.0	5	3	3	1	6	2	96
May Totals (6 G, 6 GS)				1-1	4.84	35.1	32	19	19	15	37	6
June 2	at BOS	4-6	L	5.00	6.0	7	4	4	1	1	1	97
June 7	LAA	2-4	L	4.96	6.0	6	4	3	0	5	1	89
June 12	at SF	4-5	L	4.93	6.0	8	5	3	3	2	1	99

MOST CAREER APPEARANCES, ALL STARTS

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



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NO	PITCHERS (12)	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
57	Cedrick Bowers	R	L	6-1	230	2-10-78	Gainesville, FL	Chiefland, FL
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
47	Gio Gonzalez	R	L	6-0	206	9-19-85	Hialeah, FL	Hialeah, FL
54	Vin Mazzaro	R	R	6-3	224	9-27-86	Hackensack, NJ	Rutherford, NJ
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
35	Landon Powell	S	R	6-3	265	3-19-82	Raleigh, NC	Greenville, SC
8	Kurt Suzuki	R	R	5-11	196	10-4-83	Wailuku, HI	Redondo Beach, CA
NO	INFIELDERS (5)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
10	Daric Barton	L	R	6-0	204	8-16-85	Springfield, VT	Corona, CA
14	Mark Ellis	R	R	5-10	185	6-6-77	Rapid City, SD	Scottsdale, 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 (6)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
32	Jack Cust	L	R	6-1	247	1-7-79	Flemington, NJ	New Hope, PA
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
28	Conor Jackson	R	R	6-2	215	5-7-82	Austin, TX	Scottsdale, AZ
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 (8)	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
3	Eric Chavez	L	R	6-1	211	12-7-77	Los Angeles, CA	Paradise Valley, 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
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
NO	MINORS (11)	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.
29	Josh Donaldson	R	R	6-0	221	12-8-85	Pensacola, FL	Daphene, AL
65	Pedro Figueroa	L	L	6-0	214	11-23-85	Santo Domingo, D.R.	Santo Domingo, D.R.
	Adam Heether	R	R	6-0	195	1-14-82	Castro Valley, CA	Modesto, CA
39	Brad Kilby	L	L	6-1	251	2-19-83	Modesto, CA	Elk Grove, CA
62	Clayton Mortensen	R	R	6-4	184	4-10-85	Rexburg, ID	Rexburg, ID
63	Henry Rodriguez	R	R	6-1	220	2-25-87	Santa Barbara, Venezuela	Santa Barbara, Venezuela
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

* indicates 60-day disabled list

MANAGER: 17 Bob Geren.

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

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

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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.
- Made one rehab start with Triple-A Sacramento May 24 against Nashville and had a no decision in the River Cats 8-3 win (3.0 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 1 so, 1 hbp)...was reinstated from the DL May 29.
- Made two more starts, going 1-0 with a 2.35 ERA, before returning to the DL with a left elbow inflammation on June 4.

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

Brett Anderson, continued

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.

“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.
- Allowed his first run of the season May 11 at Texas, snapping a career long 21.2 inning scoreless streak dating back to September 6, 2009...the streak tied for ninth longest in Oakland history by a reliever.
- Was also charged with his first blown save May 11, snapping his streak of consecutive saves at 27... that was the second longest save streak 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).
- Tied for the American League lead with nine saves in May, which tied for the fifth highest single-month total in Oakland history.

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.

Andrew Bailey, continued

“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.
- Homered in the 11th inning May 11 at 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.
- Had a career high 11-game hitting streak from May 25 to June...hit .341(14 for 41) during the hitting streak.

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.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Struck out a career high tying four batters in 2.0 innings on May 26 at Baltimore...also fanned four against Texas Sept. 24, 2009.

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
	OAKLAND	1	3	3.11	36	0	0	0	0	37.2	32	14	13	2	3	13	2	35	0	0
2009	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 / 230 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Left
Birthdate: February 10, 1978 **Opening Day Age:** 32
Birthplace/Resides: Gainesville, Florida / Chiefland, Florida
Major League Service: 11 days
Obtained: Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, December 10, 2009
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was selected from Triple-A Sacramento May 16 and made his A's debut May 19 against Detroit, allowing a run in the eighth inning...that was his only outing with Oakland before he was optioned back to Sacramento May 29.
- Returned to Oakland on June 4.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Colorado in 2008, 12 years after being drafted in the fourth round of the 1996 June Draft by the Tampa Bay Rays...signed with the Rockies in January of 2008 after spending three seasons in Japan (2004-06) and one in Korea (2007)...pitched in the Phillies farm system last year...prior to his time in Japan, Bowers spent eight seasons in the Rays organization, including the final three seasons (2001-03) with Triple-A Durham...enters 2010 with a career Minor League record of 54-57 with a 3.90 ERA (430 er in 991.1 ip) in 324 games, 138 starts...has 1022 strikeouts in 991.1 innings, an average of 9.28 per nine innings

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Compiled a career low 1.93 ERA in a career high 48 games for the Philadelphia Phillies Triple-A affiliate at Lehigh Valley...added five saves, which was also a career high...held the opposition to a .182 batting average, which was the lowest mark among International League relievers...struck out 67 in 60.2 innings and his average of 9.94 strikeouts per nine innings ranked third among IL relievers...yielded just one home run...his opponents batting average included a .154 (21 for 136) mark against right-handed hitters and .108 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
1996	GCL Devil Rays	3	5	5.37	13	13	0	0	0	60.1	50	39	36	2	3	39	0	85	5	5
1997	Charleston	8	10	3.21	28	28	0	0	0	157.0	119	74	56	11	3	78	0	164	15	1
1998	St. Petersburg	5	9	4.38	28	26	0	0	0	150.0	144	89	73	14	1	80	1	156	6	2
1999	Orlando	6	9	5.98	27	27	1	0	0	125.0	125	94	83	18	4	76	0	138	12	1
2000	Orlando	5	8	2.78	20	19	1	0	0	106.2	85	45	33	8	3	44	0	92	3	1
	Durham	3	1	5.49	4	4	0	0	0	19.2	21	13	12	2	0	13	0	20	1	0
2001	Durham	6	5	3.06	42	11	0	0	0	94.0	83	38	32	10	3	56	1	67	3	0
2002	Durham	4	3	3.12	47	0	0	0	0	69.1	75	36	24	9	3	43	1	79	11	1
2003	Durham	4	3	4.41	32	8	0	0	2	83.2	75	46	41	6	6	39	0	80	12	0
2004	Yokohama (Japan)	7	4	3.54	20	-	-	-	0	104	102	-	-	-	-	39	-	90	-	-
2005	Yokohama (Japan)	7	5	3.83	18	18	2	0	0	112.2	104	57	48	5	0	43	0	74	4	0
2006	Tohoku Rakuten (Japan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2007	Hanwha (Korea)	11	13	4.15	-	-	-	-	0	158	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	-
2008	Colorado Springs	6	1	3.74	35	2	0	0	1	65.0	50	28	27	5	2	43	1	74	4	0
	COLORADO	0	0	13.50	5	0	0	0	0	6.2	11	10	10	2	1	5	0	5	1	0
2009	Lehigh Valley	4	3	1.93	48	0	0	0	5	60.2	38	15	13	1	3	45	1	67	3	0
ML Totals		0	0	13.50	5	0	0	0	0	6.2	11	10	10	2	1	5	0	5	1	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1996 — Selected by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization in the 4th round of the June Draft. **2002** — Elected free agency, October 15; re-signed by Tampa Bay to a minor league contract, November 15. **2003** — Elected free agency, October 15; signed by the Florida Marlins to a minor league contract, December 14. **2004** — Released, April 2. **2008** — Signed by the Colorado Rockies to a minor league contract, January 25. Elected free agency, October 27; re-signed by Colorado to a minor league contract, December 15. **2009** — Released, March 24; signed by the Philadelphia Phillies to a minor league contract, March 26. Elected free agency, November 9; signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, December 10.

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

- Struck out a career high 10 batters in his first start of the season, April 6 against Seattle.
- Allowed a career high 11 hits in a 4-2 loss to Texas May 3.
- Pitched the 19th of the 20 perfect games 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 20 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.
- Tossed 109 pitches in the perfect game, 77 for strikes.
- In his start after the perfect game on May 14 at Los Angeles, he retired the first two batters he faced to extend his consecutive batters retired streak to an Oakland record tying 29 (also Hunter, May 3-8, 1968)...the streak ended on a two-out double by Abreu in the first but he retired 11 straight after that for a stretch where he retired 40 of 41 hitters...blanked the Angels on three hits over the first five innings to extend his scoreless streak to a career high 16.0 innings.
- 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.
- Was honored by the Athletics in a pre-game ceremony on May 21...was presented with home plate from the game and was given a ring with 27 diamonds around its base and 51 diamonds on its face... Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums proclaimed May 21 as Dallas Braden day in the city of Oakland.
- Was also honored in an on-field ceremony May 22 at the Stockton Ports game where Stockton Mayor Ann Johnston presented him with a key to the city and a proclamation.
- Left consecutive starts early on May 19 against Detroit (flu-like symptoms) and May 25 at Baltimore (sprained left ankle)...both times the problems were pre-existing conditions.
- Allowed a career-high tying 11 hits in a 10-2 loss at Detroit May 30.

Major League Baseball Perfect Games (20)

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
May 29, 2010	Roy Halladay	Philadelphia	at Florida	1-0

*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
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CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Atlanta Braves organization in the 46th round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign.
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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 jinger.

"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

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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."

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 scroungy 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-

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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 perfectly 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

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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 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.'"

"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

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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 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.'"

Dallas Braden: Mouth That Roared (Perfectly)

By TYLER KEPNER, New York Times, 5/12/2010

ARLINGTON, Tex. — The Class A Stockton Ports opened a new ballpark in 2005, but the players still parked at the old one. The day of the first practice, Daric Barton and Richie Robnett, both first-round draft picks, rolled into the old lot and dropped off their cars: a Tahoe for Barton, a Range Rover with 24-inch rims for Robnett.

The next day, their new teammate Dallas Braden, a lanky left-hander, approached them and asked if the cars did, indeed, belong to them. Warily, Barton said yes.

"Well, it's a good thing that I'm here, because a couple of my buddies came up to me asking whose cars they were, because they wanted to steal them," Braden replied. "I told them not to, because they were your guys'."

And that, Barton said, was his first impression of Braden: make sure you stay on his good side, or his buddies from Stockton may steal your car.

Five years later, the scene shifted to the Oakland Coliseum, about 70 miles west of Stockton. There were two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning Sunday, and Braden, now pitching for the parent club,

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the Athletics, had retired all 26 Tampa Bay hitters.

The count was 3-1 to Gabe Kapler, but Braden did not realize it; he thought his 2-1 fastball had clipped the outside corner for a strike. The catcher, Landon Powell, called for a fastball, and Braden delivered one at 87 miles per hour. Kapler bounced to shortstop Cliff Pennington, and at first base, Barton's mind flooded with details.

"The first thing was get to the bag," he said. "The second thing was make sure you catch the ball. But my legs were shaking, my eyes were jumping all over the place, and I was nervous. I wanted to celebrate before I got the ball. It was tough to just stay there. Once I caught the ball and held onto that sucker, then it was all celebration and happiness."

Barton caught the ball and charged toward Braden, wrapping him in an embrace. Powell and Pennington, also first-round picks, joined the celebration. Braden had just authored the 19th perfect game in major league history, an underdog defying the odds again.

"His name will be synonymous with it for as long as we live, as long as our kids live, as long as anybody's around," said Todd Steverson, the Athletics' first-base coach, who managed Braden in Stockton. "He's etched his name in there, and you can't take it away from him."

As the party unfolded on the field, the television cameras panned to Section 209 at the Coliseum, in the second deck behind first base. The seats there were sold at a discount, the section number a nod to the Stockton area code that is tattooed across Braden's chest.

Down on the field, Braden embraced his grandmother Peggy Lindsey, who raised him after his mother, Jodie Atwood, died of cancer when Braden was a senior in high school. Just that morning, on Mother's Day, his childhood friend Jimboy Rabanal had placed flowers at Atwood's grave.

"Jodie wanted nothing more in the world than for Dallas to play baseball," Rabanal said. "He slept in his car a few times in the parking lot at the ballpark. His mom wanted it so much for him, he felt obligated to make it happen."

The dream seemed unrealistic. The other six pitchers who have started for the A's this season were drafted in the eighth round or higher. Braden was taken in the 24th round in 2004, 727th over all, out of Texas Tech.

Braden had played the previous two seasons at American River College in California, so he was not well known. Other pitchers from Texas — Homer Bailey, Yovani Gallardo, Jeff Niemann — attracted more scouts that spring. With a fastball that never crept above 88 m.p.h., Braden was widely ignored.

Blake Davis, then an area scout for the Athletics, saw Braden pitch early that spring, but it was not a memorable impression. Later, though, Davis found himself staying at the same hotel as the Texas Tech team, and he talked to some of the players. All of them raved about Braden's makeup, calling him the leader of the team. Davis was intrigued.

"He was a 21-year-old man as far as taking care of himself and knowing what was in front of him," Davis said. "He had seen some of the worst. There was nothing in pro ball that was going to scare him."

As a prospect, Braden did have an excellent changeup, and what he lacked in velocity, he made up for with a fearless approach, challenging hitters with inside fastballs.

Davis thought he might make a useful reliever and asked Braden if other teams had contacted him. Braden said no.

Such honesty stood out to Davis; most players said they were coveted by many teams, to improve their draft position.

Braden, who had no agent, told Davis to take him in the first 24 rounds, and he would sign. Davis trusted Braden, took him in the 24th round and signed him for \$15,000.

The Athletics offered to pay for Braden's final year of college someday, but Braden asked that the money be rolled into his bonus instead.

Ever since he was 4, he said, he had no doubt he would make the majors.

"That was the game plan," Braden said Tuesday at a news conference at Rangers Ballpark. "It was either that or asking you if you wanted to supersize that. I stuck with this."

The A's put Braden in the bullpen at first, but that did not last long. He pitched well in 2004 and 2005, missed most of the next year with shoulder trouble, but was in the majors by April 2007. He went 5-4 in 2008 and started on opening day last season.

"The reason was that we knew he could handle that responsibility," Oakland General Manager Billy Beane said. "He wouldn't be overwhelmed by the opportunity. With some of the other guys, we felt they would be."

This season has been Braden's breakthrough, as a pitcher and a talker. Just 18 days before his perfect game, he famously criticized the Yankees' Alex Rodriguez for crossing over the mound — his mound — after a foul ball.

Now, after one perfect day, Braden is known for his pitching. That is how he wants it. That is how he got out of Stockton, even though he never really left.

"I guess A-Rod said it best: it's good to be noticed and recognized for things you do on the field," Braden said.

"That's always a positive. I guess that's why I live in Stockton, because I can go home and be me there, and I'm not really worried about what anybody else thinks."

Braden finds the perfect place to store his gear

By Jason Anderson, Stockton Record, 5/27/2010

The good people at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., can have the shoes from his feet, but Dallas Braden wants Stockton to have the shirt off his back.

The Oakland Athletics pitcher reiterated Saturday shortly before being presented with a key to the city that he plans to donate much of the memorabilia from his perfect game to the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame.

The A's already sent Braden's cleats and a baseball from his Mother's Day gem to Cooperstown, but the Stockton resident and Stagg High graduate wants other items such as his jersey, hat and glove displayed in his hometown.

Asked how his new place in Cooperstown and all the national acclaim compared to the adulation he received during Saturday's pregame ceremony at Stockton Ballpark, the 26-year-old left-hander stayed true to his roots.

"It doesn't," he said. "That's why my stuff's going to our hall. This is where I come from. This is something we're going to share together. The entire nation got to take part, but this is where I come from and this is the place I want to pay my respects to. (Cooperstown) got my cleats, and that's something I am very honored to have in the Hall of Fame, but this is where my heart is."

Gary Scott, the former Delta College athletic director who in April replaced Ray Brudernich as executive director of the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame, was stunned when he learned of Braden's wishes.

"My feeling was numbness," Scott said. "I was kind of in disbelief."

The Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame exhibit is moving from its former home at El Dorado Elementary School to a more prominent location at Stockton Arena. The exhibit features pictures of Pacific football legends Amos Alonzo Stagg, Eddie LeBaron and Dick Bass, as well as signed mementos from championship high school teams, but the display soon will have a new centerpiece.

"It will be an honor to receive these things from Dallas," said Tom Stubbs, former Pacific baseball coach and treasurer of the Stockton Athletic Hall of Fame. "We're very proud of him, and when we get the memorabilia we're going to put it in a special place in our new home at the arena."

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I don't know if it affects me," Braden said of the numb toes. "Sometimes I'll get a little too far on the back side of my foot and I'm not really sure how far I'm back there just because sensory isn't there. 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.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Posted a 0.71 ERA and .100 opponents batting average in 12 outings in May and stranded all five of his inherited runners... that included a 10-game, 10.0-inning scoreless streak from May 7 to 29.
- Struck out a career high four batters in 1.2 innings June 4 against Minnesota, topping his previous best of three (12 times, last: August 12, 2009 at Baltimore).

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

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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 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 downtown 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.
- Returned to Oakland on June 8 and went 1 for 6 with a home run in three games, including one start in center field and one in right field, before he was optioned back to Sacramento June 15.

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).
- Hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning May 11 at Texas 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).

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

Eric Chavez, continued

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 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.
- Went 5 for 6 with a triple, a home run and three RBI during a two-game rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton on May 18 and 19...that raised his career minor league average from .299 to .301.
- Was reinstated from the disabled list May 21 and started two games in center field before straining his right intercostal muscle.
- Went 2 for 3 with a double and two RBI in his first game May 21 against San Francisco...became the 16th player in Oakland history to collect at least two hits and two RBI in his Oakland debut.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list for a second time on May 26 retroactive to May 23...it is his fourth career stint on the DL.

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/DESIGNATED HITTER

Height/Weight: 6-1 / 247 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Right
Birthdate: January 7, 1979 **Opening Day Age:** 31
Birthplace/Resides: Flemington, New Jersey / New Hope, Pennsylvania

Major League Service: 4 years, 2 days

Obtained: Acquired from the San Diego Padres organization for cash considerations, May 3, 2007

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

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Appeared in 70 games with four Major League teams from 2001 to 2006 before finally breaking through with the A's in 2007...was a .222 hitter with five home runs and 19 RBI in 70 games from 2001-06 and has a .241 batting average, 84 home runs, 229 RBI, 309 walks and 546 strikeouts in 421 games over the previous three years with the A's...led the American League in strikeouts for the third consecutive season in 2009...is the first player to lead the AL in strikeouts in three straight seasons since Minnesota's Bobby Darwin did it from 1972-74...set the AL record for strikeouts with 197 in 2008...led the AL in both walks and strikeouts in 2008, the ninth player (12th time) in major league history to lead his league in both walks and strikeouts...made his professional debut in 1997 and hit exactly 200 career home runs in his 11 seasons and 1114 games in the minors...was named to a postseason All-Star team each year from 1998-2001, earning honors in the Pioneer League (1998), California League (1999), Texas League (2000) and Pacific Coast League (2001)...was named Arizona's Minor League Player of the Year in 1999 and played in the Futures Game held in Atlanta in 2000...was named most valuable player of the Triple-A All-Star game in 2002.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Led the A's in home runs (25), walks (93) and strikeouts (185) for the third consecutive season and also topped the club in games (149), runs (88), on-base percentage (.356) and intentional walks (5)...his home runs were the fewest by an A's team leader in a non-strike season since Ruben Sierra had 22 in 1993...led the American League in strikeouts for the third consecutive season and is the first player to lead the AL in strikeouts in three straight seasons since Minnesota's Bobby Darwin did it from 1972-74...also ranked fifth in the AL in walks but hit .240, which was fourth lowest...has 309 walks and 546 strikeouts in three seasons with the A's, and has walked or struck out in 49.8% of his 1717 plate appearances in an Oakland uniform.

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	AZL D'backs	.306	35	121	26	37	11	1	3	33	0	0	0	31	39	2	0	.488	.447	5
1998	South Bend	.242	16	62	5	15	3	0	0	4	0	1	0	5	20	0	1	.290	.294	4
	Lethbridge	.345	73	223	75	77	20	2	11	56	0	2	4	86	71	15	8	.601	.530	0
1999	High Desert	.334	125	455	107	152	42	3	32	112	0	3	2	96	145	1	4	.651	.450	12
2000	El Paso	.293	129	447	100	131	32	6	20	75	0	2	2	117	150	12	9	.526	.440	11
2001	Tucson	.278	135	442	81	123	24	2	27	79	0	5	5	102	160	6	3	.525	.415	11
	ARIZONA	.500	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.500	.667	0
2002	Colorado Springs	.265	105	359	74	95	24	0	23	55	0	3	5	83	121	6	3	.524	.407	6
	COLORADO	.169	35	65	8	11	2	0	1	8	0	1	0	12	32	0	1	.246	.295	1
2003	Ottawa	.285	97	333	55	95	18	1	9	58	0	2	0	80	94	5	2	.426	.422	3
	BALTIMORE	.260	27	73	7	19	7	0	4	11	0	0	1	10	25	0	0	.521	.357	0
2004	BALTIMORE	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	0
	Ottawa	.235	102	344	55	81	15	1	17	55	0	2	2	65	127	4	0	.433	.358	2
2005	Sacramento	.257	134	479	95	123	28	1	19	75	0	3	3	115	153	2	4	.438	.402	4
2006	Portland	.293	138	441	97	129	23	0	30	77	0	3	4	143	124	0	3	.549	.467	5
	SAN DIEGO	.333	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.333	.333	0
2007	Portland	.300	25	80	17	24	7	0	9	20	0	1	0	19	29	0	0	.725	.430	1
	OAKLAND	.256	124	395	61	101	18	1	26	82	0	6	1	105	164	0	2	.504	.408	4
2008	OAKLAND	.231	148	481	77	111	19	0	33	77	0	4	2	111	197	0	0	.476	.375	4
2009	OAKLAND	.240	149	513	88	123	16	0	25	70	0	4	2	93	185	4	1	.417	.356	2
AL Totals		.242	449	1463	233	354	60	1	88	240	0	14	6	319	572	4	3	.465	.377	10
NL Totals		.186	42	70	9	13	2	0	1	8	0	1	0	13	33	0	1	.257	.310	1
ML Totals		.239	491	1533	242	367	62	1	89	248	0	15	6	332	605	4	4	.455	.374	11

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1997 — Selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks organization in the 1st round (30th selection overall) of the free agent draft, June 3. **2002** — Traded with catcher J.D. Closser to the Colorado Rockies for pitcher Mike Myers, January 7. **2003** — Traded to the Baltimore Orioles for outfielder/first baseman Chris Richard, March 11. **2004** — Elected free agency, October 15; signed by the Oakland Athletics organization, November 15. **2005** — Elected free agency, October 15; signed by the San Diego Padres organization, December 28. **2007** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics for cash considerations, May 3. **2009** — Elected free agency (contract non-tender), December 12. **2010** — Re-signed by the Oakland Athletics, January 7.

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.
- Started in left field on May 21 against San Francisco, his first appearance in left field as an Athletic.
- Stole a career high three bases May 26 at Baltimore.

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	.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.
- Then went 0 for his next 17 before singling in the fourth inning May 13 at Texas.
- Had his first career multiple hit game May 14 at Los Angeles
- Was optioned back to Sacramento May 16 after hitting .154 with a home run and three RBI in 10 games.

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.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was on the A's Opening Day roster and went 2-1 with a 2.89 ERA in five starts before he was placed on the 15-day disabled list May 7 retroactive to April 30 with a left hip inflammation.
- Was reinstated from the DL May 15 and was scheduled to start that day against Los Angeles but was scratched minutes before first pitch.
- Returned to the DL the next day with the same injury, his seventh career stint on the DL
- On May 29 it was announced he would undergo left hip surgery and he is expected to miss the rest of the season...Dr. Thomas Byrd of Nashville, Tenn. performed the surgery to correct Femoral Acetabular Impingement on June 7.
- Was transferred to the 60-day DL June 3.

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	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.
- Missed seven games with a sore left hamstring from April 12 to 19...went 0 for 2 in a start at second base against New York April 20 but left the game after five innings with the same injury...was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 21 with a strained left hamstring...was hitting .323 in eight games at the time of the injury.
- Went 2 for 9 (.222) with a walk and a RBI during a three-game rehab assignment with Single-A Stockton and Triple-A Sacramento from May 18-21 and was reinstated from the DL May 22.

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	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.

2010 CLIPS

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 bat-

Mark Ellis, continued

ting 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 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.
- Was designated for assignment June 13.

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).
- Allowed a career high tying three home runs May 11 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.
- Compiled an 8.83 ERA and allowed a .360 opponents batting average in 12 relief appearances before he was designated for assignment May 16...had the highest ERA among American League relievers, ranked second in home runs (5) and was tied for seventh in strikeouts (20) when he was designated.
- Was released on May 21.

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 in-nings...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, May 25 at Baltimore and June 1 at Boston
- Snapped a 52-game homerless streak with his two-run home run off Bergesen in the second inning May 27 in Baltimore...it was his first home run since August 18, 2009, also against Baltimore (Berken)...it was one short of his career high of 53 from August 22, 2007-May 2, 2008.
- Had a career best streak of four straight multiple hit games from May 31-June 3 (9 for 16, .563).
- Struck out a career high four times June 5 against Minnesota.

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...platoonned 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.

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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.

Gabe Gross, continued

“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.

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.
- His fourth inning double May 12 at Texas was the 100th of his career.
- Hit his first career pinch hit home run June 2 at Boston, a solo shot off Papelbon in the ninth inning.
- Homered in three straight games for the first time in his career, June 2-4.
- His eighth inning single June 7 against Los Angeles was the 500th hit of his career.

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
	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

Kevin Kouzmanoff, continued

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.

"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.
- Was brought back a second time May 20 and tossed 5.0 innings of relief that day against Detroit (5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 4 so)...it was the first relief appearance of his career after 19 starts.

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).
- Hit his first career pinch hit home run May 12 at Texas.
- Matched his career high with three hits June 8 against Los Angeles (fourth time, last: September 29, 2009 at Seattle).

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
lowa	.358	17	67	14	24	1	1	2	12	0	3	0	6	9	8	0	.493	.395	2
2007 lowa	.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	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	.375	.250	0
2008 lowa	.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	0	12	24	8	0	.207	.269	5
2009 Sacramento	.307	110	466	91	143	29	11	12	56	6	4	2	52	81	43	6	.494	.376	9
OAKLAND	.287	39	94	15	27	5	1	1	11	0	2	0	14	25	6	1	.394	.373	2
AL Totals	.231	69	186	26	43	8	1	1	19	0	2	0	26	49	14	1	.301	.322	7
NL Totals	.239	20	46	5	11	2	0	1	7	1	1	0	5	15	2	1	.348	.308	3
ML Totals	.233	89	232	31	54	10	1	2	26	1	3	0	31	64	16	2	.310	.320	10

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

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

2010 CLIPS**Patterson trying to latch on with A's**

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

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

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

His brother, not so much.

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

His brother, not so much.

"My brother probably gives me more updates than I need," Patterson said, "but I try during the off-season 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 get 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.

Eric Patterson, continued

“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 RBIs 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 Tolleason.

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.
- Snapped a career long 0 for 27 streak with his second-inning bunt single June 2 at Boston.

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
2009	OAKLAND	.242	36	99	14	24	5	0	0	9	2	1	2	13	18	4	1	.293	.339	5
	Sacramento	.264	99	360	48	95	22	3	3	40	6	4	2	45	54	27	4	.367	.345	19
ML Totals		.279	60	208	27	58	11	3	4	21	1	0	1	19	46	7	5	.418	.342	8

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.
- Caught the 19th perfect game in Major League history as he was behind the plate for Dallas Braden's Mother's Day gem on May 9...snapped a career long 0 for 14 streak in the game with a second inning RBI single that gave the A's a 1-0 lead...added a double in the eighth and went 2 for 4.
- Was presented with his glove from the perfect game in a pre-game ceremony honoring Braden on May 21.
- Stole the first base of his career and second as a professional May 11 at Texas.
- Matched his career high with three hits May 15 at Los Angeles (also May 3, 2009 at Seattle).
- Was optioned to Sacramento May 21 and went 0 for 9 with four walks in three games before returning to Oakland May 26 when Coco Crisp went on the disabled list.
- Went 3 for 7 (.429) with a home run and two RBI in two starts at catcher before he was sent back to Sacramento June 4.
- Began his fourth stint with the A's on June 11.

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.
- Returned to Oakland a second time May 7 and pitched in one game on May 12 at Texas (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 1 so) before he was designated for assignment May 15.
- Had a 4.91 ERA in seven relief appearances overall and had issued 10 walks in 11.0 innings when he was designated...was outrighted to Sacramento May 19.

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.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento May 5 and appeared in one game on May 12 at Texas (1.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb) before he was optioned back to Sacramento May 15.
- Was recalled the next day after Justin Duchscherer returned to the disabled list and pitched twice before he was optioned to Sacramento again on May 20 (2.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 2 so).
- Returned for a third time on June 4 and pitched 2.0 scoreless innings (1 bb, 2 so) on June 7 against Los Angeles before he was sent back to Sacramento June 8.

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...matched that May 26 at Baltimore.
- 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).
- Doubled in the sixth inning May 16 at Los Angeles to snap a 0 for 15 streak, which matched the longest hitless streak of his career (also May 4 to 7, 2009).
- Started in left field May 23 against San Francisco, his first major league appearance in the outfield... it was his third professional appearance in the outfield as he played two games in left field for Double-A Chattanooga in 2007.

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

Adam Rosales, continued

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.

"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.
- Was credited with his first ML win May 11 at Texas and was also charged with the blown save...entered the game in the 11th inning with a 6-5 lead but allowed a two-out RBI single to Borbon to tie the game...the A's then scored a run in the 13th and he retired three of four in the bottom of the inning for the win.
- Struck out in the 12th inning in the game at Texas to become the first A's pitcher to bat in a non-interleague game since Todd Stottlemire also struck out on August 16, 1985 at Kansas City
- Made his first Major League start May 15 at Los Angeles after Justin Duchscherer was scratched minutes before first pitch...retired each of the first 11 batters he faced before allowing three straight hits, capped by a three-run home run by Morales...allowed a career high three runs in 3.2 innings and was charged with his first career loss.

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.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was the A's Opening Night starter on April 5 and had a no decision in a 5-3 loss to Seattle...it was his first start since September 27, 2008 against the Chicago Cubs...became the A's fifth different Opening Day starter in the last five years (Braden, Blanton, Haren, Zito)...it was his seventh career Opening Day start and he is 3-0 with a 2.59 ERA (12 er in 41.2 ip) in those seven starts...among active pitchers, only Buehrle (CWS), Halladay (PHI), Hernandez (WASH) and Oswalt (HOU), with eight each, have more.
- Picked up his first win since September 6, 2008 in the A's 6-2 win over Baltimore April 15.
- Allowed eight runs on April 27 at Tampa Bay and nine on May 2 at Toronto to become the second pitcher in Oakland history to allow at least eight runs in back-to-back starts...Mark Mulder was the other (September 15-21, 2004) but Sheets was the first with at least eight earned runs...the nine runs against the Blue Jays were his most in a game since August 15, 2005 at Colorado when he allowed 10 runs...allowed an Oakland record eight extra base hits against Toronto, topping the previous mark of seven.
- Combined with Wuertz, Blevins, Ziegler and Bailey on a three-hit shutout in the A's 3-0 win over San Francisco May 23...however, ended up with a no decision as he tossed six innings but left with the score tied at 0-0...it was the 17th time in Oakland history a starting pitcher had a no decision in a shutout.
- Had his fourth consecutive no decision in the A's 5-4 win at Detroit May 28...it was the first time in his career he had four straight no decisions...hurled 7.0 innings, snapping a career long streak of 13 consecutive starts of fewer than seven innings.
- Tossed 6.0 innings on June 7 against Los Angeles to go over the 1500 innings pitched mark in his career.

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

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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...the three walk-off doubles tie Terrence Long for the most in Oakland history.
- 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.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 30, retroactive to April 24, with an intercostal strain...it was his first career stint on the DL and it marked the first time over the last three years he has gone more than two consecutive games without starting at catcher.
- Went 3 for 8 (.375) with four runs, two doubles, a home run, five RBI and two walks in three starts at catcher on a rehab assignment with Triple-A Sacramento from May 11 to 15.
- Was reinstated from the DL May 16 and started each of the A's first 11 games at catcher following his return, matching the longest consecutive games started streak at catcher of his career (June 6-18, 2008 and July 21-August 2, 2008).
- Drove in the winning run May 18 against Seattle with a RBI single in the bottom of the 10th inning...it was his second walk-off hit of the season and the eighth of his career (three singles, two doubles, two home runs)...the eight walk-off hits are tied for third most in Oakland history.
- Had a career best streak of four consecutive multiple hit games from June 1-4 (8 for 19, 421)...including June 3 at Boston when he had his first career two-homer game.
- Matched his career high with four hits June 8 against Los Angeles (fourth time, first since April 21, 2009 at New York).
- Was placed on the bereavement list June 11 and missed the three-game series at San Francisco before returning to action on June 15.

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.

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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

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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 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.
- Matched his career high with four hits May 18 against Seattle...it was his fourth career four-hit game, his first since September 8, 2009 at Chicago.

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.
- Did not allow a run in six rehab appearances (7.2 ip, 7 h, 3 bb, 6 so), including four games, three starts, with Triple-A Sacramento and two starts with Single-A Stockton.
- Was reinstated from the disabled list May 3.
- Allowed two runs in the seventh inning May 19 against Detroit, snapping his career high scoreless streak at 17.0 innings... it marked the first time he allowed a run since September 4 of last year against Seattle.

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.”

PLAYER TRANSACTIONS

*Last updated at the end of April. See traditional game notes for most recent transactions.

Feb. 11	Gregorio Petit outrighted to Sacramento	April 7	Jack Cust outrighted to Sacramento
March 10	Jay Marshall waiver claim (Jan. 8) voided, Marshall returned to A's and released	April 8	Jai Miller claimed off waivers from the Florida Marlins and optioned to Sacramento; Josh Outman transferred to 60-day disabled list
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 16	Michael Wurtz sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
March 18	Justin Souza optioned to Midland	April 19	Trevor Cahill sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
March 24	Edwar Ramirez acquired from the Texas Rangers for minor leaguer Gregorio Petit	April 20	Trevor Cahill reinstated from the disabled list and optioned to Sacramento
March 27	Chris Carter and Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento	April 21	Mark Ellis placed on 15-day disabled list (strained left hamstring); Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento
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 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 30	Steve Tolleson optioned to Sacramento	April 23	Brad Kilby recalled from Sacramento; Landon Powell optioned to Sacramento
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 retroactive to March 26 (left elbow surgery recovery); Michael Wurtz placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 26 (right shoulder tendinitis)	April 25	Michael Wurtz transferred to Stockton on rehab
		April 26	Jai Miller claimed off waivers by Kansas City
		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
		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

OPENING DAY ROSTER

Pitchers (12):	Brett Anderson, Andrew Bailey, Jerry Blevins, Dallas Braden, Craig Breslow, Justin Duchscherer, Chad Gaudin, Gio Gonzalez, Edwar Ramirez, Tyson Ross, Ben Sheets, Brad Ziegler
Catchers (2):	Jake Fox, Kurt Suzuki
Infielders (7):	Daric Barton, Eric Chavez, Mark Ellis, Kevin Kouzmanoff, Eric Patterson, Cliff Pennington, Adam Rosales
Outfielders (4):	Travis Buck, Rajai Davis, Gabe Gross, Ryan Sweeney

