

2010 Oakland A's



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A's AT A GLANCE

Season High	9-4 (April 17)
Season Low	34-40 (June 23)
April	12-12
May	16-12
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July	14-10
August	13-15
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Home Series	17-5-2
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First Game of Series	20-27
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A's Score First	53-23
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Leading After 7 th	62-2
Leading After 8 th	64-0
Tied After 7 th	8-9
Tied After 8 th	6-11
Trailing After 7 th	2-62
Trailing After 8 th	2-62
Commit No Errors	47-33
Commit 1 or More Errors	25-40
More HR Than Opp.	25-8
Fewer HR Than Opp.	16-44
Same Total HR of Opp.	31-21
Starter Pitches 7 or More	32-15
Starter Pitches Less Than 7	40-58
When Scoring 4 or More	61-15
When Scoring Less Than 4	11-58
Last At Bat	11-12
Different Lineups	114

A's vs. TWINS

The A's have lost the season series as they trail 5-1 entering this final three-game series...lost two of three in Oakland and were swept in a three-game series in Minnesota...this is the first time the A's have lost the season series to the Twins since 2007...since moving to Oakland in 1968, the A's are 267-280 against Minnesota...that includes 150-122 in Oakland and 117-158 in Minnesota...finished with a 71-86 record in the Metrodome and are 0-3 at Target Field...are 324-349 all-time against the Twins and have a 971-985 record against the Twins/Senators.

TODAY'S TIDBITS

The A's have scored exactly three runs in each of the last four games...in Oakland history, have never done that in five straight games.

Andrew Bailey ranks third among AL relievers with a 1.50 ERA.

Daric Barton leads the majors with 101 walks and ranks fifth in the American League with a .400 on-base percentage.

Craig Breslow has a career high 64 strikeouts, which is tied for the third best total by a left-handed reliever in Oakland history.

Mark Ellis is batting .440 (22 for 50) in September and leads the American League lead in hits this month...he ranks second among AL second basemen with a .994 fielding percentage.

Cliff Pennington has eight triples, which ranks fourth in the AL and tied for the sixth best single season total in Oakland history.

THIS DATE IN A's HISTORY

In **1972** Jim "Catfish" Hunter pitches a two hitter as the A's defeat Texas 4-1...it is Hunter's 20th victory, his second of four straight 20 win seasons with the A's...in **1973** Bill North sets a club record by drawing five walks in the A's 3-2, 13 inning win against California.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS (72-73) VS. MINNESOTA TWINS (88-58)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 – TARGET FIELD – 7:10 P.M. CDT

LHP BRETT ANDERSON (5-6, 2.94) VS. RHP NICK BLACKBURN (9-9, 5.51)

CSNCA – A'S RADIO NETWORK (XTRA SPORTS 860 AM) – ESPAÑOL (LOSATLETICOS.COM)

ABOUT THE A's

ABOUT THE A'S: Have lost three of the last four games and are now 10 games behind Texas in the American League West...have been between seven and 10 games back every day since June 25 and the largest deficit this year is 11 games on June 24...are 7-7 in the month of September...have been exactly .500 18 times since the All-Star Break and an Athletics record 29 times for the season...are currently one game under .500 at 72-73 and have not been more than two games over .500 or three games under .500 since the All-Star Break...are 20-27 in the first game of a series, 23-24 in the second game and 26-18 in the third game...have a 38-49 record against opponents that were at or above .500 when the A's played them and 34-24 against teams that were below .500...are 64-0 when leading after eight innings...the only season in Oakland history in which the A's did not lose a game when leading after eight innings was 2002 (91-0)...have 25 days alone in first this year, eight days tied for first, 61 days in second, nine days tied for second, 58 days in third and one day in fourth.

STARTING PITCHING: A's starting pitchers have recorded the decision in each of the last 23 games, which is the fourth longest such streak in Oakland history...it is the longest since August 21-September 29, 1979 when A's starters had an Oakland record 36 consecutive games with a decision...starters are 11-12 with a 4.44 ERA (64 er in 129.2 ip) over the last 22 games...however, are 33-27 with a 3.21 ERA (161 er in 451.2 ip) over the last 71 games (since June 25) after going 23-27 with a 3.92 ERA over the first 74 contests...have a 3.56 ERA (349 er in 883.0 ip) for the season, which is the second **lowest mark in the majors** to St. Louis (3.53...since 1992, the only American League team to have under 3.62 is the 2002 Boston Red Sox (3.53)...have the second lowest opponents batting average in the majors (.242).

PITCHING: The A's allowed 17 runs in the final two games of the Kansas City series but still **lead the American League** and rank third in the majors with a 3.59 ERA...the last time the A's finished the season with an ERA under 3.59 was in 1990 (3.18)...also lead the AL in shutouts (14), opponents batting average (.243) and fewest extra base hits (366)...are tied for the lead in pickoffs (24) and tied for second in pickoff errors (7).

TRAGIC NUMBER: The A's trail New York by 15½ games in the American League Wild Card and have a tragic number of two to be eliminated from the Wild Card...are 10 games behind Texas in the AL West and the tragic number in the West is eight...last year, the A's were officially eliminated from the West in game 142 and the playoffs in game 143.

SINCE THE BREAK: The A's are 29-27 since the All-Star Break, which is the sixth best record in the American League...the pitching staff has a Major League leading 3.16 ERA (172 er in 489.1 ip)...the offense is batting .239 (433 for 1813), which is third lowest in the AL, and has 34 home runs, which is tied for the fewest...are hitting .229 (112 for 489) with runners in scoring position...lead the majors in post-break steals (74).

HOME AND AWAY: The A's are 1-2 on this six-game road trip to Kansas City (1-2) and Minnesota (three games) and have now lost 16 of their last 23 road games...are 28-43 (.394) on the road for the season and have clinched a losing road record for the fourth consecutive season...return home following the game Sunday for the final homestand of the season, a seven-game affair against Chicago (three games) and Texas (four games)...went 6-3 on the last homestand against Los Angeles (2-1), Seattle (2-1) and Boston (2-1) and are 9-0-1 over the last 10 home series...are 44-30 (.595) at home, which is their best home mark since going 49-32 in 2006...have a 2.88 ERA (215 er in 673.0 ip) at home compared to 4.37 (295 er in 607.0 ip) on the road...**have the lowest home ERA in the majors**...have allowed 54 home runs at home, which is second fewest in the American League, and 85 on the road, which is tied for second most.

NIGHT AND DAY: The A's have a 33-16 (.673) record during the day compared to 39-57 (.406) at night...the day record is the best in the majors and the night record is fourth worst in the American League...have a 2.83 ERA (137 er in 435.2 ip) during the day and a 3.99 ERA (373 er in 841.1 ip) at night...have the lowest day ERA in the majors.

ON THE BASES: The A's have gone back-to-back games without a stolen base after an Oakland record tying streak of five consecutive games with two or more steals...have 15 steals in the last seven games and 139 for the season, which ranks third in the American League and the majors...the 139 steals are the most by an A's team since the 1992 club had 143...have been successful in 139 of 172 (80.8%) stolen base attempts, which is the second best percentage in the majors (PHI, 83.5%)...the Oakland record is 80.7% set in 2008...the A's have two players with 30 or more stolen bases (Davis 44, Crisp 32) for the first time since 1995 (Javier 36, Henderson 32) and three players with 20 or more steals for the first time since 1992...have a record of 53-25 when stealing at least one base and are 19-48 with no stolen bases.

THE LONG BALL: The A's have hit 91 home runs, which is tied with Seattle for the fewest in the majors...are on pace to finish with the third fewest home runs in Oakland history...the fewest is 94 in 1968 and the 1978 club had 100...Kouzmanoff leads the A's with 14 home runs and there have been just two seasons in Oakland history in which the A's did not have a 20-home run hitter: 1978 (Page, 17) and 1983 (Murphy and Lopes, 17).

OFFENSE: The A's are tied for fourth in the American League with 29 triples, which are the most by an A's team since the 1987 club had 33...however, have the second fewest extra base hits (364), the second lowest slugging percentage (.372) and the fourth fewest runs scored (585)...over the last 28 years, the only time the A's have scored fewer than 700 runs in a non-strike season was in 2008 (646)...have 470 walks and are on pace for 525, which would be their fewest in a non-strike season since 1985 (508) ...only 14 of those walks were intentional, which is the fewest in the majors...last year, the A's were walked just 16 times intentionally, which was the fewest by a ML team since the 1961 Kansas City A's had 10.

THE DISABLED LIST: The A's have used the disabled list 23 times, which is second most in Oakland history (25 in 2008)...have used the DL 87 times since the start of the 2007 season and the only team that has used the DL more over that span is Texas (98)...the 23 players have combined to miss 1245 games (54.1 games per stint) and the A's will set an Oakland record for games missed while on the DL...the current mark is 1259 in 2007...currently have nine players on the DL and have had at least five players on the DL all year.

PITCHING PROBABLES

Sat., Sept. 18 at MIN LHP Dallas Braden (9-12, 3.56) vs. RHP Kevin Slowey (12-6, 4.24) 10:10 CSNCA
Sun., Sept. 19 at MIN LHP Bobby Cramer (1-0, 1.69) vs. LHP Francisco Liriano (14-7, 3.28) 11:10 CSNCA

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TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Brett Anderson (5-6, 2.94 ERA)

ANDERSON BY THE NUMBERS						
	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	5	6	2.94	15	85.2	28
2009	11	11	4.06	30	175.1	79
Career	16	17	3.69	45	261.0	107
	Home	Road	Day	Night	Pre-ASB	Post-ASB
	4	2	2.61	8	51.2	15
	1	4	3.44	7	34.0	13
	3	1	2.94	6	33.2	11
	2	5	2.94	9	52.0	17
	2	1	2.35	6	30.2	8
	3	5	3.27	9	55.0	20
	AVG.	AB	H			
vs. LHH	.329	85	28			
vs. RHH	.238	248	59			

RUN SUPPORT		
Anderson		
Runs Scored	Times	
0	4	
1	4	
2	1	
3	2	
4	3	
5	0	
6	1	
7	0	
8	0	
9	0	
10	0	
Run Support Avg.	3.15	

ANDERSON vs. MINNESOTA						
	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	0	0	--	0	0.0	0
2009	1	1	4.97	2	12.2	7
Career	1	1	4.97	2	12.2	7
Anderson's Starts vs. Minnesota						
DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER
6/9/09	H	L	5.2	10	5	5
9/12/09	A	W	7.0	5	2	2
Minnesota Career Batting vs. Anderson						
	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Cuddyer	.167	6	1	0	0	3
Harris	1.000	4	4	0	1	0
Kubel	.200	5	1	0	0	2
Mauer	.333	6	2	0	0	1
Morneau	.333	6	2	1	0	0
Punto	.500	2	1	0	0	0
Span	.250	4	1	0	0	1
Tolbert	.000	3	0	0	0	1
Young	.667	3	2	0	0	0

ANDERSON'S CAREER HIGHS	
Low Hit CG:	2, 7/6/09 at BOS
IP:	9.0, 7/6/09 at BOS
Fewest IP, GS:	2.0 (twice), 8/27/10 at TEX
H:	10 (twice), 7/30/10 at CWS
R:	9, 5/15/09 at DET
ER:	7, 8/14/09 vs. CWS
BB:	4 (twice), last: 7/29/09 at BOS
SO:	10, 9/18/09 vs. CLE
HR:	3, 4/22/09 at NYY
Win Streak:	4, 9/5/09 to 9/24/09
Loss Streak:	4 (twice), last: 8/10/10 to 9/1/10
Scoreless Streak:	23.0, 7/6/09 to 7/24/09
Complete Games:	1, 7/6/09 at BOS
Shutouts:	1, 7/6/09 at BOS

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his 16th start of the season, his 10th since being reinstated from the disabled list July 30...the A's are 6-9 (.400) in his starting assignments this year and are 20-25 (.444) in his career...has tossed six or more innings in 10 of his 15 starts, allowed two runs or fewer 10 times and walked two batters or fewer 14 times.

TWO STRAIGHT: Has won each of his last two starts, posting a 1.84 ERA (3 er in 14.2 ip), after a career high tying four-game losing streak...posted a 3.21 ERA during the losing streak, which spanned five starts, and received no run support in three of the five starts.

SINCE HIS RETURN: Is 3-5 with a 3.27 ERA (20 er in 55.0 ip) and .276 (59 for 214) opponents batting average in nine starts since returning from the disabled list...went 2-1 with a 2.35 ERA and .235 opponents average over his first six starts.

DON'T WALK: Walked a season high three batters in his last start, snapping a 22-start streak dating back to August 19 of last year where he walked two batters or fewer...that was the second longest streak by a starting pitcher in Oakland history and it fell four short of the record of 26 by Gil Heredia (April 10-August 28, 1999)...has five starts without a walk and four with just one...has issued 17 walks in 85.2 innings for the season, an average of 1.79 per nine innings.

RUN SUPPORT: Has received run support of one run or less in five of his six losses this year and has season run support of 3.15 (30 rs in 85.2 ip)...is 0-14 in 20 career starts with run support of one run or fewer and 16-3 in 25 starts with support of two or more runs.

THE LONG BALL: Has not allowed a home run in 11 of his 15 starts this year, including each of his first nine...the nine-game homerless streak was the longest by an A's starter over the last three years...has yielded just five home runs in 85.2 innings, an average of 0.53 per nine innings.

QUALIFICATIONS: Has just 85.2 innings pitched and will fall short of qualifying for the league leader...however, based on a minimum of 75.0 innings pitched he ranks fourth in the American League in home runs per nine innings (0.53) and walks per nine innings (1.79) and seventh in ERA (2.94)...his run support is second lowest in the AL (3.15).

OPPONENTS BATTING: Has held right-handed hitters to a .238 (59 for 248) batting average while lefties are hitting .329 (28 for 85)...has allowed all five of his home runs to right-handers at home.

THE DISABLED LIST: Has two stints on the disabled list this year, both due to his left elbow...was 1-1 with a 2.35 ERA in four starts when he was placed on the 15-day DL the first time April 27 retroactive to April 25 with a left elbow inflammation and proximal medial forearm strain...it was his first career stint on the disabled list...made one rehab start with Triple-A Sacramento May 24 against Nashville and tossed 3.0 innings in the River Cats 8-3 win...was reinstated May 29 and went 1-0 with a 2.35 ERA in two starts before returning to the DL June 4 with a left elbow inflammation...posted a 3.00 ERA in two rehab starts with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League and went 1-0 with a 3.48 ERA in two starts with Triple-A Sacramento for a 1-0 record and a 3.31 ERA in four starts overall during his second rehab assignment.

LONG-TERM CONTRACT: Agreed to terms on a four-year contract through 2013 with club options for 2014 and 2015 on April 16...the 2015 season would be Anderson's first possible season in which he would be eligible for free agency.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS: Did not allow a run in his first two starts of the season on **April 8** against Seattle and **April 13** at Seattle...tossed 6.0 innings in each start to become the first starting pitcher in Oakland history, among pitchers who began the season with the A's, to start the season with two consecutive scoreless outings...allowed the first wild pitch of his career in the sixth inning of his start on the 13th, snapping a career-opening streak of 31 starts and 186.1 innings without a wild pitch...the streak of 31 consecutive starts without a wild pitch was sixth longest in Oakland history by a starter...was the losing pitcher in the A's 8-3 loss to Baltimore **April 18**...retired each of the first eight batters he faced before the Orioles scored three times with two outs in the third inning, snapping his season-opening scoreless streak at 14.0 innings...that was the third longest season-opening streak by a starter in Oakland history...tossed just 2.0 innings in the A's 9-8 win at Boston on **June 3**...left the game early with left elbow soreness and returned to the DL the next day...left his start on **August 27** at Texas after 2.0 innings with a mild hyper extension of his right knee...the 2.0 innings pitched matched his career low (June 3, 2010 at Boston)

LAST START: He won his second consecutive start in the A's 4-3 win over Boston last Saturday in Oakland...allowed a solo home run to Scutaro in the third inning and a RBI single to Kalish in the sixth to give the Red Sox a 2-0 lead...the A's then scored three times in the seventh for the win...left after seven innings with a 3-2 lead.

ANDERSON vs. MINNESOTA: Is 1-1 with a 4.97 ERA (12.2 ip, 15 h, 7 r, 7 er, 1 bb, 9 so, 1 hr) in two career starts, both last year...the loss came in a 10-5 decision on June 9 in Oakland...allowed five runs on a career high 10 hits in 5.2 innings...allowed a Young RBI single in the second inning but did not allow a hit over the next three innings...then allowed a leadoff home run to Morneau in the sixth followed later by a Young RBI double and a Gomez two-run double...left trailing 5-0...then picked up the win in a 4-2 A's victory at Minnesota on September 12...had a 2-0 lead when he allowed sacrifice flies to Span in the third inning and Kubel in the fourth inning...those were the only two runs he would allow in seven innings and he retired each of the final eight batters he faced...the A's scored twice in the fifth for the win.

ANDERSON'S 2010 STARTS WITH OAKLAND												
Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 8	SEA	6-2	W	0.00	6.0	3	0	0	1	4	0	97
April 13	at SEA	0-3	--	0.00	6.0	6	0	0	2	6	0	107
April 18	BAL	3-8	L	2.65	5.0	8	6	5	0	2	0	82
April 24	CLE	1-6	--	2.35	6.0	3	1	1	1	5	0	80
April Totals (4 G, 4 GS)				1-1	2.35	23.0	20	7	6	4	17	0
May 29	at DET	6-0	W	1.88	5.2	3	0	0	0	4	0	70
May Totals (1 G, 1 GS)				1-0	0.00	5.2	3	0	0	0	4	0
June 3	at BOS	9-8	--	2.35	2.0	5	2	2	0	1	0	36
June Totals (1 G, 1 GS)				0-0	9.00	2	5	2	0	1	0	
July 30	at CWS	1-6	L	3.25	5.1	10	5	5	0	1	0	91
July Totals (1 G, 1 GS)				0-1	8.44	5.1	10	5	5	0	1	0
Aug. 4	KC	4-3	W	3.14	7.0	3	2	2	1	4	0	102
Aug. 10	at SEA	0-2	L	2.88	7.0	5	1	1	2	7	0	109
Aug. 16	TOR	1-3	L	2.89	6.0	7	3	2	1	5	2	103
Aug. 21	TB	4-5	--	2.86	7.0	8	2	2	2	8	1	102
Aug. 27	at TEX	3-7	L	3.32	2.0	6	4	4	2	0	0	50
August Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				1-3	3.41	29.0	29	12	11	8	24	3
Sept. 1	at NYY	3-4	L	3.17	6.0	8	4	1	2	4	0	103
Sept. 6	SEA	6-2	W	2.97	7.2	4	1	1	0	4	1	107
Sept. 11	BOS	4-3	W	2.94	7.0	8	2	2	3	5	1	109

OAKLAND A's MOST CAREER WINS BEFORE 23 rd BIRTHDAY	
30	Vida Blue
26	Trevor Cahill
17	Jose Rijo
16	Brett Anderson
16	Rich Harden

ANDERSON'S 2010 REHAB STARTS												
Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA*	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
WITH SACRAMENTO												
May 24	Nashville	8-3	--	6.00	3.0	6	2	2	1	1	0	57
WITH ARIZONA												
July 9	at Angels	4-14	--	4.50	2.0	4	1	1	0	2	0	
July 15	at Rangers	14-4	--	3.00	4.0	7	1	1	0	4	0	
WITH SACRAMENTO												
July 20	at Col. Spr.	11-7 (6)	W	6.75	5.0	9	4	4	1	2	0	83
July 25	at Tacoma	2-3	--	4.05	5.1	4	0	0	1	9	0	87
AZ Totals (2 G, 2 GS)				0-0	3.00	6.0	11	2	2	0	6	0
Sac Totals (3 G, 3 GS)				1-0	4.05	13.1	19	6	6	3	12	0
Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				1-0	3.72	19.1	30	8	8	3	18	0

TOMORROW'S PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER

LHP Dallas Braden (9-12, 3.56): Is scheduled to make his 27th start of the season, his 12th since being reinstated from the disabled list July 20...is 0-3 with a 6.32 ERA in three starts in September and has tossed fewer than 6.0 innings in all three starts...is 5-5 with a 3.22 ERA in 11 starts since he was reinstated from the disabled list July 20...was the losing pitcher in his last start, 5-3 loss to Boston last Sunday in Oakland (5.2 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 4 bb, 2 so)...is 0-1 with a 3.38 ERA in five career starts against Minnesota, including a no decision in his only start this year, a 5-4 A's loss in 11 innings on June 4 in Oakland (6.1 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 4 bb, 2 so).

ATHLETICS BULLPEN BRIEFS

16-19, 3.65 ERA (397.0 ip, 366 h, 177 r, 161 er, 157 bb, 357 so, 49 hr)

Save/Save Opportunities: 34/45 (75.6%)

The A's bullpen has converted 34 of 45 (75.6%) save opportunities, which is the best percentage in the American League...have the fewest blown saves (11) but are tied for the second fewest save chances...last year, the pen had 50 save opportunities, which was the A's fewest in a non-strike season since 1982 (41)...has allowed 46 of 176 (26.1%) inherited runners to score, which is fourth lowest in the AL...first batters faced are hitting .213 (74 for 348), which is third lowest in the AL...however, has allowed 13 first batter home runs, which is tied for the most...has a 2.83 ERA (42 er in 133.2 ip) since the All-Star Break after posting a 4.07 ERA before the break...has a 2.85 ERA (65 er in 205.0 ip) at home compared to 4.51 (96 er in 191.2 ip) on the road.

40 RHP ANDREW BAILEY

Save/Opportunities: 24-27

Last Outing: 9/13 at Kansas City (S, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 16/6

First Hitters: 11-42 (2 bb, 2 sf)

- Recorded his 24th save of the season Monday in Kansas City, which is two short of his total of 26 from his rookie season last year.
- Ranks third among American League relievers in ERA (1.50), has the fifth lowest opponents on-base percentage (.251) and the eighth lowest opponents slugging percentage (.298).
- Has not allowed a run in seven of his eight appearances since he was reinstated from the 15-day disabled list August 22 and has a 1.17 ERA over that span (7.2 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 1 bb, 12 so)...was placed on the DL July 30 retroactive to July 21 with a right intercostal strain.
- Has yielded a .146 (7 for 48) batting average with runners in scoring position.
- Was the losing pitcher in his only outing against Minnesota this year on June 4 (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 so) and is 0-3 with two saves and a 7.50 ERA (5 er in 6.0 ip) in five career appearances against the Twins.
- Was named to his second consecutive American League All-Star team and appeared in the game for the first time.
- 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: 1-2

Last Outing: 9/15 at Kansas City (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 34/12

First Hitters: 15-59 (4 bb)

- Has not allowed a run in seven of his last nine outings (8.1 ip, 6 h, 2 r, 2 er, 4 bb, 7 so, 2.16 ERA) and has retired 10 of his last 11 first batters faced.
- Has allowed six of 11 inherited runners to score over his last 19 games and 12 of 34 (35.3%) for the season, which is the fifth highest percentage in the American League.
- Has faced the Twins four times this year (3.2 ip, 4 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 2 so).
- Has a 2.37 ERA (10 er in 38.0 ip) in 41 appearances during night games compared to an 8.44 ERA (10 er in 10.2 ip) in 22 day outings.
- 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.

52 RHP BOOF BONSER

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 9/14 at Kansas City (ND, 3.2 ip, 5 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb, 3 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 3/1

First Hitters: 1-7 (1 bb)

- His outing on Tuesday was his first since September 5 and he has pitched in just six of the A's 43 games since he was selected from Triple-A Sacramento July 31.
- Allowed no runs in his first two outings with the A's (3.0 ip) but has yielded nine in his last four (14.1 ip, 5.65 ERA).
- Has retired all six first batters faced with the A's and they are 1 for 7 (.143) with a walk overall.
- Has tossed at least three innings in three of his outings with the A's, the most outings of 3.0 or more innings by an Athletic this year.
- Has never faced the Twins in his career...pitched for Minnesota from 2006-08 and was 18-25 with a 5.12 ERA in 96 games, including 60 starts.
- Was on the 15-day disabled list with Boston from March 31 to June 6 with a right groin strain...appeared in two games for the Red Sox before he was designated for assignment June 18...signed a minor league deal with the A's July 2 and was assigned to Triple-A Sacramento where he went 2-1 with a 4.56 ERA in five starts...combined at Pawtucket and Sacramento for a 2-3 record and a 5.59 ERA in 14 games, 13 starts.
- Missed the entire 2009 season after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on February 25 to repair partial tears to the labrum and rotator cuff in his right shoulder.

56 LHP CRAIG BRESLOW

Save/Opportunities: 2-4

Last Outing: 9/13 at Kansas City (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 0 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 27/6

First Hitters: 8-63 (4 bb)

- Has not allowed a run in seven of his last nine outings (10.0 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 2 bb, 8 so, 1.80 ERA) and has stranded both of his inherited runners over that span.
- Ranks eighth among American League relievers with a career high 64 strikeouts...that is also tied for the third best total by a left-handed reliever in Oakland history...Bob Lacey holds the record with 69 in 1977 and Bob Owchinko had 67 in 1982.
- Also ranks tied for fourth among AL relievers in appearances (67), seventh in innings pitched (65.1), tied for ninth in home runs allowed (8) and tied for 10th in losses (4).
- Has allowed a .127 (8 for 63) batting average against first batters faced, which is fourth lowest in the AL...ranks third in first batter strikeouts (22).
- Has allowed 6 of 27 (22.2%) inherited runners to score, which is eighth best in the AL...has allowed just one of his last 17 inherited runners to score after allowing five of his first 10 to score.
- Has faced the Twins three times this year (3.1 ip, 2 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 5 so).
- 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.

61 RHP JUSTIN JAMES

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 9/14 at Kansas City (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 1 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 0/0

First Hitters: 1-2 (1 bb)

- Was selected from Triple-A Sacramento September 1 and has pitched three times in the A's 14 games this month.
- Allowed one run in 1.0 inning in his ML debut at New York on September 2 but has not yielded a run in two outings since then (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so).
- Was signed by the A's to a minor league contract on June 19 after pitching for Kansas City in the independent Northern League...had no decisions, six saves and a 1.69 ERA in 11 relief appearances with the T-Bones before signing with Oakland.
- Combined to go 2-1 with a 1.83 ERA in 28 relief appearances with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...converted five of eight (62.5%) save opportunities and struck out 49 batters in 39.1 innings (11.2 per nine innings)...yielded just one home run...allowed a .176 batting average, including .152 (12 for 79) against right-handers and .206 (13 for 63) against lefties...his complete 2010 statistics:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City (Northern League)	0	0	1.69	11	0	0	0	6	10.2	6	2	2	1	10
Midland (AA)	1	0	2.29	12	0	0	0	1	19.2	11	5	5	7	21
Sacramento (AAA)	1	1	1.37	16	0	0	0	4	19.2	14	3	3	9	28

- Spent 2009 with Kansas City of the independent Northern League after he was released by Cincinnati April 3...was 4-6 with a 5.73 ERA in 34 games, 11 starts...was originally drafted by Toronto in the fifth round in 2003 and was traded to the Reds organization December 6, 2007.

54 RHP VIN MAZZARO

Save/Opportunities: 0-0

Last Outing: 9/15 at Kansas City (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 1 so)

Inherited Runners/Scored: 0/0

First Hitters: 0-3 (1 bb)

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento Tuesday for his third stint with the A's this year...pitched in relief in the eighth inning Wednesday night (1.0 ip, 1 h, 1 so) and is now 1-0 with a 3.97 ERA (5 er in 11.1 ip) in four relief appearances compared to 5-8 with a 4.29 ERA in 18 starts.
- Has faced the Twins once this year, a start and loss on August 15 (6.0 ip, 7 h, 2 r, 1 er, 3 bb, 3 so).
- Appeared in just one game during his first stay that lasted one day...started and had a no decision in a 7-6 win over Detroit...returned May 20 and went 6-8 with a 4.09 ERA in 20 games, 17 starts before he was optioned to Sacramento September 6.
- Replaced the injured Brett Anderson in the starting rotation June 8 and went 5-2 with a 2.84 ERA over his first nine starts...then went 0-6 with a 5.60 ERA (28 er in 45.0 ip) and .284 (52 for 183) opponents batting average over his final eight starts before he was optioned.
- Made one postseason start with Sacramento following his option on September 6...it came last Friday in the River Cats 6-2 win in Game 3 at Tacoma (5.0 ip, 3 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 5 so, 102 pitches)...his 2010 regular season statistics with Sacramento:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento	3	1	3.13	7	6	0	0	0	37.1	35	16	13	17	38

- Was 2-2 with a 2.38 ERA in 10 games, nine starts, with Sacramento in 2009 before he was promoted to Oakland June 2...went 4-9 with a 5.32 ERA in 17 starts with the A's...made his final start August 29 before a shoulder injury ended his season early.

63 RHP HENRY RODRIGUEZ Inherited Runners/Scored: 7/3	Save/Opportunities: 0-1	Last Outing: 9/15 at Kansas City (ND, 1.0 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)
		First Hitters: 7-20 (3 bb)

- Has not allowed a run in 14 of his last 15 appearances and has a 2.08 ERA (13.0 ip, 9 h, 3 r, 3 er, 2 bb, 15 so) over that span.
- Walked the first batter he faced in his last outing on Wednesday and first batters are 7 for 20 (.350) with three walks for the season.
- Has a 1.35 ERA (2 er in 13.1 ip) in 13 appearances at home compared to a 6.75 ERA (7 er in 9.1 ip) in 10 road outings.
- Has faced the Twins once in his career and it came this year on August 13 (1.0 ip, 1 h).
- Has a 3.12 ERA (6 er in 17.1 ip) in 19 outings since he was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento July 19 for his fourth stint with the A's this season.
- Pitched once during his first stint from May 5 to 14 (13.50 ERA), twice during his second stay from May 16 to 19 (4.50 ERA) and once during his last stint from June 4 to 7 (0.00 ERA)...was 0-2 with a 1.69 ERA, 11 saves and a .133 opponents average in 20 appearances with Sacramento.
- Made his Major League debut with Oakland last year and posted a 2.25 ERA and .235 opponents batting average in three games in September...combined for a 2-1 record and a 5.18 ERA in a career-high 40 relief appearances with Single-A Stockton and Triple-A Sacramento.

50 RHP ROSS WOLF Inherited Runners/Scored: 4/0	Save/Opportunities: 0-0	Last Outing: 9/14 at Kansas City (ND, 1.1 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)
		First Hitters: 1-6 (1 bb)

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento September 1 for his second stint with the A's this year and has appeared in three of the A's 14 games since his return (4.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 3 so).
- Was previously with Oakland from July 7 to August 21 and appeared in four games, posting a 2.45 ERA...did not pitch after July 29 as he went 23 days and 21 games without pitching before he was optioned to Sacramento August 22.
- Has never faced the Twins in his career.
- Was acquired by the A's from Baltimore June 22 with cash considerations for Jake Fox.
- Appeared in three games with Sacramento following his option on August 22 and had a loss, two blown saves and a 16.87 ERA (2.2 ip, 9 h, 5 r, 5 er, 1 bb, 3 so, 1 hr)...opponents were 9 for 17 (.529)...his statistics with Norfolk and Sacramento this year:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Norfolk (AAA)	0	2	2.11	25	0	0	0	0	38.1	29	12	9	15	26
Sacramento (AAA)	0	1	5.59	10	0	0	0	3	9.2	13	8	6	3	11

- Spent the entire 2009 season with Triple-A Norfolk and was 4-2 with one save and a 3.95 ERA in 47 games...struck out 73 batters in 82.0 innings and walked 33.

48 RHP MICHAEL WUERTZ Inherited Runners/Scored: 24/3	Save/Opportunities: 6-6	Last Outing: 9/13 at Kansas City (ND, 1.0 ip, 0 h, 0 r, 0 er, 0 bb, 2 so)
		First Hitters: 8-39 (4 bb, 1 sh)

- Pitched in consecutive games last Sunday and Monday (2.0 ip, 1 h, 1 r, 4 so) after going eight days without pitching...has worked in just five of the A's last 21 contests (5.1 ip, 4 h, 3 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 6 so).
- Has not allowed an earned run in 24 of his past 28 appearances (25.0 ip, 16 h, 10 r, 8 er, 12 bb, 29 so, 2.88 ERA) after posting a 7.71 ERA over his first 17 outings.
- Opponents are batting .163 (7 for 43) with runners in scoring position.
- Has stranded each of his last 15 inherited runners dating back to June 1.
- Converted his only save opportunity in three outings against Minnesota this year (2.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb, 4 so) and has a 1.35 ERA (1 er in 6.2 ip) in eight career appearances against the Twins.
- Has a career-high six saves...has 10 saves in two seasons with the A's after earning one save over his first five years in the majors.
- 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: 28/6	Save/Opportunities: 0-3	Last Outing: 9/13 at Kansas City (ND, 0.1 ip, 1 h, 0 r, 0 er, 1 bb, 0 so)
		First Hitters: 10-54 (3 bb, 1 hbp)

- Pitched in consecutive games last Sunday and Monday (1.1 ip, 1 h, 1 bb) after going seven days without pitching...has appeared in just 11 of the A's 43 games since July 31 (9.1 ip, 5 h, 1 r, 1 er, 4 bb, 7 so, 0.96 ERA).
- Has not allowed a run in 15 of his last 16 outings (1 er in 14.0 ip, 0.64 ERA).
- Has stranded each of his last five inherited runners and has allowed just 6 of 28 (21.4%) to score for the season, which is sixth best in the American League.
- Has held right-handed hitters to a .214 (31 for 145) average while lefties are hitting .321 (17 for 53) with three of his four home runs and 14 of his 23 walks...has yielded six of his eight career home runs to left-handed hitters.
- Has a loss in two outings against Minnesota this year (1.0 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2 bb, 2 so).
- Has a 1.23 ERA (4 er in 29.1 ip) in 31 appearances at home compared to a 5.18 ERA (14 er in 24.1 ip) in 27 outings on the road.
- 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 Kansas City Series: 1-9, 2 bb, 3 so	Career vs. Blackburn (.200, 3-15, 1 HR, 1 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 5 Last Homestand: 7-31, 7 r, 2b, 3b, 2 rbi, 9 bb, 5 so, sb
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- Has reached base safely via hit or walk in 29 of his last 30 games and is 28 for 95 (.295) with 31 walks (1 sf, .465 on-base percentage) over that span...the one game he did not reach base was September 2 at New York when he struck out as a pinch hitter so he has reached base safely in each of his last 29 starts.
- His first inning walk Monday in Kansas City was his 100th of the season...it is the 22nd time in Oakland history and A's player has walked at least 100 times...the last was Jack Cust in 2008 (111)...now has a major league leading 101 walks for the season.
- Ranks second in the American League in times on base (242), fifth in on-base percentage (.398) and tied for eighth in triples (5).
- Ranks fourth in the AL with 12 sacrifice hits, all of which came over his first 99 games...has none over his last 43...the sacrifice hits are the most by an Athletic since A.J. Hinch had 13 in 1998...they are the most by a first baseman in Oakland history and are the most by any major league first baseman since Rod Carew had 16 for California in 1982.
- Was ejected from the game last Sunday against Boston after striking out to end the game...it was his second ejection of the season and his career (July 6 vs. New York).
- Is tied for second among AL first basemen with 10 errors (Cabrera, DET 12), seven of which came over his first 30 games.
- Has career highs this year in runs (69), hits (138), doubles (31), RBI (49), walks (101), stolen bases (7) and at bats (495) and has matched his best in triples (5)...his eight home runs are one short of his high of nine from 2008.
- 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.

25 MATT CARSON Kansas City Series: 2-4, r, hr, rbi, so	Career vs. Blackburn (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 1 game (2 for 3) Last Homestand: 1-11, 3 r, hr, rbi, bb, 2 so, 2 sb
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- Went 2 for 3 with his third home run of the season Wednesday after going 1 for 17 over his first 10 games after he was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento August 24 for his fourth stint with the A's this year.
- Is 8 for 28 (.286) with two of his three home runs on the road compared to 3 for 33 (.091) at home.
- Appeared in just one game during his first stay with Oakland from April 22 to 29 (0 for 3) and three games during his second stint from June 8 to 14 (1 for 6, hr, rbi)...went 7 for 32 (.219) in 12 games during his third stint from July 5 to August 8.
- Hit .314 with four doubles, four home runs, seven RBI and 14 runs scored in 13 games with Sacramento following his option on August 9...overall, appeared in 61 games in center field, four in left field and one in right field...his complete statistics with the River Cats this year:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.303	64	244	53	74	18	2	13	36	24	58	13	4	.553	.377

- Made his Major League debut with Oakland last September and hit .286 with a home run and five RBI in 10 games...spent the balance of the season with Sacramento and hit .264 with a career high 25 home runs and a career high 77 RBI in 118 games.

22 CHRIS CARTER Career vs. Blackburn (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 0 for 24
Kansas City Series: 0-5, 2 so Road Trip: 0-5, 2 so

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento Tuesday for his second stint with the A's this year and is 0 for 5 with two strikeouts in two games, one start (designated hitter), since his return.
- Is now 0 for 24 to start his career, which is the second longest career opening hitless streak in Oakland history...it is the longest in the majors by a non-pitcher since Aramis Ramirez also went 0 for his first 24 in 1998...the last non-pitcher with a longer hitless streak to start his career is Nigel Wilson, who went 0 for 25 from 1993-96 (source: Elias).
- Went 0 for 10 with four strikeouts in a three-game series here in Minnesota last August.
- Went 0 for 19 in six games, all starts in left field, during his first stint from August 9 to 15 when he made his Major League debut...struck out in all six games (nine total), matching the Oakland record for consecutive games with a strikeout to start a career (Brooks Conrad, 2008; Travis Buck, 2007).
- Has a .284 career average in six seasons in the minors with 149 home runs and 507 RBI in 673 games...has at least 25 home runs and 93 RBI in each of his last four seasons.
- Ranked fourth in the Pacific Coast League in home runs (31) and fifth in RBI (94), runs scored (92) and walks (73)...was also third in strikeouts (138)...tied for ninth in all of the minors in home runs...went 9 for 41 (.220) with four home runs and five RBI in 12 games with Sacramento following his option on August 16...was on the disabled list from August 28 to September 7 with a sprained left thumb...then hit .200 (1 for 5) with a home run and a RBI in two postseason games against Tacoma...appeared in 96 games at first base, 23 in left field and five in right field but made 19 of his last 24 appearances in left...his complete statistics with Sacramento this year:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.258	125	465	92	120	29	2	31	94	73	138	1	1	.529	.365

- Was named the A's Organizational Player of the Year for the second consecutive in 2009 after batting a combined .329 with 28 home runs and 115 RBI in 138 games with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...led all of Minor League baseball with 179 hits.

OAKLAND A's MOST CONSECUTIVE HITLESS AT BATS TO START A CAREER

25	Bill McNulty, July 9, 1969-Sept. 30, 1972
24	Chris Carter, August 9, 2010-present
23	Barry Zito, June 13, 2001-June 7, 2005
20	Phil Garner, Sept. 10, 1973-Aug. 13, 1974
17	Mike Gallego, April 11-August 22, 1985

3 ERIC CHAVEZ Current Streak: 0 for 6

- 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...was transferred to the 60-day DL July 7 and will miss the remainder of the season.
- 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 Career vs. Blackburn (.500, 2-4, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 3 games (4 for 10)
Kansas City Series: 4-10, 2 r, 2b, bb, so, 2 sb, cs Last Homestand: 10-30, 7 r, 2 hr, 8 rbi, 6 bb, 4 so, 8 sb

- Is batting .315 (45 for 143) with five home runs, 20 RBI, 25 runs scored and 18 stolen bases in 37 games since August 7.
- Ranks ninth in the American League with a career high 32 stolen bases in just 73 games...his previous high was 28 in 145 games with Boston in 2007...leads the majors in stolen bases in September (10) and since the All-Star Break (27).
- Was caught stealing on Monday, ending his streak of consecutive stolen bases at 24...that matched the fifth longest streak in Oakland history and was the longest since Stan Javier set the Oakland record with 28 consecutive steals from May 31, 1995 through the end of the season (and his Athletics career)...is 32 for 35 (91.4%) for the season, which is the best percentage in the majors and the second best mark in Oakland history.
- Is 4 for 12 (.333) against Minnesota.
- Had his streak of five consecutive games with a stolen base come to an end Tuesday night...it was the longest streak of consecutive games with a steal by an Athletic since July 17-22, 1992 when Rickey Henderson also had a five-game streak...had nine steals total during the streak.
- Had six stolen bases in the three-game series against Boston last weekend, which were the most by an Athletic in a three-game series since Rickey Henderson stole six against New York, May 8-10, 1992...that included a career high tying three steals a week ago tonight.
- Is tied for third among American League leadoff hitters in home runs (8), despite spending 2½ months on the disabled list...has batted leadoff in 71 of his 72 starts.
- Has two stints on the DL...was out from April 3-May 20 with a fractured left pinky and May 23-June 21 with a strained right intercostal muscle.
- 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.

OAKLAND A's SINGLE SEASON STOLEN BASE PERCENTAGE BESTS (min. 20 SB att.)

1.	Stan Javier, 1988	95.2% (20 for 21)
2.	Coco Crisp, 2010	91.4% (32 for 35)
3.	Rickey Henderson, 1989	89.7% (52 for 58)
4.	Mitchell Page, 1977	89.4% (42 for 47)
5.	Bert Campaneris, 1969	88.6% (62 for 70)

32 JACK CUST Career vs. Blackburn (.533, 8-15, 1 HR, 2 BB, 2 SO) Current Streak: 0 for 1
Kansas City Series: 2-7, r, hr, 2 rbi, bb, so Last Homestand: 9-26, 4 r, 3 2b, 7 rbi, 10 bb, 2 hbp, 9 so

- Is hitting .317 (20 for 63) with two home runs and 13 RBI over his last 22 games.
- Ranks fourth in the American League in walks (37) since the All-Star Break and is tied for fourth in strikeouts (62).
- His sixth inning home run Monday at Kansas City off Bullington was the 100th of his career...also hit 204 home runs as a minor leaguer...10 of his 11 home runs this year and 90 in his career have been hit off right-handed pitching...the A's have won each of the last seven games in which he has homered and are 9-1 when he homers for the season.
- Is 6 for 19 (.316) against Minnesota.
- Has a team-leading 106 strikeouts, his fourth consecutive 100 strikeout season...led the A's in strikeouts in each of the previous three seasons...only two players in Athletics history have led the team in strikeouts in more than three consecutive seasons: Reggie Jackson (8, 1968-75) and Jimmie Foxx (7, 1929-35).
- Was batting .273 with four home runs and 19 RBI in 33 games with the River Cats before the A's called May 15...was leading the PCL in walks (33) and ranked third in on-base percentage (.444) at the time of his promotion...appeared in 19 games at DH, seven in left and six in right.
- 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 Career vs. Blackburn (.333, 3-9, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 2 games (2 for 7)
Kansas City Series: 2-10, so, cs Last Homestand: 10-33, 5 r, 2b, 3b, 3 rbi, bb, 5 so, 4 sb, cs, sf, gdp

- Is 13 for 59 (.220) over his last 16 games.
- Has 44 stolen bases, which is an on-going career high (had 41 last year)...ranks second in the American League and third in the majors in steals bases...since 1993, the only Athletic with more steals in a season is Rickey Henderson, who stole 66 bases in 1998...his steals are the most by an Athletic not named Rickey Henderson since 1978 when Miguel Dilone had 50...now has 110 career stolen bases with the A's, which ranks eighth in Oakland history (Mike Davis is 7th, 121).
- Has been successful in 44 of 52 (84.6%) attempts, which is the eighth best percentage in the AL.
- Is a .305 (25 for 82) career hitter against Minnesota.
- Has had a roller coaster season with his batting average...hit .224 in April, .314 in May, .256 in June, .328 in July and .242 in August...is 13 for 51 (.255) over his first 13 games in September.
- Is the fourth player in Oakland history with two or more 40-steal seasons (Henderson 10, Campaneris 5, North 3).
- In addition to steals, he also has career highs in at bats (460), hits (123), home runs (5) and strikeouts (71).
- 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 41 stolen bases.

29 JOSH DONALDSON Career vs. Blackburn (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO) Current Streak: 2 games (3 for 7)
Kansas City Series: 0-0 Road Trip: 0-0

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento Tuesday for his second stint with the A's this year but has yet to appear in a game.
- Went 4 for 26 (.154) with a home run and three RBI in 10 games, including seven starts (five at catcher, two at designated hitter), during his first stint from April 30 to May 15 when he made his Major League debut.
- Had a career high 18 home runs with Sacramento despite appearing in just 86 games...was on the disabled list from August 4 to September 2 with a sprained right knee...went 0 for 11 with an RBI in three postseason games...during the regular season, he appeared in 64 games at catcher, eight at third base, three at first and one in left field...his complete stats with the River Cats:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.238	86	294	52	70	14	1	18	67	45	79	3	1	.476	.336

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

14 MARK ELLIS	Career vs. Blackburn (.500, 5-10, 2 HR, 1 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 1 game (2 for 4)
Kansas City Series: 3-9, r, rbi, so, gidp	Last Homestand: 15-33, 4 r, 4 2b, 4 rbi, 4 bb, hbp, 2 so, sb, cs	

- Is 22 for 50 (.440) with eight multiple hit games in 14 games in September and leads the American League in hits this month.
- Has hit safely in 14 of his last 15 games, including a career high 13-game hitting streak (21 for 49, .429) that was snapped on Tuesday when he grounded into a double play in his only at bat.
- Ranks second among AL second basemen with a .994 (3 errors in 468 chances) fielding percentage behind Robinson Cano (.996, 3 errors in 703 chances)...needs to appear in nine of the remaining 17 games to remain among the leaders...has two errors in his last 28 games after making one over his first 71 contests.
- Has a .323 (32 for 99) average with runners in scoring position.
- Has homered just once over his last 74 games and has just three for the season...all three have been solo shots on the road off right-handers and two have come on the first pitch...hit at least 10 home runs in each of the previous five seasons and has never hit fewer than six home runs in his career.
- Was on the disabled list from April 21 to May 21 with a strained left hamstring...it was his fifth career stint on the DL.
- 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. Blackburn (.286, 2-7, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 2)
Kansas City Series: 1-2, r, 2b	Last Homestand: 1-3, r, rbi, so, sb	

- Entered the game in the fifth inning Tuesday night and went 1 for 2 with a double in his first action since September 5 against Los Angeles...has not started since August 26 at Cleveland (right field), a stretch of 19 games without a start.
- Is 8 for 51 (.157) since the All-Star Break and is batting .179 (20 for 112) over his last 52 games (since June 4) after hitting .309 over his first 37 contests.
- Is batting .260 (45 for 173) against right-handed pitching and .121 (4 for 33) against left-handers...his career splits entering this season were .251 against righties and .152 against lefties.
- Is 0 for 11 with five strikeouts in three games against Minnesota this year and is 6 for 48 (.125) in his career.
- Hit his only home run of the season on May 27 at Baltimore and now has a 49-game homerless, which is the third longest of his career (53, August 22, 2007-May 2, 2008 and 52, August 19, 2009-May 25, 2010).
- Is 4 for 11 (.364) with four RBI and a walk as a pinch hitter this year...went 2 for 27 (.074) in the pinch last year
- 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).

45 JEREMY HERMIDA	Career vs. Blackburn (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 3
Kansas City Series: 1-6, 2b, bb, 2 so, gidp	Last Homestand: 2-15, 2b, 2 bb, 3 so, 2 gidp	

- Was selected from Triple-A Sacramento September 7 and is 3 for 21 (.143) in seven games, six starts (all in right field), since then...was signed by the A's to a minor league contract, September 3.
 - His double in the sixth inning Monday at Kansas City was the 99th of his career.
 - Batted .203 with five home runs and 27 RBI in 52 games with Boston this year...made 41 starts in left field and two in right field...was 3 for 8 (.375) with two RBI as a pinch hitter.
 - Was on the Red Sox Opening Day roster and was batting .217 with five home runs and 27 RBI in 45 games when he was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 10 with a fractured left ribcage...had a five-game rehab assignment with Double-A Portland and Triple-A Pawtucket before he was reinstated from the DL July 22...went 2 for 20 (.100) in seven games with the Red Sox before he was designated for assignment July 31.
 - Was sent outright to Pawtucket August 9 and went 18 for 58 (.310) with two home runs and 12 RBI in 17 games before he was released August 31...went 4 for 13 (.308) with a pair of doubles in three games with Sacramento (one in LF, one in RF, one at DH)...his 2010 minor league stats:
- | | AVG | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | BB | SO | SB | CS | SLG | OBP |
|------------------|------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|------|------|
| Portland (AA) | .273 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .455 | .333 |
| Pawtucket (AAA) | .288 | 19 | 66 | 7 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 16 | 0 | 0 | .394 | .329 |
| Sacramento (AAA) | .308 | 3 | 13 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .462 | .357 |
- Hit .259 with 13 home runs and 47 RBI in 129 games with Florida last year...drew a career-high 56 walks despite missing 28 of the final 29 games with an intercostal strain in his right side...finished the year with a 104-game errorless streak, which he extended to 113 games this year.

1 AKI IWAMURA	Career vs. Blackburn (.333, 1-3, 0 HR, 1 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 10
Kansas City Series: 0-10, r, rbi, 2 bb, 2 so	Road Trip: 0-10, r, rbi, 2 bb, 2 so	

- Was signed by the A's as a free agent Monday and has started each of the three games at third base since then (0 for 10)...is the second Japanese player to play for the A's, joining Keiichi Yabu (2005).
 - Was on the Opening Day roster for Pittsburgh and made 40 starts at second base...was also 4 for 12 (.333) as a pinch hitter...hit .205 (27 for 132) off right-handed pitching and was 3 for 33 (.091) against left-handers...was batting .182 in 54 games overall before he was optioned to Indianapolis June 22.
 - Went 10 for 30 (.333) with four RBI over his final nine games for the Indians...appeared in 38 games at third base and nine at second base overall...was on the disabled list from July 29 to August 6 with a concussion...was designated for assignment when the season ended September 7, was outrighted off the 40-man roster September 9 and released the next day...his 2010 statistics with Indianapolis:
- | | AVG | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | BB | SO | SB | CS | SLG | OBP |
|--------------------|------|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|------|------|
| Indianapolis (AAA) | .264 | 50 | 163 | 26 | 43 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 38 | 32 | 0 | 2 | .393 | .404 |
- Batted .290 with a home run and 22 RBI in 69 games with Tampa Bay in 2009...missed close to three months of the season after suffering a partially torn ACL May 24...had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee June 22 and returned August 29.

28 CONOR JACKSON	Current Streak: 0 for 9
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- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list August 20 with a lower abdominal strain...had surgery for a sports hernia September 1 (Dr. Williams Meyers, Philadelphia) and was transferred to the 60-day DL Monday...this is his third stint on the DL this year and his fifth over the last three years...was out from July 1 to August 15 with a strained right hamstring and had the same injury with the Diamondbacks from April 19 to May 6.
- 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. Blackburn (1.000, 2-2, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 3)
Boston Series: DNP	Last Homestand: 2-10, 2 r, hr, 2 rbi, hp, so, gidp	

- Left the game with lower back spasms after singling in the fifth inning September 5 against Los Angeles and has not played in the nine games since then.
- Is 13 for 46 (.283) with 12 RBI over his last 12 games and eight of the 12 hits are for extra bases (three doubles, one triple, four home runs)...had gone 4 for 42 (.095) over his previous 14 games.
- Has a team leading 14 home runs...there have been just two seasons in Oakland history in which the A's did not have a 20-home run hitter: 1978 (Page, 17) and 1983 (Murphy and Lopes, 17).
- Also leads the A's with 69 RBI...the only time in Oakland history the A's team leader finished with fewer than 74 RBI was in 1978 (Mitchell Page, 70).
- Is batting .200 (23 for 115) since August 1...combined for a .303 batting average in June and July after hitting .244 in April and May.
- Has a career high tying 31 doubles (also 2008 and 2009)...his two stolen bases are a career high.
- Is tied for fifth in the AL in grounded into double plays (20).
- Has committed 11 errors this year after making just three 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.

19 JEFF LARISH	Career vs. Blackburn (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 13
Kansas City Series: 0-1, r, bb		Last Homestand: 1-16, r, 2b, 2 rbi, 2 bb, 8 so

- Is 0 for his last 13, which is the longest hitless streak of his career...is 1 for 26 over his last nine games.
- Has started seven of the A's last 16 games in left field, his first appearances in the outfield in the majors or minors (made two appearances in the outfield with Detroit this spring).
- Is 6 for 19 (.316) with two home runs and three RBI in nine career games against Minnesota.
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento August 20 for his second stint with the A's this year and is 8 for 45 (.178) with two home runs, eight RBI and 16 strikeouts in 14 games, 13 starts (seven in left field, three at third base, two at designated hitter, one at first base), since his return.
- Was previously up from August 9 to 15 and appeared in one game, going 0 for 3 in a start at first base at Seattle August 9.
- Was claimed off waivers from the Tigers on August 3...began the season at Triple-A Toledo but was recalled by Detroit on July 25...went 2 for 10 (.200) with an RBI in three games with the Tigers before he was designated for assignment July 30.
- Went 3 for 12 (.250) with a double, a home run and four RBI in three games with Sacramento following his option on August 16...drove in at least one run in each of his eight games with the River Cats...his statistics with Toledo and Sacramento this year:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Toledo	.275	84	298	43	82	21	0	15	55	45	84	1	0	.497	.373
Sacramento	.361	8	36	8	13	2	0	5	19	3	9	0	1	.833	.410

- Batted .216 with four home runs and seven RBI in 32 games with Detroit last year and .265 with six home runs and 26 RBI in 61 games with Triple-A Toledo.

2 CLIFF PENNINGTON	Career vs. Blackburn (.667, 2-3, 1 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 9
Kansas City Series: 0-8, bb		Last Homestand: 6-28, 3 r, 3b, hr, 4 rbi, 2 bb, 8 so, sb, sh, gidp

- Is 11 for 74 (.149) over his last 24 games and is now batting .194 (30 for 155) over his last 51 games after hitting .271 over his first 88 contests.
- His sixth inning triple last Sunday was his eighth of the season, which ranks fourth in the American League and tied for the sixth best single season total in Oakland history...is just the second Athletic in the last 23 years with at least seven triples in a season (Eric Byrnes, 9 in 2003).
- Has been successful in 24 of 29 (82.8%) stolen base attempts, which is the ninth best percentage in the AL...his 24 steals are the most by an A's infielder since Carney Lansford had 35 of his 37 steals in 1989 while playing the infield.
- Also ranks tied for seventh in the American League in sacrifice hits (10) and ninth in most at bats per grounded into double play (90.8).
- Is 4 for 13 (.308) against Minnesota this year and 10 for 33 (.303) in his career.
- Has 21 errors, which is the most among American League shortstops and the most by an A's shortstop since Miguel Tejada also had 21 in 2003...since 1988, the only A's shortstop with more errors in a season is Tejada (26 in 1998)...has 16 errors in his last 83 games after making five over his first 56.
- 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. Blackburn (.000, 0-2, 0 HR, 1 BB, 1 SO)	Current Streak: 2 games (2 for 7)
Kansas City Series: 1-3, r, rbi		Last Homestand: 1-4, rbi, 2 so

- Entered the game in the fourth inning Tuesday night and went 1 for 3 with an RBI in his first action since a start at catcher on September 5.
- Has appeared in just 13 of the A's 53 games since July 19 and is 5 for 33 (.152) over that span.
- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento June 11 for his fourth stint with the A's this year and is 10 for 54 (.185) in 21 games, including 13 starts at catcher, since his return...started two of the first three games behind the plate following his return with Suzuki on the bereavement list but has started just 11 of 80 games since then.
- Has tossed out 3 of 16 (18.8%) attempted base stealers this year and 12 of 36 (33.3%) 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.
- Batted .200 (9 for 45) with one home run, two RBI and 10 walks in 14 games with Sacramento.
- Spent the entire 2009 season on the A's roster but appeared in just 46 games as the back-up to Kurt Suzuki...hit .229 with seven home runs and 30 RBI in his Major League debut...the RBI were second most in Oakland history by a player with 50 or fewer games played.

7 ADAM ROSALES	Current Streak: 0 for 7
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- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list August 13 retroactive to August 12 with a stress fracture in his right ankle...this is his first career stint on the DL...was transferred to the 60-day disabled list a week ago today and will miss the remainder of the season.
- Started at least one game at six different positions (45 at second base, nine at shortstop, five at third base, three in left field, three at first base and one at designated hitter)...the last Athletic to start at least one games at six different positions was Scott Brosius in 1995 (first, second, third, left, center and right).
- Batted .213 with four home runs and 19 RBI in 87 games over two stints with Cincinnati last year...appeared in at least four games at all four infield positions...also hit.349 with five home runs and 20 RBI in 30 games with Triple-A Louisville.

36 ERIC SOGARD	Career vs. Blackburn (---, 0-0, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 0 for 1
Kansas City Series: 1-3, bb, so		Road Trip: 1-3, bb, so

- Was selected from Triple-A Sacramento Tuesday and has pinch hit in each of the two games since then.
- Made his Major League debut Tuesday night in Kansas City when he pinch hit for Mark Ellis in the fourth inning...walked in that at bat but singled off Dusty Hughes in the eighth inning for his first big league hit.
- Was acquired by the A's from San Diego along with Kevin Kouzmanoff for Scott Hairston and Aaron Cunningham on January 16, 2010.
- Has a .295 career average with 25 home runs and 236 RBI in 441 games in four seasons in the minors...also walked 237 times and stole 46 bases.
- Ranked fourth in the Pacific Coast League in walks (75) and was fifth in games played (137)...appeared in 95 games at second base, 25 at shortstop and 14 at third base...went 12 for 26 (.462) with three doubles, two home runs and eight RBI over his final seven regular season games and then hit .316 (6 for 19) with seven runs, five walks and two RBI in five postseason games...his complete stats with the River Cats:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.300	137	514	82	154	28	6	5	65	75	68	14	9	.407	.391

- Made his Double-A debut at San Antonio in the San Diego organization last year and batted .293 with six home runs and 51 RBI in 117 games...ranked ninth in the Texas League in batting.

8 KURT SUZUKI	Career vs. Blackburn (.400, 4-10, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 SO)	Current Streak: 1 game (1 for 4)
Kansas City Series: 1-9, rbi		Last Homestand: 6-29, 3 r, 2 2b, 5 rbi, 4 bb, hbp, 3 so, 2 gidp

- Is 7 for 40 (.175) over his last 12 games but has six RBI over that span.
- Was hit by a pitch for the 12th time this year last Sunday, which is a new career high and tied for third in the American League.
- The A's pitching staff has a 3.30 ERA (343 er in 935.2 ip) with him behind the plate and he has the lowest catchers ERA in the AL by half a run (Pierzynski, CWS 3.80)...A's pitchers have a 4.36 ERA (167 er in 344.1 ip) with all other catchers.
- Has thrown out just 2 of the last 30 attempted stealers and has tossed out 10 of 70 (14.3%) for the season, which is the second lowest percentage in the AL (Cervelli, NYY 14.0%)...the lowest mark in Oakland history is 15.1% by Jason Kendall in 2005.
- Is tied for fifth in the AL in grounded into double plays (20) and ranks sixth in plate appearances per strikeout (10.62).
- Ranks fourth among AL catchers in RBI (58) and tied for fourth in home runs (12) despite missing 19 games while on the disabled list and three games while on the bereavement list.
- Caught the 447th game of his career last Saturday night, moving him past Gene Tenace for fourth most in Oakland history...now has 451.
- Has hit 11 of his 12 home runs against right-handed pitching...eight have come at home as have 25 of his 41 career home runs...has not homered since July 28 at Texas and his 41-game homerless streak is the third longest of his career (45, September 11, 2007-May 6, 2008 and 43, August 20, 2008-April 21, 2009).
- Has started 69 of the A's 80 games at catcher since missing three games from June 18-20 while on the Bereavement/Family Medical Emergency List...was on the 15-day disabled list from April 24 to May 15 with an intercostal strain...it was his first career stint on the DL.
- Agreed to terms on a four-year contract through the 2013 season with a club option for 2014 on July 23.
- Led AL catchers in games started for the second consecutive season last year (132) and had career-highs in runs (74), hits (156), doubles (37), home runs (15), RBI (88), steals (8) and slugging (.421)...became just the second catcher in Athletics history to lead the club in RBI.

HIGHS AND LOWS

TEAM BATTING

Most Runs, Game, A's	15, July 10 vs. Los Angeles
Most Runs, Game, Opponents	12, May 15 at Los Angeles
Most Runs, Inning, A's	8, July 10 vs. Los Angeles (3 rd)
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 (four times), last: July 10 vs. Los Angeles (3 rd)
Most Hits, Inning, Opponents	7, September 7 vs. Seattle (2 nd)
Most Home Runs, Game, A's	4, June 3 at Boston
Most Home Runs, Game, Opponents	5, May 12 at Texas and June 30 at Baltimore
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, May 29 at Detroit and June 25 vs. Pittsburgh
Most Triples, Game, Opponents	2, April 21 vs. New York
Most Stolen Bases, Game, A's	4 (five times), last: September 10 vs. Boston
Most Stolen Bases, Game, Opponents	4, July 23 vs. Chicago (AL)

TEAM PITCHING

Most Strikeouts, A's	14, June 21 vs. Cincinnati
Most Strikeouts, Opponents	17, May 30 at Detroit
Most Walks, A's	10, April 20 vs. New York
Most Walks, Opponents	9, July 24 vs. Chicago
Fewest Hits Allowed, A's	0, May 9 vs. Tampa Bay
Fewest Hits Allowed, Opponents	1, August 16 vs. Toronto and September 2 at New York

TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

Longest Winning Streak	5, July 10 to 18
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	14, July 10 vs. Los Angeles (15-1)
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, August 13 at Minnesota and September 7 vs. Seattle
Most Left on Base, Extra Inning Game	14, May 18 vs. Seattle
Fewest Left on Base, Game	2, April 22 vs. New York, May 19 vs. Detroit and August 16 vs. Toronto
Most Errors, Game	4, April 5 vs. Seattle
Largest Comeback in Win	4, July 20 vs. Boston
Largest Lead Surrendered in Loss	4, June 1 at Boston

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Most Runs, Game	4, Daric Barton, August 28 at Texas
Most Hits, Game	4 (10 times), last: Kurt Suzuki, August 28 at Texas
Most Doubles, Game	3, Daric Barton, June 26 vs. Pittsburgh and Mark Ellis, August 11 at Seattle
Most Triples, Game	1 (29 times), last: Cliff Pennington, September 12 vs. Boston
Most Home Runs, Game	2, Kurt Suzuki, June 3 at Boston and Jack Cust, July 24 vs. Chicago (AL)
Most Runs Batted In, Game	5, Ryan Sweeney, May 4 vs. Texas and Rajai Davis, July 10 vs. Los Angeles
Most Walks, Game	3 (six times), last: Jack Cust, September 10 vs. Boston
Most Strikeouts, Game	4, Gabe Gross, June 5 vs. Minnesota
Most Stolen Bases, Game	3, Rajai Davis, May 26 at Baltimore and Coco Crisp, September 10 vs. Boston
Longest Hitting Streak	15, Kevin Kouzmanoff, May 31 to June 15

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Most Strikeouts, Game	11, Gio Gonzalez, August 1 at Chicago (AL)
Most Walks, Game	6, Vin Mazzaro, June 29 at Baltimore and Trevor Cahill, September 4 vs. Los Angeles
Most Innings, Game, Starter	9.0 (five times), last: Dallas Braden, August 28 at Texas
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	23.0, Trevor Cahill, July 23 to August 8
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	-	134	5	-	-	1	-	-	-
Buck	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	1
Carson	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	9	3
Carter	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	-
Chavez	-	-	-	4	12	10	3	-	-
Crisp	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cust	-	-	1	41	25	12	7	1	-
Davis	43	4	-	-	1	8	20	22	20
Donaldson	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	-
Ellis	2	3	3	-	21	34	22	17	1
Fox	-	-	-	-	4	12	7	-	1
Gross	-	-	-	-	2	7	28	13	-
Hermida	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-
Iwamura	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Jackson	1	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kouzmanoff	-	-	7	56	38	25	3	-	-
Larish	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	4	-
Patterson	2	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	7
Pennington	26	-	-	-	-	-	1	12	93
Powell	-	-	-	-	-	4	10	10	3
Rosales	-	3	-	-	15	18	15	12	4
Suzuki	-	-	56	44	13	-	-	-	-
Sweeney	-	-	59	-	14	3	1	-	-
Tolleson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	2
Watson	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	-

GAMES BY POSITION

PLAYER	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH							
	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS	G	GS						
Barton	-	-	141	140	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Buck	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	3	3					
Carson	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	1	20	15					
Carter	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	1	1				
Chavez	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	29				
Crisp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	71	-	1	1			
Cust	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	12	-	3	2	73	73			
Davis	-	-	-	-	-	-	45	33	70	61	25	24	-			
Donaldson	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2			
Ellis	-	-	-	-	99	97	-	-	-	-	-	6	6			
Fox	8	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	9	6	-	11	11		
Gross	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	20	9	9	45	19	2	2	
Hermida	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	6	-	-	
Iwamura	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jackson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	15	-	-	-	1	1	
Kouzmanoff	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	129	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Larish	-	-	4	2	-	-	5	3	-	7	7	-	-	2	2	
Patterson	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	25	22	7	2	-	-	
Pennington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	139	132	-	-	-	-	-	
Powell	33	26	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Rosales	-	-	7	3	47	45	5	5	14	10	5	3	-	-	1	1
Sogard	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suzuki	109	107	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	
Sweeney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	80	76	-	-	
Tolleson	-	-	-	-	4	2	6	5	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Watson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	10	-	-	-	-	-	

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	TOT
Barton	22	11	0	0	33
Buck	2	0	0	0	2
Carson	2	0	0	0	2
Chavez	7	0	0	0	7
Crisp	16	6	0	0	22
Cust	19	3	0	0	22
Davis	22	6	2	0	30
Donaldson	1	0	0	0	1
Ellis	23	7	0	0	30
Fox	2	2	0	0	4
Gross	8	3	0	0	11
Jackson	3	0	0	0	3
Kouzmanoff	28	6	1	0	35
Larish	1	1	0	0	2
Patterson	4	1	0	0	5
Pennington	16	4	2	0	22
Powell	4	1	0	0	5
Rosales	10	4	1	0	15
Suzuki	21	4	2	0	27
Sweeney	14	5	2	0	21
Tolleson	2	1	0	0	3

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

PLAYER	2	3	4	5	6	TOT
Barton	12	0	2	0	0	14
Chavez	1	1	0	0	0	2
Crisp	5	3	1	0	0	9
Cust	8	2	0	0	0	10
Davis	5	2	0	1	0	8
Donaldson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ellis	6	1	1	0	0	8
Fox	2	0	0	0	0	2
Gross	2	0	0	0	0	2
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kouzmanoff	13	4	0	0	0	17
Larish	2	0	1	0	0	3
Patterson	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pennington	6	2	1	0	0	9
Powell	1	0	0	0	0	1
Rosales	5	1	2	0	0	8
Suzuki	10	4	1	0	0	15
Sweeney	2	1	0	1	0	4

GAME TYING/GO-AHEAD RBI

PLAYER	GT	GA	TOT
Barton	4	12	16
Carson	1	0	1
Chavez	1	2	3
Crisp	2	8	10
Cust	4	13	17
Davis	5	4	9
Donaldson	1	0	1
Ellis	2	10	12
Fox	1	3	4
Gross	1	3	4
Jackson	2	1	3
Kouzmanoff	8	17	25
Larish	0	1	1
Patterson	0	2	2
Pennington	4	7	11
Powell	2	2	4
Rosales	3	4	7
Suzuki	6	17	23
Sweeney	1	10	11
Watson	2	0	2

HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

REGULAR SEASON HOME RUNS					LAST REGULAR SEASON HOME RUN				Grand Slams (1)
Player	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Tot.	Date	Opponent	Pitcher	GP Since
Barton	5	3	0	0	8	Aug. 31, 2010	at New York	Gaudin	14
Carson	3	0	0	0	3	Sept. 15, 2010	at Kansas City	Chen	--
Carter	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	---	8
Chavez	0	1	0	0	1	May 11, 2010	at Texas	Lewis	6
Crisp	4	2	2	0	8	Sept. 8, 2010	Seattle	French	6
Cust	6	4	1	0	11	Sept. 13, 2010	at Kansas City	Bullington	2
Davis	3	1	0	1	5	Aug. 2, 2010	Kansas City	Bannister	39
Donaldson	0	1	0	0	1	May 1, 2010	at Toronto	Eveland	7
Ellis	3	0	0	0	3	Aug. 29, 2010	at Texas	Lewis	16
Gross	0	1	0	0	1	May 27, 2010	at Baltimore	Bergesen	49
Hermida	2	3	0	0	5	June 3, 2010	Oakland	Mazzaro	16
Iwamura	1	1	0	0	2	April 13, 2010	at San Fran.	Cain	47
Jackson	1	1	0	0	2	Aug. 16, 2010	Toronto	Marcum	3
Kouzmanoff	8	6	0	0	14	Sept. 3, 2010	Los Angeles	Bulger	2
Larish	1	1	0	0	2	Aug. 30, 2010	at New York	Moseley	9
Pennington	1	1	2	0	4	Sept. 3, 2010	Los Angeles	Stokes	11
Powell	1	0	0	0	1	May 28, 2010	at Detroit	Willis	20
Rosales	4	2	1	0	7	July 18, 2010	at Kansas City	Bannister	10
Sogard	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	---	2
Suzuki	6	4	2	0	12	July 28, 2010	at Texas	Lewis	40
Sweeney	0	1	0	0	1	May 4, 2010	Texas	Feldman	54
Tolleson	0	0	0	0	0	---	---	---	15
Team	52	30	8	1	91				

Grand Slams (1)
Rajai Davis, July 10 vs. Los Angeles (Kazmir)

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 (1)
Coco Crisp, September 6 vs. Seattle (Vargas)

Back-To-Back Home Runs (3)
Cust and Kouzmanoff, June 3 at Boston (Delcarmen)
Crisp and Barton, July 10 vs. Los Angeles (Kazmir)
Suzuki and Cust, July 24 vs. Chicago (Pena)

Inside-The-Park Home Runs (0)
None

Walk-Off Wins (6)
April 6 vs. Seattle (Ellis single)
April 7 vs. Seattle (Suzuki double)
April 17 vs. Baltimore (Sweeney single)
May 18 vs. Seattle (Suzuki single)
July 20 vs. Boston (Kouzmanoff single)
August 18 vs. Toronto (Pennington single)

MILESTONES

Player	Category	No.	Needs	Player	Category	No.	Needs
Bailey	Saves	50	11 for 61 (ties Howell for 6 th in Athletics history)	Hermida	Hits	487	13 for 500
Davis	Steals (w/Oak)	110	11 for 121 (ties Davis for 7 th in Oakland history)		Doubles	99	1 for 100
Ellis	Doubles	188	3 for 191 (ties Tejada for 10 th in Oakland history)	Suzuki	Hits	461	39 for 500
	Triples	21	1 for 22 (ties Bando for 8 th in Oakland history)		Doubles	91	9 for 100

DISABLED LIST

Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed	Player	Injury	Dates	Games Missed
Anderson	Left elbow inflam./forearm strain	April 25-May 28	30	Ellis	Strained left hamstring	April 21-May 21	28
Anderson	Left elbow inflammation	June 4-July 29	46	Jackson	Strained right hamstring	July 1-August 15	37
Bailey	Right intercostal strain	July 21-August 21	28	Jackson	Lower abdominal strain	August 20-present	25
Braden	Left elbow stiffness	June 23-July 19	20	Meloan	Right elbow surgery	March 29-present	145
Buck	Strained right oblique	April 21-July 29	86	Outman	Left elbow surgery recovery	March 26-present	145
Cahill	Stress reaction, left scapula	April 4-19	14	Rosales	Stress fracture, right ankle	August 12-present	33
Chavez	Neck spasms	May 21-present	103	Sheets	Strained right elbow	July 20-present	52
Crisp	Fractured left pinky	April 3-May 20	42	Suzuki	Intercostal strain	April 24-May 15	19
Crisp	Strained right intercostal	May 23-June 21	28	Sweeney	Right patella tendinitis	July 12-present	56
Devine	Right elbow surgery recovery	March 26-present	145	Watson	Kidney stones	August 8-25	16
Duchscherer	Left hip inflammation	April 30-May 14	13	Wuertz	Right shoulder tendinitis	March 26-May 2	26
Duchscherer	Left hip inflammation	May 15-present	109				

The A's have placed 23 players on the disabled list this season...placed 17 players on the disabled list in 2009, an Oakland record 25 in 2008 and 22 in 2007.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

May 26	Coco Crisp placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May 23 (strained right intercostal muscle); Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento	July 24	Ben Sheets placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 20 (strained right elbow); Cedrick Bowers recalled from Sacramento
May 29	Brett Anderson reinstated from the disabled list; Cedrick Bowers optioned to Sacramento	July 30	Brett Anderson reinstated from the disabled list; Andrew Bailey placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 21 (right intercostal strain); Travis Buck reinstated from the 60-day disabled list and optioned to Sacramento; Ryan Sweeney transferred to the 60-day disabled list
June 3	Adam Heather claimed off waivers from Milwaukee and optioned to Sacramento; Justin Duchscherer transferred to the 60-day disabled list	July 31	Boof Bonser selected from Sacramento; Cedrick Bowers optioned to Sacramento; Ben Sheets transferred to the 60-day disabled list
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	August 3	Jeff Larish claimed off waivers from Detroit and optioned to Sacramento; Adam Heather designated for assignment
June 8	Matt Carson recalled from Sacramento; Henry Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento	August 5	Adam Heather outrighted to Sacramento
June 11	Kurt Suzuki placed on the bereavement list; Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento	August 8	Conor Jackson sent to Arizona A's on rehab assignment
June 13	Jake Fox designated for assignment	August 9	Chris Carter and Jeff Larish recalled from Sacramento; Matt Carson optioned to Sacramento; Matt Watson placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to August 8 (kidney stones)
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	August 11	Conor Jackson transferred to Stockton on rehab
June 22	Coco Crisp reinstated from the disabled list; Eric Patterson designated for assignment; Jake Fox traded to the Baltimore Orioles for minor league pitcher Ross Wolf and cash considerations	August 13	Adam Rosales placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to August 12 (stress fracture, right ankle); Steve Tolleson recalled from Sacramento; Conor Jackson transferred to Sacramento on rehab
June 26	Eric Patterson traded to the Boston Red Sox for minor league pitcher Fabian Williamson	August 16	Conor Jackson reinstated from the disabled list; Travis Buck recalled from Sacramento; Chris Carter and Jeff Larish optioned to Sacramento
July 2	Jeff Lyman claimed off waivers from Atlanta and optioned to Midland	August 20	Conor Jackson placed on the 15-day disabled list (lower abdominal strain); Jeff Larish recalled from Sacramento; Andrew Bailey sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
July 3	Dallas Braden placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to June 23 (left elbow stiffness); Clayton Mortensen recalled from Sacramento	August 22	Andrew Bailey reinstated from the disabled list; Ross Wolf optioned to Sacramento; Matt Watson sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
July 5	Conor Jackson placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 1 (strained right hamstring); Clayton Mortensen optioned to Sacramento; Matt Carson recalled from Sacramento; Matt Watson selected from Sacramento; Travis Buck transferred to the 60-day DL	August 24	Matt Carson recalled from Sacramento; Travis Buck optioned to Sacramento
July 7	Ross Wolf selected from Sacramento; Tyson Ross optioned to Sacramento; Eric Chavez transferred to the 60-day DL	August 26	Matt Watson reinstated from the disabled list and outrighted to Sacramento
July 9	Brett Anderson sent to Arizona A's on rehab assignment	Sept. 1	Ross Wolf recalled from Sacramento; Justin James selected from Sacramento; Cedrick Bowers outrighted to Sacramento
July 11	Travis Buck sent to Arizona A's on rehab assignment	Sept. 6	Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento
July 15	Dallas Braden sent to Stockton on rehab assignment	Sept. 7	Jeremy Hermida selected from Sacramento
July 19	Ryan Sweeney placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 12 (right patella tendinitis); Henry Rodriguez recalled from Sacramento; Travis Buck transferred to Sacramento on rehab	Sept. 10	Bobby Cramer selected from Sacramento; Adam Rosales transferred to the 60-day disabled list
July 20	Dallas Braden reinstated from the disabled list; Cedrick Bowers optioned to Sacramento; Brett Anderson transferred to Sacramento on rehab	Sept. 13	Agreed to terms with free agent Aki Iwamura; Conor Jackson transferred to the 60-day disabled list
		Sept. 14	Chris Carter, Josh Donaldson and Vin Mazzaro recalled from Sacramento; Eric Sogard selected from Sacramento; Jeff Lyman designated for assignment

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

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

SATURDAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Dallas Braden (9-12, 3.56 ERA)

BRADEN BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	9	12	3.56	26	166.2	66
2009	8	9	3.89	22	136.2	59
Career	23	33	4.27	87	447.1	212
Home	5	8	3.84	16	100.2	43
Road	4	4	3.14	10	66.0	23
Day	5	4	3.18	10	65.0	23
Night	4	8	3.81	16	101.2	43
Pre-ASB	4	7	3.83	15	94.0	40
Post-ASB	5	5	3.22	11	72.2	26
		AVG.	AB	H		
vs. LHH		.259	158	41		
vs. RHH		.246	468	115		

RUN SUPPORT

Braden	
Runs Scored	Times
0	5
1	5
2	5
3	1
4	5
5	3
6	2
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
Run Support Avg.	3.51

BRADEN vs. MINNESOTA

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	0	0	5.68	1	6.1	4
2009	0	0	2.57	2	14.0	4
Career	0	1	3.38	5	32.0	12

Braden's Starts vs. Minnesota

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
8/20/08	A	L	5.2	6	3	3	3	7
8/30/08	H	--	6.0	7	2	1	2	2
6/10/09	H	--	7.0	6	2	2	2	4
7/21/09	H	--	7.0	5	2	2	4	3
6/4/10	H	--	6.1	6	4	4	1	2

Minnesota Career Batting vs. Braden

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Butera	.000	2	0	0	0	0
Casilla	.000	4	0	0	2	0
Cuddyer	.000	6	0	0	0	1
Hardy	.000	3	0	0	0	0
Harris	.100	10	1	0	0	4
Hudson	.333	3	1	0	0	0
Kubel	.286	7	2	0	2	2
Mauer	.462	13	6	0	0	1
Morneau	.308	13	4	1	3	0
Punto	.273	11	3	0	0	1
Span	.125	8	1	1	1	1
Thome	.333	3	1	0	0	0
Tolbert	.500	2	1	0	1	0
Valencia	.333	3	1	0	0	0
Young	.294	17	5	0	0	4

BRADEN'S CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	0, 5/9/10 vs. TB
IP:	9.0 (four times), last: 8/28/10 at TEX
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:	5, last: 8/28/10 at TEX
Shutouts:	2, last: 8/28/10 at TEX

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his 27th start of the season, his 12th since coming off the disabled list July 20...the A's are 11-15 (.423) in his starting assignments this year and are 31-41 (.431) in his career...has tossed six or more innings in 19 of his 26 starts, allowed two runs or fewer 12 times and walked two batter or fewer 24 times.

IN SEPTEMBER: Is 0-3 with a 6.32 ERA (11 er in 15.2 ip) in three starts in September and has tossed fewer than 6.0 innings in all three starts...went 3-2 with a 2.19 ERA in five starts in August and ranked eighth in AL in August ERA.

ERA AND WINNING PERCENTAGE: Has career highs with nine wins and 12 losses and his 3.56 ERA is currently the lowest of his career (previously 3.89 in 2009)...the last time an A's pitcher finished the season with an ERA under 3.83 and a losing record was in 1978 when Matt Keough went 8-15 with a 3.24 ERA and Rick Langford went 7-13 with a 3.43 ERA.

SINCE HIS RETURN: Is 5-5 with a 3.22 ERA (26 er in 72.2 ip) in 11 starts since he was reinstated from the disabled list July 20...was placed on the 15-day DL July 3 retroactive to June 23 with left elbow tightness...it was his second career stint on the DL...made one rehab start for Single-A Stockton on July 15 and had a no decision in the Ports 10-9 win over Visalia (4.0 ip, 7 h, 3 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 4 so).

DAYS REST: Is scheduled to pitch on five days rest today...is 4-10 with a 4.55 ERA (48 er in 95.0 ip) in 15 starts on four days rest and 5-2 with a 2.26 ERA (18 er in 71.2 ip) in his 11 starts on five or more days rest.

DON'T WALK: Walked a season high four batters in his last start, snapped a streak of 20 consecutive starts with two walks or fewer...that tied for the third longest such streak by a starting pitcher in Oakland history...Gil Heredia set the record with a 26-game streak (April 10-August 28, 1999) and Brett Anderson had a 22-game streak end September 11...has issued 36 free passes in 166.2 innings for the season for an average of 1.94 per nine innings...that is the **third** lowest mark in the American League.

RUN SUPPORT: Has received run support of two runs or fewer in 15 of his 26 starts this year and his season run support of 3.51 (65 rs in 166.2 ip) is **fourth** lowest in the American League...has 13 runs of support in his 12 losses this year (70.1 ip, 1.66 RSA) and 32 runs of support in his 33 career losses (179.0 ip, 1.61 RSA)...has run support of 4.71 (38 rs in 72.2 ip) in his 11 starts since coming off the disabled list after receiving support of 2.59 runs over his first 15 starts...is 2-30 in 44 career starts with support of two runs or fewer and 20-3 in 28 starts with run support of three or more...has career run support of 3.59 (169 rs in 424.0 ip) as a starter.

INNING BY INNING: Allowed all four runs in his last start in the sixth inning and has yielded 31 of his 73 runs this year in the fifth and sixth inning (12 in the fifth, 19 in the sixth)...has a 2.42 ERA (28 er in 104.0 ip) over the first four innings of a game and a 5.46 ERA (38 er in 62.2 ip) average after that.

ON THE BASES: Ranks **third** in the American League with a career high tying seven pickoffs (also 2008)...now has 16 career pickoffs...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 2 in stolen base attempts off him this year and 4 for 10 (40.0%) in his career.

SHUTOUTS AND COMPLETE GAMES: Tossed his second shutout of the season August 28 at Texas, which is **tied for the American League lead**...is the first A's pitcher with two shutouts since Tim Hudson in 2004...the shutout was his fifth complete game, which is **tied for third in the AL** and is the most by an A's pitcher since Mark Mulder had five in 2004...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.

BRADEN AND POWELL: Has made eight starts with Landon Powell as his catcher and is 4-4 with four complete games, both of his shutouts and a 2.29 ERA (15 er in 59.0 ip) in those starts, including his perfect game...is 5-8 with a 4.26 ERA (51 er in 107.2 ip) in his other 18 starts.

PERFECT: Pitched the 19th of the 20 perfect games in Major League history on Mother's Day, May 9, against Tampa Bay...it was the second by an Athletic (Hunter vs. Minnesota, May 8, 1968)...then went 0-5 with a 4.10 ERA and .319 opponents batting average in his next nine starts before snapping his losing streak on July 25...according to the Elias Sports Bureau, the nine consecutive starts without a win following a no-hitter or perfect game is the longest streak in major league history...the previous was eight by Mark Buehrle following his perfect game in 2009...received just 12 runs of support over the nine start stretch (2.05 RSA)...**please see the expanded game notes at pressbox.oaklandathletics.com or mlbpressbox.com for more information about his perfect game.**

LAST START: He lost his third consecutive start in the A's 5-3 loss to Boston last Sunday in Oakland...blanked the Red Sox on three hits and three walks over the first five innings and took a 3-0 lead into the sixth...retired the first two batters before allowing a Beltre double, an Ortiz single and a Lowell walk to load the bases...allowed a two-run double to Drew to cut the lead to 3-2 and was relieved by Rodriguez, who allowed a two-run pinch hit single to Kalish for the blown save.

BRADEN vs. MINNESOTA: Is 0-1 with a 3.38 ERA (32.0 ip, 30 h, 13 r, 12 er, 12 bb, 18 so, 2 hr) in five career starts...is 0-0 with a 2.05 ERA (9 er in 26.1 ip) in four starts in Oakland and 0-1 with a 4.76 ERA (3 er in 5.2 ip) in one start at the Metrodome...had a no decision in his only start this year, a 5-4 A's loss in 11 innings on June 4 in Oakland...allowed a two-run home run to Morneau in the first but then retired 15 of the next 16 batters...allowed two more runs in the sixth inning on a RBI single by Kubel and a RBI double by Young...left trailing 4-1 but the A's scored twice in the seventh and once in the eighth to get him off the hook.

BRADEN'S 2010 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PT
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	1	2	2	81
April 28	at TB	3-10	L	4.20	4.0	8	6	6	3	1	0	88
April Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				3-1	4.20	30.0	26	14	14	7	19	4
May 3	TEX	2-4	L	4.14	7.0	11	3	3	0	3	0	97
May 9	TB	4-0	W	3.33	9.0	0	0	0	0	6	0	109
May 14	at LAA	0-4	L	3.56	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
June 17	at CHI (NL)	2-3	--	3.78	6.0	5	1	1	1	4	1	83
June 22	CIN	2-4	L	3.83	6.0	10	4	3	1	4	0	106
June Totals (4 G, 4 GS)				0-2	4.50	24.0	32	14	12	4	14	2
July 20	BOS	5-4 (10)	--	3.74	4.2	10	4	1	1	6	0	94
July 25	CWS	6-4	W	3.77	6.1	5	3	3	2	5	0	98
July 31	at CWS	6-2	W	3.63	9.0	8	2	2	1	5	1	111
July Totals (3 G, 3 GS)				2-0	2.70	20.0	23	9	6	4	16	1
Aug. 6	TEX	1-5	L	3.75	6.0	5	4	4	2	1	2	88
Aug. 11	at SEA	5-1	W	3.56	9.0	4	1	1	2	6	0	104
Aug. 17	TOR	6-2	W	3.44	7.0	3	2	1	2	5	0	104
Aug. 22	TB	2-3	L	3.49	6.0	4	3	3	2	3	0	88
Aug. 28	at TEX	5-0	W	3.28	9.0	4	0	0	0	1	0	120
August Totals (5 G, 5 GS)				3-2	2.19	37.0	20	10	9	8	16	2
Sept. 2	at NYY	0-5	L	3.23	5.0	2	1	1	2	4	1	79
Sept. 7	SEA	5-7	L	3.47	5.0	9	6	6	2	3	1	96
Sept. 12	BOS	3-5	L	3.56	5.2	6	4	4	4	2	0	97

SUNDAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Bobby Cramer (1-0, 1.69 ERA)

CRAMER BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	1	0	1.69	1	5.1	1
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	1	0	1.69	1	5.1	1
Home	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Road	1	0	1.69	1	5.1	1
Day	1	0	1.69	1	5.1	1
Night	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Pre-ASB	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Post-ASB	1	0	1.69	1	5.1	1
	AVG.		AB	H		
vs. LHH		200	5	1		
vs. RHH		231	13	3		

RUN SUPPORT

Runs Scored	Times
0	0
1	0
2	0
3	1
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	0
8	0
9	0
10	0
Run Support Avg.	5.06

CRAMER vs. MINNESOTA

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
2009	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Career	0	0	---	0	0.0	0
Cramer's Starts vs. Minnesota						
DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER
Has never faced the Royals						
Minnesota Career Batting vs. Cramer						
AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO	
Has no match-ups						

CRAMER'S CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	None
IP:	5.1, 9/13/10 at KC
Fewest IP, GS:	5.1, 9/13/10 at KC
H:	4, 9/13/10 at KC
R:	1, 9/13/10 at KC
ER:	1, 9/13/10 at KC
BB:	1, 9/13/10 at KC
SO:	4, 9/13/10 at KC
HR:	1, 9/13/10 at KC
Win Streak:	1, 9/13/10 to present
Loss Streak:	None
Scoreless Streak:	3.0, 9/13/10
Complete Games:	None
Shutouts:	None

OAKLAND A's OLDEST PLAYERS TO MAKE THEIR MAJOR LEAGUE DEBUT

36.193	Keiichi Yabu	April 9, 2005
32.171	Billy Taylor	April 5, 1994
30.344	Webster Garrison	August 2, 1996
30.320	Bobby Cramer	September 13, 2010
30.151	Tom Wilson	May 19, 2001
29.273	Mike Raczka	August 15, 1992
29.167	Jim Bowie	August 3, 1994
29.071	Jose Flores	September 7, 2002
29.016	Andy Abad	September 10, 2001
28.354	Justin James	September 2, 2010

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his second start of the season and his career...was selected from Triple-A Sacramento on September 10 and made his Major League debut with a start at Kansas City last Monday.

DEBUTS: Made his Major League debut last Monday in Kansas City at the age of 30 years, 320 days, making him the fourth oldest player in Oakland history to make his big league debut (see chart on lower left)...was the oldest pitcher in Athletics history to make a start in his big league debut since Steve Gerkin started the second game of a doubleheader for the Philadelphia A's against St. Louis on May 13, 1945 at the age of 32 years, 175 days...became the 41st pitcher in Oakland history to start in his debut...since 1957, the only ML pitcher born in the United States to make a start in his debut that was older than Cramer is David Manning of the Milwaukee Brewers on August 2, 2003 (30 years, 353 days)...all age data is according to baseball-reference.com.

WINNING DEBUTS: Picked up the win in his debut to become just the fifth pitcher since 1950 to start and win their Major League debut at age 30 or older, according to the Elias Sports Bureau...the other four were all Japanese veterans (Masato Yoshiiii, Hiroki Kuroda, Koji Uehara and Kenshin Kawakami) making Cramer the first American-born pitcher to start and win his debut at the age of 30 or greater since John "Jocko" Thompson did it for the 1948 Phillies at the age of 31...is the oldest pitcher in Athletics history to start and win his debut...is the 13th pitcher in Oakland history to start and win his debut...only three of the previous 12 have gone on to win their second start (Vin Mazzaro, Bill Krueger and Dave Hamilton).

LAST START: He was the winning pitcher in the A's 3-1 victory at Kansas City on Monday...allowed a leadoff double to Dyson but after a ground out, he was picked off/caught stealing...faced the minimum over the first three innings as a Betemit single in the second was erased on a double play...allowed his only run in the fourth inning on a one-out solo home run by Aviles in the fourth...was relieved by Ziegler after retiring the first batter in the sixth inning.

CRAMER vs. MINNESOTA: Is making his first career appearance and start.

2010 MINOR LEAGUE RECAP: Began the year with the Athletics organization but was loaned to Quintana Roo of the Mexican League on March 16...went 13-3 with a 2.95 ERA in 22 games, 20 starts, and allowed a .244 opponents batting average...also went 1-0 with a 4.38 ERA in three games, two starts, in the postseason...was returned to the Athletics organization August 3 and was assigned to Triple-A Sacramento where he went 2-2 with a 1.94 ERA in seven games, all starts...combined with both teams for a 15-5 record, 2.71 ERA and 158 strikeouts in 169.2 innings...issued just 38 walks for a strikeout to walk ratio of 4.2 to 1.

AMONG THE MEXICAN LEAGUE LEADERS: Led the Mexican League in wins (13), strikeouts (123), complete games (5), shutouts (3) and winning percentage (.813), ranked third in ERA (2.95) and opponents batting average (.244) and was fourth in innings pitched (128.0).

THE LONG BALL: Did not allow a home run in 41.2 innings at Sacramento and yielded just six in 128.0 innings with Quintana Roo...finished with an 11-start, 70.2 inning homerless streak...allowed just six home runs in 169.2 innings overall, an average of 0.32 per nine innings.

OPPONENTS BATTING: Combined for a .246 opponents batting average with Quintana Roo and Sacramento...that included a .232 (119 for 513) mark against right-handed hitters and .304 (38 for 125) against lefties...yielded all six of his home runs to righties...allowed a .295 average with runners in scoring position with the Tigers but that marked dropped to .179 with the River Cats.

QUINTANA ROO HIGHLIGHTS: Pitched in relief in his first two outings before moving into the rotation March 21 and finishing the season with 20 starts...was 4-3 with a 3.33 ERA in 10 games, eight starts, through May 2...then finished the regular season with a nine-game winning streak, posting a 2.68 ERA (22 er in 74.0 ip) and .225 (62 for 275) opponents batting average over that 12-start stretch...the Tigres were 16-4 (.800) in his 20 starting assignments...tossed at least seven innings in 10 of his starts, allowed two runs or fewer 12 times and walked two batters or fewer 18 times...had a 25.0-inning scoreless streak from June 25 to July 13.

SACRAMENTO HIGHLIGHTS: The River Cats were 4-3 (.571) in his starting assignments...tossed six or more innings four times, allowed two runs or fewer all seven starts and walked one batter or fewer six times.

MINOR LEAGUE CAREER: Was originally signed by Tampa Bay as a non-drafted free agent on April 18, 2003 and spent two seasons in the Rays farm system...did not pitch in 2005 and 2006 and signed a minor league deal with the Athletics on May 18, 2007...pitched for the Orange County Flyers of the independent Golden League in 2008 before returning to the Athletics in 2009...including his time in the Golden League and Mexico, Cramer is 42-21 with five saves and a 3.15 ERA (178 er in 508.0 ip) in 134 games, 66 starts...struck out 467, walked 115 and allowed just 26 home runs in 508.0 innings.

CRAMER'S 2010 STARTS WITH OAKLAND

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
Sept. 13	at KC	3-1	W	1.69	5.1	4	1	1	1	4	1	91

CRAMER'S 2010 MINOR LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
Quintana Roo												
*March 17	Yucatan	3-8	--	18.00	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	0	12
*March 18	at Yucatan	2-3 (11)	L	6.75	3.0	4	1	1	2	3	0	50
March 21	Campeche	3-2 (10)	--	3.60	6.0	4	1	1	1	7	1	71
March 27	at Oaxaca	6-4	--	3.94	6.0	7	4	3	1	10	0	101
March Totals (4 G, 2 GS)		0-1		3.94	16.0	18	8	7	4	20	1	
April 2	Minatitlan	4-0	W	2.52	9.0	7	0	0	0	11	0	109
April 8	at Veracruz	5-2	W	2.32	6.0	4	1	1	2	5	0	92
April 16	Oaxaca	3-1 (6)	W	2.19	6.0	4	1	1	1	6	0	87
April 21	at Campeche	14-4	W	2.57	5.0	7	4	3	1	4	0	89
April 27	Tabasco	3-6	L	3.12	7.0	7	5	5	2	6	1	109
April Totals (5 G, 5 GS)		4-1		2.73	33.0	29	11	10	6	32	1	
May 2	Yucatan	1-5	L	3.33	5.0	7	4	3	4	7	0	105
May 8	Campeche	6-2	W	3.10	7.0	3	1	1	1	4	0	87
May 14	at Puebla	8-7	--	3.53	5.1	8	5	5	3	4	0	103
May 21	at Tabasco	3-2	W	3.44	7.0	8	2	2	1	8	0	102
May 27	Oaxaca (G#2)	0-6 (7)	--	3.49	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
May 30	Puebla	11-3	W	3.32	7.0	3	2	2	2	6	1	105
May Totals (6 G, 6 GS)		3-1		3.62	32.1	30	14	13	11	29	1	
June 5	at Veracruz	4-1	W	3.09	9.0	5	1	1	1	11	0	117
June 12	Minatitlan	4-3	W	3.14	7.0	5	3	3	1	7	1	95
June 18	at Puebla	12-14	--	3.73	1.2	7	7	7	1	2	2	58
June 25	Yucatan	3-0	W	3.42	9.0	3	0	0	1	9	0	110
June Totals (4 G, 4 GS)		3-0		3.71	26.2	20	11	11	4	29	3	
July 1	at Campeche	2-0	W	3.21	7.0	5	0	0	2	4	0	90
July 7	Tabasco (G#2)	5-0 (7)	W	3.02	7.0	2	0	0	0	6	0	71
July 13	at Minatitlan	14-3	W	2.95	6.0	12	3	1	0	3	0	89
July Totals (3 G, 3 GS)		3-0		0.45	20.0	19	3	1	2	13	0	
Quintana Roo (22 G, 20 GS)		13-3		2.95	128.0	116	47	42	27	123	6	
Sacramento												
Aug. 6	at Alb (G#2)	12-3 (7)	--	4.50	4.0	8	2	2	1	1	0	75
Aug. 10	at Round Rock	5-1	W	3.00	5.0	7	1	1	1	6	0	76
Aug. 16	Omaha	2-3	L	2.40	6.0	7	2	1	0	8	0	97
Aug. 21	at Salt Lake	3-0	W	1.57	8.0	2	0	0	1	7	0	109
Aug. 26	Fresno	2-3	--	1.55	6.0	5	1	1	1	6	0	99
Aug. 31	Las Vegas	2-4	L	1.82	5.2	4	2	2	6	6	0	107
Sept. 5	Col. Springs	3-2	--	1.94	7.0	8	2	2	1	1	0	95
Sacramento (7 G, 7 GS)		2-2		1.94	41.2	41	10	9	11	35	0	

**Indicates relief appearance*

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

MONDAY'S STARTING PITCHER: Gio Gonzalez (14-9, 3.47 ERA)

GONZALEZ BY THE NUMBERS

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	14	9	3.47	30	181.2	70
2009	6	7	5.75	20	98.2	63
Career	21	20	4.64	60	314.1	162
Home	8	3	2.70	14	90.0	27
Road	6	6	4.22	16	91.2	43
Day	7	1	2.10	10	68.2	16
Night	7	8	4.30	20	113.0	54
Pre-ASB	7	6	3.79	18	107.0	45
Post-ASB	7	3	3.01	12	74.2	25
	AVG.	AB	H			
vs. LHH	.199	166	33			
vs. RHH	.240	512	123			

RUN SUPPORT

Gonzalez		
Runs Scored	Times	
0	4	
1	7	
2	5	
3	1	
4	4	
5	3	
6	2	
7	1	
8	1	
9	0	
10	1	
11	1	
Run Support Avg.	4.90	

GONZALEZ vs. CHICAGO

	W	L	ERA	G	IP	ER
2010	0	1	4.50	1	8.0	4
2009	0	1	9.00	1	5.0	5
Career	0	3	8.82	3	16.1	16

Gonzalez' Starts vs. Chicago

DATE	H/A	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
8/17/08	H	L	3.1	6	8	7	5	2
8/15/09	H	L	5.0	6	6	5	6	2
8/1/10	A	L	8.0	6	4	4	0	11

Chicago Career Batting vs. Gonzalez

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	BB	SO
Beckham	.500	2	1	0	1	0
Castro	.333	3	1	0	0	1
Jones	.000	5	0	0	0	1
Konerko	.000	6	0	0	3	2
Lillibridge	.333	3	1	0	0	1
Pierre	.500	4	2	0	0	0
Pierzynski	.400	5	2	0	1	0
Quentin	.571	7	4	1	2	1
Ramirez	.286	7	2	0	1	1
Rios	.100	10	1	0	0	2
Teahen	.250	4	1	0	1	3
Viciedo	.000	3	0	0	0	2

GONZALEZ' CAREER HIGHS

Low Hit CG:	6, 8/1/10 at CWS
IP:	8.0 (twice), last: 8/1/10 at CWS
Fewest IP, GS:	1.2, 9/8/08 at DET
H:	10 (twice), last: 7/20/09 vs. MIN
R:	11, 7/20/09 vs. MIN
ER:	11, 7/20/09 vs. MIN
BB:	6, 8/15/09 vs. CWS
SO:	11, 8/1/10 at CWS
HR:	4, 7/20/09 vs. MIN
Win Streak:	4 (twice), last: 8/24/10 to 9/8/10
Loss Streak:	5, 8/17/08 to 6/30/09
Scoreless Streak:	14.2, 8/4/09 to 8/15/09
Complete Games:	1, 8/1/10 at CWS
Shutouts:	None

FOR STARTERS: Is scheduled to make his team leading 31st start of the season...the A's are 17-13 (.567) in his starting assignments this year and are 28-26 (.519) in his career...has tossed at least six innings in 22 of his 30 starts, allowed two runs or fewer 16 times and walked two batters or fewer 13 times.

WINNING STREAK SNAPPED: Allowed a season high seven runs in a season low 2.0 innings in his last start to snap a career high tying four-game winning streak (also July 5-August 10, 2009)...allowed just five runs during the winning streak for a 1.75 ERA.

AMONG THE LEADERS: Ranks **seventh** in the American League in opponents slugging percentage (.332), **eighth** in opponents batting average (.230) and **tied for 10th** in wins (14)...however, has issued 80 walks, which is **second** most.

24 AND UNDER: Gonzalez, who celebrated his 25th birthday yesterday, has 14 wins and 22-year old Trevor Cahill has 16...there have been just two seasons in Oakland history in which the A's had two 15-game winners under the age of 25 (ages calculated as of June 30), both times by Mark Mulder and Barry Zito...in 2002, Zito won 23 and Mulder 19 at the age of 24...a year earlier, they won 17 and 21 respectively...only 16 Major League teams have done it the post-World War II ERA, including four since 1987 (also 2003 Mariners and 1993 White Sox).

LAST 16 STARTS: Has allowed one run or fewer in nine of his last 16 starts and is 8-4 with a 2.84 ERA (31 er in 98.1 ip) and .223 (82 for 368) opponents batting average over that span...the stretch dates back to June 21 and his ERA is **fifth** lowest in the American League since then.

HOME AND AWAY: Is 8-3 with a 2.70 ERA (27 er in 90.0 ip) and .194 (62 for 320) opponents batting average in 14 starts at home and 6-6 with a 4.22 ERA (43 er in 91.2 ip) and .263 (94 for 358) opponents average in 16 starts on the road...has the **third** lowest home opponents batting average in the American League.

SINCE THE BREAK: Is 7-3 with a 3.01 ERA (25 er in 74.2 ip) in 12 starts since the All-Star Break after going 7-6 with a 3.79 ERA in 18 starts before the break...is **tied for third** in the American League in wins since the break.

OPPONENTS BATTING: Opponents are 32 for 180 (.178) with 10 walks (.221 on-base percentage) when leading off an inning...the batting average and on-base percentage are **second** lowest in the American League...the opponents number three hitter is batting .195 (15 for 77), which is **fifth** lowest in the AL...has yielded a .199 (33 for 166) batting average against left-handed hitters, which is **eighth** lowest in the AL...has yielded five home runs over his first 60 pitches in a game and nine after that.

NIGHT AND DAY: Is 7-1 with a 2.10 ERA (16 er in 68.2 ip) and .182 (44 for 242) opponents batting average in 10 starts during the day and 7-8 with a 4.30 ERA (54 er in 113.0 ip) and .257 (112 for 436) opponents average in 20 starts at night...ranks **third** in the American League in opponents batting average during the day, **tied for third** in wins and **fourth** in ERA.

RUN SUPPORT: Received two runs of support in his start on August 13 at Minnesota, a loss...it snapped a streak where he had received one run of support or fewer in each of his previous nine losses dating back to last year...has seven career starts with no run support and is 3-19 in 28 career starts with run support of two runs or less...is 18-1 in 26 starts with three runs of support or more.

IN AUGUST: Went 3-2 with a 1.98 ERA in six starts in August...the ERA ranked sixth in the American League...it was his lowest ever in a month, besting his mark from this July when he went 3-1 with a 3.34 ERA in five starts.

INNING BY INNING: Has a 2.73 ERA (27 er in 89.0 ip) over the first three innings of a game and a 4.18 ERA (43 er in 92.2 ip) from the fourth inning on...has allowed 32 of his 73 runs in the fourth and fifth innings (55.0 ip, 5.24 ERA).

CAREER BESTS: Has career highs in nearly every category in his third season with the A's...his ERA has declined in each of his three seasons as he posted a 7.68 ERA in 10 games in 2008 and a 5.75 ERA in 20 games last year...has a 3.47 ERA over his first 30 games this year.

LAST START: He was the losing pitcher in the A's 11-3 loss at Kansas City last Tuesday...allowed a season high seven runs in a season low 2.0 innings...yielded three runs in the first inning on a Betemit RBI single and a Ka'aihue two-run home runs, and three more in the second on three straight RBI singles by Butler, Betemit and Ka'aihue...walked Gordon to start the third and was relieved by Bonser who allowed Gordon to score plus four runs of his own in the inning.

GONZALEZ vs. CHICAGO: Is 0-3 with an 8.82 ERA (16.1 ip, 18 h, 18 r, 16 er, 11 bb, 15 so, 4 hr) in three career starts...lost his only start this year when he tossed his first career complete game in a 4-1 loss at Chicago August 1...struck out a career high 11, which were the most by an Athletic against the White Sox since Vida Blue had 11 on April 18, 1971...allowed six hits, did not walk a batter and hit one...retired each of the first 13 hitters before allowing four runs in the fifth inning on a three-run triple by Lillibridge and a RBI single by Pierre...then retired 10 of the final 12 batters...his other two starts came in Oakland...lost an 8-1 decision on August 15, 2009 when he walked a career high six batters...his other start came on August 17, 2007 in a 13-1 decision.

GONZALEZ' 2010 STARTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Dec	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	#PIT
April 9	at LAA	10-4	W	3.00	6.0	6	2	2	1	6	1	95
April 14	at SEA	2-4	--	3.38	4.2	6	2	4	5	0	0	98
April 20	NYG	3-7	L	5.40	4.1	3	5	5	5	0	0	97
April 25	CLE	11-0	W	3.68	7.0	5	0	0	2	3	0	100
April Totals (4 G, 4 GS)		2-1		3.68	22.0	20	9	9	12	19	1	
May 1	at TOR	4-3	W	3.45	6.2	3	2	2	2	8	0	103
May 7	TB	1-4	L	3.53	7.0	3	3	3	5	7	0	103
May 12	at TEX	1-10	L	4.08	4.0	9	4	4	0	3	1	97
May 17	SEA	8-4	W	4.05	7.0	4	3	3	4	4	1	104
May 22	SF	1-0	W	3.46	8.0	2	0	0	1	5	0	95
May 27	at BAL	7-5	--	3.54	6.1	6	3	3	3	6	0	108
May Totals (6 G, 6 GS)		3-2		3.46	39.0	27	15	15	15	33	2	
June 1	at BOS	4-9	--	3.68	5.0	7	3	3	4	5	1	108
June 6	MIN	5-4	W	3.58	7.0	6	2	2	1	4	0	117
June 11	at SF	2-6	L	3.79	5.1	6	4	4	4	4	2	105
June 16	at CHL (NL)	2-6	L	4.21	5.0	8	6	6	3	3	1	89
June 21	CIN	4-6 (10)	--	3.89	7.0	4	1	0	1	9	0	105
June 27	PIT	3-2	--	3.74	6.0	4	1	1	4	2	1	87
June Totals (6 G, 6 GS)		1-2		4.08	35.1	35	17	16	17	27	5	
July 2	at CLE	3-0	W	3.50	6.2	5	0	0	4	5	0	107
July 7	NYG	2-6	L	3.79	4.0	8	5	5	5	5	1	90
July 16	at KC	5-1	W	3.63	7.0	7	1	1	1	3	0	99
July 21	BOS	6-4	W	3.75	6.0	7	4	4	2	3	1	107
July 27	at TEX	1-3 (10)	--	3.64	6.0	5	1	1	3	6	0	111
July Totals (5 GS, 5 GS)		3-1		3.34	29.2	32	11	11	15	22	2	
Aug. 1	at CWS	1-4	L	3.69	8.0	6	4	4	0	11	0	99
Aug. 7	TEX	6-2	W	3.51	7.0	4	0	0	3	2	0	113
Aug. 13	at MIN	3-4	L	3.49	6.0	3	4	2	4	7	0	110
Aug. 18	TOR	5-4	--	3.39	7.0	2	1	1	4	6	0	110
Aug. 24	at CLE	5-0	W	3.24	7.0	5	0	0	1	7	0	109
Aug. 29	at TEX	8-2	W	3.23	6.0	5	2	2	1	4	1	95
August Totals (6 G, 6 GS)		3-2		1.98	41.0	25	11	9	13	37	1	
Sept. 3	LAA	8-0	W	3.12	6.0	4	0	0	3	6	0	103
Sept. 8	SEA	4-3	W	3.16	6.2	6	3	3	2	9	2	117
Sept. 14	at KC	3-11	L	3.47	2.0	7	7	7	3	1	1	55



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NO	PITCHERS (15)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
49	Brett Anderson	L	L	6-4	233	2-1-88	Midland, TX	Stillwater, OK
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
52	Boof Bonser	R	R	6-4	245	10-14-81	St. Petersburg, FL	Largo, 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
64	Bobby Cramer	L	L	6-1	205	10-28-79	Anaheim, CA	Anaheim, CA
47	Gio Gonzalez	R	L	6-0	206	9-19-85	Hialeah, FL	Hialeah, FL
61	Justin James	R	R	6-3	215	9-13-81	Oklahoma City, OK	Yukon, OK
54	Vin Mazzaro	R	R	6-3	224	9-27-86	Hackensack, NJ	Rutherford, NJ
63	Henry Rodriguez	R	R	6-1	220	2-25-87	Santa Barbara, Venezuela	Santa Barbara, Venezuela
50	Ross Wolf	R	R	6-0	180	10-18-82	Effingham, IL	Wheeler, IL
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 (3)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
29	Josh Donaldson	R	R	6-0	221	12-8-85	Pensacola, FL	Daphene, AL
35	Landon Powell	S	R	6-3	265	3-19-82	Raleigh, NC	Greenville, SC
8	Kurt Suzuki	R	R	5-11	196	10-4-83	Wailuku, HI	Redondo Beach, CA
NO	INFIELDBERS (9)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
10	Daric Barton	L	R	6-0	204	8-16-85	Springfield, VT	Corona, CA
22	Chris Carter	R	R	6-4	244	12-18-86	Redwood City, CA	Las Vegas, NV
14	Mark Ellis	R	R	5-10	185	6-6-77	Rapid City, SD	Scottsdale, AZ
1	Aki Iwamura	L	R	5-9	200	2-9-79	Uwajima, Japan	Tokyo, Japan
5	Kevin Kouzmanoff	R	R	6-1	210	7-25-81	Newport Beach, CA	Evergreen, CO
19	Jeff Larish	L	R	6-2	200	10-11-82	Iowa City, IA	Tempe, AZ
2	Cliff Pennington	S	R	5-10	213	6-15-84	Corpus Christi, TX	Corpus Christi, TX
36	Eric Sogard	L	R	5-10	188	5-22-86	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix, AZ
30	Steve Tolleson	R	R	5-11	190	11-1-83	Spartanburg, SC	Spartanburg, SC
NO	OUTFIELDERS (6)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
25	Matt Carson	R	R	6-2	200	7-1-81	Newport Beach, CA	Tampa, FL
32	Jack Cust	L	R	6-1	247	1-7-79	Flemington, NJ	New Hope, PA
4	Coco Crisp	S	R	5-10	185	11-1-79	Los Angeles, CA	Desert Hot Springs, CA
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
45	Jeremy Hermida	L	R	6-3	222	1-30-84	Atlanta, GA	Smyrna, GA
NO	DISABLED LIST (9)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
3	*Eric Chavez	L	R	6-1	211	12-7-77	Los Angeles, CA	Paradise Valley, AZ
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
28	*Conor Jackson	R	R	6-2	215	5-7-82	Austin, TX	Scottsdale, AZ
44	*John Melloan	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
7	*Adam Rosales	R	R	6-1	195	5-20-83	Chicago, IL	Park Ridge, IL
15	*Ben Sheets	R	R	6-0	221	7-18-78	Baton Rouge, LA	Monroe, LA
21	*Ryan Sweeney	L	L	6-4	224	2-20-85	Cedar Rapids, IA	Cedar Rapids, IA

* indicates 60-day disabled list

NO	MINORS (7)	B	T	HT	WT	BORN	BIRTHPLACE	RESIDENCE
6	Travis Buck	L	R	6-2	230	11-18-83	Richland, WA	Chandler, AZ
60	Fautino De Los Santos	R	R	6-2	225	2-15-86	Samana, D.R.	Samana, D.R.
65	Pedro Figueroa	L	L	6-0	214	11-23-85	Santo Domingo, D.R.	Santo Domingo, D.R.
39	Brad Kilby	L	L	6-1	251	2-19-83	Modesto, CA	Elk Grove, CA
62	Clayton Mortensen	R	R	6-4	184	4-10-85	Rexburg, ID	Rexburg, ID
66	Tyson Ross	R	R	6-6	230	4-22-87	Berkeley, CA	Oakland, CA
64	Justin Souza	R	R	6-1	200	10-22-85	Stockton, CA	Galt, CA

MANAGER: 17 Bob Geren.

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

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

NUMERICAL ROSTER	
1	Aki Iwamura, IF
2	Cliff Pennington, IF
4	Coco Crisp, OF
5	Kevin Kouzmanoff, 3B
8	Kurt Suzuki, C
10	Daric Barton, 1B
11	Rajai Davis, OF
13	Jerry Blevins, LHP
14	Mark Ellis, 2B
18	Gabe Gross, OF
19	Jeff Larish, IF
22	Chris Carter, IF
25	Matt Carson, OF
29	Josh Donaldson, C
30	Steve Tolleson, IF
31	Brad Ziegler, RHP
32	Jack Cust, OF/DH
35	Landon Powell, C
36	Eric Sogard, IF
40	Andrew Bailey, RHP
45	Jeremy Hermida, OF
47	Gio Gonzalez, LHP
48	Michael Wuertz, RHP
49	Brett Anderson, LHP
50	Ross Wolf, RHP
51	Dallas Braden, LHP
52	Boof Bonser, RHP
53	Trevor Cahill, RHP
54	Vin Mazzaro, RHP
56	Craig Breslow, LHP
61	Justin James, RHP
63	Henry Rodriguez, RHP
64	Bobby Cramer, LHP

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RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER**Height/Weight:** 6-4 / 245**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** October 14, 1981**Opening Day Age:** 28**Birthplace/Resides:** St. Petersburg, Florida / Largo, Florida**Major League Service:** 3 years, 102 days**Obtained:** Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, July 3, 2010**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Spent three seasons with Minnesota from 2006 through 2008 before missing the 2009 season following right shoulder surgery...was 18-25 with a 5.12 ERA in 96 games, 60 starts...started one game for the Twins in the ALDS against Oakland in 2006 after making his Major League debut earlier in the season...was named American League Rookie of the Month in September, 2006 after going 4-1 with a 2.63 ERA...led the International League with 168 strikeouts for Triple-A Rochester in 2005...was the South Atlantic League's Most Valuable Pitcher in 2001 after leading all San Francisco minor leaguers in wins (16), ERA (2.49) and strikeouts (178) in 27 starts with Single-A Hagerstown...was originally drafted by the Giants in the first round (21st selection overall) of the 2000 draft before he was dealt to the Twins with Joe Nathan and Francisco Liriano for A.J. Pierzynski following the 2003 season.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Missed the entire season recovering from surgery on his right shoulder...underwent arthroscopic surgery on February 25 to repair partial tears to the labrum and rotator cuff in his right shoulder...the procedure was performed by Dr. Coco Eaton in St. Petersburg, Florida...made one rehabilitation appearance on September 6 for Single-A Fort Myers, tossing 1.0 scoreless frame.

CAREER

2008—Appeared primarily in relief in his second straight full season with the Twins...pitched in a career-high 47 games...started his first 12 games before going to the bullpen...went 2-6 with a 5.97 ERA in 12 starts and 1-1 with a 5.88 mark in 35 relief outings...tossed 6.0 or more innings in each of his first three starts, going 1-2 with a 2.84 ERA from April 1-12...tied his season-high with 7.0 innings and fanned a season-high eight batters, April 29 vs. Chicago...made his second career relief appearance (first of the season) and recorded the win with 2.2 innings of scoreless relief, June 4 vs. Baltimore...posted a 2.40 ERA over 10 appearances in August...tossed a career relief-high 3.2 frames on September 19 at Tampa Bay, yielding three runs on a Carlos Pena homer.

2007—Made 31 appearances, including 30 starts, for the Twins in his first full season at the Big League level...pitched 6.0 or more innings in 15 of 30 starts and 7.0 or more in eight starts...compiled 11 quality starts...had a 4.16 run support average, second lowest in the American League...did not record a decision while posting a 1.00 ERA in three starts, April 26-May 8...tied his career high with a four-game win streak, earning the victory in four consecutive starts, May 13-29...went 4-0 with a 3.04 ERA, 29 strikeouts and nine walks in 23.2 innings during that span...recorded a career-high 11 strikeouts over 7.0 frames, May 18 at Milwaukee...went 12 starts without a win from June 16 to August 23...tossed a career-high 7.2 innings, allowing two runs on five hits, July 21 vs. Los Angeles...lasted just 1.2 frames (his shortest career start) after allowing five runs on seven hits, September 2 vs. Kansas City.

2006—Made his Major League debut and started 18 games overall in three stints with Minnesota...started one game for the Twins during the ALDS, earning a no decision in a Game 2 loss to Oakland despite recording a quality start...tossed 6.0 innings and allowed two runs in a 5-2 decision...recalled from Triple-A Rochester on May 19 and made his Major League debut in a start at Milwaukee on May 21...did not factor in the Twins 5-3 loss, tossing 6.0 innings of one-run ball...struck out eight batters, setting a record for most strikeouts by a Twin in his Major League debut...recorded his first Big League win in his second start, May 27 vs. Seattle...optioned to Rochester, July 5...recalled to make a spot start on August 2 and optioned back after that game...recalled again August 10 for the rest of the season...

in five starts from September 4-25, went 4-0 with a 2.20 ERA...named American League Rookie of the Month for September, finishing with a 4-1 record, a 2.63 ERA and 30 strikeouts in six starts...started 14 games over three stints with Rochester...named International League Pitcher of the Week, April 6-13, after going 1-1 with a 1.50 ERA and 13 strikeouts over two starts.

2005—Spent the entire season at Triple-A Rochester...led the International League with 168 strikeouts...led Rochester in starts (28), wins (11), innings pitched (160.1) and strikeouts (168)...pitched 6.0 or more innings in 17 of his 28 starts...compiled 13 quality starts...earned Twins Minor League Player of the Week honors, April 30-May 6, going 2-0 with a 3.75 ERA and 14 strikeouts compared to three walks in two starts during that span...tossed 6.0 or more frames in six consecutive starts, going 2-2 with a 3.41 ERA, May 21 to June 18...struck out a season-high 13 batters, June 12 vs. Indianapolis.

2004—In his first season in the Twins organization, made 27 starts for Double-A New Britain and one for Triple-A Rochester...began the season at Double-A New Britain...led the club in wins (12), starts (27), innings pitched (154.1) and strikeouts (146)...pitched 6.0 or more innings in 15 of the 27 starts...logged 12 quality starts...had six consecutive quality starts, going 4-1 with a 2.35 ERA from May 17-June 12...had a season-high, seven-game win streak, July 23-August 30...went 7-0 with a 2.39 ERA in eight starts during that span...had a season-high 12 strikeouts, August 2 vs. Norwich...promoted to Triple-A Rochester on September 3...made one start, earning the win with 7.0 innings of one-run ball with strikeouts on September 4 at Pawtucket.

2003—Led San Francisco's Double-A Norwich club in games started (24) and strikeouts (103) and was second in wins (7) and innings pitched (135.0)...also made four starts for Triple-A Fresno...began the season at Double-A Norwich...did not allow more than two earned runs in seven consecutive starts to begin the campaign (April 6-May 11), going 1-3 with a 2.09 ERA...promoted to Triple-A Fresno on August 15...prior to the season, was rated the sixth best prospect in the Giants organization by *Baseball America*...after the season, pitched for Grand Canyon in the Arizona Fall League...was traded to Minnesota along with RHP Joe Nathan and LHP Francisco Liriano in exchange for catcher A.J. Pierzynski and cash, November 14.

2002—Finished second in the California League with a 2.88 ERA in 23 starts with Single-A San Jose...also made five starts for Double-A Shreveport...ranked second among Giants minor leaguers in strikeouts (162), tied for second in wins (9) and seventh in ERA (3.30)...began the season at Double-A Shreveport and was transferred to Single-A San Jose on May 2...held hitters to a .195 average at San Jose...named San Jose's Co-Player of the Month for June, going 3-0 with a 2.38 ERA in six starts...went 3-1 with a 1.95 ERA in five starts, July 31-August 23.

2001—Named San Francisco's Organizational Player of the Year by *USA Today* after leading all Giants minor leaguers in wins (16), ERA (2.49) and strikeouts (178) in 27 starts with Single-A Hagerstown...also selected as the South Atlantic League's Most Valuable Pitcher and a postseason All-Star and was named to SportsTicker's All-Teen team...led the SAL in wins, was second in strikeouts and sixth in ERA...held opponents to a .192 average...named Hagerstown's Player of the Month for April, June and July...strung together a season-high, 10-game win streak from May 28-August 2...went 10-0 with a 1.43 ERA in 13 starts during that span...logged a season-high 13 strikeouts, June 13 vs. Kannapolis.

2000—Spent his first professional season with Short-A Salem-Keizer...averaged 11.2 strikeouts per nine innings.

PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

Boof Bonser...graduated from Gibbs (FL) High School in 2000...Named 2000 Pinellas County (FL) High School Player of the Year...played in the 2000 Florida State All-Star Game...originally signed by San Francisco scout Alan Marr...is married (Jessica)...legally changed his name from John to Boof, a nickname since childhood, after 2001 season.

OUTFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 222 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Right
Birthdate: January 30, 1984 **Opening Day Age:** 26
Birthplace/Resides: Atlanta, Georgia / Smyrna, Georgia
Major League Service: 4 years, 33 days
Obtained: Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, September 3, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Spent the first eight years of his professional career with the Florida Marlins organization before being traded to Boston following the 2009 season...saw Major League action in parts of five seasons from 2005 to 2009...finished the 2009 season with a career best 104-game errorless streak...had career highs in batting (.296), home runs (18) and RBI (63) in 2007...knocked a pinch-hit grand slam off Al Reyes in his first career at bat, August 31, 2005 against St. Louis...became the first player in ML history to club a pinch-hit grand slam in his first at bat, and the second with a grand slam in his first at bat, joining Bill Duggleby (April 21, 1898 with Philadelphia).

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Played all 129 of his games with the Marlins...missed time at the end of the season due to an intercostal strain in his right side...drew a career-high 56 walks, which was third most on the club...began the season as the starting left fielder and made 40 starts overall at that position...started 73 of his last 91 games in right field...posted a .995 fielding percentage (1 error in 205 chance), which ranked sixth best among all National League outfielders...did not commit an error in his last 104 games and 183 total chances beginning April 27...that marks the longest errorless streak of his career...his previous best was 103 total chances over 52 tilts, June 6-August 6, 2008...knocked a game-tying two-run homer in the ninth and game-winning three-run homer in the 11th on April 18 at Washington in a 9-6 win, collecting a career-high five RBI...became the first Marlin in club history to hit a ninth-inning, game-tying home run and game-winning homer in the same game...was the first player to hit a game-tying homer in the ninth inning and a game-winning homer in extra innings since Adrian Beltre accomplished the feat for Los Angeles (NL) against Atlanta on August 20, 2004...hit his first career, walk-off home run, a solo shot in a 4-3 win June 9 vs. St. Louis...it marked his first-career walk-off hit...missed 28 of the club's final 29 games with an intercostal strain in his right side but did not go on the disabled list...suffered the strain September 2...had one pinch-hit appearance after that on September 28 at Atlanta (0 for 1).

CAREER

2008—Posted career highs in games (142), at bats (502) and triples (3)...went 6 for 13 (.462) with the bases loaded, which ranked ninth best in the National League...batted at a .375 (3 for 8) clip as a pinch-hitter...collected his second career homer in the pinch, July 25 at Chicago, a game-winning solo shot off Bob Howry in the top of the ninth...started a career high 124 games in right field...began the season on the disabled list with a left hamstring strain and was out from March 21 to May 13...was part of four back-to-back home run combos: April 11 at Houston (Mike Jacobs), May 12 at Cincinnati (Hanley Ramirez), May 25 vs. San Francisco (G1) (Jorge Cantu) and July 11 at Los Angeles (Cantu)...connected for two home runs, April 11 at Houston...it marked his first career multi-homer game...accomplished the feat again, July 26 at Chicago...strung together a career-best, 12-game hitting streak from June 12-25...batted .367 (18 for 49) with five doubles, two home runs and eight RBI over the streak.

2007—Finished third among Marlins regulars with a .296 batting average...set career highs in most offensive categories, including average, home runs (18) and RBI (63)...appeared in 116 games in right field, accumulating seven outfield assists...batted .340 with 10 home runs and 36 RBI in 72 games after the All-Star Break...his second half clip ranked ninth in the National League and first among team qualifiers...raised his average from .231 to .296...missed the first six weeks of the season with a bone bruise (right knee) suffered during Spring Training...reinstated from 15-day disabled list and returned from rehab on May 14...knocked his second career grand slam, June 8 vs. Tampa Bay...hit safely in

10 straight games, August 16-26 (.457, 16 for 35, three home runs, seven RBI) and tallied an 11-game streak from September 3-15 (.340, 16 for 47, three home runs and seven RBI).

2006—Spent his first full season with Florida, missing time with a right hip flexor...appeared in 85 games, including 78 starts, in right field and nine games, including six starts, in center...was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 17, retroactive to April 12, with a right hip flexor...reinstated from the DL May 22...hit .345 with one home run and eight RBI in 24 June games...set a career high with four hits, June 22 at Baltimore.

2005—Made his Big League debut August 31 against St. Louis, hitting a pinch-hit grand slam in his first at bat of Al Reyes...became the first player in Major League history to hit a pinch-hit grand slam in his first at bat and the second to hit a grand slam in his first ML at bat, joining Philadelphia's Bill Duggleby (April 21, 1898)...also became just the second Marlin to hit a home run in his first Big League at-bat, joining Mitch Lyden (June 16, 1993)...spent most of the year with Double-A Carolina and was named to the Southern League All-Star team...led the Florida organization and the Southern League and finished third overall in the minor leagues with 111 walks with Carolina...selected to play in the All-Star Futures Game but did not appear...named MVP of the Southern League All-Star Game, going 3 for 5 with a double, four RBI and two runs...garnered Marlins Hitter of the Month honors for April, hitting .274 with four doubles, eight home runs, 17 RBI, 20 runs and 20 walks...earned Southern League Player of the Week honors for July 18-24, batting .450 (9 for 20) with four doubles, one triple, one home run, six RBI and seven runs...entered the season ranked as the Marlins top prospect according to *Baseball America*, the second consecutive year he earned the top spot.

2004—Named an outfielder in the Florida State League All-Star Game with Single-A Jupiter...had a stint on the DL from May 11 to June 7.

2003—Led the South Atlantic League with 80 walks and ranked fourth with a .387 on-base percentage...topped Single-A Greensboro in batting average (.284), runs (73), hits (133), doubles (23), triples (5), walks, on-base percentage and hit by pitch (2)...named to the SportsTicker All-Teen Team.

2002—Began his professional career with 51 games between Rookie-level Gulf Coast Marlins and Short-A Jamestown.

PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

Jeremy Ryan Hermida...was originally signed by Marlins scout Joel Smith...attended Wheeler (GA) High School, where *Baseball America* rated him as the top pure hitter out of high school his senior season and the fourth-best position player overall in the 2002 draft.

		LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD																		
YEAR	TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2002	GCL Marlins	.224	38	134	15	30	7	3	0	14	0	0	3	15	25	5	0	.321	.316	2
	Jamestown	.319	13	47	8	15	2	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	10	1	3	.404	.407	1
2003	Greensboro	.284	133	468	73	133	23	5	6	49	4	6	2	80	100	28	2	.393	.387	8
	Albuquerque	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.000	0.000	0
2004	Jupiter	.297	91	340	53	101	17	1	10	50	0	6	5	42	73	10	3	.441	.377	9
2005	Carolina	.293	118	386	77	113	29	2	18	63	1	2	7	111	89	23	2	.518	.457	4
	FLORIDA	.293	23	41	9	12	2	0	4	11	0	0	0	6	12	2	0	.634	.383	0
2006	Jupiter	.176	6	17	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	.235	.300	0
	FLORIDA	.251	99	307	37	77	19	1	5	28	2	1	5	33	70	4	1	.368	.332	8
2007	Albuquerque	.200	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	.200	.286	0
	Jupiter	.333	3	12	4	4	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1.000	.385	0
	FLORIDA	.296	123	429	54	127	32	1	18	63	1	3	4	47	105	3	4	.501	.369	9
2008	Jupiter	.333	5	15	6	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	.600	.474	2
	FLORIDA	.249	142	502	74	125	22	3	17	61	1	1	7	48	138	6	1	.406	.323	5
2009	FLORIDA	.259	129	429	48	111	14	2	13	47	0	2	4	56	101	5	2	.392	.348	1
ML Totals		.265	516	1708	222	452	89	7	57	210	4	7	20	190	426	20	8	.425	.344	23

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2002 — Selected by the Florida Marlins organization in the 1st round (11th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft. **2006** — On disabled list, April 12 to May 21; included rehabilitation assignments to Jupiter, May 2 to 3 and May 17 to 21. **2007** — On disabled list, March 23 to May 13; included rehabilitation assignments to Jupiter, May 9 to 11, and Albuquerque, May 12 to 13. **2008** — On disabled list, March 21 to April 8; included rehabilitation assignment to Jupiter, April 4 to 8. **2009** — Traded to the Boston Red Sox for pitchers Hunter Jones and Jose Alvarez, November 5. **2010** — On disabled list, June 10 to July 21; included rehabilitation assignments to Portland, July 15 to 18, and Pawtucket, July 19 to 21. Released, August 31; signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, September 3.

VS. THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

2009		CAREER								
AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI	vs. TEAM	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
.111	9	1	0	0	Baltimore	.316	19	6	0	0
.000	7	0	0	0	Boston	.200	15	3	0	2
—	0	0	0	0	Chicago	.333	6	2	0	2
—	0	0	0	0	Cleveland	.300	10	3	0	0
—	0	0	0	0	Detroit	—	0	0	0	0
—	0	0	0	0	Kansas City	.240	25	6	2	5
—	0	0	0	0	Los Angeles	—	0	0	0	0
—	0	0	0	0	Minnesota	.200	10	2	0	0
.000	5	0	0	0	New York	.235	17	4	0	1
—	0	0	0	0	Oakland	.357	14	5	2	3
—	0	0	0	0	Seattle	.286	14	4	0	3
.316	19	6	0	1	Tampa Bay	.320	75	24	3	14
—	0	0	0	0	Texas	—	0	0	0	0
.333	12	4	1	2	Toronto	.364	22	8	1	4

VS. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

2009		CAREER								
AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI	vs. TEAM	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
.324	34	11	3	6	Arizona	.244	90	22	3	8
.271	48	13	1	2	Atlanta	.243	189	46	5	17
.250	24	6	0	3	Chicago	.321	78	25	4	13
.286	7	2	0	1	Cincinnati	.290	62	18	3	7
.250	16	4	0	2	Colorado	.279	86	24	2	11
—	0	0	0	0	Florida	—	0	0	0	0
.294	17	5	1	4	Houston	.311	61	19	5	9
.409	22	9	0	2	Los Angeles	.260	73	19	1	7
.217	23	5	0	2	Milwaukee	.219	73	16	0	4
.310	42	13	1	5	New York	.272	158	43	3	16
.158	38	6	0	2	Philadelphia	.204	162	33	4	18
.263	19	5	0	1	Pittsburgh	.317	63	20	2	6
.222	18	4	1	2	San Diego	.284	67	19	3	5
.056	18	1	0	0	San Francisco	.217	69	15	3	13
.538	13	7	2	4	St. Louis	.271	59	16	4	12
.237	38	9	3	8	Washington	.262	191	50	7	30

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

2009		CAREER								
AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI	by MONTH	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
.254	71	18	3	9	April	.268	168	45	5	22
.270	111	30	2	13	May	.255	302	77	10	41
.227	75	17	3	7	June	.262	355	93	9	38
.253	87	22	3	9	July	.270	356	96	16	42
.312	77	24	2	9	August	.259	317	82	9	38
.000	8	0	0	0	September	.272	202	55	6	25
—	0	0	0	0	October	.500	8	4	2	4

BATTING BREAKDOWN

2009		CAREER								
AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI	by CATEGORY	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
.267	225	60	4	15	Home	.253	842	213	23	94
.250	204	51	9	32	Road	.276	866	239	34	116
.266	128	34	7	19	Day	.273	455	124	28	65
.256	301	77	6	28	Night	.262	1253	328	29	145
.255	298	76	10	34	Pre-ASG	.256	965	247	30	117
.267	131	35	3	13	Post-ASG	.276	743	205	27	93
.189	106	20	3	10	vs. LHP	.237	418	99	14	45
.282	323	91	10	37	vs. RHP	.274	1290	353	43	165
.236	106	25	3	33	RISP	.269	412	111	13	145
.200	10	2	0	6	Bases Loaded	.306	49	15	2	39
.222	9	2	0	2	Pinch Hitter	.244	41	10	2	8
.000	6	0	0	0	Designated Hitter	.000	6	0	0	0

BALLPARK BREAKDOWN

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
AT&T Park	.216	37	8	1	7
Busch Stadium	.217	23	5	1	3
Camden Yards	.500	10	5	0	0
Chase Field	.302	43	13	2	4
Citi Field	.261	23	6	1	5
Citizens Bank Park	.247	89	22	2	11
Coliseum	.357	14	5	2	3
Coors Field	.294	51	15	2	9
Dodger Stadium	.209	43	9	1	4
Fenway Park	.000	7	0	0	0
Great American	.393	28	11	3	4
Kauffman Stadium	.333	12	4	1	2
Miller Park	.171	35	6	0	1
Minute Maid Park	.323	31	10	3	5
Nationals Park	.315	54	17	3	16
Original Yankee Stadium	.333	12	4	0	1
PETCO Park	.233	43	10	3	5
PNC Park	.385	26	10	1	3
RFK Stadium	.200	45	9	0	2
Rogers Centre	.333	12	4	1	2
Safeco Field	.286	14	4	0	3
Shea Stadium	.320	50	16	1	6
Sun Life Stadium	.253	842	213	23	94
Tropicana Field	.357	28	10	1	5
Turner Field	.264	91	24	1	6
U.S. Cellular Field	.333	6	2	0	2
Wrigley Field	.256	39	10	4	7

FIELDING STATISTICS

Outfield							
YEAR	PCT.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
2005	1.000	14	20	0	0	20	0
2006	.957	89	177	1	8	186	0
2007	.966	116	247	7	9	263	1
2008	.982	132	266	4	5	275	0
2009	.995	120	201	3	1	205	1
Totals	xxx	471	911	15	23	949	2

HERMIDA'S CAREER BESTS

Hits: 4, June 22, 2006 at Baltimore
Home Runs: 2 (three times), April 18, 2009 at Washington; July 26, 2008 at Chicago (NL); April 11, 2008 at Houston
Runs Batted In: 5, April 18, 2009 at Washington
Stolen Bases: 1 (20 times), last: July 5, 2009 vs. Pittsburgh
Hitting Streak: 12, June 12 to 25, 2008
Hitless Streak (At Bats): 22, June 13 to 24, 2009
Grand Slams: 2, June 8, 2007 vs. Tampa Bay (Howry); August 31, 2005 vs. St. Louis (Reyes)
Pinch-Hit Home Runs: 2, July 25, 2008 at Chicago (Howry); August 31, 2005 vs. St. Louis (Reyes)
Inside-The-Park Home Runs: None.
Game Ending Home Runs: 1, June 9, 2009 vs. St. Louis (Motte).
Lead Off Home Runs: None.

INFIELDER**Height/Weight:** 5-9 / 200**Bats/Throws:** Left / Right**Birthdate:** February 9, 1979**Opening Day Age:** 31**Birthplace/Resides:** Uwajima, Japan / Tokyo, Japan**Major League Service:** 3 years**Obtained:** Signed as a free agent, September 13, 2010**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Was a career .300 hitter in Japan and finished among the Central League's top 10 in hitting three seasons (fourth in 2002, fifth in 2006 and sixth in 2005)...batted .307 and averaged 35 home runs and 94 RBI over his last three seasons playing in Japan...his 106 home runs from 2004-06 ranked fourth overall in the NPL behind Tyrone Woods of the Chunichi Dragons (130), Nobuhiko Matsunaka of the Fukuoka Softbank Hawks (109) and Julio Zuleta of the Fukuoka Softbank Hawks (109)...participated in the 2006 and 2009 World Baseball Classic (Japan)...was a six-time Gold Glove Award winner in Japan (2000-02, 2004-06), a five-time Japanese League All-Star (2001-02, 2004-06) and the Japan Series Most Valuable Player in 2001.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Participated in the World Baseball Classic and batted .286 with a triple and three RBI for Gold Medal-winning Japanese team...missed close to three months of the regular season after suffering a partially torn ACL in a collision with Florida's Chris Coghlan while turning a double play on May 24...made 67 appearances, including 63 starts, at second base while playing with the Rays...made lone appearance at third base May 23 at Florida...hit .386 against left-handed pitchers and .248 against righthanders...hit safely in five of his first seven games (10 for 26, .385)...tied his career high with three RBI on April 13 vs. New York (AL)...batted .295 in 22 games during the month of April...went 14 for 31 (.452) with six multi-hit efforts in an eight-game stretch from May 16-24, raising average from .274 to .310...tied career high (fourth time) with three RBI May 18 vs. Oakland...had three hits in the game he suffered his left knee injury on May 24 at Florida...was placed on the disabled list May 25 and underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee June 22...hit .303 in 11 games with Triple-A Durham while on a rehab assignment from August 14-28...was reinstated from the DL August 29 and returned to the lineup that night at Detroit, going 1 for 2 with two walks...connected off Justin Verlander for his lone home run August 30 at Detroit...batted .242 in 20 games during the month of September...was acquired by Pittsburgh November 3.

CAREER

2008—Made the switch from third baseman to second baseman as he played only one game at second base entering the season, the final game of 2007...made 152 appearances, including 151 starts, at second base and committed seven errors...began season with a 74-game errorless streak, the sixth-longest streak by a second baseman to start a season since 1956; those who went longer were Detroit's Placido Polanco (141 games in 2007), Baltimore's Rich Dauer (86 in 1978), Colorado's Luis Gonzalez (83 in 2005), Kansas City's Mark Grudzielanek (77 in 2006) and Minnesota's Chuck Knoblauch (75 in 1994)...committed first error in 75th game and 349th chance on June 25 at Florida...led Tampa Bay in hits, runs, at bats and games played...also led Rays with 22 infield hits and six bunt singles...ranked ninth in the American League in at bats and third in triples...batted leadoff in each of his 151 starts...was the toughest player in the Majors to double up for the second straight season as he grounded into just two double plays in 627 at bats...reached base safely in 24 straight games from April 24-May 22...produced an 11-game hitting streak from May 2-13 (20 for 51, .392)...hit his first of two leadoff home runs May 15 off New York's Ian Kennedy...his 41 hits in May led the AL and set a Rays record for the month...connected off Boston's Justin Masterson for his fourth career leadoff home run June 3 at Boston...was suspended three games for his role in a benches-clearing brawl at Boston June 5...served his time from June 28-30...had his second 11-game hitting streak from June 22-July 7 (16 for 48, .333)...hit his 200th professional home run on June 24 at Florida (off Scott Olsen)...his first 188 homers came in Japan...homered off Boston's Daisuke Matsuzaka September 15, his first home run off a Japanese pitcher in

the Major Leagues and the fifth ever in the Majors by a Japanese player off a Japanese pitcher...scored a career high four runs September 19 vs. Minnesota...hit four of his six home runs during the regular season against Boston...started at second base and led off all 16 postseason games for the Rays...hit safely in his first seven games of the postseason...hit a two-run homer off Chicago's Mark Buehrle in Game 2 of the ALDS, erasing a 2-1 deficit in the fifth inning...became the fifth Japanese-born player to hit a postseason home run, joining New York's Hideki Matsui, Chicago's Tadahito Iguchi, St. Louis' So Taguchi and Colorado's Kaz Matsui...produced a .722 slugging percentage in the ALDS...fielded Jed Lowrie's ground ball and stepped on second base to make the final out in Game 7 of the ALCS as the Rays advanced to their first World Series...went 3 for 4 in Game 1 of the World Series and delivered an RBI-double to become the sixth Japanese-born player to record a World Series RBI.

2007—Made 120 starts at third base and one at second base (September 30 at Toronto) while spending first season in the United States with Tampa Bay...his .975 fielding percentage (7 errors in 283 total chances) at third base was tops in the Major Leagues and ranked as the second-highest ever by a rookie third baseman behind St. Louis' Don Gutteridge (.978 in 1937)...ranked fifth among Major League rookies in batting...set club rookie records in on-base percentage (.359), triples and walks...led all rookies in triples and ranked second overall in the American League...began the season hitting primarily in the sixth and seventh spots, but moved to leadoff spot for good June 8...batted .323 (50 for 155) against left-handed pitchers, which was the third best average among lefties in the big leagues...reached base safely in all but 14 of his 122 starts...was the hardest player to double up in the Majors as he grounded into two double plays in 491 at bats...began his ML career going 7 for 11 in his first three games...had a career-high four hits in the home opener at Tropicana Field, April 6 vs. Toronto...also connected off Gustavo Chacin for first big league home run April 6...hit safely in his first nine games and 11 of his first 12...was hitting .339 (ninth in the league) when he suffered a right oblique strain after getting two hits and scoring three runs April 23 vs. New York...missed the next 29 games before returning May 28...his .479 on-base percentage in April was the third-highest by a rookie (min. 50 PA) in the opening month in the last 50 years, trailing only Montreal's Andres Galarraga (.500 in 1986) and New York's Willie Randolph (.480 in 1976)...connected off Doug Davis for first career leadoff home run June 19 at Arizona...hit his second leadoff homer June 23 off Los Angeles' Randy Wolf...had a career-high 12-game hitting streak from July 25 thru August 6 (19 for 50, .380).

2006—Was the starting third baseman in the inaugural World Baseball Classic and batted .386 with a triple and three RBI for Gold Medal-winning Japanese team...played in a Japanese League career-high 145 games in his ninth and final season with Yakult...ranked fifth in the Central League in batting and sixth in on-base percentage (.388) and also ranked among the top five in slugging (.552), total bases (292), home runs and walks...was named to the All-Star team and captured his sixth Gold Glove...signed a three-year, \$7.7 million contract with Tampa Bay on December 15; the Rays paid the Yakult Swallows \$4.55 million to obtain the negotiating rights for Iwamura on November 15.

2005—Was one of only four players in the Nippon Professional League (NPL) to hit at least .300 with 30 or more home runs and 100 or more RBI...ranked eighth in the league in home runs...also ranked sixth in batting, fourth in total bases (304), sixth in on-base percentage (.388), fifth in doubles and fourth in extra-base hits (65)...led the Central League in strikeouts.

2004—Tied a Yakult franchise record for most home runs in a season, most ever by a Japanese-born Yakult player...ranked third in the Central League in home runs...also ranked second in total bases (311) and runs scored...ranked third in RBI and established career high in that department...led the Central League in strikeouts, the highest total by a Japanese player in league history...batted .440 with three doubles, a triple and seven stolen bases in the U.S.-Japan All-Star Series...had a pair of hits off Roger Clemens in Japan's 3-1 win in Game 5 of that series...had a double, triple and RBI in 5-1 victory in Game 6...delivered a game-tying double in the ninth inning off Akinori Otsuka in Game 7 and came around to score the winning run in Japan's 3-2 victory.

2003—Missed most of the season with a right wrist ligament injury.

2002—Finished fourth in the Central League with a .320 batting average...also ranked third in doubles (35) and fourth in on-base percentage (.392) and slugging percentage (.531)...went 2 for 9 (.222) in the U.S.-Japan Series, including a double off Eric Gagne.

OUTFIELDER**Height/Weight:** 6-2 / 215**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** May 7, 1982**Opening Day Age:** 27**Birthplace/Resides:** Austin, Texas / Scottsdale, Arizona**Major League Service:** 4 years, 67 days**Obtained:** Acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks with cash considerations for minor league pitcher Sam Demel, June 15, 2010**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Jackson enters his sixth season in the Majors looking to rebound from a 2009 campaign that saw him sidelined from May through the remainder of the season with Valley Fever...in 2008, established career-highs in nearly every offensive category and was the ninth-hardest player to strikeout in the league, fanning once every 10.03 plate appearances...was honored by the Arizona chapter of the BBWAA with the D-backs' Good Guy Award in a 2008 season that saw him split time between first base and leftfield...the D-backs' first-round pick in 2003, Jackson was named NL Player of the Week twice in 2008.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Played in 30 games prior to being diagnosed with Valley Fever, an ailment that cost him the rest of his season...hit a pinch-hit, three-run homer on April 14 against St. Louis, the third pinch blast of his career and first homer in 224 at-bats...hit his second career walk-off hit in the 12th inning of a 5-4 win on April 26 against San Francisco...placed on the 15-day disabled list May 12 with general illness, later diagnosed as Valley Fever...in an attempted comeback, played in three games for Single-A Visalia (0-for-10) before being shut down for the remainder of the season...following the season, played for Leones del Escogido in the Dominican Winter League...in 23 games, he hit .425 (31 for 73) with six doubles, two home runs, 16 RBI, 21 walks, and .561 on-base and .589 slugging percentages.

CAREER

2008—Established career-bests in nearly every offensive category including batting average (.300), games played (144), at-bats (540), runs (87), hits (162), doubles (31) and triples (6)...was the ninth-hardest player to strikeout in the National League, fanning once every 10.03 plate appearances...honored by the Arizona chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America with the D-backs' Good Guy Award...was also the D-backs nominee for the Hank Aaron Award, given annually to the overall offensive performer in each league...started at first base in 53 of the team's first 65 games before making his first start of the season in leftfield on June 11 at New York...went back-and-forth between making starts in left field and at first base (14 starts at first, 10 in left) during a 25-game span from June 11-July 8 before settling in as the starting leftfielder at Washington July 9...started 64 of the final 72 games in leftfield after Eric Byrnes missed the remainder of the season because of injury...earned NL Player of the Week honors twice; from April 14-20 after batting .480 (12 for 25) with 10 runs scored, two doubles, two triples, three home runs and 10 RBI and from July 21-27 after hitting .542 (13 for 24) with nine runs scored, two doubles, one triple, three home runs and seven RBI in seven games...got off to a hot start by batting .331 with 27 runs scored, six doubles, four triples, five home runs and 32 RBI in his first 37 games through May 14...almost hit for the cycle on April 18 vs. Padres and tied a career-best with four hits, four RBI and three runs scored...collected a triple, home run and a single prior to connecting on a smash to center field in the sixth inning that eluded the Padres' Jim Edmonds...instead of stopping at second for a double to complete the cycle, he raced to third base for his second triple of the game...it was the fourth time in D-backs history a player collected two triples...his 25 RBI in the first month of the season tied for second in D-backs history...also tied for second with 24 runs scored in the first month...had his second career walk-off hit on July 3 vs. Milwaukee, driving in two runs with a single to cap the D-backs 6-run comeback victory in the ninth inning (also had a walk-off single in the 10th inning on July 28, 2007 vs. Atlanta)...his season average peaked at .324 on July 27 after hitting .448 during a 13-game stretch from July 10-27...hit in a season-high 11 straight games from July 22-Aug. 2, batting .422 with five doubles, a triple, three home runs and eight RBI during that stretch...also collected multiple hits in a career-high five straight games from July 22-27 during the hitting streak...hit safely in 15 of his last

19 games of the season, batting .352 with five multi-hit games to raise his average six points and finish with a .300 average.

2007—Was the D-backs' Opening Day first baseman for the second straight year...hit a team-leading .308 after the All-Star break, collecting 15 doubles, 10 home runs and 34 RBI...his .555 slugging percentage and .371 on-base percentage ranked second on the team...strung together a season-high nine-game hitting streak from May 24-June 5, batting .417 with eight doubles, a home run and nine RBI...hit his second career pinch-hit home run on July 26 vs. Florida, a game-tying two-run shot in the seventh inning...on July 28 against Atlanta, he lined a 10th-inning single to score Chris Young and cap the D-backs third consecutive walk-off victory...put together a seven-game hitting streak from July 25-Aug. 1, batting .385 with four doubles, one home run and six RBI...made his first career appearance at third base on Aug. 14 at Florida...hit .125 (1 for 8) with a RBI in three NLDS games against Chicago...batted .333 (3 for 9) with a run scored and RBI in three NLCS games against Rockies.

2006—Entered the season ranked by *Baseball America* as the 17th-best prospect in baseball...hit .310 during August and .341 with seven doubles, three home runs and 17 RBI in September...had 38 multi-hit games, including nine in September...set a career-high with four RBI on April 25 at San Diego and again on Sept. 8 vs. St. Louis...had a 13-game hitting streak from April 2-May 13, hitting .345 with 11 RBI during that stretch...hit a game-winning pinch-hit homer in the ninth on July 30 at Houston...the homer was his first hit as a pinch hitter, having gone 0 for 17 to begin his career...hit .404 over his last 12 starts.

2005—Had a banner year with Triple-A Tucson as he was selected the starting first baseman for the PCL at the Triple-A All-Star Game (2 for 2, run, RBI, walk) and the USA Team at the All-Star Futures Game (0-for-2) in Detroit...entered the season ranked by *Baseball America* as the 40th-best prospect in baseball...chosen as the first baseman for the 2005 All-Pacific Coast League Team at the end of the season...finished second in the PCL with a .457 on-base percentage and fourth with a .354 batting average...named organizational Player of the Month for April after batting .385...reached base via a hit or walk in 86 of 93 games with Tucson, collecting at least one hit in 74 games...had 35 multi-hit affairs and 15 multi-RBI games...excelled with runners in scoring position, batting .398...had his contract selected by the D-backs July 28 and made his Major League debut that day at Chicago, popping out as a pinch-hitter...went 2 for 4 as the starting first baseman in his first big league start on July 30 at the Cubs, collecting his first hit with a second-inning single off of Rich Hill then propelling D-backs to a 3-2 win with a go-ahead, RBI double in the eighth...clubbed his first career home run in his first career multi-homer affair on Aug. 6 vs. Rockies, taking Jeff Francis deep twice.

2004—Posted a composite .324 batting average with 87 runs, 157 hits, 32 doubles, four triples, seven home runs, 91 RBI, 69 walks, a .406 on-base and .512 slugging percentages in 127 games...led D-backs' farmhands in hits, RBI and walks...recognized by *Baseball America* as a midseason High-Class A All-Star (Lancaster) and the California League's Best Batting Prospect...selected to the Minor League All-Star Second Team and the High-Class A All-Star Team at the end of the season...was the California League Player of the Week for May 10-16...ended his stay in Lancaster with a 19-game hitting streak from May 30-June 20 during which he hit at a .440 pace...selected to the California/Carolina League All-Star Game but was unable to participate due to a June 21 promotion to Double-A El Paso...participated in the All-Star Futures Game on July 11 in Houston and doubled and scored for the USA Team in their 4-3 triumph...following the season, played for the Scottsdale Scorpions in the Arizona Fall League...tied for the league lead in home runs (8), tied for third in runs (27) and tied for fourth in RBI (26), spanning 32 games...batted .324 with a .586 slugging percentage...earned Player of the Week honors for Oct. 18-23.

2003—Named the Northwest League's Most Valuable Player...selected to NWL Post-Season All-Star team and earned SportsTicker Star of Stars honors for overall statistical excellence...chosen as an outfielder on *Baseball America*'s short-season All-Star team...established a league record with 35 doubles while also pacing the circuit with 60 RBI and 42 extra-base hits...also ranked second with 82 hits, 137 total bases and a .533 slugging percentage, third with a .319 average and tied for fourth with a .410 on-base percentage...clubbed his first professional home run on July 25 at Salem-Keiser...named Player of the Week for Aug. 4-10.

PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

Conor S. Jackson... was a 2000 graduate of El Camino Real High School in Woodland Hills, CA... attended the University of California, where he was named a third-team All-American by Baseball America following his senior season after batting .388 with 14 doubles, a triple, 10 home runs, 44 RBI and a Pac-10 leading .538 on-base percentage... played for the USA National Team in 2002... was also 1 of 4 players to maintain an Arizona Fall League journal for MLB.com during his time in the 2004 AFL... his father, John, is an actor and played Admiral A.J. Chegwidden on the television series "JAG"... made a cameo on "General Hospital" on June 3, as part of an ESPN The Magazine feature, portraying a physical therapist for Sonny and Carly's son Michael Corinthos, who was recovering from a year-long coma.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Table with columns: YEAR TEAM, AVG, G, AB, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, SH, SF, HP, BB, SO, SB, CS, SLG, OBP, E. Rows include years 2003-2009 and ML Totals.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2003 — Selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks organization in the 1st round (19th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft. 2009 — On disabled list, May 12 to November 19; included rehabilitation assignment to Visalia, August 11 to 13. 2010 — On disabled list, April 19 to May 7; included rehabilitation assignment to Reno, May 5 to 7. Traded to the Oakland Athletics with cash considerations for minor league pitcher Sam Demel, June 15.

DIVISION SERIES RECORD

Table with columns: YEAR TEAM, AVG, G, AB, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, SH, SF, HP, BB, SO, SB, CS, SLG, OBP, E. Row: 2007 ARZ vs. CHC.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

Table with columns: YEAR TEAM, AVG, G, AB, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, SH, SF, HP, BB, SO, SB, CS, SLG, OBP, E. Row: 2007 ARZ vs. COL.

VS. THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: 2009 AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI and CAREER vs. TEAM AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI. Rows list teams from Baltimore to Toronto.

VS. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: 2009 AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI and CAREER vs. TEAM AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI. Rows list teams from Arizona to Washington.

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

Table with columns: 2009 AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI and CAREER by MONTH AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI. Rows list months from March to October.

BATTING BREAKDOWN

Table with columns: 2009 AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI and CAREER by CATEGORY AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI. Rows list categories like Home, Road, Day, Night, Pre-ASG, Post-ASG, vs. LHP, vs. RHP, RISP, Bases Loaded, Pinch Hitter, Designated Hitter.

BALLPARK BREAKDOWN

Table with columns: AVG, AB, H, HR, RBI. Rows list stadiums from AT&T Park to Wrigley Field.

FIELDING STATISTICS

Table with columns: First Base YEAR, PCT., G, PO, A, E, TC, DP. Rows include years 2005-2009 and Totals.

Table with columns: Third Base YEAR, PCT., G, PO, A, E, TC, DP. Rows include year 2007 and Totals.

Table with columns: Outfield YEAR, PCT., G, PO, A, E, TC, DP. Rows include years 2005-2009 and Totals.

JACKSON'S CAREER BESTS

Hits: 4 (four times), last: September 21, 2008 at Colorado
Home Runs: 2 (three times), August 10, 2007 vs. Washington; July 15, 2006 vs. Milwaukee; August 6, 2005 vs. Colorado
Runs Batted In: 4 (five times), last: April 18, 2008 vs. San Diego
Stolen Bases: 1 (18 times), last: May 5, 2009 at Los Angeles (NL)
Hitting Streak: 13, April 25 to May 13, 2006
Hitless Streak (At Bats): 19, August 6 to 24, 2005
Grand Slams: None.
Pinch-Hit Home Runs: 3, April 14, 2009 vs. St. Louis (Kinney); July 26, 2007 vs. Florida (Miller); July 30, 2006 at Houston (Lidge)
Inside-The-Park Home Runs: None.
Game Ending Home Runs: None.
Lead Off Home Runs: None.

JUSTIN JAMES

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RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 215 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: September 13, 1981 **Opening Day Age:** 28
Birthplace/Resides: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma / Yukon, Oklahoma
Major League Service: None
Obtained: Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, June 19, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was originally drafted by Toronto in the fifth round of the 2003 First-Year Player draft and spent five seasons in the Blue Jays organization, peaking with 36 games at Triple-A Syracuse in 2007...was traded to Cincinnati following the 2007 season and elbow problems limited him to 22 games in 2008...was released following Spring Training in 2009...was 20-28 with two saves a 3.53 ERA in 195 games, including 47 starts, in six seasons in the Blue Jays and Reds farm system...allowed just 26 home runs in 471.2 innings or 0.50 per nine innings...has pitched for the Kansas City T-Bones in the independent Northern League since his release by the Reds.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was released by the Cincinnati Reds organization on April 3 and signed with the Kansas City T-Bones of the independent Northern League...went 4-6 with a 5.73 ERA in 34 games, 11 starts...struck out 74 and walked 27 in 88.0 innings...allowed 14 home runs and issued 15 wild pitches

CAREER

2008—Began the year at Double-A Chattanooga and had a loss and a 10.13 ERA in four relief appearances before he was placed on the disabled list April 14 with right elbow tendinitis...was reinstated May 7 and posted a 3.86 ERA in four appearances before returning to the DL May 23 with elbow tendinitis...compiled a 1.80 ERA during a three-game rehab assignment with the Reds affiliate in the Gulf Coast League and was reinstated July 18...bounced between Chattanooga and Single-A Sarasota the rest of the season and went 1-2 with a 2.86 ERA (7 er in 22.0 ip) in 11 games, three starts...combined with all three teams for a 1-3 record and a 3.89 ERA in 22 games, four starts...allowed a .230 opponents batting average, including .139 against right-handed hitters and .313 against left-handers...opponents went 9 for 42 (.214) with runners in scoring position.

2007—Began his final season in the Toronto organization at Double-A New Hampshire and was 0-2 with a 4.76 ERA in seven games, one start, before he was moved up to Triple-A Syracuse May 14...went 3-3 with a 3.68 ERA and two saves in 36 games, four starts, with the Chiefs and combined for a 3-5 record and a 3.89 ERA in 43 games, five starts...allowed a .251 opponents batting average, including .220 (36 for 164) against right-handers and .281 (50 for 178) against lefties...yielded a .245 mark with runners in scoring position and opponents were 1 for 13 with the bases loaded...pitched for the Scottsdale Scorpions in the Arizona Fall League and had no decisions and a 4.80 ERA in nine relief appearances.

2006—Had two separate stints with both Single-A Dunedin and Double-A New Hampshire and combined for a 2-2 record and a 3.27 ERA in a career high 48 relief appearances...yielded just four home runs in 85.1 innings, an average of 0.42 per nine innings...opponents batted .249, including 236 (48 for 203) by right-handed hitters and .270 (33 for 122) by left-handers.

2005—Spent the entire season with Single-A Dunedin of the Florida State League and was 4-7 with a 2.87 ERA in 44 games, including five starts...yielded just six home runs in 94.0 innings, an average of 0.57 per nine innings...opponents hit .286, which broke down to .254 (58 for 228) by right-handers and .336 (49 for 146) by lefties...posted a 0.82 ERA in 11 games in July.

2004—Split his first full season with Charleston-WV and Dunedin and combined for an 8-10 record and a 3.94 ERA in 25 games, all starts...had career highs in wins, strikeouts (124) and games started...was placed on the disabled list August 30 with right rotator cuff impingement syndrome and missed the remainder of the season.

2003—Made his professional debut with Auburn and was 2-1 with a 3.20 ERA in 13 games, eight starts.

PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

Justin D. James...attended the University of Missouri.

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	Auburn	2	1	3.20	13	8	0	0	0	39.1	34	14	14	2	1	11	0	42	7	0
2004	Charleston-WV	5	4	3.00	14	14	0	0	0	78.0	67	31	26	2	6	24	1	83	6	0
	Dunedin	3	6	5.40	11	11	0	0	0	50.0	59	32	30	2	3	19	0	41	7	0
2005	Dunedin	4	7	2.87	44	5	0	0	0	94.0	107	44	30	6	4	21	0	56	3	1
2006	Dunedin	0	2	4.12	24	0	0	0	0	43.2	39	21	20	2	3	15	0	34	5	1
	New Hampshire	2	0	2.38	24	0	0	0	0	41.2	42	11	11	2	2	10	0	38	3	0
2007	New Hampshire	0	2	4.76	7	1	0	0	0	17.0	20	10	9	0	1	6	0	15	1	0
	Syracuse	3	3	3.68	36	4	0	0	2	71.0	66	35	29	7	3	20	2	43	6	0
2008	Chattanooga	0	2	7.36	12	0	0	0	0	14.2	21	17	12	2	0	8	1	10	3	1
	GCL Reds	0	0	1.80	3	1	0	0	0	5.0	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0
	Sarasota	1	1	1.56	7	3	0	0	0	17.1	6	3	3	1	0	5	0	11	1	0
2009	Kansas City (Nor.)	4	6	5.73	34	11	1	1	0	88.0	98	57	56	14	3	27	1	74	15	1

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Boston Red Sox organization in the 6th round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign. **2003** — Selected by the Toronto Blue Jays organization in the 5th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2007** — Traded to the Cincinnati Reds organization for outfielder Buck Coats, December 6. **2009** — Released, April 3; signed with Kansas City (Northern League), April 27. **2010** — Signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, June 19.

INFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-2 / 200 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Right
Birthdate: October 11, 1982 **Opening Day Age:** 27
Birthplace/Resides: Iowa City, Iowa / Tempe, Arizona
Major League Service: 159 days
Obtained: Claimed off waivers from Detroit, August 3, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Detroit in 2008 and hit .242 with six home runs and 23 RBI in 74 games over two seasons with the Tigers... homered in three straight games in 2009, May 10-13... rated as possessing the best power in the International League by *Baseball America* in 2008 and was also tabbed as the Tigers fifth best prospect... selected the Tigers Minor League Player of the Year in 2007 after leading the Eastern League with 28 home runs and 101 RBI for Double A Erie... was drafted out of high school and following his junior year at Arizona State but did not sign until he was selected by the Tigers in the 5th round of the 2005 draft.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Saw action with the Tigers in two separate stints after making the club's Opening Day roster out of Spring Training for the first time in his career... optioned to Triple A Toledo April 28 and hit safely in four of his five games with the Mud Hens before being recalled May 5... homered in three straight games for the Tigers May 10-13... optioned back to Toledo June 6... collected a season-high five hits for the Mud Hens on June 23 versus Durham... hit .400 (14 for 35) with three doubles, two home runs and seven RBI over a 10-game hitting streak July 21-August 2... was on the seven-day disabled list from August 27 to September 5 with a right wrist inflammation... recalled by the Tigers from Toledo on September 5 and was placed on the 60-day disabled list for the remainder of the season with wrist injury... underwent right wrist surgery on September 15, a procedure performed by Dr. Donald Sheridan in Arizona.

CAREER

2008—Opened the season with Toledo before seeing his first major league action in three separate stints with Detroit... rated as possessing the best power in the International League by *Baseball America*... connected for a season-high two home runs for Toledo on April 5 versus Durham, May 17 at Columbus and August 5 at Louisville... led the International League with 21 RBI during April, while he was second with seven home runs and 56 total bases... batted .287 with nine home runs and 22 RBI in 27 games during May... had his contract purchased from Toledo by the Tigers on May 28... made his Major League debut on May 30 at Seattle... collected his first ML hit that day in the fifth inning, an infield single off R.A. Dickey... belted his first major league home run June 6 versus Cleveland, a solo shot off Paul Byrd in the seventh inning... optioned to Toledo June 24 and was recalled July 10... established a career high with three hits that day versus Minnesota... equaled the high with three hits on September 24 versus Kansas City... batted .444 (4 for 9) with a double, home run and three RBI in four games for the Tigers before being optioned back to Toledo on July 20... recalled for the remainder of the season on August 27... posted a career-high eight-game hitting streak September 15-26, batting .526 (10 for 19) with four doubles and three RBI... hit .333 in 19 games during September... batted .375 with runners in scoring position for the Tigers... named the fifth-best prospect in the Tigers organization following the season by *Baseball America*... hit .331 with 34 runs scored, nine doubles, six home runs and 29 RBI in 30 games with Mesa in the Arizona Fall League following the season... was second in the league with 34 runs scored and tied for second with 29 RBI.

2007—Selected the Tigers Minor League Player of the Year after leading the Eastern League with 28 home runs and 101 RBI for Double A Erie... additionally, he was selected as Erie's Player of the Year... topped the Eastern League with one home run every 16.21 at-bats, while he tied for the lead with nine intentional walks, tied for second with 87 walks and finished fourth with a .515 slugging percentage... led all league first basemen with a .994 fielding percentage, 1,206 total chances, 1,113 putouts and 94

double plays... tabbed the best power prospect in the EL by *Baseball America*... collected a season-high six RBI on April 22 versus Bowie... led the EL with 23 RBI during April, while he tied for second with four home runs and tied for fourth with 39 total bases... tied for second in the EL with six home runs during June... belted a season-best two home runs on July 12 versus Bowie... tabbed the Tigers Minor League Player of the Month for August after hitting .333 with 19 runs scored, eight doubles, six home runs and 19 RBI in 29 games during the month... connected for a grand slam on September 3 versus Altoona... saw action in all four of Erie's games in the Eastern League playoffs, batting .235 with a double, home run and eight RBI... named the sixth-best prospect in the Tigers organization following the season by *Baseball America*... tabbed the best power hitter in the Tigers organization by the publication as well... saw action with Peoria in the Arizona Fall League following the season, batting .264 with seven doubles, a home run and 14 RBI in 25 games.

2006—Finished third in the Florida State League with 54 extra-base hits and 81 walks for Single A Lakeland... also tied for third with 135 games played, finished fourth with 76 runs scored and tied for fourth with 34 doubles... led all Florida State League first basemen with 1,350 total chances, 1,245 putouts, 92 assists and 128 double plays... collected a season-high four RBI on April 23 at Clearwater and July 21 at St. Lucie... belted a season-best two home runs on June 5 versus Clearwater... tied for second in the Florida State League with six home runs during June... batted .312 with 16 runs scored, six doubles, two home runs and eight RBI in 28 games during August... named the ninth-best prospect and rated as the best power hitter and possessing the best strike-zone discipline in the Tigers organization following the season by *Baseball America*.

2005—Saw his first professional action with the Gulf Coast League Tigers and Single-A Oneonta after being selected by the Tigers in the fifth round of the 2005 draft... assigned to the Gulf Coast League Tigers after signing and appeared in six games before he was transferred to Oneonta on August 18... homered in each of his first three games with Oneonta, August 18-20... saw action in both of Oneonta's games during the New York-Penn League playoffs, hitting .250 with a double... named the ninth-best prospect and rated as possessing the best strike-zone discipline in the Tigers organization following the season by *Baseball America*.

PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

Jeffrey D. Larish... resides in Tempe, Arizona with his wife Julia during the off-season... originally selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 32nd round of the June 2001 draft as a shortstop out of McClintock High School in Tempe, AZ, but he did not sign... hit .328 as a freshman in 2002 at Arizona State University... was an All-Pac-10 selection and Second-Team All-American by *Baseball America* as a sophomore in 2003, batting .372 with 80 runs scored, 18 doubles, 18 home runs and 95 RBI... led all NCAA Division I players with 78 walks, while he was second in RBI, third with a .528 slugging percentage and tied for ninth in runs scored... played for Team USA during the summer of 2003 and earned Second-Team Summer All-American honors from Baseball America after he hit .255 with eight home runs and 23 RBI... batted .308 with seven home runs and 49 RBI during his junior season and was selected by Los Angeles Dodgers in the 13th round of the First-Year Player Draft... did not sign and was an All-Pac-10 selection as a senior, hitting .324 with 72 runs scored, 18 doubles, 23 home runs, 67 RBI and 11 stolen bases in 67 games... led the conference and tied for fourth among all NCAA Division I players in home runs... named to the All-Tournament Team at the College World Series... supports Gloves for Kids... recommended/signed by Brian Reid for the Tigers.

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 GCL Tigers	.222	6	18	1	4	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	4	5	0	1	.278	.375	0
Oneonta	.297	18	64	16	19	3	0	6	13	0	0	2	13	6	0	0	.625	.430	2
2006 Lakeland	.258	135	457	76	118	34	2	18	65	0	4	10	81	101	9	7	.460	.379	13
2007 Erie	.267	132	454	71	121	25	2	28	101	0	6	9	87	108	6	2	.515	.390	7
2008 Toledo	.250	103	384	49	96	20	2	21	64	0	2	4	50	109	0	1	.477	.341	9
DETROIT	.260	42	104	12	27	6	0	2	16	0	0	0	7	34	2	2	.375	.306	2
2009 Toledo	.265	61	211	38	56	13	0	6	26	0	0	4	42	56	2	2	.412	.397	4
DETROIT	.216	32	74	13	16	3	1	4	7	0	1	0	15	25	0	1	.446	.344	0
ML TOTALS	.242	74	178	25	43	9	1	6	23	0	1	0	22	59	2	3	.404	.323	2

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Chicago Cubs organization in the 32nd round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign.
2004 — Selected by the Los Angeles Dodgers organization in the 13th round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign.
2005 — Selected by the Detroit Tigers organization in the 5th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2009** — On disabled list, September 5 to November 5. **2010** — Claimed off waivers by the Oakland Athletics, August 3.

VS. THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

2009	CAREER				vs. TEAM	CAREER				
	AVG.	AB	H	HR		RBI	AVG.	AB	H	HR
.500	6	3	0	1	Baltimore	.500	8	4	1	3
.000	7	0	0	0	Boston	.000	7	0	0	0
.333	6	2	1	2	Cleveland	.400	15	6	2	3
.000	1	0	0	0	Chicago	.083	12	1	0	1
—	0	0	0	0	Detroit	—	0	0	0	0
.167	12	2	0	0	Kansas City	.229	35	8	0	4
.100	10	1	0	0	Los Angeles	.091	11	1	0	0
.333	9	3	2	2	Minnesota	.316	19	6	2	3
—	0	0	0	0	New York	.400	5	2	0	0
.500	4	2	0	0	Oakland	.267	15	4	0	1
.000	1	0	0	0	Seattle	.083	12	1	0	1
—	0	0	0	0	Tampa Bay	.167	6	1	0	0
.200	15	3	1	2	Texas	.263	19	5	1	4
—	0	0	0	0	Toronto	—	0	0	0	0

VS. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

2009	CAREER				vs. TEAM	CAREER				
	AVG.	AB	H	HR		RBI	AVG.	AB	H	HR
.000	3	0	0	0	Colorado	.000	3	0	0	0
—	0	0	0	0	Los Angeles	.250	8	2	0	1
—	0	0	0	0	San Diego	.500	2	1	0	1
—	0	0	0	0	San Francisco	1.000	1	1	0	1

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

2009	CAREER				by MONTH	CAREER				
	AVG.	AB	H	HR		RBI	AVG.	AB	H	HR
.176	17	3	1	1	April	.176	17	3	1	1
.279	43	12	3	6	May	.255	51	13	3	7
.071	14	1	0	0	June	.174	46	8	1	6
—	0	0	0	0	July	.444	9	4	1	3
—	0	0	0	0	August	.125	16	2	0	3
—	0	0	0	0	September	.333	39	13	0	3

BATTING BREAKDOWN

2009	CAREER				by CATEGORY	CAREER				
	AVG.	AB	H	HR		RBI	AVG.	AB	H	HR
.158	38	6	1	2	Home	.229	105	24	2	10
.278	36	10	3	5	Road	.260	73	19	4	13
.286	35	10	2	3	Day	.243	74	18	2	5
.154	39	6	2	4	Night	.240	104	25	4	18
.216	74	16	4	7	Pre-ASG	.223	121	27	5	15
—	0	0	0	0	Post-ASG	.281	57	16	1	8
.000	6	0	0	0	vs. LHP	.100	10	1	0	0
.235	68	16	4	7	vs. RHP	.250	168	42	6	23
.050	20	1	0	1	RISP	.227	44	10	0	14
.000	1	0	0	1	Bases Loaded	.000	6	0	0	2
.000	5	0	0	0	Pinch Hitter	.313	16	5	0	2
.182	44	8	4	5	Designated Hitter	.200	85	17	5	10

BALLPARK BREAKDOWN

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Angel Stadium	.000	3	0	0	0
AT&T Park	1.000	1	1	0	1
Camden Yards	.500	8	4	1	3
Coliseum	.125	8	1	0	1
Comerica Park	.229	105	24	2	10
Kauffman Stadium	.167	12	2	0	0
Metrodome	.273	11	3	2	2
PETCO Park	.500	2	1	0	1
Progressive Field	.500	8	4	1	2
Rangers Ballpark	.500	4	2	0	2
Safeco Field	.083	12	1	0	1
U.S. Cellular Field	.000	4	0	0	0

FIELDING STATISTICS

First Base							
YEAR	PCT.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
2008	1.000	8	41	3	0	44	9
2009	1.000	11	68	5	0	73	4
Totals	1.000	19	109	8	0	117	13

Third Base							
YEAR	PCT.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
2008	.931	12	10	17	2	29	1
2009	1.000	1	1	1	0	2	0
Totals	.935	13	11	18	2	31	1

LARISH'S CAREER BESTS

Hits: 3 (twice), last: September 24, 2008 vs. Kansas City
Home Runs: 1 (six times), last: May 13, 2009 at Minnesota
Runs Batted In: 2 (three times), last: September 15, 2008 at Texas
Stolen Bases: 1 (twice), last: August 27, 2008 vs. Cleveland
Hitting Streak: 8, September 15 to 26, 2008
Hitless Streak (At Bats): 12, June 10 to 14, 2008
Grand Slams: None
Pinch-Hit Home Runs: None
Inside-The-Park Home Runs: None
Game Ending Home Runs: None
Lead Off Home Runs: None

ROSS WOLF

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RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-0 / 180 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right

Birthdate: October 18, 1982 **Opening Day Age:** 27

Birthplace/Resides: Effingham, Illinois / Wheeler, Illinois

Major League Service: 53 days

Obtained: Acquired from the Baltimore Orioles with cash considerations for Jake Fox, June 22, 2010

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

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was originally drafted by Florida in the 18th round of the 2002 First-Year Player Draft...made his Major League debut with the Marlins in 2007 and had a loss and an 11.68 ERA in 14 relief appearances...signed a minor league contract with the Baltimore organization following the 2008 season...has a 42-26 record, 13 saves and a 3.65 ERA (204 er in 503.2 ip) in 328 career minor league appearances over his first eight professional seasons...allowed just 29 home runs in 503.2 innings, an average of 0.52 per nine innings.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Spent the season with Triple-A Norfolk and was 4-2 with one save and a 3.95 ERA in 47 games...struck out 73 batters in 82.0 innings and walked 33...allowed a season-high eight earned runs in 1.1 innings, June 1 at Columbus...posted a 2.43 ERA in 17 games in April and May and a 4.82 ERA beginning June 1...tossed a season-high 3.0 innings on six occasions...struck out a season-high 5, May 25 at Toledo.

CAREER

2008—Began the season on the disabled list with a strained right shoulder...was reinstated May 19 and was assigned to Single-A Jupiter, collecting one save in three appearances (4.0 innings)...spent the rest of the season with Triple-A Albuquerque, going 5-2 with one save and a 3.92 ERA in 38 games...compiled a 2.78 ERA in 21 home games and a 5.51 ERA in 17 road games...allowed two earned runs in his first appearance, May 25 at New Orleans...then did not allow an earned run in 11 consecutive appearances...went 2-0 with a 0.75 ERA in 11 outings in June.

2007—Went 0-1 with an 11.68 ERA in 14 relief appearances in first Major League season...made his big league debut on August 10 at New York (NL), retiring the only batter he faced and stranding a runner...pitched a season-high 2.0 innings twice: September 5 at Washington and September 16 at Colorado...stranded 10 of 13 inherited runners...went 4-3 with two saves and a 3.42 ERA in 45 games with Triple-A Albuquerque...was on the disabled list from May 27 to June 26 with a strained left groin...pitched one game with Peoria in the Arizona Fall League, tossing 1.0 inning and allowing two runs, one earned run, on two hits on October 11.

2006—Began the season with Double-A Carolina, going 1-2 with a 1.00 ERA...did not allow a run in his first eight outings...was promoted to Triple-A Albuquerque on May 5 and appeared in 48 games for the Isotopes...was 4-1 with a 5.18 ERA at the Triple-A level...had a 12.1 scoreless inning streak from May 26-June 23...went 1-0 with a 0.73 ERA in June...allowed his only home run of the season (66.2 ip) on July 25 at Sacramento.

2005—Pitched for Double-A Carolina, going 5-4 with a 4.96 ERA...earned his only save of the season on July 27 vs. Chattanooga.

2004—Went 11-7 with a 2.60 ERA with Single-A Jupiter...led the team and Florida State League relievers with 11 wins and allowed two home runs in 43 games and 90.0 innings.

2003—Went 6-1 with a team leading 1.61 ERA for Single-A Greensboro...earned first professional save on April 28 at Capital City...was placed on the disabled list on July 4 with a hernia and missed rest of the season.

2002—Went 2-4 with a 4.66 ERA in 11 starts for Single-A Jamestown...collected his first win, July 12 at Lowell...was placed on the disabled list August 16 with right shoulder tendinitis and missed the remainder of the season.

PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS

Ross Garrett Wolf...attended Wabash Valley Junior College in Illinois...graduated from Newton Community HS (IL)...is married (Lynn).

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	Jamestown	2	4	4.66	11	11	0	0	0	46.1	56	30	24	4	3	12	0	18	2	1
2003	Greensboro	6	1	1.61	27	0	0	0	2	50.1	32	10	9	2	2	10	2	26	0	0
2004	Jupiter	11	7	2.60	43	0	0	0	5	90.0	87	33	26	2	4	28	6	58	3	0
2005	Carolina	5	4	4.96	54	1	0	0	1	78.0	106	54	43	6	1	31	4	59	4	0
2006	Carolina	1	2	1.00	12	0	0	0	0	18.0	12	3	2	0	0	2	1	12	1	0
	Albuquerque	4	1	5.18	48	0	0	0	0	48.2	65	28	28	1	3	15	1	29	2	0
2007	Albuquerque	4	3	3.42	45	0	0	0	2	47.1	54	24	18	5	0	17	1	23	0	1
	FLORIDA	0	1	11.68	14	0	0	0	0	12.1	24	16	16	4	1	3	0	6	1	0
2008	Jupiter	0	0	2.25	3	0	0	0	1	4.0	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0
	Albuquerque	5	2	3.92	38	0	0	0	1	39.0	47	19	17	4	2	15	0	20	1	0
2009	Norfolk	4	2	3.95	47	0	0	0	1	82.0	70	38	36	5	3	33	0	73	5	1
ML Totals		0	1	11.68	14	0	0	0	0	12.1	24	16	16	4	1	3	0	6	1	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2002 — Selected by the Florida Marlins organization in the 18th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Elected free agency, November 3; signed by the Baltimore Orioles to a minor league contract, November 28. **2009** — Elected free agency, November 9; re-signed by Baltimore to a minor league contract, November 20. **2010** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics organization with cash for Jake Fox, June 22.

VS. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

2009	CAREER													
ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER	vs. TEAM	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Arizona	9.00	0	0	0	2	2.0	2
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Chicago	0.00	0	0	0	1	0.1	0
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Colorado	9.00	0	0	0	1	2.0	2
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	New York	18.00	0	0	0	5	3.0	6
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Philadelphia	36.00	0	0	0	1	1.0	4
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	San Francisco	5.40	0	1	0	2	1.2	1
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Washington	3.86	0	0	0	2	2.1	1

BALLPARK BREAKDOWN

	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
Citizens Bank Park	36.00	0	0	0	1	1.0	4
Coors Field	9.00	0	0	0	1	2.0	2
RFK Stadium	4.50	0	0	0	1	2.0	1
Shea Stadium	27.00	0	0	0	3	1.2	5
Sun Life Stadium	6.35	0	1	0	8	5.2	4

FIELDING STATISTICS

Pitcher	Year	Pct.	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
	2007	1.000	14	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	1.000	14	0	1	0	0	1	0

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

2009	CAREER													
ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER	by MONTH	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	August	9.64	0	1	0	6	4.2	5
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	September	12.91	0	0	0	8	7.2	11

WOLF'S CAREER BESTS

Low Hit Complete Game: None
Innings Pitched: 2.0 (twice), last: September 16, 2007 at Colorado
Strikeouts: 3, September 16, 2007 at Colorado
Longest Winning Streak: None
Longest Losing Streak: 2, August 20, 2007 to present
Longest Scoreless Streak: 2.0, August 16 to 19, 2007

PITCHING BREAKDOWN

2009	CAREER													
ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER	by CATEGORY	ERA	W	L	S	G	IP	ER
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Home	6.35	0	1	0	8	5.2	4
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Road	16.20	0	0	0	6	6.2	12
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Day	16.71	0	1	0	7	7.0	13
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Night	5.06	0	0	0	7	5.1	3
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Pre-ASG	—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Post-ASG	11.68	0	1	0	14	12.1	16
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Starter	—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
—	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	Reliever	11.68	0	1	0	14	12.1	16

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.

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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

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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.
- Made his 100th career appearance on July 2 at Cleveland and retired the side in order for the save in a 3-0 A's win.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list July 30 retroactive to July 21 with a right intercostal strain... made one rehab start with Triple-A Sacramento on August 27 against Iowa and allowed two runs in 0.2 innings (3 h, 0 bb, 1 so).

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.

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

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

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

INFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-0 / 204

Bats/Throws: Left / Right

Birthdate: August 16, 1985

Opening Day Age: 24

Birthplace/Resides: Springfield, Vermont / Corona, California

Major League Service: 1 year, 119 days

Obtained: Acquired from the St. Louis Cardinals with pitchers Kiko Calero and Dan Haren for pitcher Mark Mulder, December 18, 2004

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

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Walked a Major League leading 22 times during the spring, the most walks by an Athletic since spring stats are first available in 1991...the previous best was 17 by Mark McGwire in 1991...then walked three times in the opener, April 5 at Seattle...that tied the Oakland Opening Day record set by Sal Bando in 1975 and matched by Barton in 2008.
- Drove in a career high four runs April 8 against Seattle.
- Fractured the volar plate in the middle finger of his right hand April 25 against Cleveland but did not miss any games.
- Snapped a career long 41-game homerless streak April 28 at Tampa Bay with his first home run since September 11, 2009...the home run also snapped a career long 16-game streak without an RBI dating back to April 9.
- 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 4...hit .341 (14 for 41) during the hitting streak...had a second 11-game streak from August 17 to 28 (16 for 39, .410).
- Hit safely in 15 consecutive road games from May 25 to June 16 (20 for 58, .345).
- Tied an Oakland record with three doubles June 26 against Pittsburgh (23rd time, last by Ryan Sweeney on September 14, 2009)...added a career high tying four RBI and is just the third player in Oakland history with three doubles and at least four RBI in a game (Sweeney and Ben Grieve, September 3, 1997 vs. San Francisco).
- Was ejected from the game July 6 by home plate umpire Mike Winters after striking out in the fifth inning...it was his first career ejection.
- Homered in the fifth inning July 10 against Los Angeles to snap a career high tying 0 for 20 streak (also September 8-16, 2008)...it also snapped a 34-game homerless streak, which was the second longest of his career.
- Scored a career high four runs August 28 in Texas when he went 2 for 3 with a home run and two walks.
- Set an Oakland record with five consecutive multi-walk games from August 28 to September 1.

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	0	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.

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'It's time' - Barton reaching promise

Susan Slusser, Chronicle Staff Writer, 6-15-2010

Daric Barton is finally fulfilling the potential everyone believed he had when he first came up in the fall of 2007. He's consistent, he's reliable, he truly has become a team player.

At 24, he has grown up.

After two seasons of erratic results and lengthy slumps, how did this transformation take place? Did Barton change his approach at the plate? Tinker with his swing?

No, said Barton. The changes he made were in his life, and, for that, he credits a trip to the golf course during spring training and Casey Chavez, the A's bullpen catcher and Eric Chavez's younger brother.

"We'd started talking about things while we were playing golf one day, and the next week I was out on the golf course again, and I got a text message from Casey when I was on the 13th hole," the A's first

Daric Barton, continued

baseballer said. “He invited me to Bible study and it wasn’t even a question in my mind. I was like, ‘Yeah, I’ll be there.’ I didn’t even finish the round.”

“God showed himself through Casey. I got saved and that was a turning point for me, mentally and physically, knowing there’s more to life than baseball.”

Barton said he’d done a lot of thinking in the offseason and said he realized that he had forgotten who he was - he felt as if he was trying to be someone else, and he wasn’t fulfilling his potential, either as a person or as a player. He knew something was missing, and it was just by sheer chance that Chavez started discussing faith with him that day on the golf course.

“It was so random,” Chavez said. “Some coaches and I were just trying to fill out a foursome and Daric and I wound up sharing a cart. We weren’t even talking that much, but one of the coaches was saying to me, ‘So, you don’t do this anymore? You don’t do that anymore?’ And I could tell Barty was paying attention. I said, ‘Yeah, I don’t go out anymore, I don’t drink anymore, I’m happier than I’ve ever been.’ I knew Barty heard it.”

Barton said he found in the Bible study group the answers he was looking for. The others in the group shared stories of searching for more meaning, and finding it in the Bible rather than in nightlife and some of the other temptations of youth and of fame and riches. Barton hadn’t ever been an out-of-control partier, but he’s a fun-loving guy and he certainly had done his share of hitting the town on occasion. That has come to an end.

“I was probably going down a road I shouldn’t,” Barton said. “Sometimes I was even playing better when I was going out every night. I was single, I was loving life, I went with the flow.”

“I don’t regret it at all, I had a lot of fun, but it’s time - I’d played parts of three seasons and I hadn’t established myself as a player. This has been my most important year. I really think I took what I had for granted - that’s something I thought about this offseason. Because it’s more than just about ability, it’s about preparation and about off-field habits.”

Casey Chavez sees the changes that Barton’s newfound faith has wrought in his personal life and in his professional life.

“He has such confidence about him,” Chavez said. “It’s fun to watch someone who really enjoys what they’re doing, and getting better at it.”

Barton said he was trying so hard to be something he wasn’t that he’d lost some of his love for the game. Now he has focused anew on being the player he believes he is - he’s not getting himself out early in the count as he was the past two seasons, something that was the result, he said, of being too worried about striking out.

He’s also added another element to his game. Barton felt as if he was letting the team down too much the past two seasons by failing to move runners from second to third with nobody out. So this year he’s bunting in those situations. He has nine sacrifice bunts already. No A’s player had more than five all of last year, and the Oakland record is 22 (Dwayne Murphy, 1980).

None of Barton’s bunts have been called. He said he’s doing it on his own.

“It’s not expected of me, but if there’s an important run early in the game, I want to take advantage of it, get the momentum on our side,” he said. “It’s pretty much ingrained in me, at all costs, get that runner over. And it’s worked well.”

“That’s Barty,” hitting coach Jim Skaalen said. “Team first, a professional in all areas.”

Barton said he wants to prove to the A’s that they were right to have faith in him. He knows that he got extended time over the past two years to show his worth, even when he might not have deserved it. He said getting sent down to the minors last year was another big step in his maturation process.

“Baseball will humble you real fast,” he said. “They sent me down last year, and that was the best thing that ever could happen. The A’s have given me every chance, and hopefully now I’m doing everything I can for them.”

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.
- Issued a career high three walks and was charged with the loss on June 17 at Chicago (NL).
- Made his 100th career appearance on July 7 against New York.
- Retired the side in order in the ninth inning August 19 against Tampa Bay for his first Major League save.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

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

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

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

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-4 / 245 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right

Birthdate: October 14, 1981 **Opening Day Age:** 28

Birthplace/Resides: St. Petersburg, Florida / Largo, Florida

Major League Service: 3 years, 102 days

Obtained: Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, July 3, 2010

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

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Began the season on the Boston disabled list with a right groin strain...had two rehab assignments with Triple-A Pawtucket from April 8 to 13 and May 7 to June 4...went 0-2 with a 6.34 ERA in nine games, eight starts, before he was reinstated from the DL June 7.
- Made two relief appearances with Boston on June 9 and 11 and had an 18.00 ERA when he was designated for assignment June 18...was outrighted to Pawtucket June 28 and declared free agency.
- Signed a minor league deal with the A's July 3 and was assigned to Triple-A Sacramento...went 2-1 with a 4.56 ERA in five starts before he was promoted to Oakland July 31.
- Tossed 2.0 scoreless innings August 16 against Toronto in the 100th appearance of his career.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Spent three seasons with Minnesota from 2006 through 2008 before missing the 2009 season following right shoulder surgery...was 18-25 with a 5.12 ERA in 96 games, 60 starts...started one game for the Twins in the ALDS against Oakland in 2006 after making his Major League debut earlier in the season...was named American League Rookie of the Month in September, 2006 after going 4-1 with a 2.63 ERA...led the International League with 168 strikeouts for Triple-A Rochester in 2005...was the South Atlantic League's Most Valuable Pitcher in 2001 after leading all San Francisco minor leaguers in wins (16), ERA (2.49) and strikeouts (178) in 27 starts with Single-A Hagerstown...was originally drafted by the Giants in the first round (21st selection overall) of the 2000 draft before he was dealt to the Twins with Joe Nathan and Francisco Liriano for A.J. Pierzynski following the 2003 season.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Missed the entire season recovering from surgery on his right shoulder...underwent arthroscopic surgery on February 25 to repair partial tears to the labrum and rotator cuff in his right shoulder...the procedure was performed by Dr. Coco Eaton in St. Petersburg, Florida...made one rehabilitation appearance on September 6 for Single-A Fort Myers, tossing 1.0 scoreless frame.

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK
2000	Salem-Keizer	1	4	6.00	10	9	0	0	0	33.0	21	23	22	2	1	29	0	41	4	0
2001	Hagerstown	16	4	2.49	27	27	0	0	0	134.0	91	40	37	7	9	61	2	178	10	1
2002	Shreveport	1	2	5.55	5	5	0	0	0	24.1	30	15	15	3	1	14	0	23	0	0
	San Jose	8	6	2.88	23	23	0	0	0	128.1	89	44	41	9	7	70	0	139	7	1
2003	Norwich	7	10	4.00	24	24	1	1	0	135.0	122	80	60	11	0	67	0	103	10	0
	Fresno	1	2	3.13	4	4	0	0	0	23.0	17	13	8	4	0	8	0	28	2	0
2004	New Britain	12	9	4.37	27	27	0	0	0	154.1	160	89	75	22	3	56	1	146	4	0
	Rochester	1	0	1.29	1	1	0	0	0	7.0	5	1	1	1	0	1	0	7	0	0
2005	Rochester	11	9	3.99	28	28	0	0	0	160.1	153	80	71	22	2	57	0	168	3	0
2006	Rochester	6	4	2.81	14	14	0	0	0	86.1	68	31	27	4	3	35	0	83	0	0
	MINNESOTA	7	6	4.22	18	18	0	0	0	100.1	104	50	47	18	1	24	0	84	2	0
2007	MINNESOTA	8	12	5.10	31	30	0	0	0	173.0	199	108	98	27	5	65	4	136	3	1
2008	MINNESOTA	3	7	5.93	47	12	0	0	0	118.1	139	87	78	16	1	36	1	97	6	1
2009	Fort Myers	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
ML Totals		18	25	5.12	96	60	0	0	0	391.2	442	245	223	61	7	125	5	317	11	2

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2000 — Selected by the San Francisco Giants organization in the 1st round (21st selection overall) of the June draft. **2003** — Traded to the Minnesota Twins with pitchers Joe Nathan and Francisco Liriano for catcher A.J. Pierzynski and cash, November 14. **2009** — On the disabled list, March 27 to November 9; included rehabilitation assignment to Fort Myers, September 5 to 17. Traded to the Boston Red Sox for a player to be named later (pitcher Chris Province), December 10. **2010** — On the disabled list, March 26 to June 6; included rehabilitation assignment to Pawtucket, April 8 to 13 and May 7 to June 4. Elected free agency, June 28; signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, July 3.

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 and had a loss and a 4.50 ERA in 12 games before he was optioned to Sacramento July 20.
- Recalled again on July 24, tossed 1.0 scoreless inning July 30 at Chicago and was optioned back to Sacramento July 31.

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	-	-	-	-	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...matched that on May 30 at Detroit and June 9 against Los Angeles.
- 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.
- The perfect game was the first complete game of his career, snapping a career opening streak of 52 consecutive starts without a complete game...that is an Oakland record, 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.
- 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.
- Finished with a complete game seven-hitter but was the losing pitcher in the A's 4-0 loss...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.
- 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, was on the cover of Sports Illustrated and was on HBO's Real SportsWith Bryant Gumbel.
- His spikes and a game ball are 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.

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 low-

Dallas Braden, continued

est ERA in the AL...then went 1-2 with a 7.40 ERA and .324 opponents batting average in four starts after the break before he was placed on the 15-day disabled list Aug. 8 retroactive to Aug. 1 with a rash on his left foot...the rash led to nerve damage and he was transferred to the 60-day DL Sept. 11...did not allow a stolen base and his 136.2 innings pitched were the most in the majors among pitchers who did not allow a steal...has not allowed a stolen base since Aug. 20, 2008 against Minnesota (Punto).

LIFETIME PITCHING RECORD

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

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

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

2010 CLIPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“The apple doesn’t fall far from the tree, eh?” Chavez said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stick it, A-Rod. Beautiful.

Braden's perfect game is something special

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 on 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."

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I was her baby," Braden said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Perfect in pink! Mother's Day A+ for Braden A's lefty lost mother to cancer as senior in high school

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Braden understood his place in history.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patterson wasn't the only one who gave Braden a hand in achieving perfection. Kevin Kouzmanoff, who set a National League single-season record for third basemen with a .990 fielding percentage last season, knocked down the first out of the game by reaching high and wide for a line drive from Jason

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Bartlett. He also ran at full speed into Oakland's dugout to record the second out of the eighth inning.

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

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

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

"The only time that guys can usually hit that changeup is when they're cheating and they're leaning 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, Jimboy 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.

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

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

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

Baseball marvels at Braden's perfect game Players moved by left-hander's Mother's Day gem

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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, 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.”

Braden 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.

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).
- Pitched in five consecutive games from June 23 to 29, although the stretch included a pair of off-days.
- Appeared in a total of 16 games in June, which are the most in one month by an A's pitcher since Billy Koch pitched in 16 games in September of 2002.
- Tossed a scoreless eighth inning July 20 against Boston in the 200th appearance of his career.

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 / 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.

Craig Breslow, continued

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

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

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

“That had a dramatic impact on my life,” Breslow said. “A couple of years ago, I was playing for the Red Sox at the time, and I felt it was as good a time as ever to do something.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUTFIELDER

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

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

Birthplace/Resides: Richland, Washington / Chandler, Arizona

Major League Service: 1 year, 170 days

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

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

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was on the A's Opening Day roster for the fourth consecutive season and was the A's Opening Day starter in left field after starting the 2007 and 2008 openers in right...became the A's 11th different Opening Day starter in the last 11 years.
- Was batting .219 with a home run and two RBI in 11 games before he was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 22 retroactive to April 21 with a strained right oblique...it was his fifth career stint on the DL in four seasons...was transferred to the 60-day DL July 5.
- Began a rehab assigned with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League July 11 and went 3 for 16 (.188) with four RBI and five walks in six games...had his rehab transferred to Triple-A Sacramento July 19 and went 5 for 30 (.167) with five RBI in eight games before he was reinstated from the DL and optioned to Sacramento July 30.
- Hit .400 with two home runs and 10 RBI in 15 games following his option before he was recalled by Oakland August 16.

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.
- Was recalled from Sacramento April 30 and allowed a career high tying eight runs in a 10-2 loss at Toronto that day.
- Went 3-0 with a 2.42 ERA (26.0 ip, 18 h, 7 r, 7 er, 6 bb, 26 so) in four interleague starts and tied for second in the majors in wins (Buehrle, CWS 4).
- Was 4-1 with a 1.96 ERA and .211 opponents batting average in six starts in May...ranked fourth in the American League in ERA in the month, tied for fifth in wins and tied for seventh in opponents batting.
- Put together a career high seven-game winning streak that spanned nine starts from May 21 to July 1...posted a 2.12 ERA and allowed a .194 opponents batting average during the winning streak.
- Had his first career 10-strikeout game on June 26 against Pittsburgh when he combined with Breslow and Bailey on a two-hit shutout in the A's 5-0 win.
- Was named to his first American League All-Star team but was ineligible to pitch as he started on the Sunday before the game...his age of 22 years, 134 days on the date of the game made him the youngest Athletic to be named to an All-Star team since Ben Grieve in 1998 (22 years, 64 days)...he is the second youngest Oakland pitcher to Vida Blue, who was 21 years and 350 days in 1971.
- Had a streak of nine consecutive starts from June 20 to August 2 where he tossed at least six innings and yielded five hits or fewer, which is the longest such streak in Oakland history and the longest by an Athletics pitcher since at least 1920.
- Tossed 8.0 shutout innings and allowed just two hits in a 3-1 win at Texas on July 28 for his 10th win of the season...is just the second pitcher in Oakland history to win at least 10 games in each of the first two seasons of his career (Tim Hudson, 1999-2000)...only eight players have done it in franchise history (Hudson, Jim Nash, Bob Hooper, Lefty Grove, Weldon Henley, Chief Bender and Eddie Plank).
- Then tossed his first career complete game August 2 against Kansas City, a three-hit shutout...at the age of 22 years, 154 days, he become the third youngest A's pitcher to toss a shutout over the last 32 years...the others are Brett Anderson last year (21 years, 155 days) and Barry Zito in 2000 (22 years, 120 days).
- Is just the fifth pitcher in Athletics franchise history with back-to-back starts of eight innings or more, three hits or fewer and no runs, the first since Bobby Witt (June 23 and 28, 1994)...the other three are Rube Waddell (1907), Jack Coombs (1910) and Eddie Plank (1913)
- Allowed two unearned runs in the sixth inning August 8 against Texas, ending his scoreless streak at a career high 23.0 innings.
- Allowed an earned run in the third inning August 14 at Minnesota, snapping a streak of 28.0 consecutive innings without an earned run.

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.
- Was brought back a third time July 5 and went 7 for 32 (.219) in 12 games, including nine starts in right field, before he was sent back to Sacramento August 9.
- Drew the first walk of his career in the sixth inning September 3 against Los Angeles...began his career with no walks in his first 29 games and 69 at bats.

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.

INFIELDER**Height/Weight:** 6-4 / 244**Bats/Throws:** Right / Right**Birthdate:** December 18, 1986**Opening Day Age:** 23**Birthplace/Resides:** Redwood City, California / Las Vegas, Nevada**Major League Service:** None**Obtained:** Acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks with pitchers Brett Anderson, Dana Eveland and Greg Smith and outfielders Aaron Cunningham and Carlos Gonzalez for pitchers Dan Haren and Connor Robertson, December 14, 2007**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Was ranked 28th on *Baseball America's* Top 100 Prospects List prior to the start of the season.
- Was batting .262 with 27 home runs and 89 RBI in 113 games with Triple-A Sacramento when he was recalled by Oakland August 9...was tied or fifth in all of minor league baseball in home runs (27) and extra base hits (58) at the time of his promotion and was also tied for seventh in runs (84) while ranking eighth in RBI (89).
- Combined for a .233 batting average, 15 home runs and 54 RBI in 77 games over the first three months of the season but hit .321 with 12 home runs and 35 RBI in 36 games since the start of July.
- Made his Major League debut August 9 at Seattle with a start in left field and went 0 for 3 with two strikeouts.
- Was 0 for 19 with nine strikeouts in six games when he was optioned back to Sacramento, August 16.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was added to the A's 40-man roster Nov. 20, 2009 after batting .290 (593 for 2047) with 118 home runs and 413 RBI in 548 minor league games over his first five professional seasons...added 143 doubles and 10 triples for a .542 slugging percentage and his 285 walks fueled a .383 on-base percentage...was named the A's Organizational Player of the Year in 2008 and 2009...has topped 25 home runs and 90 RBI in each of his last three seasons...was named Texas League Player of the Year in 2009 and led all of Minor League Baseball with 179 hits...was also named to the TL Midseason and Postseason All-Star Teams and played for the United States in the All-Star Futures Game at St. Louis...led all minor leaguers in extra base hits (75) and total bases (288) while tying for second in home runs (39) in 2008...was originally a 15th round pick of the Chicago White Sox in 2005 and was traded to Arizona on Dec. 3, 2007 before being dealt to the A's along with five others players in the Dan Haren trade 11 days later...was a South Atlantic League Postseason All-Star in 2007 and a Pioneer League All-Star in 2006.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was named the A's Organizational Player of the Year for the second consecutive season after batting a combined .329 with 28 home runs and 115 RBI in 138 games with Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento...was also named Texas League Player of the Year after hitting .337 with 24 home runs and 101 RBI in 125 games with Double-A Midland...led all of Minor League Baseball with 179 hits and tied for the lead with 310 total bases...was named to the *Baseball America* Minor League All-Star Team and was also listed as the A's top prospect by the magazine following the season...also ranked second in the minors in RBI, tied for second in extra base hits (73), third in runs scored (115), tied for eighth in doubles (43), tied for 10th in slugging (.570), 11th in on-base percentage (.422) and tied for 11th in home runs and walks (85).

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	Bristol	.283	65	233	33	66	17	0	10	37	2	2	8	17	64	2	1	.485	.350	16
2006	Kannapolis	.130	13	46	4	6	3	0	1	5	0	0	1	5	17	0	0	.261	.231	4
	Great Falls	.299	69	251	37	75	21	1	15	59	0	1	8	34	70	4	4	.570	.398	16
2007	Kannapolis	.291	126	467	84	136	27	3	25	93	0	5	6	67	112	3	2	.522	.383	11
2008	Stockton	.259	137	506	101	131	32	4	39	104	0	6	7	77	156	4	0	.569	.361	25
2009	Midland	.337	125	490	108	165	41	2	24	101	0	10	11	82	119	13	5	.576	.435	7
	Sacramento	.259	13	54	7	14	2	0	4	14	0	1	0	3	14	0	1	.519	.293	1

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Chicago White Sox organization in the 15th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2007** — Traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks for outfielder Carlos Quentin, December 3. Traded to the Oakland Athletics with pitchers Brett Anderson, Dana Eveland and Greg Smith and outfielders Aaron Cunningham and Carlos Gonzalez for pitchers Dan Haren and Connor Robertson, December 14.

2010 CLIPS**Powerful Carter always had a single focus**

Susan Slusser, Chronicle Staff Writer, August 13, 2010

For many years, Major League Baseball has bemoaned the fact that it is losing top athletes to other sports, especially basketball and football.

Chris Carter is just the kind of athlete that baseball has feared will go elsewhere. He's 6-foot-5, broad-shouldered and stronger than most of his peers. It would be logical to assume that Carter, 23, played on the defensive line in high school, or maybe power forward.

Carter, however, never played a down for his high school, Sierra Vista in Las Vegas. He didn't play a quarter of basketball, despite the fact his father, Vernon, had been a good player at Rancho High School in the same city.

"When he was about 6, Chris said he wanted to be a baseball player," Vernon Carter recalled. "I was like, 'Huh?' Everyone thought he'd be a basketball player. But his passion was baseball."

Carter simply didn't want to play anything else. He only played basketball to have fun with his friends, but when it came to concentrating on a pursuit, it was baseball from a young age and with the kind of absolute focus that is unusual in a child.

"The other kids would show up without their cleats, or they'd forgotten their glove," said Bill Seifman, Carter's travel-team coach from the ages of 12 to 15. "Not Chris. He was always prepared. He was ready."

"Chris was just a pleasure to coach - if you'd ask him to do something, or try something, he'd just go to work."

Carter recalls first playing baseball during grade school, in a PE class. He took to it immediately, and went home that day and asked his mother, Renita, to sign him up for the sport.

He was so eager, he practiced all the time. Seifman recalls driving by a nearby field, and always seeing Vernon and Chris.

"They'd be out there hitting, hitting and hitting," Seifman said. "Chris would hit every day if he could."

Vernon Carter, who played softball, taught his son how to hit for power, but he soon realized that maybe his son was too good - they spent all their time retrieving balls hit over the fence.

"Chris was knocking it out of the park right away, so the deal was, 'OK, if you hit it out, you have to get 'em,'" the elder Carter said. "I thought that would make him ease up, but no. He just kept hitting

Chris Carter, continued

them out.”

At that point, Chris hadn't hit the growth spurt that took him over 6-foot, that didn't happen until later in middle school. That explained some of baseball's appeal.

“I was smaller than most of the kids, but I could hit the ball farther than most of them, and I'd just started playing,” he said. “I loved it.”

A's director of player personnel Billy Owens remembers seeing Carter during the Arizona Fall League when Carter was still in the White Sox organization, and Carter hit a mammoth homer over what the A's refer to as the Green Monster at Papago Park. Longtime employees could only remember two balls being hit there.

“Chris has such easy power, it's special,” Owens said. “What he does is that his power is majestic and thunderous - and it will happen in the big leagues.”

Whenever Vernon and Renita hear scouts or executives or announcers marvel at their son's power, they get a little chuckle out of it.

“The thing is that for us, we've watched Chris hit so many home runs,” Vernon Carter said. “It's new to everybody else, but to us, it's just what he does. Chris hits home runs.”

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).
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list May 22 retroactive to May 21 with neck spasms...it was his seventh career stint on the DL, his fifth in the last four years...was transferred to the 60-day DL July 7.

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

Eric Chavez, continued

leagues and by many junior college programs.

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

"It's not something I'm doing to make money," said Chavez, who is in the final year of a six-year, \$66 million contract. "It's not a real moneymaker. But it's fun to have my son's name on a bat, and we'll 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...ended up driving in a run in each of his first three games with the A's...is the third player in Oakland history with an RBI in at least each of his first three games with the club (Dick Allen, first 6 six games in 1977 and David Justice, first four games in 2002).
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list for a second time on May 26 retroactive to May 23...it was his fourth career stint on the DL.
- Batted .591 (13 for 22) with seven runs, two doubles, one triple, five RBI, two walks and two stolen bases in six starts in center field, all batting leadoff, on a rehab assignment with Sacramento from June 15 to 21...that included a 5 for 5 game with five RBI Friday against Salt Lake.
- Was reinstated from the DL June 22.
- Scored three runs June 25 and 26 against Pittsburgh to become the first Athletic to score three runs in back-to-back games since Jason Giambi and Terrence Long both did it June 18-19, 2000.
- Scored or drove in at least one run in 13 consecutive games from July 25 to July 10, which equaled the fourth longest such streak in Oakland history.
- Was ejected from the game July 20 against Boston in the 10th inning by home plate umpire Bob Davidson, his first ejection of the season.
- Tied an Oakland record with two sacrifice flies August 7 against Texas (25th time, first since Jack Cust, June 13, 2008 at San Francisco).
- Scored the 500th run of his career in the first inning August 21 against Tampa Bay.
- Led off the game with a home run September 6 against Seattle, the third lead off home run of his career...it was the first leadoff home run by an Athletic at home since Marco Scutaro on June 5, 2005 against Toronto.
- Had a pinch hit two-run single in the ninth inning September 7 against Seattle, the first pinch-RBI of his career.

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
2003	Buffalo	.238	4	21	3	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	.286	.238	0
	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.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was designated for assignment on the final day of Spring Training, April 3, and began the season at Triple-A Sacramento.
- Was batting .273 with four home runs and 19 RBI in 33 games with the River Cats before the A's called May 15... was leading the PCL in walks (33) and ranked third in on-base percentage (.444) at the time of his promotion... appeared in 19 games at DH, seven in left and six in right.
- Had his seventh career two-homer game July 24 against Chicago, his third against the White Sox... added three walks and is just the fourth player in Oakland history to walk three times in a multi-homer game (Giambi, McGwire, Jackson).
- Was hit by a pitch twice September 7 against Seattle, tying the Oakland record (30th time, first since Donnie Murphy on July 11, 2008 vs. Los Angeles).

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	1	0	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.
- 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...also had five two-steal games and now has 16 career multi-steal games.
- Had an 11-game hitting streak from June 3 to 19 (18 for 49, .367).
- Matched his career high with four hits on June 18 at St. Louis (also August 27, 2008 at Los Angeles-AL).
- Had a career long 0 for 19 streak from June 19 to 29.
- Went 4 for 5 with three runs scored, two doubles, a grand slam, five RBI and a stolen base July 10 against Los Angeles...established a career high for RBI and matched his best in hits (third time) and doubles (second time)...became just the second player in Oakland history with at least four hits, five RBI and a stolen base in one game...joins Tony Armas who did it at Kansas City on September 20, 1980...the grand slam was the second of his career...the stolen base snapped an 11-game streak without a steal, which matched his longest streak as an Athletic (June 29-July 13, 2008).
- Had 27 steals before the All-Star Break and is just the second Athletic in the last 16 years to steal at least 20 bases before the break (Henderson, 37 in 1998).
- Had his streak of 13 consecutive stolen bases snapped in the eighth inning on September 8 against Seattle...it was his third streak of 10 or more this year.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2001	Williamsport	.083	6	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	.083	.214	0
	GCL Pirates	.262	26	84	19	22	1	0	0	4	3	1	1	13	26	11	3	.274	.364	1
2002	GCL Pirates	.384	48	224	38	86	16	5	4	35	0	3	3	20	25	24	6	.554	.436	3
	Williamsport	.000	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	0
	Hickory	.429	6	14	4	6	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	6	2	2	2	.429	.619	0
2003	Hickory	.305	125	478	84	146	21	7	6	54	8	2	6	55	65	40	13	.416	.383	7
2004	Lynchburg	.314	127	509	91	160	27	7	5	38	4	0	2	59	60	57	15	.424	.388	9
2005	Altoona	.281	123	499	82	140	22	5	4	34	6	1	12	43	76	45	9	.369	.351	10
2006	Indianapolis	.283	100	385	53	109	17	1	2	21	2	0	3	27	59	45	13	.348	.335	2
	PITTSBURGH	.143	20	14	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	1	3	.214	.250	0
2007	Indianapolis	.318	53	211	31	67	12	4	4	30	2	2	3	21	25	27	9	.469	.384	3
	PITTSBURGH	.271	24	48	6	13	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	7	3	5	2	.354	.357	0
	SAN FRANCISCO	.282	51	142	26	40	9	1	1	7	2	0	4	14	25	17	4	.380	.363	0
2008	SAN FRANCISCO	.056	12	18	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	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.
- Committed his first error of the season July 16 at Kansas City to snap a 52-game errorless streak at second base dating back to his last error on September 27, 2009 at Los Angeles...it was the 10th errorless streak of 50 or more games by an Oakland A's second baseman, and he has five of them.
- Hit into a triple play in the fourth inning August 9 at Seattle.
- Tied an Oakland record with a career high three doubles August 11 at Seattle...it was the 24th three-double game in Oakland history.
- Snapped a career long 57-game, 196-at bat homerless streak in the fourth inning August 29 in Texas...it was his first home run since June 17 at Chicago (NL)...the run that he scored on the home run was the 500th of his career.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

Mark Ellis, continued

gone by,” Ellis recalled. “It hasn’t been 12, but it’s been close, and it’s all gone by so fast.”

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

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

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

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

“Back when I came up,” said Waller, “you were always being tutored by the leaders on the club. Now 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 and traded to the Baltimore Orioles for minor league right-handed pitcher Ross Wolf and cash considerations on June 22.

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

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

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

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

2010 CLIPS

Gross' goal: Produce fully in limited time

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.”

OUTFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 222 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Right
Birthdate: January 30, 1984 **Opening Day Age:** 26
Birthplace/Resides: Atlanta, Georgia / Smyrna, Georgia
Major League Service: 4 years, 33 days
Obtained: Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, September 3, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was on the Opening Day roster for Boston and was batting .217 with five home runs and 27 RBI in 45 games when he was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 10 with a fractured left ribcage.
- Had a five-game rehab assignment with Double-A Portland and Triple-A Pawtucket before he was reinstated from the DL July 22.
- Went 2 for 20 (.100) in seven games with the Red Sox before he was designated for assignment July 31.
- Was sent outright to Pawtucket August 9 and went 18 for 58 (.310) with two home runs and 12 RBI in 17 games before he was released August 31.
- Signed a minor league contract with the A's September 3 and went 4 for 13 (.308) with a pair of doubles in three games with Sacramento (one in left field, one in right, one at designated hitter).
- Was selected from Sacramento September 7 and singled in the ninth inning that day against Seattle to snap a career long 0 for 20 streak.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Spent the first eight years of his professional career with the Florida Marlins organization before being traded to Boston following the 2009 season...saw Major League action in parts of five seasons from 2005 to 2009...finished the 2009 season with a career best 104-game errorless streak...had career highs in batting (.296), home runs (18) and RBI (63) in 2007...knocked a pinch-hit grand slam off Al Reyes in his first career at bat, August 31, 2005 against St. Louis...became the first player in ML history to club a pinch-hit grand slam in his first at bat, and the second with a grand slam in his first at bat, joining Bill Duggleby (April 21, 1898 with Philadelphia).

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Played all 129 of his games with the Marlins...missed time at the end of the season due to an intercostal strain in his right side...drew a career-high 56 walks, which was third most on the club...began the season as the starting left fielder and made 40 starts overall at that position...started 73 of his last 91 games in right field...posted a .995 fielding percentage (1 error in 205 chance), which ranked sixth best among all National League outfielders...did not commit an error in his last 104 games and 183 club chances beginning April 27...that marks the longest errorless streak of his career...missed 28 of the club's final 29 games with an intercostal strain in his right side but did not go on the disabled list...suffered the strain September 2...had one pinch-hit appearance after that on September 28 at Atlanta (0 for 1).

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

YEAR TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2002 GCL Marlins	.224	38	134	15	30	7	3	0	14	0	0	3	15	25	5	0	.321	.316	2
Jamestown	.319	13	47	8	15	2	1	0	7	0	0	0	7	10	1	3	.404	.407	1
2003 Greensboro	.284	133	468	73	133	23	5	6	49	4	6	2	80	100	28	2	.393	.387	8
Albuquerque	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
2004 Jupiter	.297	91	340	53	101	17	1	10	50	0	6	5	42	73	10	3	.441	.377	9
2005 Carolina	.293	118	386	77	113	29	2	18	63	1	2	7	111	89	23	2	.518	.457	4
FLORIDA	.293	23	41	9	12	2	0	4	11	0	0	6	12	2	0	0	.634	.383	0
2006 Jupiter	.176	6	17	3	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	.235	.300	0
FLORIDA	.251	99	307	37	77	19	1	5	28	2	1	5	33	70	4	1	.368	.332	8
2007 Albuquerque	.200	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	.200	.286	0
Jupiter	.333	3	12	4	4	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1.000	.385	0
FLORIDA	.296	123	429	54	127	32	1	18	63	1	3	4	47	105	3	4	.501	.369	9
2008 Jupiter	.333	5	15	6	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	.600	.474	2
FLORIDA	.249	142	502	74	125	22	3	17	61	1	1	7	48	138	6	1	.406	.323	5
2009 FLORIDA	.259	129	429	48	111	14	2	13	47	0	2	4	56	101	5	2	.392	.348	1
ML Totals	.265	516	1708	222	452	89	7	57	210	4	7	20	190	426	20	8	.425	.344	23

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2002 — Selected by the Florida Marlins organization in the 1st round (11th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft. **2006** — On disabled list, April 12 to May 21; included rehabilitation assignments to Jupiter, May 2 to 3 and May 17 to 21. **2007** — On disabled list, March 23 to May 13; included rehabilitation assignments to Jupiter, May 9 to 11, and Albuquerque, May 12 to 13. **2008** — On disabled list, March 21 to April 8; included rehabilitation assignment to Jupiter, April 4 to 8. **2009** — Traded to the Boston Red Sox for pitchers Hunter Jones and Jose Alvarez, November 5. **2010** — On disabled list, June 10 to July 21; included rehabilitation assignments to Portland, July 15 to 18, and Pawtucket, July 19 to 21. Released, August 31; signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, September 3.

OUTFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-2 / 215

Bats/Throws: Right / Right

Birthdate: May 7, 1982

Opening Day Age: 27

Birthplace/Resides: Austin, Texas / Scottsdale, Arizona

Major League Service: 4 years, 67 days

Obtained: Acquired from the Arizona Diamondbacks with cash considerations for minor league pitcher Sam Demel, June 15, 2010

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

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was on the Opening Day roster for Arizona and was batting .267 over his first 11 games before he was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 19 with a strained right hamstring.
- Went 3 for 11 (.273) with four runs, a home run and two RBI in a three-game rehab assignment with Triple-A Reno.
- Was reinstated from the DL May 7 and hit .192 over his first 21 games following his return...then hit safely in eight of his final 10 games with the Diamondbacks (10 for 33, .303).
- Doubled in six consecutive games from May 19-25.
- Made 34 starts in left field and three at first base with the Diamondbacks...made 13 starts in the leadoff spot, hit second 18 times, third twice and seventh three times.
- Was batting .238 with 11 doubles, one home run and 11 RBI in 42 games at the time of the trade... hit .346 (9 for 26) with runners in scoring position.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list July 5 retroactive to July 1 with a strained right hamstring.
- Went 2 for 22 (.091) with three RBI on a seven-game rehab assignment with the A's affiliate in the Arizona Rookie League (August 8-10), Single-A Stockton (August 11-12) and Triple-A Sacramento (August 13-14) before he was reinstated from the DL August 16.
- Homered in the seventh inning August 16 against Toronto for the A's only hit and is the second player in Oakland history to homer for the A's only hit in a game (Ken Phelps, April 20, 1990 vs. Seattle).
- Was placed back on the disabled list August 20 with a lower abdominal strain... it is his third stint on the DL this year and his fifth over the last three years.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Enters his sixth season in the Majors looking to rebound from a 2009 campaign that saw him sidelined from May through the remainder of the season with Valley Fever...in 2008, established career-highs in nearly every offensive category and was the ninth-hardest player to strikeout in the league, fanning once every 10.03 plate appearances...was honored by the Arizona chapter of the BBWAA with the D-backs' Good Guy Award in a 2008 season that saw him split time between first base and leftfield...the D-backs' first-round pick in 2003, Jackson was named NL Player of the Week twice in 2008.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Played in 30 games prior to being diagnosed with Valley Fever, an ailment that cost him the rest of his season...hit a pinch-hit, three-run homer on April 14 against St. Louis, the third pinch blast of his career and first homer in 224 at-bats...hit his second career walk-off hit in the 12th inning of a 5-4 win on April 26 against San Francisco...placed on the 15-day disabled list May 12 with general illness, later diagnosed as Valley Fever...in an attempted comeback, played in three games for Single-A Visalia (0-for-10) before being shut down for the remainder of the season...following the season, played for Leones del Escogido in the Dominican Winter League...in 23 games, he hit .425 (31 for 73) with six doubles, two home runs, 16 RBI, 21 walks, and .561 on-base and .589 slugging percentages.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

YEAR TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2003 Yakima	.319	68	257	44	82	35	1	6	60	0	2	5	36	41	3	0	.533	.410	0
2004 Lancaster	.345	67	258	64	89	19	2	11	54	0	7	3	45	36	4	3	.562	.438	3
El Paso	.310	60	226	33	68	13	2	6	37	0	4	2	24	36	3	3	.456	.367	6
2005 Tucson	.354	93	333	66	118	38	2	8	73	0	7	0	69	32	3	2	.553	.457	9
ARIZONA	.200	40	85	8	17	3	0	2	8	0	1	1	12	11	0	0	.306	.303	5
2006 ARIZONA	.291	140	485	75	141	26	1	15	79	1	7	9	54	73	1	0	.441	.368	12
2007 ARIZONA	.284	130	415	56	118	29	1	15	60	2	3	4	53	50	2	2	.467	.368	11
2008 ARIZONA	.300	144	540	87	162	31	6	12	75	1	3	9	59	61	10	2	.446	.376	7
2009 ARIZONA	.182	30	99	8	18	4	0	1	14	0	0	0	11	16	5	0	.253	.264	2
Visalia	.000	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.000	.091	0
ML Totals	.281	484	1624	234	456	93	8	45	236	4	14	23	189	211	18	4	.431	.361	37

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2003 — Selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks organization in the 1st round (19th selection overall) of the First-Year Player Draft. **2009** — On disabled list, May 12 to November 19; included rehabilitation assignment to Visalia, August 11 to 13. **2010** — On disabled list, April 19 to May 7; included rehabilitation assignment to Reno, May 5 to 7. Traded to the Oakland Athletics with cash considerations for minor league pitcher Sam Demel, June 15.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-3 / 215 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: September 13, 1981 **Opening Day Age:** 28
Birthplace/Resides: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma / Yukon, Oklahoma
Major League Service: None
Obtained: Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, June 19, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was originally drafted by Toronto in the fifth round of the 2003 First-Year Player draft and spent five seasons in the Blue Jays organization, peaking with 36 games at Triple-A Syracuse in 2007...was traded to Cincinnati following the 2007 season and elbow problems limited him to 22 games in 2008...was released following Spring Training in 2009...was 20-28 with two saves a 3.53 ERA in 195 games, including 47 starts, in six season in the Blue Jays and Reds farm system...allowed just 26 home runs in 471.2 innings or 0.50 per nine innings...has pitched for the Kansas City T-Bones in the independent Northern League since his release by the Reds.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was released by the Cincinnati Reds organization on April 3 and signed with the Kansas City T-Bones of the independent Northern League...went 4-6 with a 5.73 ERA in 34 games, 11 starts...struck out 74 and walked 27 in 88.0 innings...allowed 14 home runs and issued 15 wild pitches

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	Auburn	2	1	3.20	13	8	0	0	0	39.1	34	14	14	2	1	11	0	42	7	0
2004	Charleston-WV	5	4	3.00	14	14	0	0	0	78.0	67	31	26	2	6	24	1	83	6	0
	Dunedin	3	6	5.40	11	11	0	0	0	50.0	59	32	30	2	3	19	0	41	7	0
2005	Dunedin	4	7	2.87	44	5	0	0	0	94.0	107	44	30	6	4	21	0	56	3	1
2006	Dunedin	0	2	4.12	24	0	0	0	0	43.2	39	21	20	2	3	15	0	34	5	1
	New Hampshire	2	0	2.38	24	0	0	0	0	41.2	42	11	11	2	2	10	0	38	3	0
2007	New Hampshire	0	2	4.76	7	1	0	0	0	17.0	20	10	9	0	1	6	0	15	1	0
	Syracuse	3	3	3.68	36	4	0	0	2	71.0	66	35	29	7	3	20	2	43	6	0
2008	Chattanooga	0	2	7.36	12	0	0	0	0	14.2	21	17	12	2	0	8	1	10	3	1
	GCL Reds	0	0	1.80	3	1	0	0	0	5.0	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0
	Sarasota	1	1	1.56	7	3	0	0	0	17.1	6	3	3	1	0	5	0	11	1	0
2009	Kansas City (Nor.)	4	6	5.73	34	11	1	1	0	88.0	98	57	56	14	3	27	1	74	15	1

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2001 — Selected by the Boston Red Sox organization in the 6th round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign. **2003** — Selected by the Toronto Blue Jays organization in the 5th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2007** — Traded to the Cincinnati Reds organization for outfielder Buck Coats, December 6. **2009** — Released, April 3; signed with Kansas City (Northern League), April 27. **2010** — Signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, June 19.

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.
- Had a career best streak of five consecutive multiple hit games from June 8 to 12 (12 for 22, .545).
- Had a career high 15-game hitting streak from May 31 to June 15...hit .458 (27 for 59) with three doubles, three home runs and 11 RBI during the streak.
- Went 4 for 4 June 20 at St. Louis, his fifth career game of four or more hits...all five of those games have come on the road.
- Hit safely in 16 consecutive home games from May 8 to June 21 (23 for 64, .375), which tied for the third longest home hitting streak in Oakland history.
- Finished interleague play with a .345 batting average and now has a .320 (70 for 219) career inter-league average.
- Hit .336 (36 for 107) in June and ranked seventh in the American League in hits.
- Had a career long 0 for 30 streak from June 25 to July 5...that was the longest hitless streak by an Athletic since Scott Brosius also had a 0 for 30 streak from August 26-September 19, 1995.
- Set an Oakland record with five consecutive games with a grounded into double plays from June 29 to July 3...the previous mark was four (three times, last by Scott Hatteberg from September 13-16, 2005).
- Had his first walk-off hit as an Athletic with a RBI single in the bottom of the 10th inning July 20 against Boston...it was his fourth career game-ending RBI (three singles, one walk).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

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

2010 CLIPS

Kouzmanoff uses blue-collar attitude on field

Third baseman works for everything, as taught by dad
 By Jane Lee / MLB.com / 6-15-2010

OAKLAND -- Kevin Kouzmanoff is rather shy. Always has been. His father, Marc, not so much. He's a salesman. Always has been. One hits baseballs for a living. The other hits up tax professionals as a sales rep for a software company. Yet both go about their jobs, and life in general, singing the same tune -- one that emits sounds of patience, dedication, and persistence. "He works for a company that has a quota every month, and he has to make that quota," Kevin said. "Once you make the quota, you have another quota to make the next month. It's kind of like out here. You hit a home run to win the game, and that's great. But you have to come to the park the next day, and no one cares what you did yesterday." Yesterdays, particularly bumpy yesterdays, don't mean much to Kevin. This A's third baseman, acquired by Oakland via an offseason trade, very much lives in the present, where -- thanks to dad -- he's got it pretty good. "If I have a rough day out here, I call him and say, 'Dad, it was a bad day today,'" Kevin says. "And he says, 'I can send you one of my tax guides if you want to read one of my books, and you can do what I do.' And I think, no, that's alright. "It makes me take a step back and realize a rough day here is still a pretty good day."

Kevin Kouzmanoff, continued

“Here” is the ballpark, a place Marc never quite pictured his son working. “Here” is where Kevin pursued his profession, after high school stints with wrestling (in the 103-pound club), golf, and football. “Here” is where Kevin once struggled as a prep athlete at Colorado’s Evergreen High School.

“He didn’t make all-conference in what was probably the weakest conference in all of Colorado,” Marc recalled. “He didn’t receive any scholarships.”

That’s because Kevin was still implementing a swing, created by way of a three-year process -- one that had him, his father, and a carpenter studying baseball swings three hours a day, every day. The carpenter was Troy Slinkard, who made a hobby of learning swings en route to becoming Kevin’s unofficial hitting coach -- the same one who still works with the infielder in a warehouse every offseason.

Meanwhile, Kevin’s defensive game blossomed, not on the field, but outside of his cul-de-sac home, where brothers Brant and Ky would join him for a nightly round of 100 groundballs hit by their father. In 2009, Kevin set a National League record with a .990 fielding percentage, committing just three errors for the Padres -- much to the astonishment of Marc, who admittedly never imagined his son playing in the big leagues.

“I’m very surprised,” he said. “Making it in Major League Baseball is so extremely difficult. I try to figure it out, and think what makes these guys successful. With football, you can toss a guy a football and know within two minutes if he can play football -- same with basketball and hockey. But not with baseball. You have to watch them and watch them.”

“I never thought he’d be a Major League Baseball player. Our goal was never to play Major League Baseball. And I always tell kids, never make that your goal because it probably won’t happen. Your goal should be one thing: to get the chance to do it, to get drafted. Kevin’s goal was to get drafted, not to make it to the Majors. We never discussed that. Although when we talked, I knew it was on his mind.”

So what happens after then, after the Draft? After the Indians select you, as they did Kevin, in the sixth round in 2003, following stints at three colleges? What’s the goal?

“Move to the next level,” Marc said. “You take it one step at a time.”

Each level, no matter the rank, has seen Kevin go through his same routine:

Take ground balls -- lots of them. Take batting practice. Play the game. Hit the weight room. Rest. Sleep. Repeat.

“I devote my time and effort into what’s important now, and then I relax,” Kevin said. “I think I get it from both sets of parents. My dad was always up early on the computer making phone calls, finishing work at 11 at night. I saw his work ethic and thought that, in order to be successful, you have to work hard at it.”

Marc and his wife, Kim, weren’t necessarily tough on their three boys, all two years apart, and now ranging in age from 26-30 -- Kevin the middle child at 28 years old. Rather, they “just let us know what our priorities were,” Kevin said.

Those priorities were met with the knowledge that nothing ever comes easy, at least in the Kouzmanoff household.

“Some kids are born with talent,” Kevin said. “My family wasn’t like that. We had to work at it. We were born with what God gave us, but we had to work for what we have, and improve upon that.”

“When Kevin takes reps and practices, there’s never a time when he moves a muscle without intent,” Marc said. “So he doesn’t just go out and hack the ball. When he goes out and takes batting practice, he’s working on something -- things you’ve never heard of in any of the books. Everything Kevin does, even when he throws a baseball and plays catch, it’s with intent.”

The relaxing part, then, comes in the form of nature. Kevin’s just as much an outdoorsman as he is a baseball player. He camps. He fishes. Much of his offseason is surrounded by trees and wilderness, elements that ultimately influenced his family to make the move to Colorado from San Diego, where Kevin lived until he was 12.

The same people who guided 12-year-old Kevin along are still very much a part of this 28-year-old baseball player’s life. That much was evident a couple of years ago in Chicago, where Kouzmanoff -- still with the Indians -- stood on a chair, peeking out over the dugout, following the game, looking for one person.

“We went back there, where my mother lives,” Marc remembers, “and a bunch of us were there waiting for him. He looks out at my mother, a little old lady at 80 years old, and says, ‘Hey gran, how are you?’ He made her feel so good because he recognized her.

“He’s a good guy. Kevin is one of the finest. He’s so genuine.”

He’s also unconventional in the way he goes about the game, and the route he took to make it to the largest stage. But that’s OK, insists Marc.

“Kevin has never been a standout baseball player,” his father said. “All these years, even though he was trying to be, and was trained to be, he never was. Kevin trains more than the entire team he’s on combined. Kevin gives anyone hope that wants to make it.”

Making it is something Marc never achieved for himself. Following his years in Montana, he played with the Chicago Bears during training camp, but didn’t pass the final cut. Now, he -- along with Kevin, Brant, and Ky -- are sure to say that his role as a father has turned out to be all the more rewarding.

And baseball, not football, has made it a pretty fun ride.

“Baseball is the greatest sport in the world, because it’s the only sport that is family oriented,” Marc said. “You can play catch with your mom, your dad, your sister, your grandfather, your cousin. It’s the only sport you can do that.”

“He’s been very supportive, along with my mom and my brothers,” Kevin said. “I talk to him a couple times a week. I have a good support network. They sacrificed a lot. When we were younger, there were a lot of vacations we didn’t go on because we had baseball tournaments.”

Those trips brought the Kouzmanoff family to places such as Oklahoma City, Albuquerque, and eventually, Arlington, where Kevin made his Major League debut when Travis Hafner went down with an injury.

“When he got called up,” Marc said, “my reaction was concern and performance. I wanted him to do well, no matter what level. I didn’t think, ‘Oh, you made it. Great, let’s celebrate.’ I just thought, ‘All right, Kevin, here we go. Now we gotta go to work.’”

Marc is still preaching those words to son Kevin. And Kevin is still taking them to heart.

“His mental foundation is absolutely perfect,” Marc says. “I don’t know how he got that.”

Anyone acquainted with the Kouzmanoff family, however, knows exactly where it came from.

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

Kevin Kouzmanoff, continued

from the San Diego Padres. Kouzmanoff has called on infield coach Mike Gallego frequently because he loves taking extra grounders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“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.”

INFIELDER

Height/Weight: 6-2 / 200 **Bats/Throws:** Left / Right
Birthdate: October 11, 1982 **Opening Day Age:** 27
Birthplace/Resides: Iowa City, Iowa / Tempe, Arizona
Major League Service: 159 days
Obtained: Claimed off waivers from Detroit, August 3, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Began the season at Triple-A Toledo in the Detroit organization and was batting .275 with 16 home runs and 55 RBI in 84 games when he was recalled by Detroit on July 25.
- Went 2 for 10 (.200) with an RBI in three games with the Tigers before he was designated for assignment July 30.
- Was claimed off waivers by the A's on August 3 and was assigned to Triple-A Sacramento...hit .417 with four home runs and 15 RBI in five games...had three home runs and 10 RBI in a doubleheader at Albuquerque on August 6, including two home runs and seven RBI in the second game.
- Was recalled by the A's August 9 and made his Oakland debut that night at Seattle with a start at first base (0 for 3)...that was his only appearance with the A's before he was optioned back to Sacramento August 16.
- Went 3 for 12 (.250) with a double, a home run and four RBI in three games with Sacramento following his option and was recalled by the A's August 20 when Conor Jackson went back on the DL.
- Had a career high four RBI August 30 at New York and matched his best with three hits (third time, last: September 24, 2008 vs. Kansas City).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with Detroit in 2008 and hit .242 with six home runs and 23 RBI in 74 games over two seasons with the Tigers...homed in three straight games in 2009, May 10-13... rated as possessing the best power in the International League by *Baseball America* in 2008 and was also tabbed as the Tigers fifth best prospect...selected the Tigers Minor League Player of the Year in 2007 after leading the Eastern League with 28 home runs and 101 RBI for Double A Erie...was drafted out of high school and following his junior year at Arizona State but did not sign until he was selected by the Tigers in the 5th round of the 2005 draft.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Saw action with the Tigers in two separate stints after making the club's Opening Day roster out of Spring Training for the first time in his career...optioned to Triple A Toledo April 28 and hit safely in four of his five games with the Mud Hens before being recalled May 5...homed in three straight games for the Tigers May 10-13...optioned back to Toledo June 6...was on the seven-day disabled list from August 27 to September 5 with a right wrist inflammation...recalled by the Tigers from Toledo on September 5 and was placed on the 60-day disabled list for the remainder of the season with wrist injury...underwent right wrist surgery on September 15, a procedure performed by Dr. Donald Sheridan in Arizona.

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 GCL Tigers	.222	6	18	1	4	1	0	0	4	0	1	1	4	5	0	1	.278	.375	0
Oneonta	.297	18	64	16	19	3	0	6	13	0	0	2	13	6	0	0	.625	.430	2
2006 Lakeland	.258	135	457	76	118	34	2	18	65	0	4	10	81	101	9	7	.460	.379	13
2007 Erie	.267	132	454	71	121	25	2	28	101	0	6	9	87	108	6	2	.515	.390	7
2008 Toledo	.250	103	384	49	96	20	2	21	64	0	2	4	50	109	0	1	.477	.341	9
DETROIT	.260	42	104	12	27	6	0	2	16	0	0	0	7	34	2	2	.375	.306	2
2009 Toledo	.265	61	211	38	56	13	0	6	26	0	0	4	42	56	2	2	.412	.397	4
DETROIT	.216	32	74	13	16	3	1	4	7	0	1	0	15	25	0	1	.446	.344	0
ML TOTALS	.242	74	178	25	43	9	1	6	23	0	1	0	22	59	2	3	.404	.323	2

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.

2010 CLIPS**Oakland A's pitcher Vin Mazzaro teeming with confidence**

By Joe Stiglich, Oakland Tribune, 7/9/10

The depth of the A's young starting pitching is an asset for the organization.

For Vin Mazzaro, it's a hurdle.

Mazzaro is among that group of talented young pitchers, and when the right-hander didn't make Oakland's roster out of spring training, it was unclear when his next chance might arrive.

The opportunity came quickly because of injuries in the rotation, and Mazzaro is taking full advantage.

He's looking for his third straight victory tonight against the Los Angeles Angels, who arrive in Oakland for a three-game series.

As the A's try to right their ship after being swept in three games by the New York Yankees, Mazzaro's recent emergence offers a sliver of sunshine.

"Once you have a good game in you, it kind of gives you a big boost," Mazzaro said. "You see yourself achieving your goals in between starts with what you're working on. I'm just feeling good, strong, healthy. I've just got all the confidence in the world right now."

If Mazzaro, 23, is feeding off his positive vibes, he also knows the other end of the spectrum.

After getting called up in June 2009 and throwing back-to-back scoreless outings in his first two major league starts, his joy ride came to a screeching halt.

Mazzaro went 0-8 with a 7.22 ERA over his next 10 starts and he missed the final month with shoulder tendinitis.

"It was kind of a roller coaster," Mazzaro said. "But I know how to come back from a tough loss. I know how to battle through it. You're pitching in five days, so you've got to get ready for that."

Earlier this season, it was still unclear how Mazzaro fit into the A's puzzle.

He made a spot start May 4 against Texas but was optioned the next day after walking four in just three innings. Mazzaro came back later in the month in a relief role, was used sparingly, and struggled in the chances he did get.

But after starter Brett Anderson reinjured his elbow in a June 3 start at Boston, Mazzaro took Anderson's place in the rotation.

After three mediocre outings, Mazzaro is 2-1 over his last three starts and has surrendered just four earned runs in 201/3 innings.

He walked just one in 71/3 innings Sunday against Cleveland, tossing a career-high 111 pitches. That's significant considering his command issues have kept him from going deep in past games.

"I think he kind of learned (from last season) how important it is just to do the fundamental things," A's pitching coach Curt Young said. "Keep the baseball down, get ahead in the count, understand how to finish hitters."

Closer Andrew Bailey, Mazzaro's roommate last season and a fellow New Jersey native, notices a difference in his teammate from 2009.

"I think you see a lot more confidence and trusting his stuff," Bailey said. "I think he learned a lot starting the year in Triple-A and coming back up here with a little different attitude."

The A's talked highly of their starting pitching depth during spring training, and the work of Mazzaro and All-Star Trevor Cahill speaks to that. Neither pitcher broke camp with the team, but both have been major contributors with starters Anderson, Dallas Braden and Justin Duchscherer on the DL.

Oakland is using a four-man rotation leading into the All-Star break, with Braden expected to return shortly after. The A's hope Anderson comes back by the end of July, which could leave Mazzaro in limbo again.

Could he stay with the big club and return to the bullpen? That might depend on how recently acquired

Vin Mazzaro, continued

reliever Ross Wolf, promoted from Triple-A on Wednesday, performs.

Mazzaro isn't concerning himself with the future.

“All I can do is go out there and pitch my game and show them that I belong here.”

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.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-4 / 184

Bats/Throws: Right / Right

Birthdate: April 10, 1985

Opening Day Age: 24

Birthplace/Resides: Rexburg, Idaho / Rexburg, Idaho

Major League Service: 35 days

Obtained: Acquired from the St. Louis Cardinals with Brett Wallace and Shane Peterson in exchange for Matt Holliday and cash, July 24, 2009

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

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was recalled from Triple-A Sacramento July 3 and started that day at Cleveland...allowed four runs on six hits and two walks while striking out seven in 6.0 innings and had a no decision in the A's 5-4, 10-inning loss...was optioned back to Sacramento two days later.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Made his Major League debut with St. Louis in 2009 in just his third professional season and was dealt to Oakland in the Matt Holliday trade...had a 6.00 ERA in one relief appearance with the Cardinals and went 2-4 with a 7.81 ERA in six starts with Oakland...was originally drafted by St. Louis as a compensation pick following the first round of the 2007 First-Year Player Draft (36th selection overall)...was named the Cardinals' seventh best prospect by *Baseball America* following the 2007 season and the sixth best after 2008...combined for nine wins with Memphis and Sacramento in 2009 after winning nine games total over his first two professional seasons.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Was acquired by the A's from St. Louis in the Matt Holliday trade and went 2-4 with a 7.81 ERA in six starts with Oakland...made his Major League debut in just his third professional season with a relief appearance for St. Louis earlier in the season (6.00 ERA)...was 2-4 with a 7.63 ERA in seven games, six starts, overall in his first season in the majors...allowed a .328 opponents batting average...was 7-6 with a 4.37 ERA in 17 starts with Memphis and 2-2 with a 4.45 ERA in six starts with Sacramento...combined for a 9-8 record and a 4.39 ERA in 23 minor league starts overall...the wins were the best of his three professional seasons...allowed a .271 opponents batting average, including .221 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
2007	Batavia	1	1	1.77	6	4	0	0	0	20.1	13	4	4	0	2	11	0	23	1	0
	Quad Cities	0	2	3.12	10	10	0	0	0	40.1	44	17	14	2	4	8	0	45	2	0
2008	Springfield	3	4	4.22	11	11	0	0	0	59.2	59	31	28	6	4	22	0	48	4	0
	Memphis	5	6	5.51	15	14	0	0	0	80.0	87	50	49	12	6	42	1	57	14	1
2009	Memphis	7	6	4.37	17	17	1	0	0	105.0	103	58	51	11	4	34	0	82	3	0
	ST. LOUIS	0	0	6.00	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	5	6	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
	Sacramento	2	2	4.45	6	6	0	0	0	32.1	40	20	16	2	0	14	0	18	2	0
	OAKLAND	2	4	7.81	6	6	0	0	0	27.2	37	28	24	5	2	12	0	11	1	0
AL Totals		2	4	7.81	6	6	0	0	0	27.2	37	28	24	5	2	12	0	11	1	0
NL Totals		0	0	6.00	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	5	6	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
ML Totals		2	4	7.63	7	6	0	0	0	30.2	42	34	26	6	3	13	0	13	1	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2005 — Selected by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays organization in the 25th round of the First-Year Player Draft, did not sign. **2007** — Selected by the St. Louis Cardinals organization as a supplemental pick (36th selection overall) following the first round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2009** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics with Brett Wallace and Shane Peterson for Matt Holliday and cash considerations, July 24.

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, 12 starts, 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).
- Was designated for assignment June 22...had started just five of the A's final 34 games at that point and was 5 for 32 (.156) in 18 games total over that span.
- Was a perfect 6 for 6 in stolen base attempts and is now 20 for 21 (95.2%) in three years with the A's.
- Was traded to the Boston Red Sox for minor league left-handed pitcher Fabian Williamson on June 26.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

YEAR TEAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
2005 Peoria	.333	110	432	90	144	26	11	13	71	4	7	4	53	94	40	11	.535	.405	9
West Tenn	.200	9	30	5	6	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	6	7	3	2	.267	.324	1
2006 West Tenn	.263	121	441	66	116	22	9	8	48	7	6	1	46	89	38	12	.408	.330	14
Iowa	.358	17	67	14	24	1	1	2	12	0	3	0	6	9	8	0	.493	.395	2
2007 Iowa	.297	128	516	94	153	28	6	14	65	4	6	2	54	85	24	9	.455	.362	12
CHICAGO (NL)	.250	7	8	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	.375	.250	0
2008 Iowa	.320	52	203	33	65	16	3	6	28	2	2	1	12	45	11	0	.517	.358	6
CHICAGO (NL)	.237	13	38	5	9	1	0	1	7	0	1	0	5	12	2	1	.342	.318	3
Sacramento	.330	25	109	18	36	8	2	4	19	3	2	1	9	28	8	2	.550	.380	2
OAKLAND	.174	30	92	11	16	3	0	0	8	0	0	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 offseason to step away from the game a little bit. I'll check what's up every now and then, but I don't really look into it."

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

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

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

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

Since coming over in the 2008 trade that sent Rich Harden to the Cubs, the 26-year-old Patterson has

Eric Patterson, continued

seen five stints in Oakland, the most recent being his most productive. After posting a .167 average in 12 games over his first two stints last year, he boasted a .344 mark with 14 walks and five stolen bases in his final one -- which began Aug. 28 and took him to the end of the season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

INFIELDER**Height/Weight:** 5-10 / 213**Bats/Throws:** Switch / Right**Birthdate:** June 15, 1984**Opening Day Age:** 25**Birthplace/Resides:** Corpus Christi, Texas / Corpus Christi, Texas**Major League Service:** 114 days**Obtained:** Selected in the 1st round (21st selection overall) of the 2005 First-Year Player Draft**Contract Status:** First year of a one-year contract through 2010.**2010 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Established career highs with four hits and four RBI April 27 at Tampa Bay and matched his best with two doubles...matched the hit total on July 1 at Baltimore.
- Snapped a career long 0 for 27 streak with his second-inning bunt single June 2 at Boston.
- Hit .396 in interleague play...tied for the interleague lead with two triples and ranked sixth in batting...his batting average was the third best interleague mark in Oakland history.
- Batted .338 in June, which was the best month of his career...his previous best batting average in one month was a .313 mark in September of 2009.
- Matched his career high with two stolen bases August 4 against Kansas City (also September 22, 2008 at Texas).
- Had a streak of 13 consecutive stolen bases without a caught stealing from May 17 to August 4, which was the longest such streak by an Athletic since Rickey Henderson had 15 consecutive steals from July 22 to August 19, 1998.
- Snapped a career long 105-game, 355-at bat homerless streak with a two-run home run in the seventh inning on September 3 against Los Angeles...it was his first home run since April 27 at Tampa Bay...it was the third longest homerless streak by an Athletic over the last 14 years...the other two were by Jason Kendall (190 games, April 4, 2005-May 30, 2006; 157, June 1, 2006-June 12, 2007).

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD

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

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

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

2010 CLIPS**Pennington growing into his role as leader**

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OAKLAND -- Much of Cliff Pennington's childhood was spent on the diamond, in a steamy Texas heat, between second and third base on the left side of the infield.

"I was always a shortstop," Pennington says.

Maybe so, but there was also a time at Mary Carroll High School in Corpus Christi, Texas, when he played second base, due to a rather weak arm.

That same arm ultimately found its way to the mound, a result of his throwing batting practice to the varsity squad, one of Pennington's freshman-year duties.

"I came back the next year pitching for us," Pennington recalls. "My arm got stronger because of it."

The rest is seemingly history, but the cannon that is now Pennington's arm is part of what's transforming this 26-year-old, who stands just 5-foot-11, into one of the game's finest defensive presences.

"He's gotta have one of the top five arms in Major League Baseball," A's infield coach Mike Gallego said. "Not only does he have the strength, but the accuracy he has with that thing is incredible."

"He's tremendous," teammate Mark Ellis said. "He makes the plays in the hole, makes the plays up the middle. He can go both ways. His arm is one of the best I've seen in the big leagues, and he's only going to get better."

Strangely, Pennington's arm has also turned into something of a sweet burden, a gift that has led, in part, to the A's infielder racking up 18 errors, which ranks first among all American League shortstops.

"When you say he has 18 errors, obviously, that's a lot for a shortstop of his capability," Gallego said. "At the same time, I think Cliff Pennington is going to make more errors because of his ability. He's going to get to more balls, and he's going to attempt to throw more because of the arm he has.

"He has a tendency to sit back on a lot of balls, because he can depend on that arm so, in turn, if you sit back, you're going to give the ball a chance to take a bad hop. He does get a lot of in-between hops, but he's got such good hands people don't recognize it. He's got the arm that lets him get away with it, keeps him out of trouble."

So, despite his knack for collecting errors at a pace he'd like to see decrease, Pennington also ranks first among all qualifying shortstops in the league in zone rating, the percentage of balls fielded by a player in his typical defensive "zone," as measured by STATS, Inc.

Cliff Pennington, continued

Furthermore, he ranks third in range factor, which simply calculates the number of plays made per game at the fielding position, taking into account the fielder's own ability to get to a batted ball. By day's end, this statistic ultimately rewards the more talented players at each position, which is why many in the game are now weighing its outcome more than a player's fielding percentage.

"I compare Penny a lot to Troy Tulowitzki," said Gallego, who groomed Tulowitzki during his Rockies coaching days. "He had the same kind of style of sitting back on the ball. Penny's obviously fielded that way since high school, and it got him to the big leagues, so who am I to change that? Because of that, I believe he's not going to be errorless ever at shortstop. He's not going to be flawless, but he's gonna be a thrill to watch."

The defensive style Gallego speaks of isn't the lone reason for Pennington's sudden surge into an exciting everyday player. This Texas kid, a first-round Draft pick by the A's in 2005, has matured in every sense of the word by way of confidence, a part of his game that wasn't necessarily missing, but possibly lacking, when he was initially called up at the end of the 2008 season.

It was then he bounced his way around the infield, making a mark not only at shortstop but third base and second base as well. Triple-A Sacramento proved to be his home at the start of 2009, but following the Orlando Cabrera trade on the last day in July, Pennington was again rewarded a ticket to The Show.

"When you break the club, it's obviously exciting," Pennington said, "but you're still trying to fit in, try to see what it's all about. You have to get used to seeing the game, seeing the guys you grew up watching. As you start to get a few games under your belt, you see that you can do it, that you can play at this level."

Even then, though, following a stretch that saw Pennington start 60 of the club's final 61 games at shortstop, the confidence factor still wasn't in full bloom.

Fast forward to Spring Training this year, and cue in Adam Rosales, the jack-of-all-trades kid acquired from Cincinnati via offseason trade.

"Adam was one of those guys that not only could field pretty well -- [he] had a great arm just like Penny -- but also could hit, hit with some power, brought some energy," Gallego said. "There were a lot of pluses Adam brought to the game. I sat back and watched Penny's reaction to all this and listened. If you sit back and listen to Penny long enough, he's going to tell you how he feels."

Their conversations, Gallego said, brought out the competitor in Pennington, who in time told his coach that the shortstop position was his, and no one was about to take it from him.

"He was kind of joking," Gallego said, "but he was trying to prove a point -- not to me, not to the manager, but to himself. And he succeeded. He started off slow, and then he started swinging the bat, making the plays, and doing the things that we needed and expected of him at shortstop."

Since, Pennington has started 111 of the team's 123 games en route to cementing his name in the everyday lineup, where he's also offered a good dose of punch in the No. 9 hole while providing some speed on the bases with 20 steals, the most by any A's shortstop since Alfredo Griffin tallied 26 in 1987.

With 39 games remaining in the season, that mark can still be reached. Pennington's got time and lots of it, thanks to a somewhat newfound ability to control the pace of the game.

"I've made so many improvements from when I was drafted to when I got here, especially on defense and slowing things down," Pennington said. "A lot of it has come with experience and just trusting myself. It's about the confidence in knowing that I'm going to make the play."

"He's a very confident player," Ellis said. "He stays within himself and really doesn't try to do more than he's capable of doing. As a shortstop, you've got to do all the little things right. You've got to make all the plays. He's done that, and then some."

Ellis' veteran defensive presence at second base, perhaps one of the more underrated in the game, has aided Pennington immensely. In fact, Pennington essentially spent his initial months in green and gold leaning on Ellis for almost everything, understanding the game and the position, along with getting through what Gallego called the "rough parts of the season."

"It's time for Penny to be in control," Gallego said. "Now, you can hear him barking things off to [Kevin] Kouzmanoff; you can see him discussing things with Ellis as opposed to just listening. Him and Mark are the leaders. He's the leader of the left side of the infield, and Mark's the leader of the right side."

"We talk about that a lot," Pennington said. "You have to be the quarterback of the infield. It's a big step I'm trying to take this year, being more vocal and not just knowing my role but everybody else's. Obviously, Ellis helps me out a lot, but I'm trying to gain a comfort zone on my own out there."

Pennington admittedly still feels like "the new guy" in the A's clubhouse, but his increasing stature on the infield has many around him thinking that newness is wearing off quickly.

"It's going to be a shame if his efforts aren't recognized at the end of the year," starter Dallas Braden said. "You want to talk about a guy who just absolutely brings this club plays day in and day out, it's just becoming comical. It's almost unfair because I almost expect it out of him."

Pennington, meanwhile, expects it out of himself.

"Obviously, 18 errors is more than I want," he said, "but I try to look at it more of, how many have I taken away versus how many have I given up? You've got to make the routine plays. That's why you're here. But, at the same time, it's fun to take away a hit from somebody."

Fun isn't just had on the field for Pennington, though. For as much as he's matured on the diamond, he's grown up in a bigger sense off the field, where he and wife, Missy, welcomed their first child last November.

Brady, nearly 10 months old now, has eased the roller coaster feeling of the 162-game grind, the one that is now viewed through a completely different lens.

"Brady doesn't care if I made an error or struck out three times," Pennington said. "Obviously this is a job and I love playing, but being a dad puts everything in perspective and helps you relax because of the fact it is just a job."

"With the new addition, there are new responsibilities," said Gallego, who has three children of his own. "It's a new outlook on life. With a family, I think Penny's starting to realize a baseball player is not who he is. It's what he does. He's a husband and father first. It eases those bad nights at the ballpark when you have that smiling child waiting."

Gallego, who spent 12 years playing in the A's organization, exudes a unique commitment toward his players that makes it seem he knows them just as well as they know themselves. Thus, he's also not afraid to brag about some of the more modest ones, Pennington included.

"We've all known Cliff has the ability and the tools to be a Major League shortstop," Gallego said. "But he needed to mature and grasp a hold of the mental part of it -- the day-in, day-out grind of success and failure. The mental side of the game is always going to be the last thing these young players are going to control. But if they can do that, they're going to be successful. Cliff has done a good job of doing just that. He can be a hero one night and come back the next day and be the same Cliff Pennington who gets his work in."

That doesn't mean he can't add a little something to his pregame mix, though.

"There's nothing wrong with walking around with a little bit more confidence like he seems to be doing," Gallego said. "If you're going to walk with a big stick, you better be able to handle it and use it, and he's proving that he belongs here. Players think they're proving it to their peers, their manager, their general manger. For me, they're proving it to themselves. If they can prove it to themselves, all the rest is gravy."

"He's gotten to that point, and I think we're going to see Cliff Pennington at shortstop for a very long time. I think he's starting to make a name for himself. Teams that we play on a consistent basis in our division, they know who Cliff Pennington is. The rest will know soon as well."

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	0	4	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.
- Was recalled for a fourth time July 19.
- Retired the side in order in the ninth inning August 20 against Tampa Bay for his first Major League win.

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).
- 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.
- Hit his second career pinch hit home run June 12 at San Francisco and it was the 100th pinch hit home run in Oakland history.
- Snapped a career long 0 for 17 streak with a pinch hit triple June 25 against Pittsburgh...it was just the second pinch hit triple by an Athletic over the last 14 years (Rajai Davis, August 3, 2009 vs. Texas).

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 Rosales, continued

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

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

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

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

“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 Stottlemyre 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.
- Was 1-4 with a 5.49 ERA in 26 games, including two starts, when he was optioned to Triple-A Sacramento July 7.

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.
- Went 1-4 with a 5.11 ERA in six starts in June...the four losses equaled his most in a month (sixth time, last: September, 2004) and tied for fourth most in the American League in June.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list July 24 retroactive to July 20 with a strained right elbow...was transferred to the 60-day DL July 31.
- Had "Tommy John" surgery on his right elbow August 9 and also had the flexor and pronator tendons repaired...the surgery was performed by Dr. Keith Meister in Dallas.

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.

2010 CLIPS

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

Ben Sheets, continued

Tampa Bay Rays as the A's begin a six-game road trip.

But teammates say they also benefit from his lighthearted spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATCHER

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

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Made his third straight Opening Day start at catcher, April 5 against Seattle...committed two error, the first two-error game of his career.
- Had his seventh career walk-off hit April 7 against Seattle, a double...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 and August 28 at Texas and now has five career four-hit games.
- Was placed on the bereavement list June 11 and missed the three-game series at San Francisco before returning to action on June 15.
- Finished June with six home runs, which tied for seventh in the AL and equaled his most ever in a month (August, 2009).
- Batted .185 in August, which tied for third lowest in the American League and was the lowest one month average of his career...his previous low was .204 in July, 2007

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

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

2010 CLIPS

Suzuki set for season 3

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

If you're looking to speak with Kurt Suzuki after a game, be prepared to wait. If you wish to speak with Suzuki prior to a game, he's likely nowhere to be found. That's because the Wailuku, Maui, native is busy lifting weights, scouting other teams, taking extra batting practice, lifting more weights and generally exhibiting a work ethic that would push anyone to the brink.

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

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

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

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

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

In his two full years at the major league level, Suzuki hit .279 in 2008 and .274 last season. In the space

Kurt Suzuki, continued

of one season, his RBI total jumped dramatically to a club-high 88 last season. In the process, Suzuki became only the second catcher in franchise history to lead the A's in RBIs. The other was Frankie Hayes for the 1944 Philadelphia Athletics.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To complement his bat and handling of the staff, Suzuki has developed as a premier defensive catcher. Last season, he led AL catchers in innings, putouts and total chances. He was second in the league in assists and fourth in fielding percentage. Suzuki was rated as the third best defensive catcher in the AL 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 and July 1 at Baltimore...now has five career four-hit games.
- Was placed on the 15-day disabled list July 19 retroactive to July 12 with right patella tendinitis and was transferred to the 60-day DL July 30 when he underwent season-ending surgery...it is his fourth career stint on the DL...was leading the A's in batting (.294) when he was placed on the DL.
- Did not committed an error in 81 games in the outfield this year and now has a 117-game errorless streak dating back to his last error on August 15, 2009 at Chicago...the longest errorless streak of his career is a career-opening 123-game streak.
- Has a career high 54-game homerless streak, topping his previous high of 51 from August 28, 2009-May 3, 2010)...hit his only home run on May 4 against Texas and that is his only home run over his last 109 games.

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.
- Was batting .332 with the River Cats when he was recalled by the A's August 13...had the fifth best batting average in the Pacific Coast League at the time of his promotion.
- Had his first career three-hit game September 7 against Seattle

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.

OUTFIELDER

Height/Weight: 5-11 / 200 Bats/Throws: Left / Right
Birthdate: September 5, 1978 Opening Day Age: 31
Birthplace/Resides: Lancaster, Pennsylvania / Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Major League Service: 72 days
Obtained: Signed as a free agent to a minor league contract, May 28, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Was signed by the A's as a free agent to a minor league contract on May 28 after hitting .317 with four home runs and 14 RBI in 30 games with the Lancaster Barnstormers of the independent Atlantic League.
Was selected by Oakland July 5.
Hit his first Major League home run in the second inning on July 21 against Boston, a solo shot off Clay Buchholz.
Was batting .200 with a home run and four RBI in 12 games before he was placed on the 15-day disabled list August 9 retroactive to August 8 with kidney stones.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Begins his 12th professional season in 2010, which includes 34 games in two seasons in the majors with the New York Mets (2003) and Oakland (2005) and two seasons in Japan with Chiba Lotte (2006-07)... is a .183 career hitter with no home runs and seven RBI in the majors...had professional bests in home runs (19) and RBI (96) with Sacramento in 2004, his first season in the A's organization...hit .330 for Single-A Jupiter which led the Expos farm system and the Florida State League, tied for fifth among all Single-A batters and tied for eighth among all full season minor league outfielders...was named to the New York-Penn League Post Season All-Star team after leading the league in batting (.380).

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Signed a minor league contract with the New York Mets on May 29 and hit a combined .267 (8 for 30) with two RBI in 10 games at three different levels in the Mets farm system...started the season at Single-A St. Lucie in the Florida State League and went 4 for 4 (.444) with a double, triple and both of his RBI in three games before he was transferred to Triple-A Buffalo June 3...hit .188 (3 for 16) in five games and was sent to Double-A Binghamton June 11...was 1 for 5 (.200) in two contests before he was placed on the disabled list June 19 with back spasms...was reinstated from the DL June 26 and released.

LIFETIME PLAYING RECORD table with columns: YEAR TEAM, AVG, G, AB, R, H, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, SH, SF, HP, BB, SO, SB, CS, SLG, OBP, E. Rows include teams like Vermont, Jupiter, Harrisburg, Binghamton, Norfolk, St. Lucie, Brooklyn, NEW YORK (NL), Sacramento, OAKLAND, Syracuse, Buffalo, Binghamton, and AL/NL/ML Totals.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1996 — Selected by the Chicago White Sox organization in the 47th round of the free agent draft, June 2. 1999 — Selected by the Montreal Expos organization in the 16th round of the free agent draft, June 2. 2002 — Traded with pitchers Scott Strickland and Phil Seibel to the New York Mets for pitchers Bruce Chen and Dicky Gonzalez, infielder Luis Figueroa and a player to be named later (pitcher Saul Rivera on July 14), April 5. 2003 — Claimed on waivers by the Oakland Athletics, October 9. 2006 — Released, May 15; signed with Chiba Lotte (Japan). 2007 — Signed by the Toronto Blue Jays to a minor league contract, December 24. 2008 — Elected free agency, November 3. 2009 — Signed by the New York Mets to a minor league contract, May 29. Released, June 26. 2010 — Signed by the Oakland Athletics to a minor league contract, May 28.

2010 CLIPS

At 31, Oakland A's rookie Matt Watson glad to be in bigs

By Gary Peterson, Contra Costa Times columnist, 7/26/2010
Matt Watson is one of the first A's in the clubhouse each day. This could have something to do with the fact he was such a late arrival to the major leagues.
His extended career arc wasn't by design. But as a 16th-round draft choice (by the lame-duck Montreal Expos, no less), Watson came to appreciate the value of perseverance. He was a veteran of five minor league seasons before he got his first taste of the bigs as a September call-up with the New York Mets in 2003.
"I never gave myself a chance then," Watson said Sunday, before starting in left field and going 1 for 2 in the A's 6-4 win over the Chicago White Sox. "I grew up such a big Mets fan, and here I'm playing with the Piazzas and Glavines.
"They got me to the big leagues. They're also the only team to release me," he said, smiling, "so I have mixed feelings."
Almost two years passed before Watson got his second shot, with the 2005 A's.
"I was more comfortable, but I still knew the deal," he said. "They had their guys — (Nick) Swisher, (Mark) Kotsay was here, guys were out there who had guaranteed money."
Watson was guaranteed nothing. He appeared in 19 games with Oakland, after which he spanned the globe in pursuit of a roster spot — with the Chiba Lotte Marines of the Japan Pacific League, Lancaster (Pa.) of the independent Atlantic League, Syracuse in the Toronto Blue Jays system, Mets' affiliates Binghamton, Buffalo and St. Lucie, the A's Triple-A team in Sacramento.
Last season went so poorly it resulted in a pair of firsts — the aforementioned release and a long look at the professional horizon.
"I was really contemplating a post-baseball career," he said, "(and) whether I wanted to get into coaching. I heard a lot of times this year, why don't you just come back and play for the independent league team in Lancaster, where I'm from. You can't really (explain to people about) health insurance, financially how much better it is (in organized baseball)."
The A's welcomed him back to Sacramento this spring. On July 5 they recalled him for his first major

Matt Watson, continued

league engagement in five years. He was 31 — and still a rookie.

Last week he achieved a new, more memorable milestone, hitting his first major league home run off Boston's Clay Buchholz.

"When I was up here a long time ago that was one of the things that was on my mind — gotta get one, gotta get one," he said. "I'm old enough that a lot of things I would have been enamored with at 23 or 24 have kind of lost a little bit of their luster. I've learned to relax and enjoy the moment a little bit more than what I would have."

Thus it wasn't so much an exclamation point on a 12-year odyssey as it was an affirmation of the process. To understand this, you have to understand how unusual it is for someone to bounce around baseball's outback for such an extended period.

Watson gets it. He's aware that every organization preordains a dozen or so prospects it expects to make an impact at the major league level, and that most every other minor leaguer is just there to help play the games.

"That's what I pride myself most on," he said. "I was a 16th-round draft pick. I was the fifth out of five outfielders in the New York-Penn League my first year. I know that's a lot of credit to my family, my wife helping me stay with it. My parents, my upbringing. Never burning any bridges. Have people believe in you and you'd be surprised how long you can stay around this game."

Watson has stuck around long enough to turn his career into a circle-of-life experience. His father played football for Temple in the late 1960s and early '70s and "always loved baseball." His sons, ages 6 and 7, are beginning to realize what a cool job their father has.

"My dad taught me to play the game the right way. He taught me to hustle," he said. His sons are "getting to the age where they're going to be playing in the next year or two. I just want to see hustle. Hit the ball, look like you're having fun."

And don't be afraid to be the first one to the office each day. It makes you look like you love your work.

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6-0 / 180 **Bats/Throws:** Right / Right
Birthdate: October 18, 1982 **Opening Day Age:** 27
Birthplace/Resides: Effingham, Illinois / Wheeler, Illinois
Major League Service: 53 days
Obtained: Acquired from the Baltimore Orioles with cash considerations for Jake Fox, June 22, 2010
Contract Status: First year of a one-year contract through 2010.

2010 HIGHLIGHTS

- Began the season at Triple-A Norfolk and was 0-2 with a 2.11 ERA in 25 games before he was traded to the A's organization with cash for Jake Fox, June 22.
- Was assigned to Triple-A Sacramento following the trade and had a 1.29 ERA and three saves in seven relief appearances before he was selected by Oakland July 7.
- Had a 14-game, 15-2 inning scoreless streak before allowing a run in his final Triple-A outing before his promotion to Oakland.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Was originally drafted by Florida in the 18th round of the 2002 First-Year Player Draft...made his Major League debut with the Marlins in 2007 and had a loss and an 11.68 ERA in 14 relief appearances... signed a minor league contract with the Baltimore organization following the 2008 season...has a 42-26 record, 13 saves and a 3.65 ERA (204 er in 503.2 ip) in 328 career minor league appearances over his first eight professional seasons...allowed just 29 home runs in 503.2 innings, an average of 0.52 per nine innings.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS

Spent the season with Triple-A Norfolk and was 4-2 with one save and a 3.95 ERA in 47 games...struck out 73 batters in 82.0 innings and walked 33...allowed a season-high eight earned runs in 1.1 innings, June 1 at Columbus...posted a 2.43 ERA in 17 games in April and May and a 4.82 ERA beginning June 1...tossed a season-high 3.0 innings on six occasions...struck out a season-high 5, May 25 at Toledo.

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	Jamestown	2	4	4.66	11	11	0	0	0	46.1	56	30	24	4	3	12	0	18	2	1
2003	Greensboro	6	1	1.61	27	0	0	0	2	50.1	32	10	9	2	2	10	2	26	0	0
2004	Jupiter	11	7	2.60	43	0	0	0	5	90.0	87	33	26	2	4	28	6	58	3	0
2005	Carolina	5	4	4.96	54	1	0	0	1	78.0	106	54	43	6	1	31	4	59	4	0
2006	Carolina	1	2	1.00	12	0	0	0	0	18.0	12	3	2	0	0	2	1	12	1	0
	Albuquerque	4	1	5.18	48	0	0	0	0	48.2	65	28	28	1	3	15	1	29	2	0
2007	Albuquerque	4	3	3.42	45	0	0	0	2	47.1	54	24	18	5	0	17	1	23	0	1
	FLORIDA	0	1	11.68	14	0	0	0	0	12.1	24	16	16	4	1	3	0	6	1	0
2008	Jupiter	0	0	2.25	3	0	0	0	1	4.0	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0
	Albuquerque	5	2	3.92	38	0	0	0	1	39.0	47	19	17	4	2	15	0	20	1	0
2009	Norfolk	4	2	3.95	47	0	0	0	1	82.0	70	38	36	5	3	33	0	73	5	1
ML Totals		0	1	11.68	14	0	0	0	0	12.1	24	16	16	4	1	3	0	6	1	0

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

2002 — Selected by the Florida Marlins organization in the 18th round of the First-Year Player Draft. **2008** — Elected free agency, November 3; signed by the Baltimore Orioles to a minor league contract, November 28. **2009** — Elected free agency, November 9; re-signed by Baltimore to a minor league contract, November 20. **2010** — Traded to the Oakland Athletics organization with cash for Jake Fox, June 22.

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.
- Was charged with his first loss of the season June 21 against Cincinnati, snapping his career high seven-game winning streak dating back to May 8, 2009... the winning streak tied for fourth longest in Oakland history by a reliever.

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 July. See traditional game notes for most recent transactions.

Feb. 11	Gregorio Petit outrighted to Sacramento		disabled list (left hip inflammation); Josh Donaldson optioned to Sacramento; Chad Gaudin designated for assignment
March 10	Jay Marshall waiver claim (Jan. 8) voided, Marshall returned to A's and released	May 18	Coco Crisp and Mark Ellis sent to Stockton on a rehab assignment
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)	May 19	Edwar Ramirez outrighted to Sacramento
March 18	Justin Souza optioned to Midland	May 20	Vin Mazzaro recalled from Sacramento; Henry Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento
March 24	Edwar Ramirez acquired from the Texas Rangers for minor leaguer Gregorio Petit	May 21	Coco Crisp reinstated from the disabled list; Landon Powell optioned to Sacramento; Chad Gaudin released; Mark Ellis transferred to Sacramento on rehab
March 27	Chris Carter and Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento	May 22	Mark Ellis reinstated from the disabled list; Eric Chavez placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May 21 (neck spasms)
March 29	Free agent Chad Gaudin agrees to terms on one-year contract; John Meloan placed on 60-day disabled list (right elbow surgery)	May 24	Brett Anderson sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment
March 30	Steve Tolleson optioned to Sacramento	May 26	Coco Crisp placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May 23 (strained right intercostal muscle); Landon Powell recalled from 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)	May 29	Brett Anderson reinstated from the disabled list; Cedrick Bowers 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
		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
		June 8	Matt Carson recalled from Sacramento; Henry Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento
		June 11	Kurt Suzuki placed on the bereavement list; Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento
		June 13	Jake Fox designated for assignment
		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
		June 22	Coco Crisp reinstated from the disabled list; Eric Patterson designated for assignment; Jake Fox traded to the Baltimore Orioles for minor league pitcher Ross Wolf and cash considerations
April 7	Jack Cust outrighted to Sacramento	June 26	Eric Patterson traded to the Boston Red Sox for minor league pitcher Fabian Williamson
April 8	Jai Miller claimed off waivers from the Florida Marlins and optioned to Sacramento; Josh Outman transferred to 60-day disabled list	July 2	Jeff Lyman claimed off waivers from Atlanta and optioned to Midland
April 16	Michael Wurtz sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	July 3	Dallas Braden placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to June 23 (left elbow stiffness); Clayton Mortensen recalled from Sacramento
April 19	Trevor Cahill sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment	July 5	Conor Jackson placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 1 (strained right hamstring); Clayton Mortensen optioned to Sacramento; Matt Carson recalled from Sacramento; Matt Watson selected from Sacramento; Travis Buck transferred to the 60-day DL
April 20	Trevor Cahill reinstated from the disabled list and optioned to Sacramento	July 7	Ross Wolf selected from Sacramento; Tyson Ross optioned to Sacramento; Eric Chavez transferred to the 60-day DL
April 21	Mark Ellis placed on 15-day disabled list (strained left hamstring); Landon Powell recalled from Sacramento	July 9	Brett Anderson sent to Arizona A's on 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	July 11	Travis Buck sent to Arizona A's on rehab assignment
April 23	Brad Kilby recalled from Sacramento; Landon Powell optioned to Sacramento	July 15	Dallas Braden sent to Stockton on rehab assignment
April 25	Michael Wurtz transferred to Stockton on rehab	July 19	Ryan Sweeney placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 12 (right patella tendinitis); Henry Rodriguez recalled from Sacramento; Travis Buck transferred to Sacramento on rehab
April 26	Jai Miller claimed off waivers by Kansas City	July 20	Dallas Braden reinstated from the disabled list; Cedrick Bowers optioned to Sacramento; Brett Anderson transferred to Sacramento on rehab
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	July 24	Ben Sheets placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 20 (strained right elbow); Cedrick Bowers 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	July 30	Brett Anderson reinstated from the disabled list; Andrew Bailey placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 21 (right intercostal strain); Travis Buck reinstated from the 60-day disabled list and optioned to Sacramento; Ryan Sweeney transferred to the 60-day disabled list
May 3	Michael Wurtz reinstated from the disabled list; Brad Kilby optioned to Sacramento	July 31	Boof Bonser selected from Sacramento; Cedrick Bowers optioned to Sacramento; Ben Sheets transferred to the 60-day disabled list
May 4	Vin Mazzaro recalled from Sacramento; Steve Tolleson optioned to Sacramento		
May 5	Henry Rodriguez recalled from Sacramento; Vin Mazzaro optioned to Sacramento		
May 7	Justin Duchscherer placed on 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 30 (left hip inflammation); Edwar Ramirez recalled from Sacramento		
May 11	Kurt Suzuki sent to Sacramento on a rehab assignment		
May 15	Justin Duchscherer reinstated from the disabled list; Jack Cust selected from Sacramento; Henry Rodriguez optioned to Sacramento; Edwar Ramirez designated for assignment		
May 16	Kurt Suzuki reinstated from the disabled list; Henry Rodriguez recalled from Sacramento; Cedrick Bowers selected from Sacramento; Justin Duchscherer placed on the 15-day		

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

JULY STATISTICS

PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GI			E	SLG	OBP
																			DP					
Barton,D	.247	22	81	10	20	28	5	0	1	8	2	0	0	13	0	17	3	0	1	0	.346	.351		
+Carson,M	.261	9	23	0	6	7	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	.304	.250		
Crisp,C	.191	23	89	14	17	26	2	2	1	8	2	1	0	10	0	21	10	1	2	1	.292	.270		
Cust,J	.309	21	68	14	21	46	7	0	6	18	0	1	0	17	0	24	1	0	2	0	.676	.442		
Davis,R	.328	17	61	6	20	31	5	0	2	11	0	0	0	3	0	8	6	2	1	0	.508	.359		
Ellis,M	.221	23	77	7	17	19	2	0	0	8	1	1	2	11	2	14	1	2	0	1	.247	.330		
Gross,G	.143	18	49	3	7	9	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	4	1	0	2	1	.184	.222		
Kouzmanoff	.261	22	88	12	23	40	11	0	2	12	0	2	2	3	0	15	0	1	5	1	.455	.295		
Pennington	.293	24	75	10	22	32	4	3	0	8	0	1	1	7	0	15	4	0	0	5	.427	.357		
Powell,L	.154	5	13	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	.154	.214		
Rosales,A	.321	15	53	11	17	25	2	0	2	8	0	0	0	2	0	10	1	2	0	1	.472	.345		
Suzuki,K	.273	22	88	13	24	32	2	0	2	11	0	1	1	7	1	8	2	1	3	2	.364	.330		
Sweeney,R	.294	9	34	6	10	13	3	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	.382	.333		
+Watson,M	.125	7	16	2	2	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	.313	.176		
OAKLAND	.255	24	815	111	208	315	46	5	17	105	6	8	6	82	3	155	30	9	17	12	.387	.325		
OPPONENT	.238	24	815	83	194	284	28	4	18	79	4	6	7	70	6	155	15	2	19	20	.348	.302		

PITCHER	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	GFSHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	AVG	OPP
Bailey,A	1	1	1.08	7	0	0	7	0	5	8.1	6	1	1	1	0	3	1	6	0	.214	
Blevins,J	0	0	1.00	13	0	0	0	0	9.0	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	.229		
+Bowers,C	0	0	2.08	5	0	0	4	0	4.1	2	3	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	.125		
Braden,D	2	0	2.70	3	3	1	0	0	20.0	23	9	6	1	2	4	0	16	0	.288		
Breslow,C	1	1	2.84	12	0	0	3	0	1	12.2	12	4	4	2	0	3	1	14	0	.250	
Cahill,T	3	2	3.02	6	6	0	0	0	41.2	24	16	14	3	2	13	1	18	0	.166		
Gonzalez,	3	1	3.34	5	5	0	0	0	29.2	32	11	11	2	0	15	0	22	3	.271		
Mazzaro,V	3	1	3.78	5	5	0	0	0	33.1	33	14	14	4	0	9	0	25	0	.260		
+Mortensen	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	6.0	6	4	3	1	0	2	0	7	0	.250		
+Rodriguez	0	0	6.23	4	0	0	1	0	4.1	4	3	3	0	0	3	0	5	0	.250		
+Ross,T	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	1	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	.000		
Sheets,B	1	2	2.25	3	3	0	0	0	20.0	17	5	5	2	0	3	0	10	1	.227		
+Wolf,R	0	0	2.45	4	0	0	2	0	3.2	3	1	1	0	1	3	1	4	0	.231		
Wuertz,M	0	1	2.89	12	0	0	5	0	2	9.1	7	4	3	2	0	4	2	9	0	.206	
Ziegler,B	0	0	2.45	8	0	0	0	0	7.1	7	2	2	0	1	2	0	5	0	.259		
OAKLAND	14	10	3.07	24	24	1	23	1	8	217.0	194	83	74	18	7	70	6	155	4	0	.238
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