

A's News Clips, Tuesday, December 13, 2011

A's agree to contract terms with Daric Barton, Landon Powell and Adam Rosales

By Joe Stiglich, Bay Area News Group

The A's agreed to terms on one-year contracts with first baseman Daric Barton, catcher Landon Powell and infielder Adam Rosales on Monday.

Terms were not available.

The A's also tendered offers to their six other arbitration-eligible players: pitchers Andrew Bailey, Gio Gonzalez, Dallas Braden, Joey Devine and Brandon McCarthy as well as outfielder Ryan Sweeney. The team will now try to negotiate contracts with all six, otherwise arbitration hearings will decide the players' salaries sometime in February.

Tendering contracts to Bailey and Gonzalez does not make it any less likely that those two might be traded. The Toronto Blue Jays have surfaced in speculation as a team targeting Gonzalez and the Boston Red Sox are known to like Bailey.

Teams have until 9 p.m. PST Monday to decide whether to tender contracts to players under team control. All non-tendered players become free agents.

A's offer deals to all arbitration-eligible players

Barton, Powell, Rosales each agree to one-year contracts

By Jane Lee / MLB.com

A's general manager Billy Beane held his word on Monday, electing to tender contracts to each of his arbitration-eligible players.

At season's end, Beane said he would likely have no non-tender candidates, though there was speculation surrounding the status of catcher Landon Powell and infielders Daric Barton and Adam Rosales.

All three agreed to terms on one-year contracts, and the A's also tendered contracts to all unsigned players on the 40-man roster, including their six remaining arbitration-eligible players: pitchers Andrew Bailey, Dallas Braden, Joey Devine, Gio Gonzalez and Brandon McCarthy and outfielder Ryan Sweeney.

Powell, 29, appeared in just 36 games as Kurt Suzuki's backup this year, batting .171 with one home run and four RBIs while spending most of the season in Oakland. But he's been a mainstay with the club over the last three years and has notably developed a solid relationship with the pitching staff.

Barton provided one of the more interesting story lines of the year, appearing on the Opening Day roster as the team's everyday first baseman while carrying around lofty expectations. But Barton hit just .212 with a .592 OPS and no home runs in 67 games before being optioned to Triple-A on June 22.

The season took another turn in July, when Barton landed on the disabled list with a strained shoulder that necessitated an operation on Aug. 12. The 26-year-old has seemingly fallen out of favor with the A's, but he is still considered to be a first-base option next to Brandon Allen and Kila Ka'aihue come spring.

Rosales endured a similarly frustrating year. Recovering from right foot surgery, he began the season on the 60-day DL and wasn't reinstated until June 6. He hit .098 in 24 games spanning three stints with Oakland thereafter, while compiling a .265 mark with three home runs and 22 RBIs in 40 games at Sacramento.

Rosales figures to be in the infield mix next year, providing an option alongside Eric Sogard as bench players under manager Bob Melvin.

A's reach 1-year deals with Barton, Rosales, Powell; tender contracts to 6 others

By Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics have agreed to one-year contracts with infielders Daric Barton and Adam Rosales and catcher Landon Powell.

Barton gets \$1.1 million, Rosales \$600,000 and Powell \$620,000.

Also on Monday, the A's tendered contracts to all the unsigned players on their 40-man roster, including six who remain eligible for arbitration — pitchers Andrew Bailey, Dallas Braden, Joey Devine, Gio Gonzalez and Brandon McCarthy along with outfielder Ryan Sweeney.

Barton made Oakland's opening day roster and started at first base, but struggled and was optioned to Triple-A Sacramento on June 22. He went on the disabled list July 17 because of a right shoulder injury that required season-ending surgery Aug. 12.

Powell played in 36 games for the A's while backing up Kurt Suzuki. Rosales began the 2011 season on the 60-day disabled list with a broken right foot and struggled once he came back June 6. He also spent time in Triple-A.