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A's Agree to Terms with Wuertz on Two-Year Contract with Club Option

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Michael Wuertz on a two-year contract through the 2011 season with a club option for 2012, the club announced today. Wuertz was the only arbitration eligible player remaining on the A's roster.

Wuertz was one of the top set-up men in the American League in 2009 as he went 6-1 with four saves and a 2.63 ERA in a team-leading 74 appearances for the A's. He led American League relievers and tied for second in the majors with a career-high 102 strikeouts, which was the sixth-highest strikeout total by a reliever in Oakland history. In addition to strikeouts, Wuertz also had career-highs in saves and innings pitched (78.2), and matched his best in wins.

Wuertz 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. He has 372 career strikeouts in 341.0 innings, an average of 9.82 per nine innings. The 31-year old right-hander spent four seasons with the Cubs from 2004 to 2008 and was 13-7 with a 3.57 ERA in 265 appearances.

The 2009 and career statistics for Wuertz follow:

WUERTZ	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland	6	1	2.63	74	0	0	0	4	78.2	52	25	23	23	102
CAREER	19	8	3.35	339	0	0	0	5	341.0	277	142	127	151	372

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