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Jack Cust Accepts Outright Assignment to Triple-A Sacramento

OAKLAND, **Calif.** – The Oakland A's announced today that Jack Cust has accepted an outright assignment to Triple-A Sacramento. He was designated for assignment a week ago today and was outrighted on Wednesday when he cleared waivers. Cust had 72 hours to accept the assignment or become a free agent.

Cust hit .216 with one home run and three RBI in 19 games this spring. He 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). The 32-year old left-handed hitter has a .241 batting average, 84 home runs, 229 RBI, 309 walks and 546 strikeouts in 421 games over the previous three seasons with the A's. Cust last played in the minors in 2007 at Triple-A Portland in the San Diego Padres organization before he was traded to the A's May 3, 2007. He has 200 home runs in 11 seasons and 1114 games in the minors.

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