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A's Place Brett Anderson on DL; Option Edwar Ramirez to Sacramento **Recall Landon Powell and Steve Tolleson**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have placed left-handed pitcher Brett Anderson on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 25 with left elbow inflammation and a proximal medial forearm strain, the club announced today. The A's also optioned right-handed pitcher Edwar Ramirez to Triple-A Sacramento. To take their spots on the roster, the A's have recalled catcher Landon Powell and infielder Steve Tolleson from Sacramento.

Anderson was 1-1 with a 2.35 ERA in four starts with Oakland this year. He left his last start on Saturday against Cleveland with the injury after allowing just one run in 6.0 innings. The 22-year old left-hander went 11-11 with a 4.06 ERA in 30 starts last year and led all Major League rookies while setting an Oakland rookie record with 150 strikeouts. After going 3-7 with a 5.74 ERA over the first 13 starts of his career, he is 9-5 with a 2.85 ERA and .236 opponents batting average in 21 starts since June 29, 2009. Anderson agreed to terms on a four-year contract through 2013 with club options for 2014 and 2015 on April 16.

Ramirez was 1-0 with a 4.50 ERA in six relief appearances with the A's. He struck out nine in 10.0 innings but also issued eight walks, which is tied for fifth most among American League relievers.

Powell began the season at Triple-A Sacramento and hit .217 with a home run and two RBI in six games before he was recalled by Oakland on April 21 when Mark Ellis went on the DL. He was optioned back to Sacramento April 23 and went 1 for 4 with four walks in two games on April 24 and 25. Powell is batting .222 with a home run, two RBI and six walks in eight games overall with the River Cats. He appeared in four games at catcher, two at designated hitter and two at first base. The 28-year old switch-hitter spent the entire 2009 season on the A's roster but appeared in just 46 games as the back-up to Kurt Suzuki. Powell hit .229 with seven home runs and 30 RBI in his Major League debut.

Tolleson was batting .333 with a home run and eight RBI in 16 games with Sacramento and will be making his Major League debut. He was 6 for 11 (.545) against left-handed pitching and appeared in eight games at third base, seven at shortstop, one at second base and one at designated hitter. The 26-year old right-handed hitter was claimed off waivers from Minnesota on February 1, 2010. He was originally drafted by the Twins in the fifth round of the 2005 draft and hit .276 with 33 home runs, 183 RBI and 67 stolen bases in 500 minor league games over five seasons in the Minnesota farm system. His father, Wayne, spent 10 seasons in the majors from 1981-90 with Texas, Chicago (AL) and New York (AL) and had a .241 average in 862 games.

The complete 2010 statistics for Powell and Tolleson at Sacramento follow:

POWELL	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.222	8	27	4	6	2	0	1	2	6	5	0	0	.407	.364
TOLLESON	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.333	16	48	8	16	5	0	1	8	7	9	0	2	.500	.439

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