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A's Acquire OF Conor Jackson from Arizona for RHP Sam Demel

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's acquired outfielder Conor Jackson and cash considerations from the Arizona Diamondbacks in exchange for minor league right-handed pitcher Sam Demel, the club announced today.

Jackson was batting .238 with one home run and 11 RBI in 42 games with Arizona. He was hitting .267 before going on the disabled list April 19 with a strained right hamstring. Jackson struggled after he was reinstated on May 7, batting .192 with five RBI over his first 21 games. However, he has hit safely in eight of his 10 games since June 4 and is batting .303 (10 for 33) with two doubles, a home run and four RBI over that span. The 28-year old righthanded hitter made 34 starts in left field and three at first base for the Diamondbacks and was batting .346 with runners in scoring position.

Jackson was originally drafted by Arizona in the first round of the 2003 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of California. He made his Major League debut in 2005 and has spent each of the last six seasons with the Diamondbacks. Jackson batted .291 with career highs in home runs (15) and RBI (79) in 2006, added a .284 average and 15 home runs in 2007 and then hit a career best .300 in 2008. He was limited to just 30 games last year after being sidelined in May with Valley Fever. Jackson is a .277 career hitter with 46 home runs and 247 RBI in 526 games.

Demel was 2-0 with six saves and a 1.26 ERA in 22 relief appearances at Triple-A Sacramento. He allowed one home run in 28.2 innings and opponents were batting .212. The 24-year old right-hander was originally selected by the A's in the third round of the 2007 First-Year Player Draft. Demel combined for a 2-5 record, 14 saves and a 2.19 ERA in a career high 55 games last year with Double-A Midland and Sacramento. He has a 2.79 ERA in 151 career appearances.

The complete statistics for Jackson and Demel follow:

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