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A's Claim 3B Edwin Encarnacion off Waivers from Toronto

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's claimed third baseman Edwin Encarnacion off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays, the club announced today.

Encarnacion batted .244 with 21 home runs and 51 RBI in 96 games with the Blue Jays in 2010. He was hitting .200 with nine home runs and 22 RBI over his first 37 games before being optioned to Triple-A Las Vegas June 20. The 27-year old right-handed hitter returned July 3 and hit .269 with 12 home runs and 29 RBI over his final 59 contests. Encarnacion started 95 games at third base for the Blue Jays. His home run total was more than any Athletic in 2010, despite two stints on the disabled list with a strained right shoulder and sprained left wrist.

Encarnacion made his Major League debut with Cincinnati in 2005 and is a .258 career hitter with 100 home runs and 337 RBI in 652 games in six seasons. He posted career highs with a .289 batting average and 76 RBI in 2007 and then belted a career high 26 home runs in 2008. The native of the Dominican Republic was traded to Toronto July 31, 2009 as part of the Scott Rolen trade. Encarnacion has hit 13 home runs or more in each of the last five seasons. He was originally drafted by Texas in the ninth round of the 2000 draft.

The complete 2010 statistics and career statistics for Encarnacion follow:

ENCARNACION	AVG	G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
TORONTO	.244	96	332	47	81	16	0	21	51	29	60	1	0	.482	.305
Las Vegas (AAA)	.438	7	32	9	14	2	0	3	13	2	2	0	0	.781	.486
Dunedin (A)	.100	3	10	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	.400	.308
CAREER	.258	652	2250	308	580	130	5	100	337	227	453	21	5	.453	.336

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