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Oakland Recalls Ross, Places Wuertz on 15-Day DL

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics announced today that the team has recalled right-handed pitcher Tyson Ross from Sacramento and has placed right-handed pitcher Michael Wuertz on the 15-day Disabled List with a strained left hamstring, retroactive to April 2.

Ross, who made his major league debut with the A's last year by registering a 1-4 record and 5.49 ERA in 26 games (including two starts), returns after being optioned to Sacramento March 30 as one of the team's final cuts before Opening Day. The 6-6, 230-pound Berkeley, Calif. native pitched brilliantly during Spring Training, notching a 1-0 record and 0.59 ERA in five games. The 23-year-old right-hander allowed only one run and 14 hits in 15.1 innings of work, striking out 10 batters, walking four and yielding a .241 opponent's batting average against.

Oakland's second-round selection in the 2008 First-Year Draft out of the University of California, Ross made last year's Opening Day roster but was optioned to Sacramento July 7. He was 2-1 with a 3.55 ERA in six games, all starts, with the Triple-A River Cats before his season ended Aug. 10 with a strained right elbow.

Wuertz, who threw a scoreless inning with two strikeouts in his only 2011 appearance on Opening Night against Seattle last Friday, will be eligible to come off the 15-day DL April 17. The 32-year-old reliever went 2-3 with a career-high six saves and a 4.32 ERA in 48 relief appearances with the A's last year. He missed the first month of last season while on the disabled list with right shoulder tendinitis. He joined Oakland in 2009 and established himself as one of the top set-up men in the American League when he posted a 6-1 mark with four saves and a 2.63 ERA in a team-leading 74 appearances. He led AL relievers and tied for second in the majors with a career-high 102 strikeouts that season.

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