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A's Acquire C Soto from Texas and Minor League C Anderson from Cincinnati

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's acquired catcher Geovany Soto from the Texas Rangers for cash considerations and minor league catcher Bryan Anderson from the Cincinnati Reds for international money. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster for Soto, the A's transferred first baseman Kyle Blanks to the 60-day disabled list. Soto is scheduled to join the A's tomorrow in Houston.

Soto began the season on the 60-day disabled list with torn lateral meniscus cartilage in his right knee. He was reinstated July 18 and went 4 for 11 (.364) in three games before returning the DL July 22 with a strained right groin. The 31-year-old right-handed hitter was reinstated Aug. 8 and is 5 for 27 (.185) with a home run and two RBI in seven games since his return. Soto is batting .237 in 10 games overall and is .248 career hitter with 92 home runs and 314 RBI in 666 games in the majors with the Cubs (2005-12) and Rangers (2012-14).

Anderson began the season at Double-A Pensacola where he hit .343 with five home runs and 19 RBI in 21 games. He was promoted to Triple-A Louisville May 5 and hit .302 in 52 games with the Bats. The 27-year-old left-handed hitter was batting .315 with 10 home runs and 43 RBI in 73 games overall. Anderson made his Major League debut with St. Louis in 2010 and also played with the Cardinals in 2012 and the White Sox in 2013. He is a .210 career hitter in 35 games in the majors.

The complete 2014 statistics for Soto and Anderson follow:

SOTO	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Round Rock (AAA)	.188	10	32	2	6	2	0	1	2	1	10	0	0	.344	.212
Frisco (AA)	.368	6	19	4	7	2	0	0	1	3	6	0	0	.474	.455
TEXAS	.237	10	38	5	9	2	0	1	3	0	11	0	0	.368	.237
ML CAREER	.248	666	2173	269	538	129	4	92	314	274	571	3	4	.438	.333
ANDERSON	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Pensacola (AA)	.343	21	70	11	24	2	2	5	19	11	14	0	1	.643	.427
Louisville (AAA)	.302	52	162	20	49	12	1	5	24	19	29	0	1	.481	.380

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