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A's Agree to Terms with RHP Rodriguez and 1B Davis on One-Year Contracts **A's Do Not Tender Contracts to 1B Blanks and OF Brown**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Fernando Rodriguez and first baseman Ike Davis on one-year contracts for the 2015 season, the club announced today. The A's also announced that they did not tender contracts to first baseman Kyle Blanks and outfielder Andrew Brown.

Rodriguez appeared in seven games over two stints with the A's last year after missing the 2013 season following Tommy John surgery. He had a win, a 1.00 ERA and .129 opponents batting average. Rodriguez spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Sacramento where went 3-0 with a 1.97 ERA in 38 relief appearances.

Davis was acquired from Pittsburgh Nov. 23 in an exchange of international bonus slots. He began the season with the New York Mets and was hitting .208 with a home run and five RBI in 12 games before being dealt to Pittsburgh April 18 for pitchers Zack Thornton and Blake Taylor. Davis hit .235 in 131 games with the Pirates and batted .233 with 11 home runs and 51 RBI in 143 games overall.

Blanks was designated for assignment last Friday as a result of the trade with the Toronto. He was acquired from San Diego May 15 and combined to hit .309 with two home runs and seven RBI in 26 games with the Padres and A's in a season shortened because of injuries. Brown was placed on the 15-day disabled list June 24 with a left calf strain and had a rehab assignment halted Aug. 21 due to left Achilles tendinitis.

Brown was designated for assignment Nov. 23 after the A's acquired Davis from Pittsburgh. He was claimed off waivers from the New York Mets Oct. 31 after hitting .182 with two home runs and seven RBI in 19 games over two stints with New York. Brown spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Las Vegas where he batted .283 with 21 home runs and 69 RBI in 103 games.

After agreeing to terms with Rodriguez and Davis, the A's have 12 remaining players eligible for arbitration including Fernando Abad, Jesse Chavez, Ryan Cook, Sam Fuld, Craig Gentry, John Jaso, Brett Lawrie, Brandon Moss, Jarrod Parker, Josh Reddick, Jeff Samardzija and Eric Sogard.

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