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### **A's Select Munson from Triple-A Sacramento; Transfer Braden to 60-day DL**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's selected catcher Eric Munson from Triple-A Sacramento, the club announced today. To clear a spot for him on the 40-man roster, the A's transferred left-handed pitcher Dallas Braden to the 60-day disabled list.

Munson was signed by the A's to a minor league contract on March 27 and has spent the entire season at Sacramento. He batted .265 with 13 home runs, 68 RBI and a team leading 54 walks in 99 regular season games and went 2 for 6 (.333) with a home run in the River Cats first two playoff games. The 31-year old left-handed hitter batted .283 over his first 75 games but hit .207 with three home runs and 16 RBI in 24 games since August 2. Munson appeared in 73 games at catcher, 21 at designated hitter and five at first base. His major league career has spanned eight seasons with Detroit (2000-04), Tampa Bay (2005) and Houston (2006-07) and he is a .214 career hitter with 49 home runs and 147 RBI in 360 games.

Braden was placed on the DL August 8 retroactive to August 1 with a rash on his left foot. He was 8-9 with a 3.89 ERA in 22 starts with Oakland.

The complete 2009 statistics for Munson follow:

	<b>AVG</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>OBP</b>
Sacramento	.265	99	351	50	93	22	2	13	68	54	71	0	1	.450	.362
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