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A's Recall Buck, Meloan and Rodriguez from Triple-A Sacramento

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's recalled right-handed pitchers John Meloan and Henry Rodriguez and outfielder Travis Buck from Triple-A Sacramento, the club announced today. The A's now have 34 players on the active roster.

Buck joins the A's for the third time this year and batted .226 with three home runs and nine RBI in 31 games over his first two stints. He was on the Opening Day roster and hit .235 in 28 games before going on the 15-day disabled list May 30 with a strained left oblique. Buck was reinstated from the DL and optioned June 14, but returned to Oakland to go 1 for 8 in a three-game stint from June 29 to July 5. He batted .272 with five home runs and 29 RBI in 62 games with Sacramento and also went 3 for 12 (.250) with a double in four playoff games for the River Cats.

Meloan pitched for four different organizations in 2009 as he began the season with Triple-A Columbus in the Cleveland organization, was traded to the Tampa Bay organization July 2 for Winston Abreu and was claimed off waivers by Pittsburgh August 12 and Oakland September 2. He had no decisions and combined for a 4.37 ERA in 44 games, including two starts, with all four teams. The 25-year old right-hander did not allow a run in four playoff games for Sacramento (4.2 ip, 1 h, 3 bb, 2 so). Meloan made his Major League debut with Los Angeles in 2007, posting an 11.05 ERA in five relief appearances, and also appeared in two games with Cleveland last year without allowing a run or hit in 2.0 innings. He has an 8.68 ERA in seven career relief appearances.

Rodriguez began the season on the disabled list with a strained muscle in his back and was assigned to Single-A Stockton when he was reinstated on May 19. He did not allow a run in three relief appearances and struck out 11 in 5.0 innings before being moved up to Sacramento on May 27. Rodriguez then compiled a 5.77 ERA in 37 relief appearances with the River Cats and struck out 71 in 43.2 innings. He fanned 82 batters in 48.2 innings overall for an average of 15.2 per nine innings. The 22-year old right-hander then posted a 20.25 ERA (1.1 ip, 3 r, 3 er, 4 bb, 2 so) in two playoff appearances for Sacramento. Rodriguez was signed by the A's as a non-drafted free agent on July 18, 2003 and will be making his Major League debut. The Venezuelan native compiled a 17-23 record, seven saves and a 4.78 ERA in 116 career minor league appearances, including 47 starts. He struck out 421 in 330.1 innings, an average of 11.5 per nine innings, but also walked 245, or 6.7 per nine innings.

The complete 2009 statistics for the players called up today follow:

BUCK	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.272	62	232	37	63	13	3	5	29	23	44	3	1	.418	.345
OAKLAND	.226	31	93	10	21	3	0	3	9	8	17	1	1	.355	.287

MELOAN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Columbus (CLE)	0	0	5.52	25	2	0	0	0	44.0	52	27	27	17	37
Durham (TB)	0	0	3.38	10	0	0	0	0	13.1	13	5	5	10	15
Indianapolis (PIT)	0	0	1.17	6	0	0	0	0	7.2	3	1	1	1	8
Sacramento (OAK)	0	0	0.00	3	0	0	0	0	3.0	0	0	0	2	1
TOTALS	0	0	4.37	44	2	0	0	0	68.0	68	33	33	30	61

RODRIGUEZ	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Stockton	0	0	0.00	3	0	0	0	0	5.0	3	0	0	1	11
Sacramento	2	1	5.77	37	0	0	0	4	43.2	38	28	28	38	71

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