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### A's Add Infielder, 3 Pitchers to 40-Man Roster

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics have added an infielder and three pitchers to their 40-man roster today.

First baseman Chris Carter and starting pitchers Fautino De Los Santos, Pedro Figueroa and Justin Souza had their contracts selected to the 40-man roster, the team announced. With this announcement, the A's currently list 39 players on their 40-man roster.

All four players will report to 2010 major league spring training camp in Phoenix, Ariz. Pitchers and catchers report Feb. 20 with the first workout scheduled Feb. 21. The full squad reports Feb. 25 with the first workout slated for Feb. 26.

Carter, named the 2009 Texas League Player of the Year at Double-A Midland last season, batted .337 with 41 doubles, 24 home runs and 101 RBI before being promoted to Triple-A Sacramento. The 6-4, 210-pound slugger led the Texas League in runs scored (108), total bases (282), walks (82), on-base percentage (.435), slugging percentage (.576) and doubles, while ranking second in hits (165), home runs and batting average, and third in RBI. Overall last season, including his short stint at Sacramento, he batted .329 with 43 doubles, 28 home runs, 115 RBI and 13 stolen bases.

De Los Santos, a 6-2, 219-pound righthander acquired with Gio Gonzalez and Ryan Sweeney in exchange for Nick Swisher in the Dec. 2, 2005 trade with the Chicago White Sox, returned from 2008 Tommy John arm surgery to make seven starts for the Rookie-League A's in the Arizona League last summer. He registered a 0-1 record with 3.86 ERA in seven appearances, logging 16 strikeouts and four walks in 11.2 innings of work. In 2007, he was named the South Atlantic League's Most Outstanding Major League Prospect in posting a 9-4 record and 2.40 ERA for Single-A Kannapolis in the White Sox's system and later pitched for the World Team in the 2007 Futures Game in San Francisco.

Figueroa, who turns 24 on Monday, scrolled a 10-2 record and 3.23 ERA in 16 games (all starts) for Single-A Kane County last season before being promoted to Single-A Stockton, where he went 3-4 with a 3.56 ERA. Overall, the 6-1, 195-pound lefthander recorded a 13-6 mark and 3.38 ERA with 145 strikeouts and 66 walks over 152.0 innings in 27 games, all starts.

Souza, who joined the A's organization July 11 when Jack Hannahan was traded to Seattle, began the 2009 season with Double-A West Tennessee in the Mariners chain, where he registered a 6-6 record and 3.35 ERA in 20 appearances, 14 starts, striking out 62 and walking 18 in 78.0 innings pitched. The 6-1, 185-pound righthander finished the year at Oakland's Double-A affiliate in Midland, posting a 0-2 mark and 10.35 ERA in five games, all starts.

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