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A's Acquire 3B Jake Fox and 2B Aaron Miles From The Chicago Cubs **RHP Jeff Gray, OF Matt Spencer and RHP Ronny Morla Sent to Chicago**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's acquired third baseman Jake Fox, second baseman Aaron Miles and cash considerations from the Chicago Cubs in exchange for right-handed pitcher Jeff Gray, minor league outfielder Matt Spencer and minor league right-handed pitcher Ronny Morla, the club announced today.

Fox began the season at Triple-A Iowa and batted .409 with 17 home runs and 53 RBI in 45 games. He also had two stints with the Cubs and hit .259 with 11 home runs and 44 RBI in 82 games. In addition to making 23 starts at third base, he also made 15 starts in left field, five at first base and two in right field. The 27-year old right-handed hitter was originally drafted by the Cubs in the third round of the 2003 draft and began his professional career as a catcher before switching to first base and the outfield in 2007. Fox made his Major League debut with Chicago in 2007, batting .143 in seven games, and is a .252 career hitter with 11 home runs and 45 RBI in 89 games. He has a .293 career average in the minors along with 122 home runs and 436 RBI in 640 games over seven seasons.

Miles signed a two-year contract with the Cubs prior to the 2009 season and hit a career low .185 with no home runs and five RBI in 74 games in an injury-plagued season. He had two stints on the disabled list with a right shoulder strain and a hyper extended right elbow. The 32-year old second baseman has also played for the White Sox (2003), Colorado (2004-05) and St. Louis (2006-08) in his seven seasons in the majors and is a .282 career hitter with 16 home runs and 175 RBI in 717 games. He had his best season with St. Louis in 2008 when he batted career high .317. A graduate of Antioch High School, Miles has played 503 games at second base in his career, but he also has 115 games at shortstop, 19 at third base and seven in the outfield.

Gray had four stints with Oakland in 2009 and was 0-1 with a 3.76 ERA in 24 relief appearances. He also went 2-2 with a 1.54 ERA and a team leading 16 saves in 37 appearances with Triple-A Sacramento. The 28-year old right-hander made his ML debut with Oakland in 2008 and has a 4.35 ERA in 29 career appearances.

Spencer batted a combined .289 with 19 home runs and 91 RBI in 123 games with Single-A Stockton and Double-A Midland. The 23-year old outfielder was acquired by the A's from Philadelphia along with Josh Outman and Adrian Cardenas in the Joe Blanton trade during the 2008 All-Star Break.

Morla began the year in extended spring training before posting a 1-7 record and a 4.86 ERA in 17 games, 12 starts, at Short Season Single-A Vancouver. The 21-year old Dominican Republic native was originally signed by the A's February 10, 2006.

The complete 2009 statistics for the players involved in today's trade:

FOX	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Iowa (AAA)	.409	45	164	44	67	14	3	17	53	21	31	2	1	.841	.495
CHICAGO (NL)	.259	82	216	23	56	12	0	11	44	14	47	0	0	.468	.311
MILES	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Iowa (AAA)	.253	21	87	8	22	4	0	0	8	2	14	1	2	.299	.267
CHICAGO (NL)	.185	74	157	17	29	7	1	0	5	8	21	3	0	.242	.224
SPENCER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Stockton (A)	.274	30	117	20	32	5	0	10	29	12	15	3	1	.573	.338
Midland (AA)	.294	93	371	59	109	29	3	9	62	26	75	2	3	.461	.347

GRAY	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento (AAA)	2	2	1.54	37	0	0	0	16	41.0	30	8	7	6	22
OAKLAND	0	1	3.76	24	0	0	0	0	26.1	30	12	11	4	19
MORLA	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Vancouver (A)	1	7	4.86	17	12	0	0	0	63.0	70	42	34	24	73

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