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A's Select Angels' Bobby Cassevah in Major League Rule 5 Draft Oakland Picks Sinkerball Specialist with 9th Choice of First Round

INDIANAPOLIS, IN. – In the first round of the 2009 Major League Rule 5 Draft, the Oakland A's today selected right-handed relief pitcher Bobby Cassevah of the Los Angeles Angels organization with the ninth overall selection. The Athletics had the 10th pick in the draft, but San Diego—which held the ninth choice—passed.

To make room for Cassevah on the A's 40-man roster, the team announced it has released pitcher Santiago Casilla. The 29-year-old Casilla was 1-2 with a 5.96 ERA in 46 relief appearances in 2009 and had been in the Oakland organization for 10 years, including parts of six seasons in the major leagues.

Cassevah, 24, was the Angels' 34th round pick in the June 2004 draft out of Pace (Fla.) High School. The 6-3, 195-pound sinkerball specialist posted a 3-7 record and 3.68 ERA in 57 appearances for Double-A Arkansas this past season. Named to the Texas League Midseason All-Star Team, Cassevah induced 16 hitters to ground into double plays in 2009 and also reeled off a string of 12 straight scoreless appearances from July 18 to Aug. 12.

The Jacksonville, Fla. native has allowed only six home runs and generated 41 grounded into double plays in his six-year minor league career. He owns an 11-21 mark and 4.33 ERA in 156 games in his professional career, with 142 of his appearances coming in relief.

Cassevah, who has 190 strikeouts and 147 walks in 270.0 innings during his six-year stint in the minors, is expected to compete for a spot in the A's bullpen this upcoming season.

The A's also selected one player in the Triple-A phase of the Rule 5 Draft today, tabbing Texas Rangers' right-handed pitcher Beau Vaughan (Double-A Frisco) with the sixth pick of the first round. Vaughan registered a combined 7-2 record and 3.77 ERA in 46 relief appearances last year, splitting time between Triple-A Oklahoma City (4-2, 4.62) and Double-A Frisco (3-0, 2.35).

Casilla had appeared in 152 games during his six big league seasons, notching a 6-4 record and 5.11 ERA while striking out 138 and walking 80 in 160.1 innings during his career.

Oakland escaped the Rule 5 Draft unscathed, as none of the A's prospects were taken in either the major or minor league portion of the draft.

The 2009 and career statistics for Cassevah and Casilla follow:

CASSEVAH	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arkansas (AA)	3	7	3.68	57	0	0	0	4	73.1	64	40	30	37	45
Minor League Career	11	21	4.33	156	14	0	0	6	270.0	279	156	130	147	190
CASILLA	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland	1	2	5.96	46	0	0	0	0	48.1	61	36	32	25	35
ML Career	6	4	5.11	152	0	0	0	4	160.1	173	95	91	138	80

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