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A's Do Not Tender Contract to Jack Cust

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's did not tender a contract to outfielder/designated hitter Jack Cust, the club announced today. The A's did offer contracts to all other unsigned players on the 40-man roster, including their three remaining arbitration eligible players: right-handed pitcher Michael Wuertz and outfielders Rajai Davis and Scott Hairston.

Cust batted .240 with 25 home runs and 70 RBI in 149 games in 2009. He led the A's in home runs, walks (93) and strikeouts (185) for the third consecutive season and also topped the club in games (149), runs (88), on-base percentage (.356) and intentional walks (5). The 30-year old left-handed hitter led the American League in strikeouts for the third consecutive season to become the first player to lead the AL in strikeouts three straight seasons since Minnesota's Bobby Darwin did it from 1972-74. Cust also finished fifth in the AL in walks in 2009 but his batting average was fourth lowest.

Cust appeared in 70 games with four Major League teams from 2001 to 2006 before finally breaking through with the A's in 2007. He was a .222 hitter with five home runs and 19 RBI in 70 games from 2001-06 and batted .241 with 84 home runs, 229 RBI, 309 walks and 546 strikeouts in 421 games in three seasons with the A's. Cust is a .239 career hitter with 89 home runs and 248 RBI in 491 career games.

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