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### A's Acquire Philadelphia Outfielder Michael Taylor Oakland Sends 3B Brett Wallace to Toronto as Part of 3-Team Trade

OAKLAND, Calif. –The Oakland Athletics have acquired outfielder Michael Taylor from the Toronto Blue Jays in exchange for third baseman Brett Wallace as part of a three-team trade announced today. Taylor, who has played in the Philadelphia minor league system the past three years, was obtained by the A's via Toronto, which obtained the 23-year-old slugger as partial compensation for trading Roy Halladay to the Phillies.

A former star at Stanford, the 6-6, 250-pound Taylor hit a combined .320 (137-for-428) with 28 doubles, five triples, 20 home runs, 84 RBI and 21 stolen bases in 116 games at Double-A Reading and Triple-A Lehigh Valley last season. The Phillies' fifth-round pick in the 2007 June Draft, he was named to the 2009 *Topps* Double-A All-Star Team and Eastern League Midseason All-Star Team after batting .333 (106-for-318) with 59 runs scored, 22 doubles, four triples, 15 homers, 65 RBI and 18 stolen bases in only 86 games at Reading. He also played for *Yaquis de Obregon* of the Mexican Pacific League this winter, registering a .308 average (20 for 65) with four doubles, a home run, 11 RBI and three stolen bases in 19 games.

Taylor, who turns 24 years old this Saturday, also was voted a South Atlantic League Midseason All-Star in 2008, after leading the league in hitting (.361) with 10 home runs, 50 RBI and 10 stolen bases in 67 games for Single-A Lakewood at the time of his promotion to Advanced Single-A Clearwater that season. The athletic outfielder has posted a .312 career average in 314 minor league games from 2007-09 with 81 doubles, nine triples, 45 home runs, 205 RBI, 44 stolen bases and impressive on-base (.383), slugging (.515) and OPS (.898) percentages.

Born in Cheverly, Md. and raised in Apopka, Fla., Taylor earned All-Pac-10 and team MVP honors at Stanford in 2007 when he batted .335 and led the Cardinal in doubles (16), home runs (12) and RBI (59). He still resides in Apopka, Fla., where he graduated from Apopka High School in 2004. His high school teammate for two years was pitcher Zack Greinke, the Kansas City Royals' 2009 Cy Young Award winner.

Wallace, 23, batted .302 (55 for 182) with 10 doubles, nine home runs and 28 RBI in 44 games for Triple-A Sacramento last season after being acquired by Oakland in a July 24 trade that sent Matt Holliday to the St. Louis Cardinals. The 6-2, 205-pound Bay Area product (Marin, Calif.) hit a combined .293 with 26 doubles, 20 home runs and 63 RBI in 138 games last season between Double-A Springfield, Triple-A Memphis and Sacramento. The Cardinals' 2008 first round choice out of Arizona State, Wallace owns a .305 career average (224-for-734) with 39 doubles, 28 home runs, 99 RBI in 192 minor league games.

The 2009 and career minor league statistics for Taylor and Wallace follow:

TAYLOR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Reading	.333	86	318	58	106	22	4	15	65	35	51	18	4	.569	.408
Lehigh Valley	.282	30	110	15	31	6	1	5	19	13	19	3	1	.491	.359
<b>M.L. CAREER</b>	<b>.312</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>.515</b>	<b>.383</b>
WALLACE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Springfield	.281	32	128	22	36	5	0	5	16	18	34	0	0	.438	.403
Memphis	.293	62	222	22	65	11	0	6	19	15	42	0	1	.423	.346
Sacramento	.302	44	182	32	55	10	0	9	28	14	40	1	1	.505	.365
<b>M.L. CAREER</b>	<b>.305</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>..475</b>	<b>.384</b>

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