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### **A's Agree to Terms with Jack Cust on One-Year Contract**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's have agreed to terms with free agent Jack Cust on a one-year contract, the club announced today. Cust was not tendered a contract by the A's prior to the Dec. 12 deadline and became a free agent before re-signing with Oakland.

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 31-year old left-handed hitter led the American League in strikeouts for the third consecutive season and ranked fifth in walks but his batting average was fourth lowest. Cust had career-highs in games, at bats (513), runs and hits (123), and also stole the first four bases of his career.

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 but has a .241 average 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 games.

The 2009 and career statistics for Cust follow:

	<b>AVG</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>OBP</b>
Oakland	.240	149	513	88	123	16	0	25	70	93	185	4	1	.417	.356
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>.239</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.455</b>	<b>.374</b>

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