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A's Acquire 3B Kevin Kouzmanoff from San Diego

A's Also Receive Minor League IF Eric Sogard for OF Scott Hairston and OF Aaron Cunningham

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have acquired third baseman Kevin Kouzmanoff and minor league infielder Eric Sogard from the San Diego Padres in exchange for outfielders Scott Hairston and Aaron Cunningham, the club announced today.

Kouzmanoff batted .255 with 18 home runs and a career high 88 RBI in 141 games with San Diego last year. He also committed just three errors to set a National League record for fielding percentage by a third baseman with a mark of .990. The 28-year old right-handed hitter matched his career high with 31 doubles and has hit at least 18 home runs in each of his last three seasons. Kouzmanoff made his Major League debut appearing in 16 games with Cleveland in 2006 but has spent the last three seasons with San Diego. He is a .261 career hitter with 62 home runs and 257 RBI in 456 games.

Sogard hit .293 with six home runs and 51 RBI in 117 games with Double-A San Antonio last year and ranked ninth in the Texas League in batting. He had 58 walks and struck out just 47 times to rank fourth in the TL in plate appearances per strikeout (11.28). The 23-year old left-handed hitter has played second base in his three years as a professional and is a .292 career hitter in 304 minor league games. He was originally the Padres second round pick in the 2007 First-Year Player Draft.

Hairston was acquired by the A's from San Diego last July and hit .236 with seven home runs and 35 RBI in 60 games with Oakland after batting .299 with 10 home runs and 29 RBI in 56 games with the Padres. He hit .265 overall and is a .252 career hitter with 58 home runs and 162 RBI in 460 games.

Cunningham spent most of last season at Triple-A Sacramento where he batted .302 with 11 home runs and 48 RBI in 83 games. He also batted .151 with a home run and six RBI in 23 games over three stints with Oakland. Cunningham made his ML debut with Oakland in 2008 and is a .211 career hitter in 45 games.

The 2009 and career statistics for the players involved in today's trade follow:

KOUZMANOFF	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
San Diego	.255	141	529	50	135	31	1	18	88	27	106	1	0	.420	.302
MAJORS	.261	456	1693	182	442	94	7	62	257	87	351	2	0	.435	.308
SOGARD	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
San Antonio (AA)	.293	117	457	79	134	25	3	6	51	58	47	10	6	.400	.370
MINORS	.292	304	1204	203	352	78	6	20	171	162	141	32	17	.417	.375
HAIRSTON	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
San Diego	.299	56	197	26	59	14	1	10	29	17	45	8	1	.533	.358
Oakland	.236	60	233	24	55	13	1	7	35	8	38	3	2	.391	.262
MAJORS	.252	460	1393	170	351	81	13	58	162	101	321	19	7	.454	.304
CUNNINGHAM	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento (AAA)	.302	83	334	62	101	24	1	11	48	33	74	11	4	.479	.372
Oakland	.151	23	53	6	8	2	0	1	6	3	16	0	0	.245	.211
MAJORS	.211	45	133	13	28	9	1	2	20	9	40	2	0	.338	.271

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