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A's Agree to Terms with Davis and Kouzmanoff on One-Year Contracts

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have agreed to terms with third baseman Kevin Kouzmanoff and outfielder Rajai Davis on one-year contracts to avoid arbitration, the club announced today. The A's have one arbitration eligible player remaining on the roster: right-handed pitcher Michael Wuertz.

Davis began the 2009 season as the A's fourth outfielder but played himself into a starting role in center field and ended up hitting .305 in 125 games. He started 86 of the A's final 114 games beginning June 1 and hit .324 over that span, which was the fourth best mark in the American League. Davis also stole a career high 41 bases to become the first Athletic to steal 40 bases since Rickey Henderson had 66 in 1998.

Kouzmanoff was acquired from San Diego Saturday after batting .255 with 18 home runs and a career high 88 RBI in 141 games with the Padres in 2009. He also committed just three errors to set a National League record for fielding percentage by a third baseman with a mark of .990. Kouzmanoff matched his career high with 31 doubles and has hit at least 18 home runs in each of his last three seasons.

The 2009 and career statistics for Davis and Kouzmanoff follow:

DAVIS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Oakland	.305	125	390	65	119	27	5	3	48	29	70	41	12	.423	.360
TOTALS	.280	333	808	128	226	44	11	7	76	60	141	93	27	.387	.336

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
TOTALS	.261	456	1693	182	442	94	7	62	257	87	351	2	0	.435	.308

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