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A's Reinstate Duchscherer from DL; Select Cust from Sacramento **Rodriguez Optioned to Sacramento; Ramirez Designated for Assignment**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's reinstated right-handed pitcher Justin Duchscherer from the 15-day disabled list and selected outfielder/designated hitter Jack Cust from Triple-A Sacramento, the club announced today. To clear spots on the roster, the A's optioned right-handed pitcher Henry Rodriguez to Sacramento and designated right-handed pitcher Edwar Ramirez for assignment.

Duchscherer was 2-1 with a 2.89 ERA in five starts for the A's before he was placed on the DL May 7 retroactive to April 30 with a left hip inflammation. It was his sixth career stint on the DL. He has not allowed an earned run in three of his five starts this year and now has a 2.82 ERA in his career as an Athletic, which is the third lowest ERA in Oakland history. Duchscherer is scheduled to start tonight's game against Los Angeles.

Cust was batting .273 with four home runs and 19 RBI in 33 games with Sacramento. He is leading the Pacific Coast League in walks (33) and ranks third in on-base percentage (.444). The 31-year old left-handed hitter batted .342 with runners in scoring position and hit all four of his home runs in four consecutive games from April 25-29. Cust appeared in 19 games at designated hitter, seven in left field, six in right field and also pinch hit once. He was with the A's this spring until being designated for assignment April 3. Cust cleared waivers, was outrighted to Sacramento April 7 and accepted the assignment April 10. Last year, he led the A's in home runs (25), 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).

Rodriguez was recalled from Sacramento May 5 and made one appearance with Oakland on Wednesday in Texas, allowing two runs on two hits and a walk in 1.1 innings. He was 0-1 with a 0.00 ERA in eight outings with Sacramento.

Ramirez was recalled from Sacramento May 7 for his second stint with the A's this year and made his only appearance last Wednesday in Texas, allowing a run on two hits and two walks in 1.0 inning. He is 1-0 with a 4.91 ERA in seven relief appearances overall with Oakland and has 10 walks in 11.0 innings.

The complete 2010 statistics for Duchscherer and Cust follow:

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| DUCHSCHERER | W | L | ERA | G | GS | CG | SHO | SV | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
| OAKLAND | 2 | 1 | 2.89 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28.0 | 26 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 18 |

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| CUST | AVG | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | BB | SO | SB | CS | SLG | OBP |
| Sacramento | .273 | 33 | 110 | 21 | 30 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 19 | 33 | 33 | 0 | 0 | .436 | .444 |

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