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A's Reinstate Suzuki, Recall Rodriguez and Select Bowers

Place Duchscherer on the DL, Option Donaldson to Sacramento and Designate Gaudin for Assignment

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's made six roster moves today as they reinstated Kurt Suzuki from the disabled list, recalled right-handed pitcher Henry Rodriguez from Triple-A Sacramento and selected left-handed pitcher Cedrick Bowers from Sacramento. The A's placed right-handed pitcher Justin Duchscherer on the 15-day disabled list with a left hip inflammation, optioned catcher Josh Donaldson to Sacramento and designated right-handed pitcher Chad Gaudin for assignment.

Suzuki was placed on the DL April 30, retroactive to April 24, with an intercostal strain. He began a rehab assignment with Sacramento on Tuesday and went 3 for 8 (.375) with four runs, two doubles, a home run and five RBI in three games. Suzuki was batting .254 with four home runs and 11 RBI in 17 games before the injury.

Rodriguez was optioned to Sacramento yesterday but was able to return today with the injury to Duchscherer. He was recalled for the first time 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.

Bowers was 1-1 with a 2.55 ERA in 16 relief appearances with Sacramento. He struck out 26 in 17.2 innings and held the opposition to a .161 batting average, including .136 against right-handers. Bowers ranked third among Pacific Coast League relievers in strikeouts per nine innings (13.25) and was fifth in opponents batting average. He last pitched yesterday in New Orleans and tossed a scoreless inning of relief. The 32-year old left-hander made his Major League debut with Colorado in 2008, 12 years after being drafted in the fourth round of the 1996 June Draft by Tampa Bay, and posted a 13.50 ERA in five games with the Rockies. Bowers has pitched in 340 games in his minor league career, which does not include three seasons in Japan (2004-06) and one in Korea (2007).

Duchscherer was reinstated from the DL yesterday and was scheduled to start last night's game against Los Angeles. He was scratched minutes before first pitch and returns to the DL with the same injury. This is his seventh career stint on the DL. Duchscherer was 2-1 with a 2.89 ERA in five starts with the A's before he was placed on the DL for the first time May 7 retroactive to April 30.

Donaldson batted .154 with a home run and three RBI in 10 games with Oakland. He was selected from Sacramento April 30 and made his major league debut, appearing in 10 of the A's 14 games following his promotion and making seven starts.

Gaudin was signed as a free agent on March 29 and made the A's Opening Day roster. He posted an 8.83 ERA while allowing a .360 opponents batting average in 12 relief appearances. His ERA was the highest among American League relievers but he was also tied for seventh with 20 strikeouts.

The complete 2010 statistics for Bowers, Rodriguez and Suzuki follow:

SUZUKI	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.375	3	8	4	3	2	0	1	5	2	1	0	0	1.000	.500
OAKLAND	.254	17	59	5	15	3	0	4	11	6	11	0	0	.508	.343

RODRIGUEZ	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento	0	1	0.00	8	0	0	0	3	9.1	3	2	0	3	14
OAKLAND	0	0	13.50	1	0	0	0	0	1.1	2	2	2	1	0

BOWERS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento	1	1	2.55	16	0	0	0	0	17.2	10	5	5	8	26

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