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A's Trade Eric Patterson to Boston for LHP Fabian Williamson

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's traded outfielder Eric Patterson to the Boston Red Sox for minor league left-handed pitcher Fabian Williamson, the club announced today.

Williamson was 4-3 with a 3.72 ERA in 14 starts for Single-A Salem of the Carolina League. He allowed just three home runs in 65.1 innings and yielded a .242 opponents batting average, including .211 with runners in scoring position. The 21-year old left-hander was originally selected by Seattle in the 22nd round of the 2006 First-Year Player Draft and was traded to the Red Sox for David Aardsma prior to the 2009 season. Williamson went 10-5 with a 2.42 ERA and 104 strikeouts in 108.0 innings in 28 games, 12 starts, with Single-A Greenville last year. He has a 24-13 record and a 3.17 ERA in 68 career appearances, including 50 starts, in four professional seasons.

Patterson was designated for assignment on Tuesday after batting .204 with four home runs and nine RBI in 45 games with Oakland. He had started just five of the A's last 34 games and was 5 for 32 (.156) in 18 games total over that span. The 27-year old right-handed hitter was acquired from the Chicago Cubs with Sean Gallagher, Josh Donaldson and Matt Murton for Rich Harden and Chad Gaudin on July 8, 2008 and hit .211 with five home runs and 28 RBI in 114 games with the A's. Patterson is a .224 career hitter with six home runs, 35 RBI and 22 stolen bases in 134 career games.

The complete statistics for Williamson and Patterson follow:

WILLIAMSON	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Salem (A)	4	3	3.72	14	14	0	0	0	65.1	58	30	27	34	40
CAREER	24	13	3.17	68	50	0	0	5	297.2	257	122	105	141	288

PATTERSON	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
OAKLAND	.204	45	103	13	21	5	2	4	9	7	31	6	0	.408	.255
CAREER	.224	134	335	44	75	15	3	6	35	38	95	22	2	.340	.301

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