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### A's Recall Mortensen from Sacramento; Place Braden on 15-Day Disabled List

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have recalled right-handed pitcher Clayton Mortensen from Triple-A Sacramento and placed left-handed pitcher Dallas Braden on the 15-day Disabled List, retroactive to June 23, due to left elbow stiffness.

Mortensen, who will start the A's game tonight in Cleveland, was 10-2 with a 3.58 ERA in 15 games, all starts, at Sacramento. The 6-4, 180-pound Rexburg, Idaho native was leading the Pacific Coast League in wins (10), ranked third in strikeouts (77) and was tied for fifth in innings pitched (98.0) at the time of his promotion. His 10 wins also tied for second among all minor league pitchers.

The 25-year-old righthander was 6-0 with a 2.17 ERA (49.2 ip, 40 h, 14 r, 12 er, 13 bb, 40 so) and .225 (40 for 178) opponents batting average over his final seven Triple-A starts. He pitched at least seven innings in six of those outings and allowed two runs or fewer five times. Acquired in the Matt Holiday trade with St. Louis last July 24, Mortensen made six starts with Oakland in 2009, posting a 2-4 record and 7.81 ERA in six games, all starts.

Braden, author of the 19th perfect game in Major League history May 9 against Tampa Bay, has missed his last two scheduled starts—Tuesday in Baltimore, then tonight in Cleveland—due to stiffness in his left elbow. He is 4-7 with a 3.83 ERA in 15 starts for Oakland this season, suffering a 4-2 loss to Cincinnati (6.0 ip, 10 h, 4 r, 3 er, 1 bb, 4 so) in his last appearance June 22 at the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum. Since tossing his perfect game, the 26-year-old lefthander has gone 0-5 with a 4.31 ERA over his last eight starts, a period in which he has received only eight runs of support from his team (an average of 1.5 runs per outing).

The 2010 and career statistics for Mortensen and Braden follow:

<b>MORTENSEN</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Sacramento	10	2	3.58	15	15	0	0	0	98.0	95	49	39	31	77
<b>ML CAREER</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7.63</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>

  

<b>BRADEN</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
OAKLAND	4	7	3.83	15	15	2	1	0	94.0	96	43	40	16	58
<b>ML CAREER</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>374.2</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>235</b>

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