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A's Place Sweeney on Disabled List; Recall Rodriguez from Sacramento

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's placed outfielder Ryan Sweeney on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to July 12 with right patella tendinitis, the club announced today. To take his spot on the roster, the A's recalled right-handed pitcher Henry Rodriguez from Triple-A Sacramento.

Sweeney was batting a team leading .294 with 20 doubles and 36 RBI in 82 games and goes on the disabled list for the fourth time in his career. He was hitting .292 with 10 runs scored over his last 13 games but has a career high 54-game homerless streak. Sweeney is eligible to be reinstated July 27.

Rodriguez joins the A's for the fourth time this year and has no decisions and a 3.86 ERA in seven relief appearances with Oakland. He pitched once during his first stint from May 5 to 14 (13.50 ERA), twice during his second stay from May 16 to 19 (4.50 ERA) and once during his last stint from June 4 to 7 when he tossed 2.0 scoreless innings June 7 against Los Angeles (1 bb, 2 so). The 23-year old right-hander was 0-2 with 11 saves and a 1.69 ERA in 20 relief appearances with Sacramento. Rodriguez did not allow an earned run and had five saves in six appearances with Sacramento following his last option on June 8, which included a stay on the disabled list from June 15 to July 9 with a strained right hamstring.

The A's have now used the disabled list 18 times this year and 82 times over the last four years. The 18 players have combined to miss 731 games, an average of 40.6 games missed per DL stint. Oakland currently has a season high tying 10 players on the DL and has had at least seven players on the DL every day since April 21.

The complete 2010 statistics for Rodriguez follow:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento	0	2	1.69	20	0	0	0	11	21.1	10	8	4	9	31
OAKLAND	0	0	3.86	7	0	0	0	0	9.1	9	5	4	6	8

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