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Oakland Selects Bonser; Bowers Optioned to Sacramento

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics announced today that they have selected right-handed pitcher Boof Bonser and optioned left-handed pitcher Cedrick Bowers to Triple-A Sacramento. The team also announced that right-handed pitcher Ben Sheets (right elbow strain) has been transferred from the 15-day to the 60-day Disabled List.

Bonser, a former 2000 first-round draft choice by the San Francisco Giants, has posted an 18-25 career record and 5.19 ERA (227 er, 393.2 ip) in 98 games, 60 starts, with the Minnesota Twins (2006-09) and Boston Red Sox (2010). The 6-4, 245-pound St. Petersburg, Fla. native was designated for assignment by the Red Sox June 18 and subsequently signed by the A's July 2. He had posted a 2-1 mark and 4.56 ERA (12 er, 23.2 ip) in five starts with Triple-A Sacramento this month. In his last start, he allowed only four hits and one run (earned) in pitching 7.2 innings in the RiverCats' 7-1 win against Colorado Springs, striking out six and walking three batters.

The 28-year-old right-hander was traded by the Giants to Minnesota Nov. 14, 2003 and he set a Twins' record for most strikeouts in a major league debut when he fanned eight Brewers May 21, 2006. He went on to register a 7-6 record and 4.22 ERA (47 er, 101.1 ip) in 18 games, all starts, during that rookie season. Bonser was named the American League Rookie of the Month in September after scrolling a 4-1 mark and 2.63 ERA with 30 strikeouts in six starts. Later in the 2006 postseason, he drew the Game 2 starting assignment against the A's in the AL Division Series in Minnesota, gaining a no decision despite allowing only two runs (both earned) on seven hits while striking out three and walking one in 6.0 innings in an eventual 5-2 Oakland win.

He followed that rookie season by posting an 8-12 record and 5.10 ERA in 31 games, 30 starts, in 2007. Bonser then went 3-7 with a 5.93 ERA in 47 games in 2008, starting his first 12 games before being assigned to the bullpen for the remainder of the season. He missed the entire 2009 season when he underwent arthroscopic surgery during spring training (Feb. 25) to repair partial tears to the labrum and rotator cuff in his right shoulder.

Bonser—who legally changed his name from John to Boof (a childhood nickname) after the 2001 season—was designated for assignment by the Twins Dec. 8, 2009 and traded two days later to Boston. The Red Sox placed him on the 15-day Disabled List March 31, retroactive to March 26, to open the 2010 season due to a right groin strain. He was sent to Triple-A Pawtucket on a rehab assignment April 8 and posted a 0-2 record and 6.34 ERA there until he was activated by the Red Sox June 7. Bonser made only two relief appearances for Boston (2.0 ip, 6 h, 4 r, 4 er, 2 bb) before being designated for assignment June 18. He cleared waivers and signed as a free agent with Oakland July 2.

Bowers returns to Sacramento after his third stint with Oakland in 2010. He has made 14 relief appearances for the A's this year, registering a 0-1 mark and 4.50 ERA (7 er, 20.2 ip). He posted a scoreless eighth inning last night. The complete 2010 and career statistics for Bonser and Bowers follow:

BONSER	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pawtucket	0	2	6.34	9	8	0	0	0	32.2	37	23	23	14	25
Sacramento	2	1	4.56	5	5	0	0	0	23.2	20	14	12	11	17
BOSTON	0	0	18.00	2	0	0	0	0	2.0	6	4	4	2	0
MLB Career	18	25	5.19	98	60	0	0	0	393.2	448	249	227	127	317

BOWERS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento	1	1	3.05	19	0	0	0	0	20.2	13	8	7	11	29
OAKLAND	0	1	4.50	14	0	0	0	0	14.0	12	9	7	6	18
MLB Career	0	1	7.40	19	0	0	0	0	20.2	23	19	17	11	23

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