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A's Sign IF Aki Iwamura

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's have signed free agent infielder Aki Iwamura and added him to their active roster, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's transferred Conor Jackson to the 60-day disabled list.

Iwamura was on the Opening Day roster for Pittsburgh and batted .182 with two home runs and nine RBI in 54 games before he was optioned to Indianapolis June 22. He hit .264 with three home runs, 16 RBI and 38 walks for a .404 on-base percentage with the Indians before he was designated for assignment when the season ended September 7. The 31-year old left-handed hitter was outrighted off the Pirates 40-man roster September 9 and released the next day.

Iwamura made his Major League debut with Tampa Bay in 2007 and hit .281 with 14 home runs and 104 RBI in 344 games in three seasons with the Rays. He was signed by Tampa Bay as a free agent following the 2006 season after spending nine seasons with Yakult of the Japanese Leagues. Iwamura is a .270 career hitter with 16 home runs and 113 RBI in 398 Major League games and batted .300 with 188 home runs and 570 RBI in 977 Japanese League contests. He was a five-time All-Star with Yakult, won six Gold Gloves and was named Most Valuable Player of the 2001 Japan Series. Iwamura becomes the second Japanese player to play for the A's, joining Keiichi Yabu (2005).

The complete 2010 statistics for Iwamura follow:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
PITTSBURGH	.182	54	165	18	30	6	1	2	9	26	31	3	1	.267	.292
Indianapolis (AAA)	.264	50	163	26	43	10	1	3	16	38	32	0	2	.393	.404

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