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A's Exercise Options on Crisp and Ellis; Do Not Exercise Option on Chavez

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's exercised club options on second baseman Mark Ellis and outfielder Coco Crisp for the 2011 season, the club announced today. The A's did not exercise their option on third baseman Eric Chavez, making him a free agent.

Chavez has spent his entire professional career in the A's organization, including 13 seasons in Oakland, a total surpassed only by Rickey Henderson's 14 years. He is a .267 career hitter with 230 home runs and 787 RBI in 1,320 games. Chavez ranks among the top 10 in nearly every category on the Oakland career lists, including second in doubles (282) and extra base hits (532), third in total bases (2288), fourth in runs (730), home runs, RBI, games, at bats (4783) and strikeouts (922), fifth in hits (1276) and seventh in walks (565) and slugging percentage (.478). He won six consecutive American League Gold Glove awards at third base from 2001-06, a total surpassed only by Brooks Robinson (16). The 32-year old native of San Diego was originally drafted by the A's in the first round of the June, 1996 draft.

Chavez has seen his season end early with injuries in each of the last four years, including 2010 when he hit .234 in 33 games before going on the disabled list May 22 with neck spasms. He has five stints on the DL over the last four years and had five surgeries over a 22-month span from September 2007 to June 2009. Chavez has appeared in just 64 games over the last three years, hitting .222 with three home runs and 25 RBI.

Crisp had his 2010 season interrupted by injury three times, but when healthy, he posted some of the best numbers on the team. He hit .279 with eight home runs and 38 RBI in 75 games and stole a career-high 32 bases. Crisp finished second on the club in steals, third in triples (4) and fifth in home runs despite missing over half the season. He was on the disabled list from April 3 to May 20 with a fractured left pinky, May 23 to June 21 with a strained right intercostal muscle, and then fractured his left pinky again Sept. 18, missing the remainder of the season. The 30-year old switch-hitter tied for ninth in the American League in stolen bases and had the second highest stolen base total in AL history among players who appeared in fewer than 80 games (Alex Cole had 40 steals in 63 games with Cleveland in 1990). He was caught stealing just three times for a Major League-leading stolen base percentage of 91.4%, which was the second best mark in Oakland history to Stan Javier in 1988 (20 for 21, 95.2%).

Ellis led the A's in batting for the second time in the last six seasons in 2010 as he hit .291 in 124 games. The average was the second-best mark of his career (.316 in 2005) but he hit just five home runs, which were the fewest of his career. He committed just three errors in 116 games at second base, ranking second among American League second basemen with a .995 fielding percentage (Cano, NYY .996), which was the second-best mark in Athletics history to the record of .997, which he set in 2006. Ellis now has a .990 career fielding percentage, which is second-best in Major League history among second baseman with 750 or more games (Placido Polanco, .993).

Ellis has spent his entire Major League career with Oakland and will return to the A's for his ninth season in 2011. He was originally drafted by Kansas City in 1999 but was traded to Oakland with Johnny Damon in a three-team, seven-player deal Jan. 8, 2001. The 33-year old is a .268 career hitter with 85 home runs and 418 RBI in 994 games. He has appeared in 962 games at second base, which is an Oakland record and fourth most in franchise history.

The career statistics for the three players follows on page 2 of the release.

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Eric Chavez Career Statistics

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
1997	Visalia	.271	134	520	67	141	30	3	18	100	3	2	2	37	91	13	7	.444	.321	32
1998	Huntsville	.328	88	335	66	110	27	1	22	86	3	3	1	42	61	12	4	.612	.402	14
	Edmonton	.325	47	194	38	63	18	0	11	40	0	2	1	12	32	2	3	.588	.364	7
	OAKLAND	.311	16	45	6	14	4	1	0	6	0	0	0	3	5	1	1	.444	.354	0
1999	OAKLAND	.247	115	356	47	88	21	2	13	50	0	0	0	46	56	1	1	.427	.333	9
2000	OAKLAND	.277	153	501	89	139	23	4	26	86	0	5	1	62	94	2	2	.495	.355	18
2001	OAKLAND	.288	151	552	91	159	43	0	32	114	0	7	4	41	99	8	2	.540	.338	12
2002	OAKLAND	.275	153	585	87	161	31	3	34	109	0	2	1	65	119	8	3	.513	.348	17
2003	OAKLAND	.282	156	588	94	166	39	5	29	101	0	3	1	62	89	8	3	.514	.350	14
2004	OAKLAND	.276	125	475	87	131	20	0	29	77	0	4	3	95	99	6	3	.501	.397	13
	Sacramento	.308	3	13	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	.385	.357	0
2005	OAKLAND	.269	160	625	92	168	40	1	27	101	0	9	2	58	129	6	0	.466	.329	15
2006	OAKLAND	.241	137	485	74	117	24	2	22	72	0	6	1	84	100	3	0	.435	.351	5
2007	OAKLAND	.240	90	341	43	82	21	2	15	46	0	4	0	34	76	4	2	.446	.306	6
2008	Sacramento	.367	9	30	7	11	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	.667	.424	0
	OAKLAND	.247	23	89	10	22	7	0	2	14	0	0	0	6	18	0	0	.393	.295	1
2009	OAKLAND	.100	8	30	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	.133	.129	0
2010	OAKLAND	.234	33	111	10	26	8	0	1	10	0	4	0	8	31	0	0	.333	.276	0
	Arizona A's	.333	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.333	.333	0
ML Totals		.267	1320	4783	730	1276	282	20	230	787	0	44	13	565	922	47	17	.478	.343	110

Coco Crisp Career Statistics

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
1999	Johnson City	.258	65	229	55	59	5	4	3	22	8	2	2	44	41	27	5	.354	.379	24
2000	New Jersey	.239	36	134	18	32	5	0	0	14	5	0	1	11	22	25	3	.276	.301	2
	Peoria	.276	27	98	14	27	9	0	0	7	4	0	0	16	15	7	3	.367	.377	0
2001	Potomac	.306	139	530	80	162	23	3	11	47	7	1	1	52	64	39	21	.423	.368	6
2002	New Haven	.301	89	355	61	107	16	1	9	47	5	1	0	36	56	26	10	.428	.365	3
	Akron	.406	7	32	9	13	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	3	3	4	0	.531	.457	0
	CLEVELAND	.260	32	127	16	33	9	2	1	9	3	2	0	11	19	4	1	.386	.314	1
	Buffalo	.238	4	21	3	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	.286	.238	0
2003	Buffalo	.360	56	225	42	81	19	6	1	24	9	2	5	26	24	20	8	.511	.434	3
	CLEVELAND	.266	99	414	55	110	15	6	3	27	7	3	0	23	51	15	9	.353	.302	1
2004	CLEVELAND	.297	139	491	78	146	24	2	15	71	9	2	0	36	69	20	13	.446	.344	4
2005	CLEVELAND	.300	145	594	86	178	42	4	16	69	13	5	0	44	81	15	6	.465	.345	5
2006	BOSTON	.264	105	413	58	109	22	2	8	36	7	0	1	31	67	22	4	.385	.317	1
	Pawtucket	.333	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.333	.500	0
2007	BOSTON	.268	145	526	85	141	28	7	6	60	9	5	1	50	84	28	6	.382	.330	1
2008	BOSTON	.283	118	361	55	102	18	3	7	41	8	4	1	35	59	20	7	.407	.344	2
2009	KANSAS CITY	.228	49	180	30	41	8	5	3	14	4	1	1	29	23	13	2	.378	.336	3
2010	Stockton	.833	2	6	2	5	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1.667	.857	0
	OAKLAND	.279	75	290	51	81	14	4	8	38	3	5	0	30	49	32	3	.438	.342	2
	Sacramento	.591	6	22	7	13	2	1	0	5	0	0	0	2	3	2	1	.773	.625	0
ML Totals		.277	907	3396	514	941	180	35	67	365	63	27	4	289	502	169	51	.410	.332	20

Mark Ellis Career Statistics

Year	Club	AVG.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
1999	Spokane	.327	71	281	67	92	14	0	7	47	5	4	3	47	40	21	7	.452	.424	16
2000	Wilmington	.302	132	484	83	146	27	4	6	62	4	3	7	78	72	25	7	.411	.404	31
	Wichita	.318	7	22	4	7	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	5	1	0	.364	.444	0
2001	Sacramento	.273	132	472	71	129	38	0	10	53	5	5	5	54	78	21	7	.417	.351	19
2002	Sacramento	.298	21	84	14	25	10	1	0	5	0	0	4	6	13	4	0	.440	.372	3
	OAKLAND	.272	98	345	58	94	16	4	6	35	8	3	4	44	54	4	2	.394	.359	11
2003	OAKLAND	.248	154	553	78	137	31	5	9	52	9	5	7	48	94	6	2	.371	.313	14
2004	OAKLAND																			
2005	OAKLAND	.316	122	434	76	137	21	5	13	52	4	0	4	44	51	1	3	.477	.384	6
2006	OAKLAND	.249	124	441	64	110	25	1	11	52	4	7	8	40	76	4	0	.385	.319	2
	Sacramento	.167	4	12	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	.167	.375	0
2007	OAKLAND	.276	150	583	84	161	33	3	19	76	2	3	10	44	94	9	4	.441	.336	5
2008	OAKLAND	.233	117	442	55	103	20	3	12	41	5	2	5	53	65	14	2	.373	.321	4
2009	OAKLAND	.263	105	377	52	99	23	0	10	61	3	5	2	23	54	10	3	.403	.305	5
	Stockton	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.000	.200	0
	Sacramento	.182	8	33	2	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	.212	.182	0
2010	OAKLAND	.291	124	436	45	127	24	0	5	49	3	5	8	40	56	7	6	.385	.358	3
	Stockton	.200	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	.200	.286	0
	Sacramento	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.250	.250	0
ML Totals		.268	994	3611	512	968	193	21	85	418	38	30	48	336	544	55	22	.404	.336	50