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A's Sign RHP Willie Eyre and LHP Travis Blackley to Minor League Deals

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Willie Eyre on a minor league contract and re-signed left-handed pitcher Travis Blackley to a minor league deal, the club announced today. Both players will report to the A's Major League camp in 2011 as non-roster invitees.

Eyre spent the entire 2010 season at Triple-A Oklahoma City in the Texas organization and was 5-4 with two saves and a 3.50 ERA in 49 relief appearances. He allowed just two home runs in 72.0 innings and yielded a .264 opponents batting average. The 32-year old right-hander made his Major League debut with Minnesota in 2006 and is 5-6 with a 5.14 ERA in 92 career appearances over three seasons. Eyre last pitched in the majors with Texas in 2009 and compiled a 4.50 ERA in 17 relief appearances.

Blackley began the 2010 season in the New York Mets organization and posted an 8.53 ERA in four relief appearances with Triple-A Buffalo before he was released May 1. He was signed by the Athletics organization to a minor league contract May 14 and went 2-1 with a 2.52 ERA in 15 games, including four starts, with Triple-A Sacramento and 0-0 with a 1.80 ERA in two starts with Single-A Stockton. The 28-year old native of Melbourne, Australia combined for a 2-1 record and 3.26 ERA in 21 games, six starts, overall in 2010. Blackley made his Major League debut with Seattle in 2004 and also started two games for San Francisco in 2007. He is 1-3 with a 9.35 ERA in eight career appearances in the majors, all starts. The left-hander is currently pitching for Hermosillo in the Mexican Winter League and is 4-1 with a 2.16 ERA in five starts.

The complete 2010 statistics and career statistics for Eyre and Blackley follow:

EYRE	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oklahoma City	5	4	3.50	49	0	0	0	2	72.0	74	36	28	25	59
CAREER	5	6	5.14	92	2	0	0	1	145.1	171	87	83	60	76

BLACKLEY	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Buffalo	0	0	8.53	4	0	0	0	0	6.1	6	6	6	7	4
Sacramento	2	1	2.52	15	4	0	0	0	35.2	31	10	10	22	35
Stockton	0	0	1.80	2	2	0	0	0	5.0	3	1	1	2	2
CAREER	1	3	9.35	8	8	0	0	0	34.2	45	38	36	27	21

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