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A's Add Five Players to 40-Man Roster

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics today selected outfielders Michael Taylor and Corey Brown and infielders Adrian Cardenas and Sean Doolittle from Triple-A Sacramento, and right-handed pitcher Trystan Magnuson from Double-A Midland. With their selections, the A's have reached their limit on the current 40-man roster.

Taylor, acquired from Toronto for Brett Wallace in trade last December, batted .272 with 26 doubles, six triples, six home runs, 78 RBI and 16 stolen bases in 127 games with Sacramento this past season. A former All-Pac-10 choice from Stanford, Taylor ranked second on the River Cats in triples, RBI and stolen bases while ranking third in hits (126) and doubles, and fourth in runs scored (79).

Brown, an A's compensation pick following the first round of the 2007 Draft (59th overall), split his 2010 season between Double-A Midland and Triple-A Sacramento. He hit .320 with 14 doubles, eight triples, 10 home runs, 49 RBI and 19 stolen bases in 90 games for Midland, earning Mid-Season and Post-Season All-Star honors. The left-handed outfielder ranked second in the Texas League in both on-base percentage (.415) and triples, third in batting average and fourth in slugging percentage (.502). He only batted .193 with four doubles, three triples, five homers and 20 RBI in 41 games at Sacramento, but hit .273 (3-for-11) with a double and two RBI in four playoff games with the River Cats.

Cardenas, a 2008 acquisition as part of the Joe Blanton trade with Philadelphia, was the fourth-leading hitter in the A's farm system this past season with a combined .304 average between Midland and Sacramento. He batted .345 with 15 doubles, three home runs, 32 RBI and a team-high six sacrifice flies in only 51 games with Midland, while he hit .267 with eight doubles, a triple and home run, and 21 RBI in 58 games with Triple-A Sacramento.

Doolittle, selected in the first round (supplemental, 41st overall pick) in the 2007 Draft, has been limited with knee injuries the past two years and missed the entire 2010 season while rehabbing a second surgery performed in July. In 2008, the 6-3, 190-pound first baseman tied for ninth in all of minor league baseball with 65 extra-base hits and he led the A's farm system that year in hits (153) and doubles (40), ranked second in runs (89), extra-base hits and total bases (265), third in RBI (91), fourth in walks (63), fifth in home runs (22), and seventh in batting average (.286) and slugging percentage (.286). Later that year, he tied for third in the Arizona Fall League in home runs in earning AFL All-Prospect Team honors. Doolittle was limited to only 28 games in 2009 due to injury, batting .267 with five doubles, one triple, four home runs and 14 RBI at Sacramento.

Magnuson, acquired with pitcher Daniel Farquhar from Toronto Wednesday in exchange for A's outfielder Rajai Davis, is a 25-year-old reliever who carved out a 3-0 record and 2.58 ERA with five saves in 46 appearances for the Blue Jays' Double-A affiliate New Hampshire this past season. A former Toronto first-round draft choice (2007 supplemental, 56th overall pick), the 6-7, 210-pound Magnuson has compiled an 8-1 mark and 2.48 in 89 games during the past two seasons in the minor leagues.

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