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### **A's Acquire OF Josh Willingham from Washington** **Oakland Sends RHP Henry Rodriguez and OF Corey Brown to Nationals**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's acquired outfielder Josh Willingham from the Washington Nationals for right-handed pitcher Henry Rodriguez and outfielder Corey Brown, the club announced today.

Willingham was batting .268 with 16 home runs and 56 RBI in 114 games with Washington before having season-ending surgery on his right knee Aug. 25. He added 67 walks for a .389 on-base percentage and was successful in all eight of his stolen base attempts. The 31-year old right-handed hitter was batting .281 with 15 home runs and 46 RBI in 87 games before the All-Star Break but was hampered by the injury in hitting just .225 with one home run and 10 RBI in 27 contests after the break.

Willingham was originally drafted in the 17<sup>th</sup> round of the 2000 draft by Florida and spent five seasons with the Marlins from 2004-08 before he was traded to Washington following the 2008 season. He is a .265 career hitter with 103 home runs and 336 RBI in 663 games in seven seasons and has a .367 career on-base percentage. Willingham has hit at least 15 home runs in each of the last five seasons and has topped 20 home runs three times, including a career-high 26 in 2006 with Florida. He hit a career-high .277 in 2006 and his on-base percentage has not decreased over the last five years, going from .356 in 2006 to a career-high .389 last year.

Rodriguez saw his first extended Major League action in 2010, posting a 4.55 ERA in 29 games with the A's. He struck out 33 and walked 13 in 27.2 innings and is 1-0 with a 4.26 ERA, 37 strikeouts and 15 walks in 31.2 innings over 32 career Major League appearances. The 23-year old right-hander struck out 452 in 351.2 career minor league innings but also issued 254 walks and 65 wild pitches.

Brown spent most the 2010 season at Double-A Midland where he was named to the Texas League All-Star team after batting .320 with 10 home runs and 49 RBI in 90 games. He ranked second in the TL in on-base percentage (.415), third in batting and fourth in slugging percentage (.502). The 25-year old left-handed hitter also hit .193 with five home runs and 20 RBI in 41 games with Triple-A Sacramento. Brown was drafted by the A's as a compensation pick following the first round of the 2007 draft. He is a .272 career hitter in the minors with 65 home runs and 243 RBI in 390 games.

The complete 2010 and career statistics for the players involved in today's trade follow:

<b>WILLINGHAM</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>OBP</b>
WASHINGTON	.268	114	370	54	99	19	2	16	56	67	85	8	0	.459	.389
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>.265</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>2219</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.475</b>	<b>.367</b>

  

<b>RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
Sacramento	0	2	1.69	20	0	0	0	11	21.1	10	8	4	9	31
OAKLAND	1	0	4.55	29	0	0	0	0	27.2	25	16	14	13	33
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>

  

<b>BROWN</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>OBP</b>
Sacramento	.193	41	135	21	26	4	3	5	20	11	36	3	1	.378	.253
Midland	.320	90	331	63	106	14	8	10	49	52	93	19	1	.502	.415
<b>MINOR CAREER</b>	<b>.272</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>1425</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.497</b>	<b>.359</b>

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