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### A's Agree to Terms with RHP Rich Harden on One-Year Contract

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's have agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Rich Harden on a one-year contract, the club announced today.

Harden went 5-5 with a 5.58 ERA in 20 games, 18 starts, with Texas last year. He allowed a .256 opponents batting average, including .238 against right-handers and .242 with runners in scoring position. Harden had two stints on the disabled list as he was out from June 12 to July 30 with a strained left gluteal muscle and Aug. 8 to 22 with right shoulder tendinitis.

Harden returns to Oakland where he compiled a 36-19 record and a 3.42 ERA in 97 games, 89 starts, from 2003-08. He won 11 games in 2004 and 10 in 2005 but was hampered by injuries in his final three seasons, appearing in just 29 games with the A's from 2006-08. Harden had six stints on the DL during his A's career and has nine overall. He was traded to Chicago July 8, 2008 and went 14-10 with a 3.31 ERA in 38 games, all starts, over one and one-half seasons with the Cubs before signing with Texas as a free agent following the 2009 season. The 29-year old right-hander is 55-34 with a 3.63 ERA in 155 career appearances, including 145 starts. He has 858 career strikeouts in 845.2 innings and his ratio of 9.13 strikeouts per nine innings is second best among all pitchers with 750 or more innings pitched since 2003.

The career statistics for Harden follow:

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2001	Vancouver	2	4	3.39	18	14	0	0	0	74.1	47	29	28	38	100
2002	Visalia	4	3	2.93	12	12	1	0	0	67.2	49	27	22	24	85
	Midland	8	3	2.95	16	16	1	0	0	85.1	67	33	28	52	102
2003	Midland	2	0	0.00	2	2	0	0	0	13.0	0	0	0	0	17
	Sacramento	9	4	3.15	16	14	0	0	0	88.2	72	34	31	35	91
	OAKLAND	5	4	4.46	15	13	0	0	0	74.2	72	38	37	40	67
2004	Sacramento	0	0	5.40	1	1	0	0	0	5.0	6	3	3	3	6
	OAKLAND	11	7	3.99	31	31	0	0	0	189.2	171	90	84	81	167
2005	OAKLAND	10	5	2.53	22	19	2	1	0	128.0	93	42	36	43	121
	Sacramento	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	3.0	1	0	0	0	7
2006	OAKLAND	4	0	4.24	9	9	0	0	0	46.2	31	22	22	26	49
	Sacramento	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
2007	OAKLAND	1	2	2.45	7	4	0	0	0	25.2	18	7	7	11	27
	Sacramento	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
2008	OAKLAND	5	1	2.34	13	13	0	0	0	77.0	57	21	20	31	92
	Stockton	1	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	6.0	3	0	0	0	9
	Sacramento	0	0	2.45	1	1	0	0	0	3.2	3	1	1	0	4
	CHICAGO (NL)	5	1	1.77	12	12	0	0	0	71.0	39	17	14	30	89
2009	CHICAGO (NL)	9	9	4.09	26	26	0	0	0	141.0	122	74	64	67	171
	Iowa	0	0	1.93	1	1	0	0	0	4.2	3	2	1	2	6
2010	TEXAS	5	5	5.58	20	18	0	0	0	92.0	91	61	57	62	75
	Oklahoma City	0	2	3.86	5	5	0	0	0	23.1	21	13	10	8	34
<b>ML CAREER</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>845.2</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>858</b>

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