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How much have the Oakland A's improved this offseason?

Statistics show acquisitions have upgraded bullpen, offense

OAKLAND, Calif. – The additions of designated hitter Hideki Matsui, outfielders David DeJesus and Josh Willingham, and relievers Brian Fuentes and Grant Balfour have brought optimism to an Oakland Athletics team looking to build on a second-place finish in the American League West last season.

While it remains to be seen how these additions will affect the A's on the field, the adjusted numbers suggest significant improvements have already been made. By adding these new players' statistics from 2010, and removing the numbers of those who are no longer with the team, we can see how much better the A's could have been last season.

The Oakland bullpen had a 3.75 ERA and .248 opponents batting average last year, ranking sixth and fourth in the American League, respectively. However, the A's offseason additions and subtractions suggest the bullpen could have netted a .217 opponents average, which would have been the **best in all of baseball**. The 2.94 ERA, meanwhile, would have **ranked first in the American League, second in the majors**.

Additionally, the offense would have seen a nine-point increase in batting average (.256 to .265), 15-point increase in on-base percentage (.324 to .339), 18-point increase in slugging (.378 to .396), and 34-point increase in OPS (.702 to .736). The new on-base percentage would have moved the A's from ninth to **tied for third in the American League**. Also, the batting average would move them from ninth to eighth, but would leave them **only three points shy of being tied for fourth**. The OPS and slugging increases would move the A's from 10th to tied for eighth and 13th to 10th, respectively.

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2010 Statistical Adjustments			
Relief Pitching			
	Actual	Adjusted	Difference
ERA	3.75	2.94	81
BAA	0.248	0.217	31
Hitting			
	Actual	Adjusted	Difference
AVG	0.256	0.265	9
OBP	0.324	0.339	15
SLG	0.378	0.396	18
OPS	0.702	0.736	34
40-Man Roster Changes			
Subtract		Add	
Boof Bonser		Grant Balfour	
Cedrick Bowers		Joey Devine**	
Chad Gaudin		Brian Fuentes	
Justin James		Rich Harden*	
Brad Kilby		Tristan Magnuson****	
Vin Mazzaro*		Brandon McCarthy****	
Edwar Ramirez		Guillermo Moscoso	
Henry Rodriguez		Josh Outman***	
Ben Sheets		David DeJesus	
Ross Wolf		Hideki Matsui	
Travis Buck		Josh Willingham	
Eric Chavez			
Jack Cust			
Rajai Davis			
Jake Fox			
Gabe Gross			
Jeremy Hermida			
Aki Iwamura		*As reliever only	
Jeff Larish		** From 2008 (injured 2009-10)	
Eric Patterson		*** From 2009 as reliever	
Steve Tolleson		(injured 2010)	
Matt Watson		****No ML statistics in 2010	