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A's Acquire LHP David Purcey from Toronto; Braden Placed on DL

OAKLAND, CALIF. – The Oakland A's announced today that they have acquired left-handed pitcher David Purcey from the Toronto Blue Jays in exchange for minor league right-handed pitcher Danny Farquhar. The team also announced it has placed left-handed starting pitcher Dallas Braden on the 15-day Disabled List with a stiff left shoulder, retroactive to April 17. In another player move, right-handed pitcher Rich Harden (strained right shoulder) has been transferred from the 15-day to the 60-day DL.

Purcey, the Jays' first-round selection (16th overall) in the 2004 First Year Player Draft, was 0-0 with an 11.57 ERA (2.1 ip, 3 er) in five relief appearances for Toronto this season. He was a starting pitcher his rookie season with the Blue Jays in 2008, when he posted a 3-6 record and 5.54 ERA (65.0 ip, 40 er) in 12 games, all starts. The 6-4, 242-pound southpaw owns a 5-10 mark with a 5.42 ERA in 59 games, including 21 starts, over 149.1 innings during his Major League career. He turns 29 years old this Thursday.

Farquhar, 24, returns to Toronto, which traded him to Oakland on Nov. 17, 2010, along with pitcher Trystan Magnuson, for A's outfielder Rajai Davis. He had registered an 8-9 record, 39 saves and a 2.62 ERA (50 er, 171.2 ip) in 122 appearances, all in relief, in his three seasons in the Blue Jays organization. Thus far at Triple-A Sacramento, the 5-11, 180-pound right-hander had thrown eight scoreless innings in four relief appearances for the River Cats, allowing seven hits and earning one save while striking out nine and walking three batters.

Braden, who authored the 19th perfect game in Major League history May 9 last season against Tampa Bay at the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum, pitched five scoreless innings in his last start Saturday but exited the game early due to a stiff left shoulder. The Stockton, Calif. product is 1-1 with a 3.00 ERA (18.0 ip, 6 er) in three starts, yielding 18 hits and striking out 15 while walking five. He fashioned an 11-14 record and 3.50 ERA in 30 games, all starts, last season, ranking fifth in the American League in fewest walks per nine innings (2.01) and had the eighth lowest opponents' on-base percentage (.294). The 27-year-old lefty also tied for the AL lead in shutouts (two) and ranked fourth in complete games (five).

Harden, signed as a free agent by Oakland Dec. 21, was originally placed on the 15-day DL March 30, retroactive to March 22, with a strained right shoulder.

The 2011 and career statistics for Purcey, Braden and Farquhar:

	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
PURCEY														
Toronto	0	0	11.57	5	0	0	0	0	2.1	3	3	3	4	3
CAREER	5	10	5.42	59	21	1	0	1	149.1	150	95	90	78	132
BRADEN														
OAKLAND	1	1	3.00	3	3	0	0	0	18	18	6	6	5	15
CAREER	26	36	4.16	94	79	5	2	0	491.1	510	248	227	141	305
FARQUHAR														
Sacramento	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	1	8	7	1	0	3	9
CAREER	8	9	2.82	130	0	0	0	40	159.7	118	63	50	94	193

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