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A's Place Suzuki on Paternity Leave List, Recall Donaldson

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics have placed catcher Kurt Suzuki on the Paternity Leave List and recalled catcher Josh Donaldson from Triple-A Sacramento, the team announced today.

Suzuki can remain on the Paternity Leave List for one to three days. He is currently batting .243 with a home run and three RBI in 21 games this season. A's pitchers have a 2.87 ERA with him behind the plate, which is the fourth best catcher's ERA in the Major Leagues. Last year, Suzuki tied for the team lead in RBI (71) and tied for second in home runs (13) despite missing 19 games while on the Disabled List and three while on the Bereavement List.

Donaldson was one of the team's final cuts before Opening Day. He is batting .158 with one home run, six RBI and eight runs scored in 15 games with the River Cats. Donaldson hit .156 in 14 games with the A's last year and .238 with 18 home runs and 67 RBI in 86 games with Sacramento.

The complete statistics for Donaldson follow:

DONALDSON	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Sacramento	.158	15	57	8	9	2	0	1	6	8	15	2	0	.246	.262

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