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A's Reinstate Suzuki From Paternity Leave List, Option Donaldson

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

Suzuki was placed on the Paternity Leave List Wednesday. 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 third best catcher's ERA in the American League and fourth best 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, one of the team's final cuts before Opening Day, was recalled from Sacramento Wednesday to replace Suzuki but did not see any action. 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 Suzuki and Donaldson follow:

SUZUKI	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Oakland	.243	21	70	6	17	3	0	1	3	8	10	1	0	.329	.338
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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