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A's Announce Shoulder Surgery Plans for Braden

OAKLAND, CALIF. – The Oakland A's announced today that left-handed starting pitcher Dallas Braden will undergo surgery Monday to repair a torn capsule in his left shoulder. Recovery time will be determined following the procedure, the team said.

Braden, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list April 18 (retroactive to April 17) with a shoulder strain, had posted a 1-1 record and 3.00 ERA (18.0 ip, 6 er) in three starts this season, yielding 18 hits and striking out 15 while walking five. The surgery will be performed in New York City by Dr. David Altchek, medical director of the New York Mets.

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 April 16 against Detroit but exited the game early due to a stiff left shoulder. The Stockton, Calif. native 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).

Braden's 2011 and career statistics:

BRADEN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
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

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