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A's Trade 2B Mark Ellis to Colorado Rockies

Deal Also Includes Cash Considerations; A's Receive RHP Bruce Billings and a PTBNL

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's traded Mark Ellis and cash considerations to the Colorado Rockies in exchange for right-handed relief pitcher Bruce Billings and a player to be named later, the club announced today.

Ellis made his Major League debut with Oakland in 2002 and has spent his entire career with the A's, batting .265 with 86 home runs and 434 RBI in 1056 games over nine seasons. He was hitting .211 over his first 59 games this year before going on the disabled list June 7 with a strained right hamstring. Ellis was reinstated from the DL June 22 but has appeared in just three of the A's seven games since then, including two at first base and one as a pinch hitter. He was hitting .217 in 62 games overall with Oakland.

Ellis leaves the A's as Oakland's career leader in games played by a second baseman with 1021. He ranks second among American League second baseman with a .994 fielding percentage this year and has a .990 career fielding percentage, which is second best by a second baseman in Major League history. Ellis ranks eighth on the Oakland career list with 204 doubles and is tied for eighth with 22 triples.

Billings began the season at Triple-A Colorado Springs but was promoted to Colorado May 25. He made his Major League debut May 27 against St. Louis, allowing one run on five hits in 2.0 innings. The 25-year old right-hander was optioned back to Colorado Springs May 28 and was 6-2 with a 4.47 ERA in 29 relief appearances overall with the SkySox. He allowed a .289 batting average, including .218 against right-handed hitters. Billings was originally drafted by the Rockies in the 30th round of the 2007 First-Year Player Draft and is 36-31 with a 3.80 ERA in 126 games, 76 starts, in five minor league seasons. He struck out 503 and walked just 161 in 499.1 minor league innings.

The complete statistics for the players involved in today's trade follow:

ELLIS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
OAKLAND	.217	62	217	21	47	11	1	1	16	8	32	7	2	.290	.253
CAREER	.265	1056	3828	533	1015	204	22	86	434	344	576	62	24	.397	.331

BILLINGS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado Springs	6	2	4.47	29	0	0	0	0	50.1	58	29	25	21	47
COLORADO	0	0	4.50	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	5	1	1	0	0

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