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A's Recall IF Brandon Allen and RHP Bruce Billings from Sacramento **IF Adam Rosales and LHP Jordan Norberto Optioned to Sacramento**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's recalled infielder Brandon Allen and right-handed pitcher Bruce Billings from Triple-A Sacramento and optioned infielder Adam Rosales and left-handed pitcher Jordan Norberto to Sacramento, the club announced today.

Allen was acquired from Arizona with Norberto for right-handed pitcher Brad Ziegler July 31. He began the season at Triple-A Reno and hit .306 with 18 home runs and 66 RBI in 83 games to earn a promotion to Arizona July 15. Allen went 5 for 29 (.172) with three home runs, seven RBI and seven walks in 11 games with the Diamondbacks before the trade to Oakland. The 25-year old left-handed hitter was assigned to Sacramento and hit .250 with three home runs and six RBI in 10 games. He batted .299 with 21 home runs and 72 RBI in 93 games overall in the minors. Allen appeared in 77 games at first base and 18 in left field.

Billings was acquired from Colorado June 30 with a player to be named later for Mark Ellis and was 0-0 with a 5.14 ERA and .219 opponents batting average in 12 games, two starts, with Sacramento. He began the season at Triple-A Colorado Springs but was promoted to Colorado May 25. The 25-year old right-hander made his Major League debut May 27 against St. Louis, allowing one run on five hits in 2.0 innings. Billings 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 is a combined 6-2 with a 4.67 ERA in 41 minor league appearances and has allowed a .270 batting average, including .218 (32 for 147) against right-handed hitters and .331 (42 for 127) against left-handers.

Rosales was batting .083 with two home runs and seven RBI in 17 games over two stints with the A's. He began the season on the 60-day disabled list with a fractured right foot and was reinstated June 6. Rosales is currently 0 for his last 25, which is the longest hitless streak of his career. Norberto joined the A's following the Ziegler trade and posted a 3.60 ERA in four relief appearances. He was 6-2 with one save and a 4.25 ERA in 41 relief appearances with Triple-A Reno.

The complete 2011 statistics for Allen and Billings follow:

ALLEN	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Reno (AAA)	.306	83	304	75	93	21	4	18	66	64	90	7	4	.579	.427
ARIZONA	.172	11	29	5	5	0	0	3	7	7	13	1	0	.483	.351
Sacramento (AAA)	.250	10	40	4	10	2	1	3	6	2	11	0	0	.575	.286

BILLINGS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado Springs (AAA)	6	2	4.47	29	0	0	0	1	50.1	58	29	25	21	47
COLORADO	0	0	4.50	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	5	1	1	0	0
Sacramento (AAA)	0	0	5.14	12	2	0	0	0	21.0	16	14	12	13	19

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