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A's Recall LHP Jerry Blevins and LHP Josh Outman from Sacramento **RHP Bruce Billings and LHP Jordan Norberto Optioned to Sacramento**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's recalled left-handed pitchers Jerry Blevins and Josh Outman from Triple-A Sacramento and optioned right-handed pitcher Bruce Billings and left-handed pitcher Jordan Norberto to Sacramento, the club announced today.

Blevins joins the A's for the fifth time this year and is 0-0 with a 3.93 ERA and .258 opponents batting average in 17 relief appearances over his first four stints. He was on the A's Opening Day roster and posted a 4.61 ERA in 14 games before his first option May 11. Blevins has pitched in just one game in each of his last three stays with Oakland, most recently August 1 at Seattle when he allowed a run on two hits in 2.0 innings. The left-hander was 2-0 with a 4.85 ERA and .227 opponents batting average in 27 relief appearances with Sacramento and had a 4.26 ERA in seven games following his last option August 2.

Outman returns to Oakland for the second time this year but will be in the bullpen for the first time. He was 3-3 with a 3.47 ERA and .253 opponents batting average in eight starts during his first stint from May 23 to July 2. Outman has four relief appearances among his 28 career outings in the majors with the last coming on April 22, 2009 at New York when he tossed a scoreless inning. The left-hander was also used exclusively as a starter with Sacramento this year and was 8-3 with a 3.91 ERA and .256 opponents batting average in 17 starts. Outman went 4-2 with a 3.10 ERA in nine starts following his July 3 option.

Billings allowed seven runs on six hits and four walks in 1.1 innings yesterday at New York and posted a 12.60 ERA in three relief appearances with the A's after being recalled from Sacramento August 13. Norberto allowed four runs on a hit and five walks in 0.2 innings against the Yankees yesterday and had an 8.10 ERA in six relief appearances over two stints with the A's.

The complete 2011 statistics for Blevins and Outman follow:

BLEVINS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
OAKLAND	0	0	3.93	17	0	0	0	0	18.1	17	13	8	14	17
Sacramento (AAA)	2	0	4.85	27	0	0	0	0	29.2	25	16	16	7	35
OUTMAN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sacramento (AAA)	8	3	3.91	17	17	0	0	0	78.1	77	47	34	47	72
OAKLAND	3	3	3.47	8	8	0	0	0	46.2	44	20	18	18	23

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