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A's Agree to Terms with INF Brandon Inge on One-Year Contract **INF Luke Hughes Designated for Assignment**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with infielder Brandon Inge on a one-year contract, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the roster, the A's designated infielder Luke Hughes for assignment.

Inge began the season on the disabled list with Detroit with a strained left groin and was reinstated April 14 after a three-game rehab assignment with Triple-A Toledo. He hit .100 with a home run and two RBI in nine games with the Tigers, including five starts at second base, before he was released April 26. The 34-year old right-handed hitter batted .197 with three home runs and 23 RBI in 102 games with the Tigers last year but finished strong with a .324 average in September.

Inge had spent his entire professional career with the Tigers organization, including 12 seasons in the majors. He was an American League All-Star in 2009 after hitting .230 with a career-high-tying 27 home runs and a career-high 84 RBI in 161 games. Inge is a .234 career hitter with 140 home runs and 589 RBI in 1408 games. He has played six different positions during his career including third base (999 games), catcher (376), center field (33), left field (10), second base (6) and right field (2).

Hughes was claimed off waivers from Minnesota April 22 and was 1 for 13 (.077) in four games with the A's. He also went 2 for 10 (.200) with two RBI in four games with Minnesota and was batting .130 in eight games overall.

The complete 2012 and career statistics for Inge follow:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Toledo (AAA)	.111	3	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	.111	.385
DETROIT	.100	9	20	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	6	0	0	.300	.100
CAREER	.234	1408	4626	527	1083	212	38	140	589	417	1189	45	39	.387	.691

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