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A's Reinstate Colón from the DL; Designate Fuentes for Assignment

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's reinstated right-handed pitcher Bartolo Colón from the 15-day disabled list and designated left-handed pitcher Brian Fuentes for assignment, the club announced today.

Colón was placed on the disabled list June 23 retroactive to June 18 with a strained right oblique. He was 6-7 with a 4.22 ERA in 15 starts before the injury and is scheduled to start tonight against Boston. Colón ranks second in the American League in fewest walks per nine innings (1.61) and has the fifth lowest run support (3.61). After going 3-2 with a 2.53 ERA and .214 opponents batting average over his first six starts, he is 3-5 with a 5.74 ERA and .338 opponents average over his last nine starts. His last start was June 17 against San Diego when he left the game with no outs in the third inning with the oblique injury.

Fuentes was 2-2 with five saves, three blown saves and a 6.84 ERA in 26 relief appearances with the A's. He had a stint as the A's closer in May and his first save on May 2 at Boston was the 200th of his career, making him the sixth left-hander in Major League history to record 200 saves. Fuentes had a 2.84 ERA and .222 opponents batting average over his first 19 appearances through May 27. However, he went 0-2 with a save, two blown saves, a 19.50 ERA and .452 opponents batting average over his final seven outings. The 36-year-old left-hander has pitched for five teams in his 12-year career and has 204 saves and a 3.58 ERA in 644 career appearances.

The complete statistics for Colón and Fuentes follow:

COLÓN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
OAKLAND	6	7	4.22	15	15	0	0	0	89.2	101	43	42	16	55
FUENTES	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
OAKLAND	2	2	6.84	26	0	0	0	5	25.0	30	19	19	10	18
CAREER	26	43	3.58	644	0	0	0	204	608.1	509	262	242	253	633

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