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### A's Acquire Catcher George Kottaras for Pitcher Fautino De Los Santos

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics have acquired catcher George Kottaras from the Milwaukee Brewers in exchange for relief pitcher Fautino De Los Santos, the club announced today. Kottaras, 29, was designated for assignment by the Brewers Thursday. He will report to Oakland tomorrow, at which time a corresponding roster move will be made.

Kottaras, a native of Scarborough, Canada, was hitting .209 (18 for 86) with four doubles, three home runs and 12 RBI in 58 games. The 6-0, 202-pound catcher had 29 walks, 24 strikeouts and an on-base percentage of .409. In parts of five Major League seasons, the left-handed hitting veteran had posted a .221 batting average with 34 doubles, 18 home runs and 65 RBI in 222 games with Boston (2008-09) and Milwaukee (2010-12). Kottaras (pronounced koh-TAIR-is), originally a 20th-round selection by the San Diego Padres in the 2002 Draft, was a member of the 2004 Greek Olympic Team. He batted .252 with five home runs and 17 RBI in 49 games with the Brewers last season.

De Los Santos, 26, had appeared in six games with the Athletics this season before being optioned to Triple-A Sacramento April 25, registering a 3.00 ERA in 3.0 innings of relief work with three strikeouts and three walks with Oakland. In Sacramento, De Los Santos posted a 1-3 record and 7.25 ERA in 28 appearances, striking out 43 and walking 16 while allowing 49 hits in 36.0 innings. In his first Major League action last season, he was 3-2 with a 4.32 ERA in 34 games with Oakland, fanning 43 and walking 17 while yielding 27 hits in 33.1 innings pitched.

The 2012 and career statistics for the two players involved in today's trade follow:

<b>KOTTARAS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>OBP</b>
MILWAUKEE	.209	58	86	10	18	4	0	3	12	29	24	0	0	.360	.409
<b>MLB CAREER</b>	<b>.221</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.402</b>	<b>.326</b>

  

<b>DE LOS SANTOS</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SHO</b>	<b>SV</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
OAKLAND	0	0	3.00	6	0	0	0	0	3.0	7	2	1	3	3
Sacramento (AAA)	1	3	7.25	28	0	0	0	0	36.0	49	30	29	16	43
<b>MLB CAREER</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.21</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>

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