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### **A's Acquire C Stephen Vogt from Tampa Bay**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland Athletics have acquired catcher Stephen Vogt from the Tampa Bay Rays for a player to be named later or cash considerations, the team announced today. Vogt has been optioned to Triple-A Sacramento. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's designated right-handed pitcher Dan Otero for assignment.

Vogt batted .296 with a home run and four RBI in 16 spring training games. He was on the Rays Opening Day roster last year and made three stints with Tampa Bay in his Major League debut. He appeared in 18 games, including seven at catcher, five at designated hitter and two in left field. The 28-year-old left-handed hitter spent the balance of the season at Triple-A Durham, where he had a .272 batting average, nine home runs and 43 RBI in 94 games, appearing at catcher, first base, left field and right field. He batted .303 against right-handed pitching.

Otero was claimed off waivers from the Yankees on March 29. He began the spring with San Francisco and was optioned to Fresno March 15. He was claimed off waivers by New York March 26 but was designated for assignment the next day. Otero spent most of the 2012 season at Triple-A Fresno, going 5-5 with a 2.90 ERA in 48 relief appearances. He also made 12 appearances with San Francisco, logging a 5.84 ERA in his Major League debut.

The complete 2012 statistics for Vogt follow:

VOGT	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
TAMPA BAY	.000	18	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	.000	.074
Durham (AAA)	.272	94	349	48	95	18	4	9	43	42	61	1	0	.424	.350

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