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A's Agree to Terms with LHP Eric O'Flaherty on Two-Year Contract

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with left-handed pitcher Eric O'Flaherty on a two-year contract through the 2015 season, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster the A's designated outfielder Corey Brown for assignment.

O'Flaherty was 3-0 with a 2.50 ERA and .188 opponents batting average in 19 games with Atlanta last year before he was placed on the disabled list May 18 with a strained left elbow. He underwent "Tommy John" surgery on the elbow May 21 and missed the remainder of the season.

Over the last three years, the 28-year old has compiled a 1.45 ERA in 161 appearances, which is the lowest mark among Major League relievers with 125 or more innings pitched. O'Flaherty has held opponents to a .220 batting average over that span, including .156 against left-handed hitters. The left-hander has spent eight seasons in the majors with Seattle (2006-08) and Atlanta (2009-13) and is 20-9 with a 2.85 ERA in 373 career appearances.

Brown was acquired from Washington for cash considerations Dec. 19, 2013 after going 2-for-12 (.167) with a home run and RBI in 14 games during a September call-up with the Nationals. He spent the balance of the season with Triple-A Syracuse where he hit .254 with 19 home runs and 56 RBI in 107 games. Brown was originally drafted by the A's as a compensation pick following the first round of the 2007 draft and was traded to Washington as part of the Josh Willingham trade following the 2010 season.

The complete 2013 and career statistics for O'Flaherty follow:

O'FLAHERTY	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
ATLANTA	3	0	2.50	19	0	0	0	0	18.0	12	5	5	5	11
CAREER	20	9	2.85	373	0	0	0	0	319.1	286	115	101	111	245

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