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A's Acquire Ben Zobrist and Yunel Escobar from Tampa Bay **Oakland Sends John Jaso and minor leaguers Daniel Robertson and Boog Powell to Rays**

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's acquired infielders Ben Zobrist and Yunel Escobar from the Tampa Bay Rays for catcher John Jaso, minor league infielder Daniel Robertson, minor league outfielder Boog Powell and cash considerations, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's designated infielder Andy Parrino for assignment.

Zobrist batted .272 with 10 home runs and 52 RBI in 146 games with the Rays last year. He also drew 75 walks, which tied for seventh in the American League. The 33-year-old switch hitter batted .340 against left-handed pitching compared to .246 against right-handers. Zobrist started games at five different positions, including 74 at second base, 23 at shortstop, 17 in left field, 16 in right field and seven in center field. He made his Major League debut with Tampa Bay in 2006 and hit .264 with 114 home runs, 511 RBI and 102 stolen bases in 1064 games in nine seasons with the Rays. He leaves Tampa Bay as the Rays all-time leader in doubles (229) and walks (542) and ranks second in games, runs (565), hits (1016) and triples (32).

Escobar hit .258 with seven home runs and 39 RBI in 137 games with Tampa Bay in 2014. He started 134 games at shortstop and has made 950 starts at shortstop since 2008, which are the most in the majors over that span. The 32-year-old right-handed hitter is a .276 career hitter with 69 home runs and 393 RBI in 1074 games in eight seasons with Atlanta (2007-10), Toronto (2010-12) and Tampa Bay (2013-14).

Jaso batted .264 with nine home runs and 40 RBI in 99 games with Oakland before going on the disabled list Aug. 25 with a concussion. He missed the remainder of the season, the second consecutive year his season ended early due to a concussion. The 31-year-old left-handed hitter made 79 starts, all against right-handed pitching. Jaso is a .259 career hitter with a .359 on-base percentage in 480 games over six seasons with Tampa Bay (2008, 10-11), Seattle (2012) and Oakland (2013-14).

Robertson batted .310 with 15 home runs and 60 RBI in 132 games with Single-A Stockton in 2014. He added 72 walks for a .402 on-base percentage and ranked fourth in all of minor league baseball with 110 runs scored. The 20-year-old right-handed hitter was selected by the A's as a compensation pick following the first round of the 2012 draft. Robertson is a .287 career hitter with 29 home runs and 136 RBI in 288 games over three seasons in the minors.

Powell hit a combined .343 with three home runs and 28 RBI in 83 games with the A's Single-A affiliates at Beloit and Stockton last year. He stole 16 bases and added 61 walks for a .452 on-base percentage. The 21-year-old left-handed hitter was a 20th round pick of the A's in the 2012 First-Year Player Draft. Powell is a .317 career hitter with three home runs and 55 RBI in 177 career games in three minor league seasons.

Parrino batted .152 with a home run and three RBI in 21 games over three stints with Oakland in 2014. He also combined for a .274 batting average with seven home runs and 57 RBI in 103 games with Triple-A Round Rock and Triple-A Sacramento.

The complete 2014 and career statistics for the players involved in today's trade follow:

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
ZOBRIST															
TAMPA BAY	.272	146	570	83	155	34	3	10	52	75	84	10	5	.395	.354
Charlotte (AAA)	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.400	.250
CAREER	.264	1064	3850	565	1016	229	32	114	511	542	701	102	35	.429	.354
ESCOBAR															
TAMPA BAY	.258	137	476	33	123	18	0	7	39	43	60	1	1	.340	.324
Charlotte (AAA)	.143	2	7	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	.143	.143
CAREER	.276	1074	3913	503	1080	185	9	69	393	395	498	31	23	.381	.347
JASO															
OAKLAND	.264	99	307	42	81	18	3	9	40	28	60	2	0	.430	.337
CAREER	.259	480	1403	199	364	82	9	32	182	206	233	14	3	.399	.359
ROBERTSON															
Stockton (A)	.310	132	548	110	170	37	3	15	60	72	94	4	4	.471	.402
MINORS	.287	288	1144	203	328	70	6	29	136	136	219	8	12	.434	.373
POWELL															
Beloit (A)	.335	69	254	43	85	7	4	3	17	53	49	16	13	.429	.452
Stockton (A)	.377	14	61	11	23	3	1	0	11	8	4	0	2	.459	.449
MINORS	.317	177	638	104	202	18	8	3	55	102	96	35	23	.384	.412

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