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A's Agree to Terms with Four Players on One-Year Deals

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with left-handed pitcher Marc Rzepczynski, infielder Eric Sogard and outfielders Sam Fuld and Andrew Lambo on one-year contracts for the 2016 season, the club announced today. All remaining players on the 40-man roster were tendered contracts.

Rzepczynski was acquired from San Diego earlier today with Yonder Alonso for Drew Pomeranz, Jose Torres and a player to be named later. He began the 2015 season with Cleveland and was 2-3 with a 4.43 ERA in 45 games when he was traded to San Diego July 31 from Abraham Almonte. The 30-year-old left-hander compiled a 7.36 ERA in 27 games with the Padres and combined for a 5.66 ERA in 72 games overall.

Sogard saw action with the A's for the sixth consecutive season last year and batted .247 in 120 games. He is one of two Athletics to play in each of the last six seasons along with Coco Crisp. The 29-year-old had career highs in RBI (37) and at bats (372) and matched his best in triples (3). Sogard made 91 of his 102 starts against right-handed pitching and has made 324 of his 349 career starts against righties.

Fuld spent the entire season on the A's roster and hit .197 in a career-high 120 games. He made 65 of his 75 starts in games in which the opponent started a right-handed pitcher and batted .214 against right-handers compared to .106 (5-for-47) against left-handers. The 34-year-old batted .305 over his first 17 games, .092 over a 33-game stretch from April 25 to June 6, .308 over a 16-game stretch from June 10 to 28 and .172 over his final 54 games.

Lambo was claimed off waivers from Pittsburgh Nov. 6. He was on the Pirates Opening Day roster and went 1-for-25 (.040) in 20 games before going on the disabled list May 6 with plantar fasciitis in his left foot. The 27-year-old left-handed hitter was transferred to the 60-day disabled list June 26 and missed the remainder of the season. Lambo started two games in right field and one in left field and also went 0-for-12 with two walks as a pinch hitter.

The A's have seven remaining players eligible for arbitration including Yonder Alonso, Brett Lawrie, Jarrod Parker, Josh Reddick, Fernando Rodriguez, Evan Scribner and Danny Valencia.

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