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A's Acquire RHP Wendelken and LHP Erwin from the White Sox for IF Lawrie

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's acquired right-handed pitcher J.B. Wendelken and minor league left-handed pitcher Zack Erwin from the Chicago White Sox in exchange for infielder Brett Lawrie, the club announced today.

Wendelken combined for a 6-2 record, five saves and a 3.20 ERA in 39 relief appearances with Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte last year. He allowed a .221 opponents batting average and struck out 69 batters in 59.0 innings while walking just 16. The 22-year-old right-hander went 7-10 with a 5.25 ERA in 27 starts with Single-A Winston Salem in 2014 but has pitched exclusively in relief in his other three professional seasons. Wendelken is 17-14 with a 4.10 ERA in 115 career appearances. He was originally drafted by Boston in the 13th round of the 2012 draft and was traded to the White Sox as part of the Jake Peavy deal on July 30, 2013.

Erwin went 2-2 with a 1.34 ERA in 15 games, including seven starts, in his professional debut with rookie Great Falls and Single-A Kannapolis in 2015. He held the opposition to a .216 batting average and did not allow a home run in 40.1 innings. The 21-year-old left-hander was drafted by Chicago in the fourth round of the 2015 First-Year Player Draft out of Clemson.

Lawrie stayed off the disabled list for the first time in five Major League seasons last year and responded by batting .260 with career highs in home runs (16) and RBI (60) in his first season with the A's. He also had bests in games (149), hits (146), doubles (29) and extra base hits (48) and led the A's in doubles and strikeouts. The 25-year-old right-handed hitter began the season as the A's third baseman and made 98 of his first 99 starts at third. After Danny Valencia reported to Oakland Aug. 5, he made 39 of his final 48 starts at second base. Lawrie committed a career-high 24 errors, which ranked second in the American League.

The complete 2015 and career statistics for the players involved in today's trade follow:

WENDELKEN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Birmingham (AA)	6	2	2.72	27	0	0	0	5	43.0	36	14	13	11	56
Charlotte (AAA)	0	0	4.50	12	0	0	0	0	16.0	14	11	8	5	13
MINORS	17	14	4.10	115	27	1	0	19	305.0	321	164	139	80	304

ERWIN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Great Falls (Rookie)	2	0	0.84	8	4	0	0	0	21.1	17	5	2	3	15
Kannapolis (A)	0	2	1.89	7	3	0	0	0	19.0	15	5	4	4	15
MINORS	2	2	1.34	15	7	0	0	0	40.1	32	10	6	7	30

LAWRIE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
OAKLAND	.260	149	562	64	146	29	3	16	60	28	144	5	2	.407	.299
CAREER	.263	494	1866	231	491	90	13	59	217	123	378	34	16	.420	.316

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