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A's Acquire Cubs' Blake Lalli for Anthony Recker in Swap of Minor League Catchers

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland Athletics have acquired Blake Lalli from the Chicago Cubs in exchange for Anthony Recker in a swap of minor league catchers, the club announced today. Recker, 28, was designated for assignment by the A's Aug. 20.

Lalli, 29, was hitting .259 (78-for-301) with 20 doubles, seven home runs and 40 RBI in 93 games with the Triple-A Iowa Cubs. The left-handed hitting catcher saw his first major league action with Chicago earlier this season, batting .133 (2-for-15) with two RBI in six games. He was signed by the Cubs as a non-drafted free agent in May 2006 after attending Gardner-Webb University.

Recker, an 18th-round pick by the A's in the 2005 draft, has played briefly with Oakland the past two seasons. He batted .129 (4-for-31) with one double, four walks and 13 strikeouts in 13 games with the A's this year, while the 28-year-old catcher hit .176 (3-for-17) with one double, four walks and seven strikeouts in five games. The 6-2, 245-pound Recker was hitting .265 (53-for-200) with seven doubles, nine home runs and 29 RBI in 52 games with Triple-A Sacramento this season.

The 2012 statistics for the two players involved in today's trade follow:

LALLI	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
CHICAGO	.133	6	15	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	.133	.188
Iowa (AAA)	.259	93	301	33	70	20	0	7	40	17	54	0	1	.395	.293
RECKER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
OAKLAND	.129	13	31	3	4	1	0	0	0	4	13	0	0	.161	.250
Sacramento	.265	52	200	29	53	7	0	9	29	28	56	3	1	.435	.358

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