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A's Agree to Terms with LHP Hideki Okajima on Minor League Contract

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's agreed to terms with left-handed pitcher Hideki Okajima on a minor league contract, the club announced today. Okajima will join the A's Major League camp this spring as a non-roster invitee.

Okajima returns to the United States after pitching for Soft Bank in Japan in 2012. He was 0-2 with nine saves and a 0.94 ERA in 56 relief appearances for the Hawks. Okajima walked just six batters and yielded one home run in 47.2 innings. The 37-year-old left-hander spent 12 seasons in Japan with Yomiuri (1995-2005) and Nippon-Ham (2006) before signing with Boston prior to the 2007 season. He went 17-8 with six saves and a 3.11 ERA in 261 relief appearances in five seasons with the Red Sox from 2007-11. Okajima signed a minor league contract with the Yankees last January but was released in February before returning to Japan.

The career statistics for Okajima follow:

Year	Club	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1995	Yomiuri	0	0	1.80	1	1	0	0	0	5.0	5	1	1	2	9
1996	Yomiuri	1	0	0.71	5	1	0	0	0	12.2	13	2	1	9	8
1997	Yomiuri	4	9	3.46	25	19	2	1	0	109.1	92	47	42	59	102
1998	Yomiuri	3	6	4.33	14	12	0	0	0	62.1	61	31	30	32	54
1999	Yomiuri	4	1	2.97	37	3	0	0	0	69.2	42	25	23	28	77
2000	Yomiuri	5	4	3.11	56	0	0	0	7	72.1	53	26	25	31	102
2001	Yomiuri	2	1	2.76	58	0	0	0	25	62.0	62	21	19	39	70
2002	Yomiuri	6	3	3.40	52	0	0	0	0	55.2	42	21	21	22	58
2003	Yomiuri	2	3	4.89	41	0	0	0	0	38.2	45	22	21	20	29
2004	Yomiuri	4	3	3.09	53	0	0	0	5	46.2	33	16	16	20	53
2005	Yomiuri	1	0	4.75	42	0	0	0	0	53.0	55	31	28	19	56
2006	Nippon-Ham	2	2	2.14	55	0	0	0	4	54.2	46	14	13	14	63
2007	BOSTON	3	2	2.22	66	0	0	0	5	69.0	50	17	17	17	63
2008	BOSTON	3	2	2.61	64	0	0	0	1	62.0	49	18	18	23	60
2009	BOSTON	6	0	3.39	68	0	0	0	0	61.0	56	23	23	21	53
2010	BOSTON	4	4	4.50	56	0	0	0	0	46.0	59	24	23	20	33
	Pawtucket	0	0	19.29	3	0	0	0	0	2.1	6	5	5	0	0
2011	Pawtucket	8	1	2.29	34	0	0	0	0	51.0	39	13	13	9	48
	BOSTON	1	0	4.32	7	0	0	0	0	8.1	7	4	4	5	6
2012	Soft Bank	0	2	0.94	56	0	0	0	9	47.2	34	6	5	6	36
ML Totals		17	8	3.11	261	0	0	0	6	246.1	221	86	85	86	215
Japan Totals		34	34	3.20	495	36	2	1	50	689.2	583	263	245	301	717

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