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REDS, RAMON HERNANDEZ AGREE TO DEAL Catcher Signs 1-Year Contract With An Option For 2011

CINCINNATI - President of Baseball Operations and General Manager Walt Jocketty today announced that the Cincinnati Reds and **C Ramon Hernandez** have agreed to terms on a 1-year contract through the 2010 season with an option for 2011. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

"We're very happy to have Ramon back for next season," Jocketty said. "He provides us with stability behind the plate, both offensively and defensively. Last season he showed his versatility by playing first base for an extended period of time. Re-signing him was a priority for us this off-season."

In 81 games last season **Hernandez** hit .258 with 13 doubles, 5 HR and 37 RBI. With **Joey Votto** on the disabled list in June, **Hernandez** started at first base in 18 of the Reds' 21 games. From July 20-September 18 he missed 57 games while on the disabled list with a left knee injury that required surgery.

On December 9 of last year **Hernandez** was acquired from the Baltimore Orioles, along with cash, in exchange for **IF/OF Ryan Freel** and minor leaguers **IF Justin Turner** and **IF Brandon Waring**. While with the Orioles he had signed a contract through the 2009 season with a club option for 2010.

Ramon Hernandez' Career Hitting

Yr	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HB	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
94	DSL Oakland - R	.246	42	134	24	33	2	0	2	18	0	1	0	18	10	1	5	0
95	Arizona Athletics - R	*.364	48	143	37	52	9	6	4	*37	0	4	8	*39	16	6	2	12
96	West Michigan - A	.255	123	447	62	114	26	2	12	68	1	7	4	69	62	2	3	20
97	Visalia - A	*.361	86	332	57	120	21	2	15	85	0	8	9	35	47	2	4	16
	Huntsville - AA	.193	44	161	27	31	3	0	4	24	0	3	3	18	23	0	0	1
98	Huntsville - AA	.296	127	479	83	142	24	1	15	98	2	6	19	57	61	4	5	11
99	Vancouver - AAA	.261	77	291	38	76	11	3	13	55	2	4	7	23	37	1	2	5
	Oakland	.279	40	136	13	38	7	0	3	21	1	2	1	18	11	1	0	6
00	Oakland	.241	143	419	52	101	19	0	14	62	10	5	7	38	64	1	0	13
01	Oakland	.254	136	453	55	115	25	0	15	60	9	4	6	37	68	1	1	12
02	Oakland	.233	136	403	51	94	20	0	7	42	3	3	5	43	64	0	0	7
03	Oakland	.273	140	483	70	132	24	1	21	78	2	6	12	33	79	0	0	8
04	San Diego	.276	111	384	45	106	23	0	18	63	4	4	5	35	45	1	0	6
	#Portland - AAA	.316	7	19	2	6	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	2
05	San Diego	.290	99	369	36	107	19	2	12	58	1	3	1	18	40	1	0	8
06	Baltimore	.275	144	501	66	138	29	2	23	91	0	5	11	43	79	1	0	13
07	#Frederick - A	.333	2	6	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
	Baltimore	.258	106	364	40	94	18	0	9	62	0	3	6	36	59	1	3	7
	#Aberdeen - A	.500	2	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0
08	Baltimore	.257	133	463	49	119	22	1	15	65	1	6	5	32	62	0	0	9
09	Cincinnati	.258	81	287	25	74	13	1	5	37	4	4	3	33	34	1	0	5
	Major Totals	.262	1269	4262	502	1118	219	7	142	639	35	45	62	366	605	8	4	94
	AL Totals	.258	978	3222	396	831	164	4	107	481	26	34	53	280	486	5	4	75
	NL Totals	.276	291	1040	106	287	55	3	35	158	9	11	9	86	119	3	0	19
	Reds Totals	.258	81	287	25	74	13	1	5	37	4	4	3	33	34	1	0	5
	Minor Totals	.287	558	2016	332	578	99	14	65	391	5	33	51	265	261	17	21	67

* Led League, # Injury rehab



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