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The Kansas City Royals, on Thursday morning, signed veteran pitchers Guillermo Mota and Brad Penny to minor league contracts for the 2014 season, and agreed to a one-year contract with left-handed reliever Tim Collins.



The deals signed by Mota and Penny includes an invitation to Major League Spring Training, which opens on Friday, February 14th in Surprise, Arizona. Mota is 40 years old, and last pitched in the Major Leagues in 2012 with the San Francisco Giants. He made 26 appearances for San Francisco that season, going 0-1 with a 5.23 ERA. The right-hander began his career with Montreal in 1999, and has pitched for the Dodgers, Marlins, Indians, Mets, and Brewers before his time with the Giants. He is 39-45 in 743 appearances (all in relief) with a 3.94 ERA.

Penny is a former All-Star (2006 and 2007) with the Dodgers. He last pitched for San Francisco in 2012, going 0-1 with a 6.16 ERA in 22 appearances out of the bullpen. Penny has pitched in 13 Major League seasons with the Marlins, Dodgers, Red Sox, Giants, Cardinals, and Tigers. He was a member of the 2003 World Champion Florida Marlins, going 2-0 with a 2.19 ERA against the Yankees in two starts in the 2003 World Series.

The 24-year old Collins spent this third full season in the Major Leagues in 2013, going 3-6 with a 3.54 ERA. His 66 relief appearances were second on the Royals, behind the 68 from closer Greg Holland. The 5'7" southpaw recorded 52 strikeouts in 53 1/3 innings of work. He is 12-14 all-time in Kansas City with a 3.51 ERA in 206 appearances. He and his wife, Tiffany, reside in Worcester, Massachusetts.