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Dallas Braden, a graduate of the Inland Port Babe Ruth League in California, is a former American League Major Leaguer who played for the Oakland Athletics, 2007 through 2011.

Dallas made his first big league appearance on April 24, 2007 and picked up the win against the Baltimore Orioles.

On May 9, 2010, Braden pitched the 19th perfect game in MLB history against the Tampa Bay Rays. He did it in 109 pitches, 77 of which were strikes, with catcher Landon Powell behind the plate. Braden had lost his mother to breast cancer, therefore pitching the 19th perfect game in Major League history was of even greater significance to Braden because he achieved the feat on Mother's Day. After the game, the left-hander pointed to the sky in honor of his mom. He gave the game ball to his grandmother, who raised him after his mother's death.

Braden pitched the A's first perfect game since Hall of Famer Jim "Catfish" Hunter's gem on May 9, 1968, against the Twins. Two weeks later, Roy Halladay pitched a perfect game against the Marlins. It was the first time that two perfect games were thrown in the same month, and that multiple perfect games were thrown in the same season.

