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Boston consummated a minor deal with the Houston Astros reacquiring backup catcher **Kevin Cash**
for infielder
Angel Sanchez
, according to
WEEI's Alex Speier
.

Cash had played with the Red Sox between 2007 and 2008, appearing in 73 games and posting a .207/.297/.308 batting line for Boston. He will serve as **Jason Varitek**'s backup while **Victor Martinez**
is on the disabled list with a broken thumb. Cash was successful catching
Tim Wakefield
's knuckleball during his previous stint with the Red Sox. Houston had designated Cash for assignment last week in order to call up highly touted catching prospect
Jason Castro
.

In exchange, the Astros get Sanchez, who had spent most of 2010 with Boston's AAA affiliate Pawtucket. This was his first season with the Red Sox organization. At Pawtucket he hit for a .274/.348/.327 batting line in 252 plate appearances. Sanchez was called up to Boston last week after **Dustin Pedroia** was placed on the DL with a broken bone in his foot. He had appeared in just one game going 0-3.

UPDATE: Shortly after news of the trade broke, the Red Sox announced that they were disabling Varitek with a broken foot. Cash will work in tandem with **Gustavo Molina** to handle the Red Sox staff.

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