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A's Select OF Jaff Decker from Nashville; Option OF Mark Canha to Nashville

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected outfielder Jaff Decker from Triple-A Nashville and optioned outfielder Mark Canha to Nashville, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's transferred Jake Smolinski to the 60-day disabled list.

Decker was batting .387 over his first eight games with Nashville and added five walks for a .472 on-base percentage. He went 4-for-4 on April 7 at Round Rock and 3-for-5 against the Express the next day. The 27-year-old left-handed hitter was a non-roster invitee with the A's this spring and hit .333 in 22 games while tying for the team lead in doubles (6). Decker has spent parts of each of the previous four seasons in the majors with San Diego (2013), Pittsburgh (2014-15) and Tampa Bay (2016) and is a .162 career hitter with one home run and four RBI in 60 games.

Canha was 2-for-19 (.105) with a double in six games with the A's. He started four games in right field and one at designated hitter. Canha also batted .186 with no home runs and three RBI in 22 games this spring.

The complete 2017 statistics for Decker follow:

DECKER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Nashville (AAA)	.387	8	31	3	12	2	0	0	3	5	8	2	1	.452	.472
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