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A's Outright Brady, Castro and Smith to Triple-A Nashville

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's outrighted right-handed pitchers Michael Brady, Simon Castro and Josh Smith to Triple-A Nashville, the club announced today. The A's also reinstated right-handed pitchers Paul Blackburn, Andrew Triggs and Bobby Wahl and outfielder Dustin Fowler from the 60-day disabled list.

Brady compiled a 5.68 ERA in 16 relief appearances over four stints with the A's in his Major League debut last year. He had more home runs (7) than walks (6) and 19 of his 33 hits (57.6%) were for extra bases. The 28-year-old right-hander also went 3-1 with a 3.21 ERA in 17 games, including eight starts, with Nashville.

Castro spent the first half of 2017 with Nashville where he went 3-5 with four saves and a 3.32 ERA in 33 relief appearances. He was promoted to Oakland July 16 and spent the remainder of the season with the A's, going 1-3 with a 4.38 ERA in 26 games. The 29-year-old right-hander allowed a .235 opponents batting average, but 15 of his 32 hits were for extra bases, leading to a .449 opponents slugging percentage.

Smith was 2-1 with a 4.89 ERA in 26 relief appearances over two stints with Oakland. He allowed a .259 opponents batting average but allowed 21 extra base hits in 35.0 innings for a .474 slugging percentage. The 30-year-old right-hander spent the balance of the season at Nashville where he went 4-1 with a save and a 3.70 ERA in 19 games, including two starts.

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