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A's Select LHP Bleich from Nashville; Option RHP Lucas to Nashville

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected left-handed pitcher Jeremy Bleich from Triple-A Nashville and optioned right-handed pitcher Josh Lucas to Nashville, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster, the A's transferred right-handed pitcher Andrew Triggs to the 60-day disabled list.

Bleich will be making his Major League debut after going 32-33 with 12 saves and a 3.93 ERA in 239 games, including 69 starts, with five organizations in 10 professional seasons. The 31-year-old left-hander has spent the entire 2018 season at Nashville, where he is 1-1 with a save and a 3.00 ERA in 27 relief appearances. Bleich has a .257 opponents batting average, including .200 against left-handed hitters and .156 with runners in scoring position. He was originally drafted by the New York Yankees out of Stanford as a supplemental choice following the first round of the 2008 First-Year Player Draft.

Lucas has no decisions and a 6.28 ERA in eight games, including one start, over four stints with the A's this year. He was recalled most recently on June 16 and allowed eight runs on eight hits and three walks in 5.0 innings over four relief appearances. Lucas is 0-0 with three saves and a 1.50 ERA in 14 relief appearances with Nashville.

The complete 2018 statistics for Bleich follow:

BLEICH	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nashville (AAA)	1	1	3.00	27	0	0	0	1	39.0	38	14	13	9	38

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