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## A's Acquire LHP Jake Diekman from Kansas City

**Oakland Sends Minor League RHP Ismael Aquino and Minor League OF Dairon Blanco to the Royals**

**OAKLAND, Calif.** – The Oakland A's acquired left-handed pitcher Jake Diekman from the Kansas City Royals in exchange for minor league right-handed pitcher Ismael Aquino and minor league outfielder Dairon Blanco, the club announced today.

Diekman has a 4.75 ERA and .212 opponents batting average in 48 relief appearances with Kansas City. He has struck out 63 batters in 41.2 innings and ranks ninth among American League relievers in strikeouts. The 32-year-old left-hander made his Major League debut with Philadelphia in 2012 and is 14-21 with a 3.87 ERA in 413 appearances over eight seasons in the majors with the Phillies (2012-15), Rangers (2015-18), Diamondbacks (2018) and Royals (2019). Diekman has 446 strikeouts in 353.2 career innings, an average of 11.35 per nine innings

Aquino was 1-1 with a 4.58 ERA in 10 games with the A's Gold club in the Arizona Rookie League. The 20-year-old Dominican right-hander was signed by the A's on Dec. 19, 2016 and is 5-4 with a 4.03 ERA in 38 games, including 22 starts, in three seasons as a professional.

Blanco is hitting .276 with 13 doubles, 12 triples, seven home runs, 44 RBI and 27 stolen bases with Double-A Midland in his second professional season. The 26-year-old native of Cuba signed with the A's on Dec. 18, 2017 and is a .279 career hitter with 26 doubles, 22 triples, eight home runs, 81 RBI and 49 stolen bases in 160 games.

The complete 2019 and career statistics for the players involved in today's trade follow:

DIEKMAN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
KANSAS CITY	0	6	4.75	48	0	0	0	0	41.2	33	23	22	23	63
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>353.2</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>446</b>

  

AQUINO	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona A's Green	1	1	4.58	10	1	0	0	0	17.2	15	15	9	11	20
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.03</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>103</b>

  

BLANCO	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG
Midland (AA)	.276	78	301	57	83	13	12	7	44	29	95	27	7	.342	.468
<b>MINORS</b>	<b>.279</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.342</b>	<b>.429</b>

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