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A's Select LHP Luzardo and Recall RHP Mengden from Las Vegas

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's selected left-handed pitcher Jesús Luzardo and recalled right-handed pitcher Daniel Mengden from Triple-A Las Vegas, the club announced today. To clear a spot on the 40-man roster for Luzardo, the A's recalled outfielder Luis Barrera from Double-A Midland and placed him on the 60-day injured list following right shoulder surgery.

Luzardo pitched for three teams in the A's farm system and combined for a 2-1 record, a 2.51 ERA and .221 opponents batting average in 11 games, including nine starts. He struck out 57 batters in 43.0 innings and walked just eight in a season interrupted twice by a strained left shoulder. The 21-year-old left-hander was a non-roster invitee with the A's this spring before being shut down with the shoulder injury. Luzardo returned to action with Single-A Stockton on June 11 and pitched in five games with the Ports and Las Vegas before going on the IL July 4 with the shoulder strain. He resumed pitching Aug. 5 and also started Game 3 of the Pacific Coast League Conference Championship Series against Sacramento on Friday. Luzardo tossed 5.2 innings that day and allowed a run on seven hits and two walks while striking out seven.

Luzardo was originally drafted by the Washington Nationals in the 3rd round of the 2016 draft and was traded to Oakland July 16, 2017 with Blake Treinen and Sheldon Neuse for Sean Doolittle and Ryan Madson. He was rated as the A's number one prospect by MLB.com and *Baseball America* prior to the 2019 season. Luzardo is 14-7 with a 2.53 ERA and 234 strikeouts in 195.2 innings over 46 appearances, including 43 starts, in three seasons in the minors. He will become the first player born in Peru in Major League history.

Mengden joins the A's for the third time this year and is 5-2 with a 4.85 ERA in 11 games, including nine starts, over his first two stints. He went 1-1 with a 5.09 ERA in four games, two starts, during his first stay from May 12 to June 5, and 4-1 with a 4.68 ERA in six starts during his second stint from June 26 to July 31. The 26-year-old right-hander was 4-3 with a 4.22 ERA and .228 opponents average in 13 games, including 10 starts, with Las Vegas. Mengden also started Game 1 of the PCL Conference Championship Series against Sacramento last Wednesday and had a no decision in a 9-3 win (4.1 ip, 5 h, 2 r, 2 er, 1 bb, 6 so).

Barrera began the season at Midland and hit .333 in 11 games before going on the injured list April 18 with a strained right shoulder. He was reinstated May 4 and was batting .321 with nine doubles, 11 triples, four home runs and 24 RBI in 54 games overall before returning to the IL June 28. The 23-year-old left-handed hitter and thrower underwent surgery on July 12 to repair the labrum in his right shoulder. The surgery was performed by Dr. Douglas Freedberg in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The complete 2019 statistics for Luzardo and Mengden follow:

LUZARDO	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Stockton (A)	1	0	0.90	3	1	0	0	0	10.0	6	1	1	0	18
Las Vegas (AAA)	1	1	3.19	7	7	0	0	0	31.0	29	12	11	8	34
Arizona A's Green (Rookie)	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	2.0	1	0	0	0	5
MINOR CAREER	14	7	2.53	46	43	0	0	0	195.2	160	59	55	43	234

MENGDEN	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Las Vegas (AAA)	4	3	4.22	13	10	0	0	0	64.0	56	37	30	20	61
OAKLAND	5	2	4.85	11	9	0	0	0	55.2	54	30	30	25	41

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