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A's Recall RHP Paul Blackburn and Option RHP James Kaprielian

OAKLAND, Calif. – The Oakland A's recalled right-handed pitcher Paul Blackburn from their alternate site and optioned right-handed pitcher James Kaprielian to their alternate site, the club announced today.

Blackburn will be making his 2020 debut after going 5-6 with a 5.18 ERA in 20 games, including 17 starts, with Oakland over the previous three seasons. He was 0-0 with a 9.39 ERA in three games, including two starts, during Spring Training before he was optioned March 7. The 26-year-old right-hander was 0-2 with a 10.64 ERA in four games, including one start, over three stints with Oakland last year. He also went 11-3 with a 4.34 ERA in 24 games, including 22 starts, with Triple-A Las Vegas and was named Most Valuable Pitcher on the Aviators.

Kaprielian was recalled on Aug. 16 and made his Major League debut that day at San Francisco. He allowed a home run to the first batter he faced and walked the next batter before retiring each of the final six batters he faced.

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